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Under the Leaves. A carpet all of faded brown. On the gray bough a dove that grieves...

A broe-a-mustard and red gray eyes. Looks in which care her silver weaves; Hope even there I do not more to give...

An Extraordinary Tale.

The Port of Spain (Trinidad) Gazette publishes the following extraordinary account of the depredations and capture of a monster snake:

"During the last two months it has been a matter of frequent complaint among the inhabitants of the districts east and north of Arima that their domestic animals of all kinds were being lost in a strange, unexplained manner...

"The excitement in Arima was raised to the highest pitch on Tuesday when news was brought that the great serpent had been seen on the Arima heights, and that two more children, Juan Castillo and Pablo Hernandez, had been carried off by him...

"In many of the cases, however, it was noticed that the ground under the cocoa trees and the forest undergrowth showed signs of having been crushed, not trampled upon, by the body of some smooth but gigantic beast...

"On Sunday morning the inhabitants of Arima were thrown into consternation by the news that three children had disappeared in the ward of Guanapo during the past week, and they were supposed to have become the victims of the raiding monster...

"Later in the afternoon news was brought from Arima that two children, Paul and Rose Legrand, brother and sister, had been lost, one on Saturday and one on that very morning...

vengeance deep and dire on the fiendish serpent. Dogs were liberally used in the hunt, but as often as the scent was obtained and followed for a short distance some stream would disconcert the hopes of the pursuers...

"The wildest and most absurd rumors now began to be propagated about the doings and victims of the snake. He was given by one cocoa contractor, who saw him gliding off with his favorite pig, at least one hundred feet. But it was gathered from Catherine Legrand, who had seen him at close quarters on the occasion of the carrying off her child...

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"A long discussion ensued on the subject, and the band adjourned on Messrs. Devenish and McCarthy stating that they would join in the pursuit of the monster, and report fully on the information they gathered at the next meeting...

"By 6.30 P. M. the joyful concourse, dragging the monster, reached Arima, where the necessary steps were taken to preserve the carcass for display in the Council Hall of Port of Spain...

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was to be shot down when and where to be seen, and dogs would be used to trace his exact haunt and give notice of his coming in case of a rush outward. Besides the guide, Mr. Devenish was well acquainted with the immense caves where, besides the weird Guacharo, the great serpent had now taken up his abode...

"The Warden's party having reached the caves and on their large party holding the entrance on the valley in the northern side, a sort of forlorn hope by the Warden and principal for members of his party was organized for gradual entrance into the caverns as far as the light of day penetrated, preceded by a couple of dogs held in leash by guides...

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"A few whispered words notified half the party to aim at his head and the other half at the central part of his body. The second volley produced the desired effect. The colossal snake leaped wholly out of the pool, and with a few terrible convulsions, in which he lashed the water and the floor of the cavern, he sank quivering to the ground...

"The monster was dragged out into the level and found to measure 47 feet, the thickest part of his body having a diameter of two and a half feet. In color, he was yellow in the under part of his body, dark above, with dark rings encircling the body, between which semi-lunar gray disks served as spots to variegate the skin...

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CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

A LITTLE PLANTER.

Down by the wall where the lilacs grow, Digging away with the garden hoe, Told us as busily as he can...

"For last year, ammie, Johnnie Dunn Did not have even the smallest one; And I almost cried, he felt so sad...

HOW THE CONDUCTOR STOPS A TRAIN.

All of our boys and girls have no doubt noticed that when the conductor of a railroad train now wants to stop or start it, he pulls the cord as he used to do, but no bell rings...

TWO SMART BIRDS.

Birds of many curious kinds are found in Australia which cannot be found anywhere else. One of them is the bowler-bird, or walk-bird, as it is called...

1903.

A writer in Science, treating of the antiquity of dolls, says that those which were in use among the children of the ancient Egyptians were made of wood, and might be mistaken for modern fabric.

Undoubtedly they were dressed by the Egyptian girls, as our girls nowadays enjoy dressing their dolls. There were even some of the hands and feet of which could be moved by means of strings...

The women of Bagdad believe that a doll may eventually come to life and harm the children, and therefore they prevent their use. The girls, however, play with cushions and pieces of wood instead...

TREE PLANTING

Made Becoming by The Great Waste of Timber.

A Plea for General Observance of a Tree Planting Day.

The original glory of America was its trees, which covered most of it like a mantle, and gave sustenance as well as shelter to its numberless inhabitants. No other land has such a large number of kinds of trees...

But the people have wasted this rich inheritance with fearful rapidity. Leaving out of view the necessary destruction of forest by the settlers of the country, there is at this moment in the United States as much wood in the shape of fences as could be grown on twenty-five million acres of land...

At the rate of destruction twenty years ago, it is computed that the United States in the year 1925 would not have had left one acre of accessible timber-land. We should have stripped the wilderness bare of its garment of trees...

Mr. Bela Hubbard of Detroit, in his "Memorials of Half a Century," predicts that in another quarter of a century the Western States will be abundantly provided with forest, and that the Eastern States will be the treeless region...

Each tree had in the first ten years considerably more than doubled in the diameter of trunk, and at the end of the second decade the elm had trebled and the maple quadrupled the original girth...

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Under the laurel-bush, ah, hush! Memory lurks in the laurel-bush. Under the laurel-bush, ah, hush! Memory lurks in the laurel-bush...

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