Worth Only Twenty Cents. The government is now minting silwer dollars worth only 20 cents apiece. Already the work has been started at the mint in Philadelphia and within a few days 300,000 of them will be turned aut. They will be only 35 per cent. silser, the balance being copper and nick-

s, but they will circulate at full value. Happily, they are not intended for circulation in this country. The work is being done for the Dominican repub-Be and the dollars will be sent to Santo Domingo. The design of the coins was furnished by the Dominican treasury department and in no respect, excepting shape, resembles the dollar of the

United States. It has long been the custom of the United States to make the money of several South American countries, and ms an act of comity and good will the work is done at the actual cost of labor and metal. The present order from. Santo Domingo also includes 300,000 half-dollars, 375,000 quarter-dollars and 750,000 dimes.

The mint bureau has just filled an order from Costa Rica for a large quantity of gold coins. The government of Costa Rica is so pleased with the coinage that it has ordered, through its minister at Washington, 40,000 more coins of gold. Estimates as to the cost of producing them are now being prepared by the director of the mint. Costa Rica has recently adopted a gold besis and hence the necessity for gold

The first work of this kind done by the United States was in 1876, when \$100,000 worth of minor coins were turned out for the government of Vene-

### LETS DEADLY SNAKES BITE.

Dr. Jeseph Thompson, Jr., Experiments with Venomous Reptiles. Dr. Joseph Thompson, Jr., and his

collection of precious snakes will soon be removed from Edgewater, Staten bland, N. Y. There is joy accordingly among the doctor's neighbors, not berause they dislike the doctor, but they really don't care for snakes. On several occasions they have been scared half silly because they escaped. The doctor has been appointed assistant sur-

geon of the navy.

There is in the snakes a scientific sharm for Dr. Thompson, and his experiments with his "pets," in which he has made himself a subject for their poismed fangs, are startling. The doctor not only handles the reptiles unconsernedly without gloves, but has allowed one of the most poisonous of his pets to sink its fangs in the flesh of his fore arm, and all for the sake of science. By the prompt administration of anti-Jotes Dr. Thompson has prevented serisas results.

He has worked with poisonous snakes and on for about five years, beginsing with a North American rattler, which he captured on Tongue mountain, near Lake George, by which snake be was bitten on the knuckle of the index finger of the right hand.

"I was away from the village," said the doctor, "and my only hope was to hite the poison out, which I did." Then he exhibited the hole in the knuckle, at the same time taking down a large ratther from the wall, saying: "That is the overcoat of the fellow that bit me. There are only three very poisonous makes in this country—the rattler, copperhead and moccasin. None of them will have any effect on a person properly treated with antivenene, the antidote brought out by the French scientist

# ELOPES WHEN HYPNOTIZED.

Young White Baltimore Girl Runs Away with a Negro.

A singular elopement, with alleged hypnotism as its foundation, was displosed before Magistrate Jermon at the central police station Philadelphia the other day.

Joseph Daniels, a middle-aged colared man with flowing Dundreary whiskers, had a hearing and was held mithout ball for trial for having eloped from Baltimore to Philadelphia with pretty Sallie Johnson, aged 15, a petite Baltimore girl, whom Daniels had employed in his oriole city music store.

Sallie said at the hearing that Danhels "had some influence over her which she could not explain," so she yielded when a week ago he told her to tell her mother he was about to give the girl a position in a new music store in Philadelphia. Thus the ill-mated pair Phoped to the Quaker city.

They were quickly followed by

Thomas J. Owens, of Baltimore, the girl's uncle, who has turned prosecutor. Sallie is still under the dusky Dundreary's "influence," however.

# BOB KNOCKS OUT A BEAR.

Fitzsimmons Teaches a Pet That Ir-

regular Hugging Is Not Proper. Fitzsimmons' pet bear escaped the other day from the yard where it is kept at Rye beach, N. Y. Bob and his log Yarrum started in pursuit. When mught, the bear turned upon Fitzsimmons and began hugging him around the neck. Then it was that the conqueror of Corbett brought into play his good right "duke." Again and again he struck the bear on the side of the head. Although they were triphammer blows they seemed to make no more impression on her than if delivered by a baby's chubby fists. Then "Bob" stopped fooling. He gave the bear one of his world-famed taps on the solar plexus, and Jennie promptly threw up the sponge. She doubled up and fell in a heap. A few minutes later the was again enjoying the lawn with-

in the radius of the chain. Diamond Output.

With regard to diamonds, the four principal mines of the Kimberley district employ about 8,000 persons. From 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 carats are turned out each year, and up to 1892 ten tons of diamonds, valued at £60,000,000, had come from these mines.

### INSANITY FROM SHOCK Rervous Temperaments Become Over-

strained.

The pathetic recital of the experience of the engineer whose reason was shattered by his train running over and killing two men, leads thoughtful persons to the contemplation of the exceeding frailty of humanity and the awful consequences to the sensitive mind of such an accident as that which was the real cause of the collision of two trains.

Of a highly nervous temperament, the engineer, while he felt himself guiltless of murder, was yet so overcome with the knowledge that he had taken two lives that he was wholly unbalanced, and probably in the most mechanical way, with his hand on the lever, sent his train along the tracks, completely oblivious of the danger that threatened him. The piteous appeal to his fellows, asking them if he really was to blame, is one of the most pitiful incidents in the affair. Experts say that an engineer can only pass through a given amount of strain, and that once having passed this point he is scarcely accountable for what he may do, says the

New York Ledger. There is a great difference in people, however, as to the effect which such calamities have upon them. People of stolid and unimpressible temperaments may pass through such experiences and be but slightly overcome by them, but it is a dangerous thing for the sensitive, highly organized mind to be placed in such an awful position.

# ALL BIRDS NOT GEESE

Decoys Do Not Always Work Successfully.

Despite the success with which decoys are sometimes used by skillful hunters, birds, in the wild state at least, are not easily deceived, says an exchange. Their sense of hearing is peculiarly acute, and their instinct enables them instantly to detect the slightest variation in the song of one of their own kind-as is laughably illustrated in the following true story:

A bird catcher, wishing to increase his stock of bullfinches, took out his limed twigs-i. e., twigs covered with a strongly adhesive preparation, by alighting on which the poor birds were caught like flies on sticky fly-paperand arranged them in what he considered a promising place. For a decoy he took along a tame bullfinch in cage. Now it happened that this bird was, for a bullfinch, highly educatedovereducated, in fact. At first the decoy uttered a few natural notes, and its cry attracted several of its kindred, who posted themselves at a little distance, watching the bird in the cage with much curiosity. Presently they began to approach, hopping, inch by inch, toward the fatal twigs. But just at this critical moment the trained bullfinch, carried away by the excitement of so interesting an occasion, began to pipe the old country dance known as Nancy Dawson," and away flew all the intended victims as fast as their wings could carry them.

### A GIRL'S SHREWD PLAN. How She Finds Out a Man's True

Nature. A captivating girl who carried a lorgnette was talking recently to a party of her friends and her words must have borne weight, for the other girls were listening. When girls are not all talking at once it's a pretty good indication that the one who is thus permitted to monopolize the conversation is something worth while. "When I feel that a man is becoming interested in me to the exclusion of other girls," said she of the lorgnette, "I at once put him to a test which is calculated to bring his true nature to the surface. Of course, you all know what posers men are, and ho they are on dress parade when the girls are about. Well, my test is this: I make an engagement with him to go off somewhere at eight in the morning. Nine men out of ten will be late. At that hour of the morning a man is usually disagreeable and hateful. He will be unshaven. His breath will be reminiscent of stale tobacco smoke, and possibly of last night's libations. His conversational powers, usually so scintillating at night, you will find to be shorn of their attractions. If you want to look behind the screen of a man's conventionality, put him to this test. If he comes through it under favorable conditions, he will make a good husband. But I've never seen one that could stand the test to my satisfaction, and I've tried it

#### SALOON STRAWS ARE COSTLY. Particular Care Required in Picking and Shipment.

"The straws through which we imbibe mint juleps and other supposably cooling decoctions in summer cost the saloon men about as much as do their free lunches," said a red-faced man who sat at a table in the St. Nicholas cafe slowly sipping a julep through a couple of straws, says the St. Louis Republic. "I just found this out the other day and I have felt sorry for the saloon men ever since, because every fellow who uses a straw feels that it is his duty to destroy it with his drink. The saloon men get their supply of straws from the big glass houses, and the most of these establishments keep a regular force of hands employed all through the summer season cutting and preparing the straws for use. Usually somebody has to be sent to the country to select the straw from the farmer, and then it has to be handled with great care in getting it to the city. This, of course, is an item of expense which must be made out of the saloon men."

Dismantling Mayence. It is stated that the German military authorities have decided to demolish the fortifications and the walls of Mayence, the most strongly fortified city of Germany, which has witnessed so many fierce struggles and historical

### AN ALIBI OFFICE A Curious Institution Opened Up in

Novel ideas are being put into practice every day, and if rumor is to be believed the latest thing in original conceptions has assumed the form of an alibi office. What is an alibi office? the bewildered reader may be inclined to ask, says a Paris correspondent of the London Telegraph. Well, in this particular case it is an establishment which undertakes to post letters from any and every corner of the world. It is, in fact, a sort of philanthropic institution, devised for the benefit of persons who, while remaining quietly at home in a sort of incognito condition, can make believe that they are on a long tour. Thus is human vanity satisfled, and thus are the expenses of a regular journey saved. A man takes leave of his friends at the close of the season, with the announcement that his recreation will assume the form, for instance, of a run through Spain and Portugal; and at regular intervals follow letters from Madrid, Seville, Lisbon, Oporto, and so on, duly stamped and postmarked. The alleged promoters of the enterprise are represented as arguing that after all this pleases some people who do not care for the trouble and fatigue of traveling, but are eager to enjoy the prestige with which a grand tour will, as they fancy, invest them in the eyes of their friends. After all, this may be mere report, for the office is described as being a very discreet institution, having no outward and visible sign of existence.

### THE BROWN-TAIL MOTH. A Poisonous Pest of Massachusetts

Towns. Many residents of Somerville have been afflicted recently with a strange disease, which baffled the physicians, and for which no one could offer an explanation, says the Boston Transcript. They seemed to have been victims of ivy poisoning, the hands and arms reddening and swelling, but they had not touched any ivy. It is now definitely known that the trouble all came from the presence of that new pest, the brown-tail moth.

This discovery was made by the employes of the gypsy moth committee, who, to their sorrow, have found that to touch a brown tail moth is equivalent to taking a dose of poison. When the employes of the committee began their annual work of turning burlaps to see how many pupa had secreted themselves thereunder, they found in the places contiguous Somerville a number of pupa of the brown-tailed moth. Grown careless by the innocent nature of the ocneria dispar, they plucked them off and destroyed them. Then the trouble began, and loud are the complaints of the men with poisoned hands and arms. The moths are now handled gingerly. The center of the gypsy moth pestilence has moved from the Malden-Medford district, where it originally developed, to the Saugus woods. It is estimated that the committee men are slaughtering 100,000 daily.

# LINCOLN AND THE DANDY.

A Humorous Reminiscence of the

Famous President. In some gossip from the national capitol Henry L. Stoddard says: "Among the applicants for foreign missions in Washington recently was a New England man attired so faultlessly that he might have served for a fashion plate. He reminded the veteran Tom Donaldson of a story told of an Ohio dandy whom President Lincoln appointed as consul to a South American country. A wag met the new appointee on his way to the white house to thank the president. He was dressed in the most extravagant style. The wag horrified him by telling him that the country to which he was assigned was noted chiefly for the bugs that abounded there and made life unbearable. 'They'll bore a hole clean through you before a week has passed,' was the comforting assurrance of the wag as they parted at the white house steps. The new consul approached Lincoln with disappointment clearly written all over his face. Instead of joyously thanking the president, he told him the wag's story of the bugs. 'I am informed, Mr. President,' he said, 'that the place is full of vermin and that they'll eat me up in a week's time.' 'Well, young man,' replied Lincoln, 'if that's true all I've got to say is that they will leave a mighty good suit of clothes behind."

# SIXTY YEARS LETTER-CARRIER.

Hannah Brewer Equals the Queen in

Years of Service. Hannah Brewer, the old Bitton postmistress, who has just joined the ranks of the superannuated, has recently told a representative of the London Daily Mail that she has been delivering letters without intermission during the whole 60 years of the queen's reign. She began when a child of 12, and during her many years of service had walked 250,000 miles. Her father was subpostmaster of the village, and the district she covered consisted of the scattered hamlets lying between Wick and Bitton, on the borders of Gloucester. Her daily round was 11 miles in all weathers, and included many steep hills. Although the district is sparsely populated, the old lady said she had never been robbed, stopped or molested in any way. Her travels, apart from her daily visitations, have never extended beyond Bath or Bristol, and since 1892 she has lived alone, those related to her being too poor to render her any assistance. Notwithstanding the hardships she has undergone, old Hannah Brewer has enjoyed good health during her term of office. Her absences from duty, she said, had been very few indeed, and now, at the advanced age of 72 years, she has retired from the service of the postmaster-general on a small but well-deserved pen-

### SPARROW AND ELEPHANT. Contest That Was Decidedly,

A pugnacious sparrow the other day flew into the elephant house in the Central park menagerie and began picking up the crumbs from the table of the only elephant then inside. The mammoth and midget apparently did not see each other for some time, says the New York Herald, until the former, in shifting his position, nearly placed his ponderous foot on the latter. The fighting little speck of fuss and feathers evidently accepted this thoughtless act as a challenge to battle, and at once flew in the elephant's face. The great beast looked astonished, and, sending a small cyclone through his trunk raised such a cloud of hay and dust that the bird was lost sight of.

When the air cleared the biped was seen on the quadruped's back. A shake of the elephant's loosely fitting, tough though sensitive hide frightened the litthe fellow, who hopped to the floor and looked into the face of his antagonist.

Thus they stood, as though trying to recover breath, for a few seconds, when the elephant reached out his trunk toward the sparrow. The bird, with outstretched wings and ruffled feathers, threw himself with full force at the end of the threatening proboscis. Then came a gentle blast of air from the elephant's lungs, and the sparrow was blown against the wall of the house. The little fellow, without even so much as a parting look at his huge antagonist, mounted to the open window and disappeared.

# GRANT'S PIANO PLAYING.

A Decidedly Unmusical But Interesting Performance.

Grant stories are now in order, and one told by a white house attache recently has probably never been printed before. It was a matter of current history that Gen. Grant did not know how to whistle, nor could he turn a tune if his life depended upon it. On one occasion, says the Chicago Tribune, when an attendant came to deliver cards from a party of callers, he found President Grant sitting at a piano in one of the upper rooms of the white house drumming away with a twofinger exercise. Mrs. Grant was an amused spectator of the general's piano exercises, and neither of them heard the messenger at the door with the visiting cards.

Finally, however, the attendant opened the door, but this did not in the least disconcert the president, who kept on practicing as though he was really enjoying it. "Here are the cards, Ulys," said Mrs. Grant, "of a party of friends whom we invited here this evening. They are anxious to see you, and if you are not too much interested in the piano we will go downstairs in the blue parlor."

"Don't you think you can get along without me this evening?" replied President Grant. "It seems to me this calling business is your affair, and I would a great deal rather play the piano than plunge into the vortex of society."

### HE WAS PERPLEXED.

James Felt Unequal to His Unique Task.

The directors of a bank had engaged the services of a watchman, who came well recommended, but did not beem over-experienced. The chairman, says an exchange, therefore, sent for him to post up a bit, and began:

"James, this is your first job of this kind, isn't it?" "Vac sir'

"Your duty must be to exercise vigilance."

"Yes, sir," "Be careful how strangers approach

"I will, sir." "No stranger must be allowed to enter the bank at night under any pre-

text whatever."

'No, sir." "And our manager-he is a good man, honest, reliable and trustworthy; but it will be your duty to keep your eye on him."

"But it will be hard to watch two men and the bank at the same time." "Two men-how?"

"Why, sir, it was only yesterday that the manager called me in for a talk, and he said you were one of the best men in London, but it would be just as well to keep both eyes on you and let the directors know if you hung around after hours."

Decreasing Birth Rates in America. French economists are consoling themselves for the gradual depopulation of their country, pointing out that many of the American states, including the whole of New England, are still worse off, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The birth rate in France has fallen from 33 per 1,000 at the beginning of the century to 22 per 1,000, and is less than the death rate, so that, if the present conditions continue, in about 200 years the French race will have become extinct. In many of the United States, however, matters are even more serious. The birth rate in Nevada is 16.30 per 1,000, so that, even if no more people should emigrate from that state, its population would die out completely in less than 100 years. Maine comes next with a birth rate of 17.99 per 1,000, which gives its race about a century longer to exist. New Hampshire is third, with 18.4 per 1,000. Vermont is fourth, with 18.5, and strange to say, California, which comes next, has a birth rate of 19.4 per 1,000, or nearly 12 per cent. less than that of France.

Stays for Men. In 1614 stays were introduced into the costumes of gentlemen, to keep the doublet straight and confine the waist.

Turkish Turbans. A Turkish turban of the largest size contains 20 yards of the finest and

### HOW SHE FIXED HIM. One Way of Disposing of an Obnextons Suitor.

He was a theatric lover, and she didn't like his style a little bit, says the New.

York Sun. He was constant in his devotion, however, and that made matters worse. She had tried gentle means to get rid of him, but he had disregarded

them with painful persistency. In this moment of her desperationhe felt it incumbent upon him to pro-

pose to her as men under similar circumstances so often do. Which they wouldn't if they had any sense at all.

"Dear one," he exclaimed, hurling himself tragically at her feet, "I love you. My life is yours. Will you take

She did not look like a murderess. "Mr. Singleton," she responded, with calm determination, "I will."

He gazed at her rapturously. "Don't do that," she begged, drawing back from him as if in horror. "I have taken your life, as you requested me to do, and you are henceforth to all intents and purposes dead."

He seemed dazed. "I do not, Mr. Singleton," she continued, turning aside, "desire to have a dead person in the house, and if you do not go away at once I shall ring for an ambulance and have you removed to the morgue."

Then the dreadful situation in which his own precipitate folly had placed him was revealed, and he removed himself with promptness and dispatch.

### ACRES OF PINK POND LILIES. Floral Display That Delights Con-

necticut Railway Travelers. One of the most beautiful floral exhibits in New England is upon "Tadpole," a famous pond lily pond on the line of the Norwich & Worcester railroad, one mile above Jewett City, Conn. The surface of the pond is now a mass of pink and white pond lilies, and their fragrance is carried for miles by the

No one knows how long this remarkable garden of pond Illies has been in existence, but for many years Tadpole's lilies have been sought by picnic parties from near-by counties in this state. Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Cartloads of the flowers are carried away, but there seems to be no diminution in the supply.

summer winds, says the New York

The railroad comes suddenly upon the pond, which it divides in halves, and in an instant the passengers detect the fragrance of the lilies and throw up the windows, the better to view the beautiful and unusual sight. In one section of Tadpole there is a large tract of lilies the blossoms of which are of so rich a pink as to be almost rose colored, it is said. They are of exceedingly rare beauty and are much sought after by collectors.

Tadpole's unromantic name comes from its being a favorite place for young frogs. It has been known by this title for years, but an effort is now making to change its name to the still more unromantic one of Clayville pond.

### PLANS TO SURPRISE THE WORLD Germany Preparing a Dazzling Ex-

hibit for the Paris Exposition. The German government has in course of preparation an exhibit for the Paris exposition of 1900 which is expected to surpass anything of the kind ever attempted by any nation This statement is made by Consul-General Mason, of Frankfort, Germany, in a report which reached the state depart-

ment the other day.
"It is intended," Mr. Mason says, "that the exhibit shall be a complete, harmonius picture of the resources and industries of Germany, down to the latest date. Everything is to be collected at home, assorted, adjudged, classified and its position assigned by an imperial commission, so that duplicates and everything trivial and inferior to the best shall be excluded and the whole display presented in its most striking and effective form.

"The exhibit promises to be even a greater surprise than was Germany's at Chicago in 1893, and it will be made and managed for the express purpose of showing the merchants of all civilized nations what Germany has to sell."

Mr. Mason reports that Germany is doing everything possible to extend her commerce, having recently sent commissions to China and Japan and South America for this purpose. Her trade with the United States is being fostered as much as possible and he predicts that Germany will continue to follow this policy in the hope of eventually being the greatest commercial power of the world.

A Barnyard Phenomenon. The changed conditions of modern society seem to have struck some of the lower orders of animal life. The report comes from the national military home at Marion, Ind., that "a common Shanghai rooster has taken it upon himself to hatch out a brood of chicks and act as mother and protector to them. He 'set' on a nest of eggs the requisite three weeks and hatched out the fluffy chicks in regular fashion, and now he seems to be very proud of his accomplishment. He fondles and protects them after the fashion of a loving and jealous mother. The story of this queer rooster's peculiar act has brought many people to the barns to observe the barnyard phenomenon."

Manners in Sweden. In Sweden, if you address the poorest person on the street, you must lift your hat. The same courtesy is insisted upon if you pass a lady on the stairway. To enter a reading-room or a bank with one's hat on is regarded as

impolite. Age and Crime. Twice as many crimes are committed in Paris by those between the ages of 15 and 20 as by those between 30

MACHINERY-MADE EGGS.

Company Formed to Drive Hens Out of the Business.

Contracts Placed for \$150,000 Worth of Machinery for Factory to Be Established at Beaver

Falls, Pa. Several times within the past ten years the public has been assured that at some time in the future eggs would be manufactured and put on the market at a price that would drive every selfrespecting hen out of the business. The proposition was regarded by the aforesaid public as the natural result of a "pipe dream," and no credence was

placed in it. Now, it seems the making of eggsand good eggs-is no longer a chimera, a company having been formed in Pittsburgh that means the beginning of the hen's final extinction. Of course, the good housewife, out of respect to tradition, may continue to support in luxury a dozen or so big Brahmas, merely to keep the pastor from looking guilty when he is invited out to dinner.

But the hen's mission as a purveyor of suitable garnishment for ham and bacon will have become a sinecure, and it is hardly probable that the farmer will favor "wholesale and indiscriminate

pensioning." The facts about this new industry that wantonly tramples on the vested rights of hens, as stated by the Pittsburgh Post, are as follows. A company has about decided to locate its plant at Beaver Falls, Pa. Fred Avery, manager of the Hotel Victoria, has offered the company 2,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Mount Clemens, Mich., if it will establish the plant at that place, but the parties interested favor this section. of the country on account of the facilities offered for shipping. Gustave Newman, the principal stockholder in the company, visited Beaver Falls recently. and has secured an option on a piece of ground which he thinks will be entirely suitable for the purposes of his con-

Contracts have been placed for \$150,-000 worth of machinery for the plant, and as soon as the site has been agreed upon contracts for the building will be let. It is expected that the factory will be in operation early in the fall.

One important feature of the scheme has not been mentioned. The shells of the eggs manufactured, after they have been used and discarded, will be repurchased by the company and sold to manufacturers of rubber shoes. A rebate will be allowed hotels and restaurants on old shells. The bitumen in the egg shells is said to be valuable for the purpose of polishing rubber. Rubber shoes are now polished by means of friction, which is both troublesome and expensive, and members of the new egg company say they can dispose of discarded egg shells for this purpose. The gentleman interviewed said:

"By disposing of the egg shells in this manner we can make enough to pay all shipping expenses, and that will be quite an item, for we intend to place large quantities in the English mar-

### MICA MINES IN NEW JERSEY. Two Young Men Stumble Upon Very. Valuable Deposits.

To two young men who live in Bloomingdale, but whose identity has not yet been disclosed, belongs the credit of the discovery of a rich deposit of mica in Passaic county, N. J. Great results are expected as the outcome of careful investigation, and on Wednesday of next week a meeting of the interested persons will be held in Paterson to form a company, for the presidency

of which Gov. John W. Griggs is slated. "It's better than a gold mine," say those who know. The reason for that conclusion is that, besides the vast quantities of white mica which are in sight, there are apparently large deposits of other minerals of a high commercial value. Then, too, say the experts, there are great possibilities of the finding of deposits of garnets, the resting place of which are generally beds of mica.

The exact place where all this treasure has been found is Federal Hill, one of New Jersey's beauty spots, which dates back to the revolutionary period in history. Land up that way wasn't worth more than perhaps \$20 an acreuntil a few weeks ago. The mica is worth in this market about \$2,500 a ton.

#### FINDS A SNAKE IN THE ICE BOX. Big Reptile Creates Consternation. in Bloomfield (N. J.) Household.

A monster snake created consternation at the home of Town Clerk William L. Johnson, at Bloomfield, N. J., the other afternoon. The reptile was discovered by the servant, Mary Kunsy. When she

raised the lid of the ice box in the cellar the snake glided out from among the family provinder there. The girl shricked and nearly fainted. Memebers of the family rushed to the scene, and as soon as the girl recovered her speech she gave such a vivid description of the snake the Johnsons came to the conclusion that a boaconstrictor at least was in the cellar. A search was made for the reptile, but it could not be found.

Digestion and Rest. Digestion proceeds more rapidly in the horse with active exercise than when eating is followed by a period of rest, according to the experiments of Dr. Tange, of Buda-Pesth. In the dog and in man the opposite is true, which shows how unsafe it is to infer results in one animal from observations on another.

African Territory and Population. Africa comprises nearly 11,520,000 square miles, and probably contains. over 190,000,000 people.

British Charities. The United Kingdom spends more than \$50,000,000 a year on charities of

various kinds.

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