Mine York State Woman Pins Reptile Earth and Uses Pocket-Knife.

Wate W. Y.-A large rattlesnake is on entitles on in this village which was midbad has the wife of Marcellus Rice a who resides on Washington, in a region noted the mattlesnakes. Instead of killing the marker with a stick, she adopted the method of decapitating it with a amadanikai (e.

Wher won John was engaged in picking therries, when in the bushes near by he Present a strange noise and told his murker She accompanied her son back tun the glace, where she recognized in the smand the rattle of the snake. She sesame a forked stick with which she beprodding in the grass, and was rewas drak by the anake striking at her. Withtle the snake was yet uncoiled and terme at could prepare for a second atprint whe jammed the forked stick over the trend The snake thus imprisoned waster a violent commotion, coiling its

handly about the stick. blumever, she was clear nerve. She were with her other hand in her manage mocket until she found a pocketlimite and this she handed to her son mand toods him to open its largest blade. Fire the so and returned the knife to his see. She took the knife and delibcontrols cut off the snake's head. The measured 39 inches in length and had nime rattles.

### REDMANCE IN HUNGARY.

Bonney Nobleman in Love with Poor Girl Finds Himself in

Prison.

Berke -A romantic story, with all the details of a medieval tale-impriscomment in a tower, epposition of obdurparents, rescue and abduction, culsadmating in marriage, comes from elimite warthen, in Hungary.

Em créden days the miaden was imprismed but to-day it is the sweetheart, a months and madly in love with a poor girl, who finds himself in prison.

Time parents of the nobleman did marry Ching to break the engagement, home wettoout avail. The preparations for the marriage were in progress within the young baron disappeared. the pretext of viewing -momes repairs on one of the famthe entates he was lured into the thouser of the building and imprisoned. Elis. mooms were luxuriously furnished. mand are old retainer served him. The was induced to forward a letthe the girl, who, with her father, secaused the release of the baron. They the keeper of the tower, and be-Many the noble's parents could interfere remerriage had taken place.

## COLT KILLED BY MOOSE.

WHITE Animal Creates Consternation in the Pastures of Maine Farmers.

Engager, Me.—At Fort Fairfield one chartely a commotion was heard in zana masture where B. S. Smith had a seeing colt and its mother, and upon intermetigation it was found that a remarks had visited the nasture and had . Lattle the colt. The same animal creconsiderable consternation among the other farmers in the He put it an appearance in the Marry Kenny on the east side wir che river. Frightened from there. iner wishted the field of Leonard Kenny. with a driven from there he rushed to time Mipp farm and began racing transgh the field where men were cul-Livettes potatoes.

And the moose appeared from behind and there pile of rocks the horses attracinat to the cultivator became frightwant and went on the run through the washing up potatoes. Leaving the the moose made for the

# FIND CURE FOR LEPROSY.

Many Cases Healed in the Philippines by Treatment of American Surgeons.

Manita, P. I.—American surgeons commected with the board of health of Allowed declare that they have discova positive cure for leprosy. Of treated, all have improved, six being absolutely cured. Several matients, portions of whose bodies sone, have recovered.

All of the cases have been under obexecution for at least six months, and is absolutely impossible to discover metrice of the germs of the disease in blood of the patients. The method remail to a system of X rays.

zame aurgeons do not desire their to be mentioned at present. will not ask for the rewards walligh have been offered by various memory ments for a cure for leprosy.

Paris Honors Franklin. The city of Paris is to have its uthakus of Banjamın Franklin. John Maries, the donor of the fine statue in Mindelphia, has offered a duplicate This to Paris and it has been abcompand. It will be placed at the corner of the Rue Franklin, opposite the Transmicro museum.

Big Pearl in Giant Turtle. Miss. Edward Morrison, of Jamaica N. Y., who, while fishing for washash at Rockaway inlet, caught a weighing 575 pounds, has found comment a big lump on the creature's back 🐃 a "pearl barnacle" 100 years old month sporth \$500.

Odd Metals Produced. The production of spiegeleisen, fercommanganese, and similar metal for tiline first half of 1905 was 129,040 gross thems, against 105,882 in the last half call 1964, and 104,510 in the first half of 

### DESIRE STATEHOOD.

AGITATION IN INDIAN AND OKLAHOMA TERRITORIES.

Governors of Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations Resist Interior Department-The Tribes Involved.

Vinita, I. T .- The commercial interests in the Indian territory are preparing to take up the fight in the coming session of congress to make one state out of Indian and Oklahoma territories. It is contended that Indian territory should be admitted as a state with Oklahoma on the same footing.

On March 4, 1906, the tribal governments will go out of existence and the tribal officers will, under the present law, pass into history as the last officers of the five tribes. It is probable that after this day not even a single tribal officer will be permitted to exercise any of the prerogatives of his office.

The chief of the Cherokees has believed all the time that when he was elected in August, 1903, for a term of four years some provision would be made for his continuance in office after the tribal governments became abolished by law, but the recent rulings of the interior department to the effect that none of the tribal funds can be used to support Cherokee schools is taken to mean that none of the tribal funds can be used to pay the chief's salary.

Another fact which lends credence to the belief that the governors and chiefs of the five tribes will be no longer officers after March is that the governors of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations have been obstreperous and have been resisting the interior department in the matter of the delivery of deeds.

The monthly reports of the heads of departments in the office of Tams Bixby, commissioner to the five civilized tribes, since he has succeeded the Dawes commission indicate that the work of allotment is progressing in a highly satisfactory manner. The work in the Creek nation and in the Seminole country is practically completed and it is believed that the work in the Cherokee nation will be practically completed by the first of the year. It is also believed that the Choctaw and Chickasaw land offices will soon follow the Cherokee office in complet-

ing the work of allotment. It is believed here that with the coming of statehood congress will remove the restrictions upon the alienation of lands on all citizens except full-bloods, and thus open up the country from a commercial point of view and clear the way for good farm-

The statements prepared by the commercial interests of the five civilized tribes show that the total taxable lands in the five civilized tribes is as follows: Saminoles 253.418.52 acres Cherokees, 3,631,231; Creeks, 2,560.853; Choctaws and Chickasaws, 10,780.935 acres.

The total of nontaxable land in the five civilized tribes of Indian territory is as follows: Seminoles, 110,160 acres; Cherokees, 1,400,000 acres; Creeks. 596,000 acres; Choctaws and Chickasaws, 500,000 acres, making a total of nontaxable lands 2,112,120 acres.

The Quawpaw reservation, in the northwest corner of the Indian territory, has been allotted and consists of a number of small Indian tribes, who own about 25,000 acres of land, nearly all of which for the present will be nontaxable unless congress removes the restrictions upon the sale of any

The total acreage in the Cherokee nation is in the neighborhood of 5,031.-351. The total amount of acres subject to allotment in the Cherokee nation is 5.013.351.

There are approximately 36,000 allottees in the Cherokee nation and about 1,500,000 acres of the land is nontaxable. The total acreage of land in the Seminole nation is 365,851.57. A surplus is left of 18,630.64 acres which have not been allotted.

The total acreage of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations is approximately 11,338,935 acres and of the Creek nation 3,172.813.77 acres.

SPAIN TIRING OF ALFONSO. He Is a Good-Hearted Lad, But of Little Use to the Needy

Nation. Madrid.-The Spaniards are busy just now trying to make out whether they really have "a good king." or simply "a good-hearted king." There is no doubt that young Alfonso's love for Spain and the Spaniards is sincere, but, so far, he has not been capable of doing anything practical for his

people. As a matter of fact, the condition of the poorer classes is more pitiable than ever, and in some regions, especially in Andalusia, the belief rapidly is gaining ground that the son of Alfonso XII. and Maria Christina of Austria is not the right man in the right place.

"We are getting tired," said a Barcelona paper, a few days ago, "of the platonic love of a ruler who does not seem able to help us in any practical way."

Model Hotel Being Built. At last the government is making some determined effort to make the

Panama canal employes comfortable. Plans for a 250-room hotel have been approved and building will begin forthwith. Beds, mattresses and furniture are arriving at the isthmus in quantities. Arrangements are being made to establish restaurants at various

## PROOF OF LIFELESS MOON.

Results of Scientific Telescopic Observations Are Most Conclusive.

The moon being much the nearest to us of all the heavenly bodies, we can pronounce more definitely in its case than in any other. We know that neither air nor water exists on the moon in quantities sufficient to be perceived by the most delicate tests at our command.

It is certain, says Harper's Maga-

zine, that the moon's atmosphere, if any exists, is less than the thousandth part of the density of that around us. The vacuum is greater than any ordinary airpump is capable of producing. We can hardly suppose that so small a quantity of air could be of any benefit whatever in sustaining life. An animal that could get along on so little could get along on none at all. But the proof of the absence of life is yet stronger when we consider the results of actual telescopic observations. An object such as an ordinary city block could be detected on the moon. If anything like vegetation were present on the surface, we should see the changes which it would undergo in the course of a month, during one portion of which it would be exposed to the rays of the unclouded sun and during another to the intense

### SEA-LION IN BATHTUB.

cold of space.

Hotel Employe Thought It Was a Monster, But It Was Only a Pet.

"Gimme a revolver, gimme a shotgun" shouted "Tom," a window washer, as he dashed up to Clerk Mc-Henry in the Victoria hotel the other afternoon, his eyes looking like china nest eggs. "There's a horrible lookin' inseck in the bathtub in 999-a tiger or a sea serpent or something."

Clerk McHenry, aroused, led a procession to the room, relates the Chicago Record-Herald. From behind the bathroom door came the sound of splashing and grunting. As the timid group stood there, a couple from Santa Barbara, Cal., occupants of the room. brushed by, and the woman flew for the bathroom.

The amazed spectators saw her lift a weird-looking creature with long whiskers and shining body from the tub and begin to pet it. Then she turned and laughed.

"Isn't he pretty?" she said. "You see, we've got a carload of thembigger ones, though. We re going east with them. There are 50 big ones and this little baby."

"That's all right," commented Clerk McHenry: "but what is it?"

"A sea lion, of course," answered the woman, and the investigators faded.

# CHINAMAN WANTED A WEIGH

Tried All Kinds of Coins on the Machine, But Couldn't Find One to Fit.

As he walked out upon the platform of the elevated station he attracted attention immediately, relates the New York Post. He was rather different from the ordinary Chinaman. There were the coiled pigtail, flapping trousers and long, loose jacket, but his face was anything but Celestial. While the usual Chinaman expresses only habitual stoicism this man beamed good humor and intelligent inquisitiveness

Unaware that he was the center of attraction, he walked up to a weighing machine and gingerly inspected it. That he understood its purpose was evident, for he reached down into a pocket and hauled out a nickel, which he vainly attempted to insert in the slot. This coin did not fit and he tried again with a quarter. Still no success. Evidently this machine of the "Foreign Devil" required a bigger sacrifice. A half-dollar was forthcoming, and just as he was inserting a folded dollar bill, the station agent rushed out and held his arm.

# SHAH AFRAID IN DARK.

The Light Must Not Be Turned Off Where the Persian Monarch Is.

When the shah called upon M. Curie in Paris recently, to see the wonders of radium, he did not like the idea of a dark room. His grand vizier, relates the London St. James' Gazette, suggested drawing the curtains of the room, but M. Curie persisted that blackness was necessary. Thereupon the shah called M. Paoli. the French detective protector of royalties, who assured his majesty that there was no danger. So the party descended to the underground apartment in the hotel known as the safe room. M. Curie began expounding the properties of radium, and then gave a signal for the electric light to be switched off. Immediately a panic seized the shah's suite (says the Chronicle's correspondent), and all cried out, in Persian and French: "Light! Light! Turn on the light!" The electricity was switched on again, and the disappointed savant was forced to show his radium in a lighted room.

An Engagement. The two strangers who had accidentally met in the hotel lobby were

discussing friends. "No," said the tall, thin man, very seriously, "I'm looking for the friend

who is a friend in need." The fat man rose hastily and consulted his watch.

"By George!" he exclaimed. "You'll have to excuse me. I almost forgot that engagement."-Brooklya

## \*WOULDN'T TAKE LETTER.

Address on One Intended for Policeman Was Too Compromising to Accept.

One of the policemen who have been longest on Broadway has acquired among his associates the Dicturesque if inelegant name of "Juicy Bill the Grafter," and even if they do not give his full title they call him by parts of it. Usually it's only Bill, but the rest sometimes follows, says the New York Sun.

One of the youngest men on the squad had more courage the other day than any of his colleagues. He saw a letter that stood in the rack of the house built for the uptown traffic men. It had been observed by all during the two days it was exhibited, but none of them had undertaken to deliver it. The address read "Juicy Bill the

Grafter," and this was followed by the address of the station house. Not a man in the squad intimated that he had seen it. The man to whom it was addressed also ignored it. But the youngest recruit wanted to make himself. solid. So he waited until roll call was over one ofternoon

"Say," he began, as he walked over to the person for whom the letter was intended, "there is a letter for you over there. It's addressed 'Juley Bill the Grafter.' "

There was an awful silence after this kind offer of information. It was not noticed by anybody—even by the man for whom the letter was intended. He walked out of the house without his letter, which may be in the rack to this

# WHAT HE WAS ANGRY ABOUT

Hit by an Automobile, But He Didn't Mind the Bump So Much.

The tall, angular man in the widebrimmed felt hat was evidently a southern merchant on a pleasure trip, relates, the Chicago Inter Ocean.

'Toot! toot!" came the blast of an automobile horn, and in a moment the visitor was bumped ignominiously into the gutter. Happily, he was uninfured. With

a ferocious yell he started to his feet, and simultaneously reached back his hand to his hip pocket. "Hey, don't shoot 'em!" yelled the spectators in prompt apprehension.

"You can have 'em arrested, and can then sue them." The man still kept his hand in his hip pocket, while a look of impotent

rage flashed across his face, and he looked at the vanishing autoists. "Their auto number is 48018301!" cried a lawyer, bustling up. "I'll be your lawyer in this outrage."

"Oh, it ain't that, gentlemen." drawled the Kontuction, "! sho" wouldn't mind this accident, but for one thing."

"But why have you got your hand thrust threateningly into your pistol pocket?"

"That's the calamity, sub. I had a flask o' th' best an' oldes' Buhbon whisky in th' state of Kentucky stored away thar, suh, and the flask's done smashed, suh!"

IMPORTATION OF CRYOLITE.

Mineral Product Comes from Greenland and Is Extensively Used in This Country.

There was a large falling off in the quantity of cryolite imported into the United States in 1904. This amounted to 959 long tons, valued at \$13,708, as against 7.708 long tons, valued at \$102,-879, in 1903. This is the smallest quantity of cryolite imported into the United States since 1871. Since 1885 the importation has, except in 1896, been over 5.000 long tons a year, and in 1887, 1894 and 1897 the importation

was over 10,000 long tons a year. Cryolite has been found sparingly at a number of localities in the United States, but none of the deposits has shown any indication of containing cryolite in commercial quantity. All the cryolite used in this country is imported from Greenland. The deposits there are controlled by the Danish government, which also limits the exportation. The principal use of the imported cryolite is in the manufacture of aluminum and sodium salts. and it is in these processes that calcium fluoride is obtained as a byproduct

The above-mentioned facts are taken from a report on the production of fluorspar and cryolite in 1904, which Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt has recently prepared for the United States geological survey.

Small Monarch. The voungest king in the world is Daudi Chua, king of Uganda, who is now about eight. He holds his court seated on a scarlet throne with a leopard skin mat under his feet and bearing in his hand a toy gun. The British exercise a protectorate over the young king and his kingdom and have established for him a sort of parliament, which he opens regularly with much pomp.

Looking Ahead. Ezry-I hear your son had a chance to go to work over in Grubbtown,

Eben-Yes, but he didn't accept it. When he gits married an' his children grow rich an' cultured, he don't want none o' the other society people sneerin' at 'em becuz their daddy had to work fer a livin'.-Detroit Tribune.

Logic. Mistress-Mary Ann, you have a new beau in the kitchen every week. Now this must stop.

Maid-Well, mum, if ye'd buy a betther quality av food, I could keep 'em longer than a week, an' wouldn't have to be gittin' new ones all th' time!-Cleveland Leader.

### HISTORY OF AN ERROR.

Blunder That Escaped the Notice of an Army of Proofreaders and Editors.

A. B. wrote a certain paper for a popular journal. This paper went through certain successive stages during the process of production. At each step it received a new reading from the beginning to end. Thus:

1. It was written in MS. Then it was read through and in great part rewritten. 2. It was read through again when

completed, and sent to be typewrit-3. The typewriter read it through be-

fore sending it back. 4. The author corrected the typewritten MS. carefully and sent it in

5. It was then set up in type.

again.

6. The author received a proof, which he read and corrected, sending it back for press.

7. The editor or the sub-editor read it finally and passed it for the magazine. The paper them had at least seven

readings. Yet m blunder was passed, if the author made it-or committed, if he did not make it-of a most elementary description; one that leaps to the eyes: one that stands out of the page calling on everybody to spot it, correct it, put an end to it.

The blunder was simply this: A certain strike of workingmen was spoken of as undertaken for "lower" wages, instead of "higher." How the word "lower" got there-whether the author wrote it in the first instance, or the typewriter, or the compositorit is impossible to say. Probably it was the author's mistake. A long succession of readings of the passage followed. Not one of the readers discovered the mistake.

ONLY ONE IN ODD BUSINESS But One Man Who Knows How to

Write Insurance on Flywheels

Only one company issues flywheel insurance, because only one man can write it. He is monarch of all his inspectors survey; his right there is none to dispute, says Leslie's Magazine. Two years ago he was a professor in a small engineering college with some theories and figures of his own about fivwheels.

His success is largely due to his own formula, for flywheel insurance is almost pure mathematics. When a wheel is revolved at a high enough speed the centrifugal force exceeds the centipetal and the wheel flies apart. Solid cast iron explodes when the speed at the rim is, roughly, three miles a minute. A thick rim explodes just as easily as a thin one of the same material. Wood explodes at a greater speed, jointed iron at a less.

The underwriter allows a rim speed of a mile a minute, one-third the explosion rate, permits a two-foot pulley wheel 16 revolutions a second, while it keens a 16-foot flywheel down to two. A jointed wheel is allowed still less. The underwriter has only to name the number of revolutions he authorizes. and to proportion his premium to the size of the wheel. The larger the wheel, of course, the more destructive its explosion.

# EARLY CRICKET IN INDIA.

As Played in Seventeenth Century. the Game Would Hardly Be Becognized Now.

Cricket, which has now taken such a firm hold in India among both European and natives alike, has been played in the east very much longer than most people would imagine. In the New English dictionary, for example, there is a reference to a game taking place at Aleppo as early as the year 1676. As played in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. however, the sport would hardly be recognized by its votaries of the present day. Thus, one Clement Downing. the author of "A Compendious History of the Indian Wars" (published in 1737), describes his experiences of the game as practiced on the Cambay shore as follows: "Though all the country round was inhabited by the Culeys, we every day diverted ourselves with playing at cricket and other exercises, which they would come and he spectators of. But we never ventured to recreate ourselves in this method without having arms for ourselves and being guarded by some of our soldiers, lest the country should come down on us." Nowadays, fortunately, armed sentries are not required on Indian cricket-pitches.

Largest Street Cars.

The largest street cars in use in American cities are those of the St. Louis and Chicago lines, which are practically similar in over-all dimensions, although the Chicago cars, owing to their larger platforms, have a smaller seating capacity, namely, 44, compared with 52 for the St. Louis cars. The St. Louis cars are 46 feet over all, have three-foot platforms, and an over-all width of nine feet. The cross seats, of which there are 20, are 22 inches wide. The aisles, of the mame dimensions, are the largest in the country. Indianapolis' longest city cars are 44 feet 7 inches over all.

Romance of Immigration. .The pleasantest Ellis Island report of the year is that of the 223 marriages which took place at the station in the six months ending June 30. This is a gain of 23 over the corresponding period of last year. The brides were girls whose lovers had come across first to prepare the way for them.

WORK OF THE BAYONETS. What Is Meant by the Order "Throw

Yourselves on Their Bayonets."

It is a phrase merely to those ses who do not know war at first ha Then the men threw themselves the bayonets of the enemy." sounds desperate and dramatic, but this account in Blackwood's Maga zine by a naval sublicutement at Port Arthur shows what it really means:

For 30 long minutes a hand-to-hand struggle had continued. Men threw grenades in each other's faces. Halfdemented Samurai flung themselves upon the bayonets of the dozen Mus covites that held the traverse for the trench. Who shall say that the day of the bayonet is past? Although there was not a breech that had not its cartridge in the chamber, yet men roused to the limit of their animal fury overlook the mechanical appliances that make war easy. The thirsted to come to grips, and to grips they came.

But it had to end. The old colones had fought his way through his own men to the very point of the struggle. He stood on the parapet, and his rich voice for a second curbed the fury of the wild creatures struggling beside him.

"Throw yourselves on their baylonets, honorable comrades!" he shouted. "Those who come behind will de the rest."

His men heard him; his officers beard him: Eight stalwarts dropped their rifles, held their hands above their heads and flung themselves against the traverse. Before the Russian defenders could extricate the bayonets from their bodies the whole pack of the war-dogs had surged lover them. The trench was won.

NEW BUSINESS FOR WOMEN Descried Philadelphia Wife Contracts to Clean Boilers of Steam-

ships

Women especially widows drift into strange lines of work to make a living for themselves, but there are few who have chosen a stranger occupation than a Mrs. Harris, of this city, states the Philadelphia Record.

Last winter, when, deserted by her husband, she found that she must ear a living for herself and children or become dependent upon relatives who could ill afford to provide for her. Her husband had kept a large force of men busy in the botter cleaning business. His principal patrons were steamboat owners and captains. Mrs. Harris took charge of her absent husband's office, in search of clews to his whereabouts, and in the mail she found many orders to clean steamship

boilers. The work was urgent, there was no time to waste, so she called her husband's employes together, and told them she was going to continue the husiness and asked operation, which they were glad to give, inasmuch as they knew their own livelihood in a measure depended upon her success. She made one of the men foreman, and then proceeded to the wharf, where she met the captain of a big steamship, and, after closing a contract, set her men to work. The plucky young woman, after several months in business, says she never had so much money in her life.

TRY GUESSING DISTANCES.

Interesting Pastime for the Young Folks When Time Hangs Heavily.

Almost everyone knows that th head of an ordinary horse is as long as a barrel, but not many persons would have thought it so without measuring. When you have a rainy day or a dull evening try a distanceguessing contest, suggests the Washington Star. Let each player have pencil and paper and write down the list of things to be measured. All have a voice in making up the lists Some one suggests height of the table. All then write "height of table," and each puts opposite his guess o the height in feet and inches. It the same way other objects are se lected and the distances 'guess' width of door dimensions of ic length and height of mantelp! distance around a circular stand, . tance around Claire's neck or Jackhead dimensions of books and boxes.

height of chairs, pictures and vases. Finally the papers are signed and exchanged, and some one with tape line or rule measures the various distances. The best guess for each object is marked by a cross, the poorest by a cipher. It will be amusing to see how wild some of the guesses are.

Equirrels Take Care of Themselves. "Squirrels need no protection from dors." said Attorney Harry Sloan, Janesville. "In fact, in the park at Madison I have seen them tease dogs for the sport of R. They will scampe into the street, take a tantalizing position and let a dog get nearly to them Then they make for the nearest tree They ascend the tree just far enough to be beyond the dog. They seem to know by instinct just how far the dos can jump and they stay, just beyond his reach. They used to build fence! around the park to protect the squir rels from the dogs, but it was soot discovered that they needed no protection and that they enjoy being chased by their canine enemies."-Milwaukee Sentinel.

Long Drive for Sheep. Without losing a single animal seven shepherds recently drove a fied of 14,000 sheep from Mamuga, it Queensland, to Narrabri, in New Souti Wales, a distance of 900 miles - Syd ney Bulletin.

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