

THE SNAKE FANG INDUSTRY.

At One Time It Yielded a Good Income in the South.

"Speaking of catching snakes," says an old-timer, "the snake fang industry used to yield a good revenue here and in other parts of the South. That was in the palm days of voodooism. Snake fangs are supposed to have a peculiar charm when it comes to the business of forecasting and divining things, and no thoroughbred voodoo doctor could afford to be without them. They were supposed to be necessary in the business, and if the voodoo doctor could not corral a snake himself he would simply have to pay the price prevailing in the snake fang market and get the goods. Then there was the 'hoodoo bag,' a peculiar contrivance now extensively used by negroes in the South. The 'hoodoo bag' is a curious combination of things. All of them do not contain snake fangs, yet fangs are believed to add much to the power which a possessor of one of these strange things may get from them. These bags are generally very small, sometimes a small bottle with a cloth covering being used for the purpose. They are filled with all sorts of things. The contents of the urn used by the witches of Duusinane in the story of 'Macbeth' are nothing in comparison with the mysterious hodgepodge to be found in the 'hoodoo bag.' And the negro who practices hoodooism is looked upon as having more power, when it comes to the material benefits, than any set of witches ever possessed, so far as the negroes who believe in such things are concerned. They are supposed to be great gold finders, and hard working, industrious negroes have been known to give up a big part of their salary while under the influence of the man with the 'hoodoo bag.' Not infrequently the police have been forced to interfere on account of the robbery of negroes in this way. But snake fangs do not command much of a price now, because voodooism has been on the decline, and negroes who believe in the potency for good or bad of the 'hoodoo bag' have been, fortunately, on the decrease. Still, a sufficient number of the credulous remain to enable a few shrewd negroes to make a living without working."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

WISE WORDS.

The greatest prayer is patience.—Buddha.
 Doubt is brother evil to despair.—O'Reilly.
 Life has no blessing like a prudent friend.—Euripides.
 Politics is the science of exigencies.—Theodore Parker.
 To be proud of learning is the greatest ignorance.—Jeremy Taylor.
 The art of life consists in being well deceived.—French Proverb.
 Young authors give their brains much exercise and little food.—Joubert.
 Truth is too simple for us; we do not like those who unmask our illusions.—Emerson.
 Oh, banish the tears of children! Continual rains upon the blossoms are hurtful.—Richter.
 The utmost that severity can do is to make men hypocrites; it can never make them converts.—Spencer.
 There is nothing more fruitful than for a teacher to know only what his scholars are intended to know.—Goethe.
 If you have built castles in the air your work need not be lost; that is where they should be. Now put foundations under them.—Thoreau.

Feeling in the Right Place.

When Mrs. Julia Dent Grant was living in Philadelphia, in the house at No. 2009 Chestnut street, that her husband surrendered to his creditors at the time of the Grant & Ward failure, it is recorded of her that she was visited one afternoon by a rich but parsimonious old woman.

The old woman narrated to Mrs. Grant the misfortunes that had lately attended a ward of hers, a young woman who had married a drunkard and who had just been deserted, thought she was penniless and had two little children.

"I couldn't help but feel for her this morning when she told me about her trouble," said the old woman.

"It was well that you felt for her," said Mrs. Grant. "But did you feel in the right place? Did you feel in your pocket?"—New York Tribune.

An Ancient Panama.

There is on exhibition in London a large collection of relics of great archaeological value discovered by Professor Flinders Petrie, the famous Egyptologist, and Drs. Grenfell and Hunt, during the past year among the ruins of ancient Egypt. One of the most interesting relics is a specimen of headgear very similar to the Panama hat in style, computed to be some 2000 years old. The last year's exploration into Egypt's past covers every historical period of the country, but the most important scientific result has been the accurate connection of the prehistoric and the historic times. An unbroken stratified series of deposits, ranging over four or five centuries of the earliest kingdoms, has been found in a town which had the ultimate fate to be inclosed as the temenos of Osiris.

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Spectacles in Germany.

The German Emperor has entered upon a new phase of his development, if we are to believe the statement that he was lately seen reading the newspapers in a railway train with the help of a pince-nez. Nor is this to be wondered at when we remember the lament once made by the kaiser himself, who, speaking of his school days at Cassel, remarked that out of a class of twenty "no fewer than eighteen of his fellow pupils wore spectacles, while two of these, with their glasses on, could not even see the length of the table." As compared with other nations, the Germans may be described as a spectacle-wearing people, and there can be no doubt that the main cause of their defective sight is the peculiar character of their type, which is most trying to the eyes. The present emperor, no less than Bismarck, has always protested on patriotic grounds against the substitution of the Roman for the Teutonic, or black letter, character in print, and both have had to suffer equally for their Chauvinism.—London Chronicle.

Penfield (Ga.) Hosiery Mills will install additional machinery, increasing his equipment to sixty machines. The product is 136 and 172 needle goods. (This enterprise was erroneously referred to last week as a new one just projected by E. R. Boswell and an associate. The plant has been established for some time.)

Bird Manufacturing Co., Albemarle, N. C., will install additional cotton machinery. It now has 20,000 spindles.

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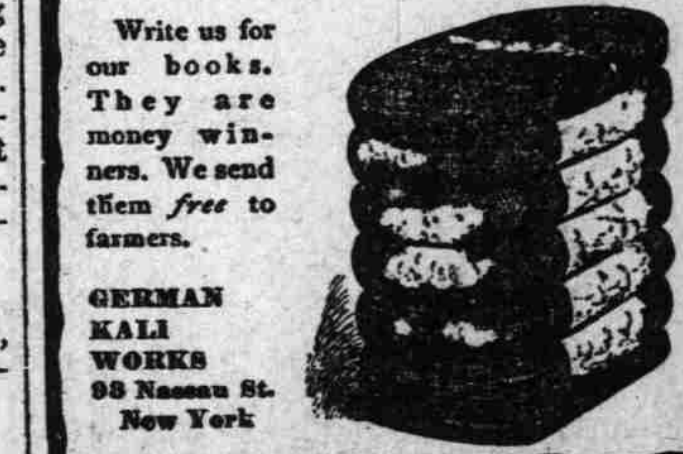
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