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affairs of an ardent lover who was engerly seeking to make a favorable impression upon the father of a pretty girl whose heart he had already won, It is a thrilling story and one that agony. presents a feature that will doubtless Sever nterest scientists. Those who witnessed the whole affair are now pretty well convinced that reptiles possess some mysterious power that enables them under certain conditions to paralyze the will power of human beings as easily as they charm birds and small animals. In this instance the monste



DICE TARNE RAISED HIS RIFLE. ns to have had complete control of its victim, and there is no telling what would have happened if help had not arrived at an opportune moment. The tattler is the largest of its species ever

had gone straight to the mark, and the is certain that the know days reptile's head was mangied. Containing ago in Burleson county, Tex., Hightower was first to reach his daughter's side, and, while supporting bange in the her trembling body with one arm, he rained blows with his cane upon the squirming monster that had attacked his daughter and caused him so much

> Several moments passed before Miss Nellie regained her self possession.

"I have certainly been charmed or hypnotized by a snake," says Miss Hightower, "and, although I was surely in a semiconscious state of mind during at least a portion of the horrible ordeal. I could not move hand or foot or command my voice. I could plainly see the hideous monster and feel the rays from its glittering black eyes burning into my brain, and I knew it was drawing nearer and nearer my face every movement, but I sat as one under the spell of some horrible night-mare. I could hear my heart beat and feel the hot blood running through my veins, and often I tried with all my

power to scream, but my voice died

in my throat." According to this young girl's story, she must have endured one of the most horrible tortures that any mortal over survived. She says that she had ingered behind a small party of boys and girls with whom she had strayed from camp and that, finding a shady ook near a pretty pool, she sat down n a ledge of rock for the purpose of trying to catch a trout. She remembers that she noticed two little eyes peeping from under a great bowlder only a short distance away. Supposing that they belonged to some harmless little animal, she gave the matter only a passing thought. She afterward re-called that she was strangely fascinated by the stendy gaze of the glitter ing little orbs.

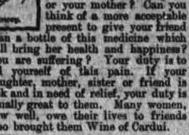
The fatal moment came when she looked once too often and lingered a moment too long. She was powerless to break the charm of those glittering black eyes. Slowly the monster rep-tile began to crawl toward its victim, gliding over the rocks as noiselessly as if it were moving across velvet. "I was both asleep and awake," says Miss Nellie. "I was inclined to repose and yet shuddering with horror. All I could do was to sit and die by inches and pray for my friends to come to my rescue. I heard them coming, but I could neither move nor shout. A mountain of horror was upon me, and the



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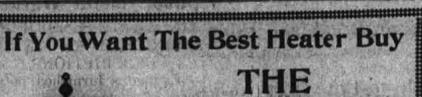




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arm of a veteran woodsman. When first discovered, the monster reptile was colled upon Miss Nellie <text><text><text><text><text>

the still.

th," he said. "Then what is to be done?" whis-pered the trembling father. "Must I sit here and see my daughter fatten to danth by that hideous monster?" Dick thought that he could shoot the make's beau off. Would the old gro-tisman be willing for him to risk a builtet no close to his daughter's facet. He was more than willing. "Be quick." he mid, "and sim well. Save my childs life. Dick. For heaven?" make dia life, Dick. For heaven's make out quick, buy, if you love bee? "artunately Dick Tarms is an accom-tined athete and one of the clury, a rife about of the stars. Before follow had second openting the

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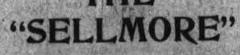
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water. While they were bailing out the water with their bats the scow cap-sized, throwing both its occupants into the lake. Immediately the arms and logs of the men because estangied in he selue and rendered them powerten

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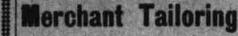
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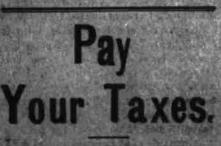
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