KEEP A-CLIMBIN'.

If the road is hard and rough,
Keep a-climbin'.
If you're feelin' pretty tough,
Keep a-climbin'.
'Taint no use to sit and pout,
'Cause the other feller's stout,
Gittin' miffed won't help yo nout,
Keep a-climbin'.

If you're feelin' kinda' sick,
Keep a-climbin'.
Make a cane from some old stick,
Keep a-climbin'.
Don't stand still if you get blue,
One more step may change your view,
Clouds will often change their hue,
So keep a-climbin'.

Don't get down into the rut,
Keep a-climbin'.
Watch the road for some short cut,
Keep a-climbin'.
Don't be gasin' at the groun',
With your face all in a frown,
Raise your head and look aroun',
But keep a-climbin'.

Don't let folks discourage you,
Keep a-climbin'.
Keep your goal always in view,
Keep a-climbin'.
If you do right things to-day,
Sometime you'll be makin' hay,
And you'll hear the people say,
'He did some climbin'.'
—Tacoma (Washington) Ledger.

The Snakes' Curse.

By SIR H. H. JOHNSTON.

[illegible] had my [illegible] per- [illegible] an [illegible] son. But now the poor fellow was suddenly seized with a bad attack of black-water fever, and after recovering, quite lost his mental balance, and became at times a raving maniac.

MY DANGEROUS SERVANT.

[illegible] ng house of logs had to be built [illegible] r his detention, pending the [illegible] ome steamer by which he [illegible] away to a healthier cli- [illegible] spare in [illegible] d by one [illegible] almost [illegible] or [illegible] little of it, but [illegible] As to study, [illegible] he howres [illegible] assigne [illegible] me, I [illegible] shal [illegible] ngs [illegible] k [illegible] restore him to [illegible] suddenly aware [illegible] as holding a candle [illegible] every possible way.

He betrayed no trace of his recent excitement, but in a tone of the deepest commiseration kept saying:

"Poor Grando! Who could have done this? Poor Grando!"

Under the circumstances I thought it best to avail myself of all the help that he could render at this moment, and he was most deft in binding up the wound.

"DURING HER MAJESTY'S PLEASURE."

When all that could be done for the two men with the limited means at our disposal had been accomplished, I had to turn to the Indian and say:

"Now I have got to put you in irons." He held out his hands quite submissively for the handcuffs.

By this time the English builder had arrived, and one or two of his men helped to get out my boat and row us over to the mainland, where the Indian was put in custody.

He was eventually tried at a consular court and sentenced to be "detained during her majesty's pleasure."

With assiduous attentions one of the Krooboys recovered, but the other died.

The place of the Indian as general factotum in my service was taken by a very intelligent negro ex-slave, named Solomon. Solomon had been freed as a boy by one of her late majesty's cruisers, and had been landed for education at the little Baptist mission settlement of Victoria, in Ambas Bay. Here he received an excellent training. He was so ugly and ungainly in his movements that it was difficult to realize what a truly noble hearted creature was concealed under his grotesque mask. Solomon was one of the many wonders I have encountered in the negro world; had he lived he might have been another Bishop Crowther.

POOR SOLOMON!

He took the keenest interest I remember, in the revision of the Old and New Testaments, and was one of the first persons in that part of Africa to secure a copy of the revised Bible.

He was a hard and steady worker, who kept the men in order without violence, and felled timber, quarried stone, collected and skinned birds, beasts and reptiles, and was always in a good temper, ready with a cheery answer to even the crossest question.

It seemed to me that with the acquisition of Solomon my troubles on Mondole were over. But the slaughter of the snakes was not yet expiated, according to the negro opinion. One day, when Solomon had been with me for three months, he proposed crossing to the adjoining peninsula to cut timber and convey the logs back to Mondole. For this purpose he preferred, he said, to use native dugout canoes rather than my little boat.

He started early in the morning, but I never saw him again. Late in the afternoon the canoemen returned, blue with cold, and their bodies wrinkled and flabby with long immersion in the water.

They described how, just as Solomon had started to return with his little flotilla a great sea had come in from the open Atlantic and swamped the canoes.

This in itself was a matter of little moment, where every native swam like a fish, and where the contents of the canoes would float. But it was supposed that a crocodile or shark had seized Solomon and dragged him under.

One result of all these worries and anxieties was that I became seriously ill with black-water fever, and was obliged to move to Old Calabar.

On several occasions subsequently I returned to Mondole and attended ing battle with the snakes, which had taken possession of most of the old and hollow tree trunks.

These snakes belonged to the particularly venomous genus of the tree cobra, a snake that is the source of endless African legends. All over negro Africa one hears that the dendraspis, or tree cobra, crows like a cock, and in native legend it has some of the other attributes of the basilisk.

It is further, and truthfully, celebrated for its unusual ferocity. A tree cobra will frequently fly out from its hiding place and attack passers-by, quite unprovoked.

The two sexes, moreover, exhibit great attachment to each other when mated.

On the way from the beach to the site of my projected house there was one particularly large bombax tree, which was the home of a pair of these tree cobras. They were from about twelve to fourteen feet long, lithe, and of a dark slatish blue above with yellow bellies.

ONE DUCK TOO MANY.

Again and again, as I passed this tree, I could see the male and female snakes lovingly intertwined, or, separately, mimicking some twisted branch in rigid immobility, waiting, no doubt, for their prey.

None of my negro laborers would lay an ax to this tree, nor would they at first let me kill the snakes, as they predicted that the most terrible consequences would occur—a veritable war of serpents. So this bombax tree was left standing longer than the other vegetable monsters which obstructed the building site, and the tree cobras became quite accustomed to our coming and going. They attacked no one at first, but soon became a nuisance from their fondness for my domestic ducks.

In West Africa, at the time of which I am writing, the muscovy duck, a native of Brazil, was the most useful domestic bird. Its eggs are excellent food, and its flesh is, as most Americans know, a toothsome article of diet.

The inroads made by the snakes on these ducks became too serious to be tolerated. One day I encountered the male snake with a muscovy duck halfway down his gullet, and then and there shot him.

Thereafter, as the negroes had predicted, began a series of misfortunes. In the first place, the female snake entirely cut off our communications with the beach by the new made road. She flew at the first party of negroes who were descending in that direction, bit one of them in the leg, and his death two hours afterward, in spite of all antidotes I could think of, caused all the other native laborers to take to their canoes and desert the island.

WHEN WE CUT THE BOMBAX TREE.

I supplied their place with Krooboys from my residence at Old Calabar; but meanwhile I was left on the island with an Indian steward and an Accra cook till the English builder arrived with his materials and men.

We made a determined onslaught on the female snake, no doubt very much at the risk of our lives. We cut down the huge bombax tree, and our imported laborers—their legs and much of their bodies swathed in felt—flew at the hissing snake with long staves and did her to death.

But it seemed that ill luck was to continue to follow me so long as I remained on that island.

Prior to these events, my Indian servant, who had accompanied me on my previous African journeys, had always [illegible] a very quiet, well-conducted per- [illegible] son. But now the poor fellow was suddenly seized with a bad attack of black-water fever, and after recovering, quite lost his mental balance, and became at times a raving maniac.

[illegible] to reside there, for the place was supremely beautiful, and possessed features of great natural interest; but every time something untoward happened either to myself or to some one else staying in the house.

Nothing occurred, it is true, that might not equally well have taken place without the snakes' curse, in which I need hardly say I placed no faith whatever.

DISPROVING THE SUPERSTITION

After my transference to East Africa, and the cession by England to Germany of the Ambas Bay settlements, the house was removed.

The island is probably now under cultivation by German planters, who must have removed without regard for superstition the tree cobras, and have been able to show the natives, by the prosperity which attends the cultivation of cacao in these regions, that the misfortunes of the English Vice-Consul had no connection whatever with supernatural causes.—Youth's Companion.

A FATHER'S LETTER.

Quaintly Expressed Advice For the Young Sir Philip Sidney.

When Sir Philip Sidney was twelve years old he had made such good progress in his studies that he wrote to his father a letter in Latin and one in French. In those days, we must remember, if one has to read at all, it was necessary to read in Latin, and French was the language of courts, so both tongues were begun early and studied more practically than we nowadays think requisite. But young Philip's letters seem to have greatly [illegible] ed his father, for in return Sir [illegible] wrote a charming letter of ad- [illegible] ll worth reading in [illegible] [illegible] that you [illegible] rself. Put [illegible] r to get the [illegible] n'll acquire a [illegible] ll as learn some- [illegible] you grow the [illegible] If you find [illegible] store it away, so [illegible] when it will tell."

[illegible] fathers, he of the six- [illegible] f the twentieth century, [illegible] the same thing.—From "Books and Authors," in St. Nicholas.

Money in Cornerstones.

The practice of putting money under the foundation stone of a new building is the shadow of an older tragic custom. The money stands theoretically for the ransom of the human being who by ancient superstition should have been buried in its place.

There was a time when this particular kind of human sacrifice had a vogue extending to most parts of the world. Even in England skeletons have been found imbedded in the bases of castle walls, and there is record of one German fortress at the building of which a child was bought from its mother with hard cash and walled in to the donjon tower, the unnatural mother, according to the story, looking on the while. Effigies of human beings are still used in some parts of Europe as harmless substitutes, and in remoter and more ruthless places the old custom crops out from time to time in all its grim reality. Within the last half century two children, a boy and a girl were, it was reported, walled into a blockhouse by some laborers at Duga, Asiatic Turkey.—New York Times.

Passing of the Cattle Baron.

The cattle baron of the Western plains is rapidly becoming extinct. Like the Indian, he is disappearing before the onward march of settlers upon the public domain. There are no longer vast tracts of territory he can appropriate to his own uses, for the land is being sold to farmers from the East and from Europe. The rancher is going out of business.

The cause of this impending change is the contraction of the range and the invasion of the small cattleman. The farmers have taken up the land along the streams where the water is found, and while there are thousands of acres of dry range land which afford good grazing for part of the year, they are removed from water and the sources of supply are cut off by the small farmer, who is utilizing it.

The subdivision of the great cattle ranges into stock farms will be followed by a marked increase in substantial wealth and population, which will grow from year to year and cannot fail to give the highest development to the resources of the State.

Care of Children's Teeth.

The mistaken idea that a child's first teeth need not be cared for entails no end of misery on the child. Scrupulous care of the teeth should be begun from the day of their development in full, and the child taught as early as possible to care for them itself under the supervision of nurse or of mother.

Get a small and not too stiff brush; use a good prepared chalk, or myrrh and camphor, and have the teeth brushed morning and night. A spool of silk dental floss is also essential, and should be cut in six-inch lengths, as most convenient to use. This should be drawn between the teeth to remove any particles which the brush cannot dislodge; then rinse the mouth thoroughly with tepid water, in which a pinch of bicarbonate of soda has bene dissolved; or listerine may be used, in the proportion of fifteen drops to a half glass of water. Have all cavities filled as soon as discovered. Never rely upon cursory home examination, but take the child regularly to a skilled dentist to have repairs made.—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Beggars in Spain.

There are 190,227 professional beggars in Spain, of whom 51,948 are women. In some of the cities beggars are licensed to carry on their trade. Seeking alms is recognized as a legitimate business, and the municipality demands a percentage upon the collections. Seville is the only city in the kingdom which forbids begging in the streets.

One Thing More to Show.

For two hours a fashionable lady kept the draper exhibiting his goods, and at the end of that period she sweetly asked: "Are you sure you have shown me everything you have?"

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TELEGRAPH TYPEWRITING.

An Ingenious Machine Which Sends and Receives Messages.

A wireless telegraph writer, or xerograph as it is called for the sake of brevity, has been invented by an Englishman. The xerograph in appearance resembles an ordinary typewriter, but it is of simpler construction, with a keyboard figured with the signs of the letters and numerals, which can be printed or telegraphed to any number of instruments. Each instrument, the inventor explains, is at once a receiver and a transmitter, enabling operators to converse with one another in writing, and thus obviating misunderstandings, which are apt to occur in telephonic communications. So far messages have been sent only for a short distance, but it is intended to experiment over wider spaces, and it is hoped that messages can be sent to any distance that ether waves will carry. The machine is always ready for immediate use, and as there is no mechanism which requires to be wound up in order to obtain synchronism, the operator has both hands free for manipulation.

Another advantage claimed for the invention will be of special importance in military affairs. Messages cannot be picked up. To quote the inventor's own words: "In sending a message you are sounding two ether waves which allow you a choice of fifty-six signs, and these are given direct print, either as letters or figures. Absolute secrecy is thus obtained. The only way to intercept messages would be to employ a similar instrument, which would have to be synchronized to the same degree as the transmitting instrument. Lastly, these machines will receive their messages (which are given at present at a speed of twenty-five words a minute) without anybody being present, and would thus be of great advantage in a signal box, as the signal man will receive clearly printed instructions should he be absent the time the message is sent to him. Nor will the machines work only without wires. I gave a lecture in Paris before the Society of Engineers, of which I am a member, during which I sent messages to Brussels, while telephonic communication was going on over the same wires. I have sent messages also between Berlin and Frankfort."

The apparatus consists of a typewriter, which, by depressing a key, sends two impulses. Each letter requires only two impulses, and the different letters are obtained by means of the time interval between these impulses. For wireless purposes these impulses operate a switch connection with the induction coil, thus making the sparks for sending the ether waves. The induction coil is connected with an aerial as well as an earth wire. To turn the apparatus into a receiving instrument it is only necessary to move a switch, which is placed beneath the typewriter. This makes all the connections to the receiving apparatus, which consists of a coherer and a very sensitive relay.—The Inventive Age.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

Character determines condition.

Home is the harbor of the heart.

Life is ever more than literature.

Greatness appears in little things.

Strength comes through struggle.

Prejudice puts its eyes in its pocket.

Feeding malice is fostering murder.

Men differ not so much in their faith as in their phrases.

Sin is no more essential to salvation than disease to health.

The best time to attend to your neighbor's affairs is in your sleep.

When a man falls in love with heaven he learns how to love this earth.

A man is not doing his level best who is content to stay on the same level.

A reputation for eating chicken is not the only thing essential in a good pastor.

A man who has only flowers in the garden of his life does not need to build a wall about it.

The man who fails while trying to do good has more honor than he who succeeds by accident.

When there is room for all a woman's love in the heart of a poodle no man need be sorry he has lost it.

The hungry one is apt to think that he has heaven's full meal when he has only caught the fragrance of the kitchen.—Ram's Horn.

Eaton's "Soc-Shops."

Some years ago the masters of Eton College took over the management (as a limited company) of the Eton College Boating Club, which previously had been carried on by private persons under contract.

Since then the masters have extended their trading operations, gradually taking up lines hitherto conducted by shopkeepers in the town. The majority of the tradesmen in Eton depend in the main on the college for their business, and some of them have already suffered severely from the new policy of the masters.

The latest development of this innovation, writes a correspondent, is the acquisition by the masters of one of the oldest of the famous "soc-shops" (pastrycook's and confectioner's), where the boys have for centuries past revelled in cakes, sweetmeats and other luxuries. It is understood that henceforth the masters will run this establishment themselves for their own benefit. The whole of the trading community in Eton is seriously alarmed.—London News.

Nothing Lost.

"They take tremendous precautions at the mint so that no specie shall be lost," said an Englishman, with a reminiscence of an article he had been reading on the subject. "Every scrap of refuse is burned in order that not the slightest vestige of metal shall be wasted. The working clothes of the men are burned, too, when they are worn out, and they even burn the carts which are used in carrying the bullion to the mint.

"Well," said the American in the guess we go one better than that in our immortal country. "We burn the refuse, and the clothes and the carts. Yes, sir, we do all that, and, what is more, when a man dies who has worked there we have him cremated." Then they talked about the weather.—London Fun.

Flattering But Noisy.

Lady Cromer, when, with her husband, Lord Cromer, and Countess Valda Gleichen, making a tour in the Soudan, became in time accustomed to the peculiar "welcome" of the Soudanese women, which at first is somewhat trying to the nerves. Each native woman present emits peculiar long, shrill cries, the while she beats vigorously upon any object that happens to be near at hand that will produce a great volume of sound.

MISSED.

(The reply of a lonely husband whose wife has asked in one of her letters: "Do you miss me, dear?")

"Do I miss you, dear?" you ask me,
"Since you've journeyed far away?
Am I conscious of your absence?"
Ah, my treasure, I should say!

I have ceased to lock the windows
When I go to bed at night;
I have ceased to care a cooky
Whether everything's all right.

If the kitchen gas keeps burning
I don't know it and don't care;
'Neath the bed thieves may be hiding,
I've sworn off looking there.

Darling, I have ceased to bother
With the bird and with the cat,
They're attended to by Maggie,
Who has full charge of the flat.

I have ceased, my dear, to worry,
When the busy day has fled,
And I get to feeling sleepy,
I just tumble into bed.

No more peering round in corners,
No more nightly chores for me;
From a score of vexing duties
For the present I am free.

Do I miss you, dear, you ask me?
Yes, oh yes, my heart's delight;
I've quit getting up and hunting
After burglars in the night.

If it storms I lie and listen
To the drops' splash on the pane,
Never minding if the curtains
And the rug are soaked with rain.

In your absence I am getting
Gladly rested, sweetheart mine;
You will hardly recognize me,
People say I look so fine.

Maggie has your sofa pillows
All in her room now, my dear—
Yes, I miss you every moment,
I'm so free from bother here.
—Chicago Record-Herald.

FLASHES OF FUN

Hewitt—"Gruet says that his wife can cook and play the piano with equal facility." Jewett—"I'd hate to eat her cooking."—Brooklyn Life.

The spider in the baseball game
Would surely be a winner,
For catching "flies" he can't be beat,
The gluttonous old sinner.

Willie—"Mr. Oldboy, why do they say you are in your second childhood?" Mother—"Willie!" Willie—"Oh, I know; it's because you're bald-headed, just like baby Dick."—Boston Transcript.

Teacher—"Thomas, remember a few of the proofs that the earth is round like an orange." Tommy Tucker—"I didn't know we had to have any proofs, ma'am, I thought everybody admitted it."—Chicago Tribune.

"You say that stout chap in the opposite box owes his fortune to politics?" "Well, yes; he got so awfully defeated the first time he ran for office that he has stuck strictly to business ever since."—Puck.

Oh, Love will find
The way, some say,
But will it find
Her father kind
Enough to pay the way?
—Philadelphia Press

"No," he said, "I'm not sure whether my wife's Christmas gift to me was meant to please me or to humble my pride." "What did she give you?" asked the friend. "She had a crayon portrait of me made by an amateur artist."—Philadelphia Ledger.

"But," said the merchant to the applicant, "you don't furnish any reference from your last place." "You needn't worry about that," replied the man with the close-cropped head and prison pallor. "I wouldn't be here now if it hadn't been for my good behavior in my last place."

"I'll admit that the eminent tragedian we have just mentioned is exceedingly irascible and sometimes indiscreet in his manifestations," said the play goer; "but he is a fine actor." "Yes," answered Stormington Barnes, "he knows how to act, but he does not know how to behave."—Washington Star.

"Tommy," said the economical mother to the boy with the loose tooth, "I'll give you ten cents if you'll let me pull that tooth." The boy thought it over and then went to his bank. "The fun of doin' that is worth more'n ten cents," he said. "I'll give you fifteen if you'll let me pull one of yours."—Chicago Evening Post.

Peaches as Fillers.

When setting out an apple orchard for commercial purposes, trees should be spaced thirty feet apart each way. As fillers we may use peach trees, which are shorter lived than apples. In many instances the apple is used for fillers, but for quick returns the peach is preferable, as the apple is a slower grower. The peach can fill the place for a number of years without coming into contact with the growth of the apple. These peach trees, however, should be closely pruned in order not to check the development of the apple trees. As the peach is naturally short lived, we may harvest many good crops before removing them. For commercial apple growing we should plant only the good keeping varieties, such as York Imperial, Mammoth Black Twig and Dutton. These apples will at all times bring good prices and the demand is increasing annually. Not only is the demand in the United States increasing, but Russia, Germany and England are consuming increasingly of our American apples.—Inland Farmer.

The Really Clever Pose.

There is much more intellectual cleverness among the girls of to-day than there was fifty years ago. A flippant cousin says: "It does not pay for a girl to be clever. Men are afraid of you if you are, and the other girls hate you." But between a pedantic prig and a well educated young woman there is a vast difference. The really clever women are those who disguise their learning and pose as amiable and charming idiots.

The Largest Banks.

In the United States the largest bank is the National City Bank of New York, with a combined capital and surplus of almost $42,000,000. In second place comes the National Bank of Commerce, with $35,500,000, and in third place the First National Bank, with $23,400,000. The largest bank outside of New York is the First National Bank of Chicago, with a combined capital and surplus of $15,000,000.

X-Rays Remove Smallpox Scars.

It is alleged that application of the X-rays will remove the marks left on the skin by smallpox. Not only are we told that experiments have been successful with patients just recovering, but there is also reason to believe that pitting of many years' standing may be removed. The old scars of burns and tuberculosis are also removed by the X-rays.

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