TRADES.

Prosh So they Were

The woman who is always stumbilling on things had an experience the other day which she declares wounded her in the deepest part of her nature and shook her faith in an -mucient institution, says the New Work Commercial Advertiser. She was detained on the top floor of a hig out-of-town store until the crowding of the elevators with the employes made her prefer to find her way out by the stairways. One of the floors of the building seemed, mhe says, to be devoted solely to the autoring of goods, and as she passed her the open door of one of the rooms was this floor her attention was at-#racted by hearing a man's voice exminim in tones of satisfaction: "There, they wouldn't take 'em nice and fresh. Let's see if they'll take em this way." Through the open door the astonished shopper saw a member of the firm industriously sprinkling a pile of clean shirt waists with a watering pot. An attendant briskly supplied fresh waists as the pile diminished, and preparations for m "great fire sale" were evidently under way. Next day the involuntary discoverer of the shrewd plan to gratify the bargain hunter found herself unable to keep away from the fire sale," and there, sure enough, were the crumpled half-dollar waists of the week before selling at 49 cents, and plenty of takers.

#### SPLICES GREAT SNAKES.

Memarkable Accomplishment of a Yale Professor in This Line,

Prof. Dickson, of Yale, camping on Endian Creek, Col., has demonstrated the possibility of welding two snakes together so that the bodies would manite and continue to grow as one, smays the New York World.

While it was admitted that human meants could be made to grow together, it was contended that the sluggish circulation of the reptiles would mailitate against success.

A rattler was extended with an aron hoop circling his head. An adder was obtained and cut in two. The rattler was treated in the same way. The rear half of the adder was then mewed to the front of the rattler with a strong thread, and after 24 hours. The iron collar was removed and the temposite reptile was placed in a songe, where he squirmed around with every evidence of vitality in his neher

The absence of the customary ratfile and warning puzzled the rattler
when a rabbit was shoved into the
iden. His supply of virus, however,
was not diminished by his curtailment, for when he struck the rabbit
fit began to swell and in an hour was
idead. The metamorphosed rattler
with be kept under scientific scrutiny
for the next two months.

# THE BROWN PELICAN.

Like His White Brother the Bird is Likely to Be Exterminated in Florida.

Bird Lore has a beautifully illustrated article on Pelican island, in the Indian river, and the editor inwokes the aid of the Jacksonville Times-Union in the effort to save this, harmless and picturesque bird from the extermination that has alweady overtaken his white brother of the same coast. It is pointed out that the larown pelican of Florida has now senly one rookery, which is so convenient to the reckless gunners that reshaughter during the helpless period of incubation is doing its appointed

work. The legislature would gladly add manother good law to our statute book, but has this availed to save the egret, the paroquet, or the pink curhew? Until the people themselves asternly repress such cruelty it will secontinue in defiance of law, and it is Thetter not to tempt defiance and encourage the spirit of lawlessness. The Floridian instinctively revolts against any appearance of inhospitality. Too many are interested in seeking every pastime for those who seare nothing for our future. We fear the pelican must go the way of the :: samingo.

Although coal is scarce, and forests -cease to grow many miles southward. the people of the frigid zones of Norway have an inexhaustible supply of meat, which is more easily worked into whape for fuel than either coal or wood mend makes a hotter fire than either, writes W. E. Curtis, in Chicago Record-Merald. Peat bogs are found everywhere in arctic Norway, on the deso-Inte table lands, on the rocky sides of the mountains, in the bottoms of the walleys, in the inhabited districts in-Sand, along the shores of the fjords and upon nearly all the islands. The meat bogs of northern Norway, so far ms surveyed, cover an area of 4,630 square miles, or nearly four percent.

Japanese Legend of the Peach. Almost all fruits and flowers have Cheir legend. One about the peach somes from Japan and tells how a poor, pious old couple were searchang for food by the roadside. The woman found a peach, which she would not eat of, though starving, All she could share it with her hussand. He cut it exactly in half, when an infant leaped forth. It was muc of the gods who had, he said, secidentally fallen out of the peach prehard of heaven while playing. Me told them to plant the atone of the peach, and it brought them hapginess, friends and wealth.

of the surface of the entire country.

#### AN ILLINOIS SNAKE.

Takes Up Quarters in a Newspaper Office and Expels the Mise,

Every well-regulated printing office has a watering can in which water is kept to wet the type. For want of a better place, the one in the Home Journal office is usually kept on a window sill on the north side of the room. One day during the recent drought two of our printers were sitting on their stools at this window sticking type, when they were nearly petrified by the sight of a snake protruding its head above the sill from the outside. The boys almost broke their necks in getting away. Reaching over into the pan, the snake took a good drink, and, before the startled printers could secure a club with which to dispatch the reptile, it had disappeared, says the Lacon (Ill.) Home Journal.

The next day at the same hour the anake came for another drink, and this was repeated the third and fourth days, but the last time it was attacked from the rear by a big black Thomas cat that makes its home at Lester's livery barn, next door. It was a lively fight for a few seconds, but the cat was too much for the snake, although it was fully four feet long, and the reptile made a shoot for the rear of the office. The cat was after it like a streak of lightning, but the snake found a hole in the brick wall and disappeared under the building.

That was two weeks ago. Before that time the printing office was overrun with mice, but since then there hasn't been a mouse about the place. Any of our readers who are troubled with mice are cordially invited to come and borrow our snake for a few days.

#### ONE MACHINE GUN.

Properly Worked Is Equal in Effect to Two Hundred Rifes Well Handled.

The destructive power of the machine gun as compared to the small arm even in large numbers has been the subject of interesting trials abroad, reports of which have reached the navy department here, says the Baltimore Sun.

That one machine gun properly and effectively worked is equal to 200 rifles in the hands of as many soldiers has been amply demonstrated. Each shot from the machine gun works greater injury also to the body struck than the small bullet of the army rifle, and its range is far greater.

In recent trials 50 marksmen were chosen to compete with the Hotch-kiss eight-millimeter gun, which has lately been widely adopted in France and Germany. The ranges fired were from 400 to 800 yards. At 800 yards the 80 riflemen, each having five rounds independently, obtained 54 hits, or 23.6 per cent. of the number of rounds fired. Thirty-two men were then chosen from among the 50, and these had to fire each eight rounds in 30 seconds. Under these conditions 34, or 13.3 per cent. of the rounds expended, were recorded.

The machine gun was then brought into action, and in 28 seconds fired 211 bullets, making 145 hits. It was shown from the results that the machine gun was far ahead in hits made and rapidity of fire. No such practical tests of the relative merits of the machine gun and a number of small arms have been made before.

# WINDOWS CLEANED AT NIGHT.

Expedient Adopted in a Building So Tall That Workmen Become Dissy,

"We have introduced an innovation in our building, that is practiced nowhere else in town," said the agent of a New York skyscraper, reports the Sun. "We clean our windows at night.

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"Our chief reason for the change
was that from the very beginning our
building has seemed to be a regular
hoodoo for window cleaners. Although
no higher than a good many other
buildings in town, the situation has
the effect of making the cleaners lose
their heads and no matter what precautions were adopted hardly a week
passed that somebody did not fall and
break his neck or his shoulder blade,
or, at the very least, skin his crazy

"After two or three score cleaners had been incapacitated for duty by tumbling out of our windows the whole fraternity began to fight shy of us. They all said that to look down at that particular section of the street made them so dizzy that they couldn't keep right side up even though tied to the sill, and at last, as a remedy, we suggested that the windows be washed at night when the distance to the sidewalk would be eliminated by the dark-

"We found a man who seemed willing to risk his neck, and as he scrubbed all one night without suffering bodily injury, he agreed to serve us regularly thenceforward. So we have all the work done at night now."

Pire Plugs in Kamsas Prairies.

The traveler over the Kansas prairies finds many towns that once had waterworks systems now containing only a dozen people. The fire plugs are sticking out in the buffalo grass and they are the playgrounds of prairie dogs and the roosting places of the prairie owls.

New York's Roof Dwellings.
On the roofs of some of the high buildings in New York little houseware erected in which dwell those connected with the care-taking of the structures. Families are reared there and all the business of life goes on as unconcerned as with those who dwell at a lower

#### PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

"I cometimes think myself he's not a good actor." "Good? Why, I'm willing to bet even his liver doesn't act right."—Philadelphia Times.

"Your ancestors must all have been fighting men." "Oh, no; those are only papa's lodge swords. He is a 'joiner,' you know."—Indianapolis News.

She-"It's no use bothering me, Jack. I shall marry whom I please." He-"That's all I'm asking you to do, my dear. You please me well enough!"—Punch.

Patron—"On what plan is this meal served?" Waiter—"A la carte, sir." Patron—"A la cart, eh? That accounts for this steak. It's horse meat, sure."—Philadelphia Press.

"Ha, ha! I think those jokes about the women who shop and don't buy are too funny." The Other—"Do, eh? That's because you're not married and don't have to foot the bills when they come in!"—Town and Country.

Barber—"Yes, sir; this is an oldestablished shop." Victim—"I thought so. Reminds me of the days when the barber was also the dentist. There's a great deal of pulling done here yet."—Philadelphia Rec-

Bizzer—"May I borrow your umbrella, old man?" Buzzer—"I'm sorry, but it isn't mine." Bizzer—"Oh, then I'll just walk off with it." Buzzer—"Not much! I borrowed that umbrella many months ago."—Ohio State Journal.

"Dubbly, the collector, is a very peculiar fellow, isn't he?" "Worse than that. He's actually daffy." "What is his most peculiar fad?" "He has one of the largest and most expensive collections of receipted bills I ever saw."—Indianapolis News.

#### GOLD CHAIN ON HER ANKLE.

low Pad of the Golf Girl That Has Become Popular of Late.

A young woman living in New York has astonished her friends by the new fashion she has brought home from abroad. Around one of her ankles is linked a gold chain bracelet or anklet of heavy Tuscan gold fastened with a turquoise amulet clasp, says the New York Sun.

This is worn outside the stocking and is plainly in evidence when a golf skirt is worn.

It would seem far too striking a fashion to find favor with women of good taste, but it is difficult to tell exactly what will strike the femining fancy. Already a few of her friends have ordered similar anklets in gun metal and silver of less elaborate fashion than that worn by the young woman, who brought the fad direct from Paris, where it was introduced by a Russian woman of title.

One of these anklets being observed at a Turkish bath patronized by women, the attendant was asked if the custom was general.

"A great many women." said the girl, "wear these chain bracelets, some above the knee and others at the ankle. I have never known of their being worn outside the stocking, however, as I have been usually called to assist the wearer to adjust the stockings over the anklet, sometimes a difficult task to perform without tearing delicate hosiery."

All summer long women have been wearing bracelets outside the sleeve and the new anklet fad seems to have originated in the new and rather pronounced fashion of exhibiting the bracelet. These odd fashions, however, have a short life on this side of the water, although they are carried to extremes abroad, especially by the fashion makers of Paris.

# TOMB OF AN ANCIENT KING.

Objects of Archaeological Interest and Value Uncarthed in Russia.

The grave of a king or chieftain who was buried at Seddin, in Russian West Priegnitz, 3,000 years ago, has been carefully excavated and many bronze objects added to the provincial museum in consequence, says the New York Times. There are beaten and cast bowls, iron pins, rings and knives of bronze, necklaces with enameled beads and bronze tubes and other objects belonging to the bronze age. About the large tumulus there had always hovered the tradition that a king was buried in a triple coffin. When examined it was found to conceal a nine-cornered vault made of large, erratic blocks of stone plastered with clay and painted with red pigment.

In this rude tomb was a gigantic vase of pottery, and within the vase was a box of gilded bronze having lid of the same metal, the box decorated with small knobs. The tradition said three coffins and proved correct. In the box were the remains of a man 30 or 40 years old, whose body had been burned. No inscription was found, and the only means of determining the age of the interment is the style of bronze objects and vase. German antiquarians believe that it belongs to a very early Teutonic race in northern Germany which practiced cremation, a race that was succeeded by a Slavic people, who in turn were driven out very generally by the modern German tribes. It is not a little remarkable that the farming population of Prussia is tending again to Slavs. The German-speaking people are emigrating or moving into the cities and manufacturing towns.

# Glacial Action,

It is to be hoped that the discovery of a buried glacier in Colorado, says the Denver Republican, is not going to cause the New York ice trust to start westward.

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS.

The people of the south think that as soon as they can have faster steamers and more of them they can keep all their cotton mills working full time making cloth for export.

In the 18 years of its existence the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the grand army, has grown from 80 to 143,000 members, and disbursed \$2,500,000 in aid to veterans and their families.

In the time of Pliny silk was supposed to be a vegetable product and his "Natural History" contains a long story of the way in which it was picked from the trees in the East Indies and spun and woven into fabrics.

Arioch, "the Lion King" of Assyria, was so called not only on account of his military achievements, but because his shock of curly hair and grizzled beard gave him something of the appearance of the king of beasts.

The first spelling-book printed in this country was entitled "The American Spelling-Book," by Noah Webster. It was issued in 1783, and for considerably more than half a century was the standard work used in all American schools.

The German railroads are slowly adopting modern ideas. Quite an innovation was inaugurated the other day, when the railroad authorities announced that excursion tickets to London would be good for 45 days, via the Hook of Holland or Antwerp.

The "Alexandrian Era" is by some authorities begun with the death and by others with the birth of Alexander the Great. For a long time after the death of Alexander this era was in common use in Egypt and many of the countries which had been under his rule. It began November 12, 324 B. C.

Birds are made to take their own pictures by the ingenious apparatus of O. G. Pike, an English photographer. A bait of fat is placed on an electrical wire which is so connected with a camera that, when the bait is removed, the camera shutter is released, giving an instantaneous exposure of the sensitive plate.

#### DURING LUCID INTERVALS.

Editor of the Prison Paper,
"Star of Hope."

At county fairs, as in life, the sideshows cost the most.

No man should complain if measured with his own yardstick.

One dressy woman in a block will

run a dozen innocent men in debt.

It's always surprising how much deeper a hole is after one gets into it.

Men always speak of their better

Men always speak of their better halves, simply because they "half" to. People who have nothing to do lead a dog's life hunting entertainment.

The man who is able to keep his mouth shut has a knack of appearing wise.

Zeal and duty are now slow, but curiosity gets there before either of them.

There are more things in some

newspapers than heaven and earth can boast of.

We are our own architects; ideas

are the bricks and preseverance is the mortar.

There are three ways of getting out of a scrape—push out, back out

and keep out.

The full meaning of executive ability is the faculty of getting some one

to do your work.

This checkered career, we call life, is full of mystery, measles and more

or less malaria.

It's the man without much mind who always "has a mind to do" something and never does it.

We may not be able to read a Chinese laundry sign, but we know it is nothing but marks of irony.

"All things come to him who waits," except political "pie;" a fel-

low has to go after that, and sometimes "tip" the waiter.

Some people wear spectacles because they are almost blind; others to prevent themselves from becoming

blind, others just for a blind.
Some men, if thy had a chance, would spend a fortune every week, while others would almost starve if they had all the gold on earth in

their possession.

Old age brings experience, and some kinds of experience brings old age. Guess many of us in durance vile can testify to the truthfulness of the statement.

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One of our exchanges relates that when a farmer's prodigal son recently came home "busted" and hungry, all the old man's fat calves jumped a fence and fled from his ranch. We suppose, in that event, the lad had to take up with pancakes and sausage.

Troubles of a Lady Lecturer.
A certain lady lecturer tells two good stories against herself.

"I was on tour through the provinces," she says. "One night, as I appeared on the platform in a small town, the chairman introduced me to my audience in the following way: "'You have heard of Mr. Gladstone,

the grand old man. Let me now introduce you to the grand old woman."
"This was intended as a sincere compliment.
"On another occasion a bluff old

farmer, who boasted of his ability to look on all sides of a question, announced me as follows:

"This lady's come here to talk about her rights, he said. 'She hired

about her rights,' he said. 'She hired the hall, and so she's got a right to be here, and if any of you don't like what she's got to say, you've got an equal right to walk out in the middle on't.'"—London Tit-Bita.

#### NO ESCORT NEEDED.

The Old Commedore Was Equal to the Occasion as Was Certainly Shown

"I recall an amusing episode in the life of 'Commodore' Tom Keats, who was killed in the Galveston storm," said a resident of that city, relates the New Orleans Times-Democrat. "Back in the early 80's, or thereabouts, he was paymenter on the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railroad. There had been a number of held-ups on the line, and the loss in both money and prestige among the traveling public had been so great that the company finally decided to take extreme measures to put a period to the trouble. Accordingly, they built a special car, designed particularly for the use of the paymaster and for the transportation of extra-valuable express matter. On the outside it looked like any other car, but the interior was so arranged as to make it a veritable fortress on wheels. The walls were lined with sheet-iron, pierced with masked loopholes, and in the center was a sort of a turret, to which entrance couldn't have been forced with anything short of artillery. Four or five noted bad men,' who were employed as guards, secreted themselves inside on every trip, and the old commodors had strict instructions to retire to the turres, with his cash, whenever trouble began.

"About a month after this machine was put into service, the road detectives discovered a plot to hold up the train at a point the other side "of Waco. They learned the exact date of the proposed robbery, and elaborate preparations were made to give the scoundrels the surprise of their lives. When the train pulled out, a special force of guards were in the pay-car.

The crowd included Luke Short, Jim Cartwright, 'Doc' Holliday, and two or three other celebrated mankillers, and all were armed to the teeth with shotguns and revolvers. Unluckily, however, the robbers got wind of the arrangements the day before, and promptly vamoosed. Consequently, there was no attack, and the posse were deeply disappointed.

"After the appointed place had en passed, somebody suggested that it would be a good joke for part of the crowd to slip out at the next station and fire a few shots in the nir, just to see the old paymaster dive into his turret. None of the bad men knew the commodore's record, and they supposed him to be simply an inoffensive old gentleman, who would run like a rabbit at the first alarm. The plan was instantly adopted, and, when the train presently slowed down, three men sneaked away, and a fusillade of pistol-shots rang out from the darkness. There they are!' yelled the guards, who had remained inside, and then lay back to see the fun.

"The commodore remembered his orders, and, at the first report, started instinctively for his turret; but the fighting instinct was too strong, and, dropping his money-sack, he whipped out two enormous revolvers and leaped through the end door. As soon as he struck the ground, he opened fire on the humorists, and the way they sprinted for cover was a caution to snakes. He chased them nearly half a mile across country, and finally lost them in the woods. The others didn't dare to explain, and the train pulled out as soon as the old man returned. The three funny guards had to walk fully 20 miles to the next town, and when they showed up at headquarters were immediately fired. After that episode the company dispensed with their paymaster's escort. They came to the conclusion that the commodore could take care of himself."

# QUEEN ELIZABETH'S CHAIRS.

Some of Them Are Still Preserved at Rushbrooke, in Suffolk, England.

Curiously interesting, says the London Lady's Pictorial, are the Queen Elizabeth chairs. In the days when Sir Robert Jermyn owned the large red-brick moated mansion at Rushbrooke, Suffolk, her majesty, Queen Elizabeth, and the French ambassadors were several times entertained by him, "with which charges and courtesies they stood marvelously contented." The Elizabethan hall still displays as much dignity as when royalty feasted beneath its spacious roof, and nobles and ladies in all the splendor of the sixteenth century waited upon their sovereign within its massive walls. A great deal of interest attaches to the two old chairs, which formed part of the suite used by Queen Elizabeth when she visited Rushbrooke hall, and which are still retained by the present owner, Wyndham Rushbrooke, Esq., as mementoes of her majesty's visits. The highbacked arm-chair is of carved beech. the back and seat are upholstered with the original Genoa velvet with chenille borders. The arms and legs are carved and pierced; cabriole connected with carved scrolled rail in front. The back rails are turned. The chair at his side is also a highback arm-chair, with scrolled legs and arms. The front bar between the legs is carved with the royal crown and scrolls; the top rail and splats at the back are carved with cupids and royal crown; the seat and back are of cane.

#### A Big Concession. Crawford—I hear your wife insisted

on your getting her an automobile.

Crabshaw—Yes: but after refusing to speak to me for three days she was willing to compromise if I bought her an automobile coat.—Judge.

#### THE TRIFLING THINGS.

Disorder and Unhappiness Result from Seglect of the Small Daties,

Successful housekeeping consists in the perfection of many minutiae. A thousand apparently trifling things in themselves make up the management of an orderly home. It is apparently of small moment if breakfast is a few moments late, but a few moments dropped here and a few things awry there in the end make disorder that cannot be overcome by hours of extra work and worry, says the New York Tribune.

A wise mistress plans her work as carefully as a general plans his campaigns. She does not worry over details, because details are so carefully planned that they cannot go awry and become a matter for worry. It has often been said that when the "wires show," or, in other words, when housekeeping becomes mere mechanism, the result is the most abject failure. It is the house mother's duty to build up a home, not a mere hostlery. The martinet is as complete a blunderer in housekeeping as the slattern. Neither Dora Spenlow nor Miss Murdstone was a successful housekeeper, though the latter type drives more homes to wreck and ruin than the former. Homemaking is a holy trust.

true home must be a place of peace, a refuge from the cares and vexations of the world. Nothing is more wearisome than kitchen vexations. The true woman does not parade such trials in public, but with all the skill fa her power she solves her own problems and does not let any vulgar annoyances disturb the peace of her home. No wise woman is exacting with servants beyond justice. She does not call a servant who is engaged for general work away from her duties to wait upon herself and children, but realizes that if she cannot afford to hire a special maid for the purpose she must do without such service. A girl that does washing, ironing, baking, general cooking and scrubbing even for the smallest family cannot be expected to act as waiter. She should not be ordered from her work to do trifling things which do not belong to her routine work. It is difficult to plok up dropped work without considerable

loss of time and working force. in a well-managed household the work of the day and of each part of the day is portioned off from week to week. No unforescen circumstance is allowed to interfere with this routine if it is possible to avoid it. When washing day falls on Monday neither rain nor cloudy weather is allowed to interfere with the work. A good housekeeper has some way of drying clothes indoors when necessary, and she finds this far better than postponing the day and setting all the work of the week awry. Where work is intelligently planned a good maid knows just what each day will bring forth. She will regulate her time according to the work given her, if she can manage to secure a little time to herself. After her work has been faithfully done she should not be interfered with by further demands. It is a triffing thing to allow such a privilege, and any servant will be

grateful for it.

It is a good thing to bind yourself to the same routine that one prescribes for help. Let the hour of each meal be a regular one, and insist that it be on the table at the stroke of the clock. Also insist on regular hours for removing the cloth and putting the room to rights. Few things bring so much disorder as dilatory meals or the habit of allowing the debris to stand for an indefinite time after the table has been deserted.

# Beefsteak Stew.

Take 114 pounds from the under eut of a sirloin of beef, cutting it an inch thick. Make incisions across it, eprinkle flour over it, and lay it in a stewpan with an ounce of butter. Let the butter soak into the meat, but do not let the steak brown. Det the steak cool af or it has absorbed all the butter, i... into it two sliced carrots, a small onion, add sait and a dash of pepper, cover with water, and stew two hours. When done, lay it on toasted bread, much the carrota and put around it, and strain the gravy over it and send to the table .-Housekeeper.

Remove the cucumbers from the brine, wash clean. To every gallon put a small handful of clean hardwood ashes, or half that amount of baking soda; pour over enough boiling water to cover; let stand three hours; rinse them; pour over more hot water, but this time not boiling water. Continue pouring on hot water, letting cool and pouring on more, until the cucumbers are fresh enough to put into vinegar. They will be as solid as when first picked.—Ladies Wogld, New York.

# Jelliof Apples.

Peel, halve and core six large apples. Make a sirup by boiling a pound of sugar and a pint of water. Let boil up once, then put in the apples with two lemons sliced, half a dozen cloves and a few sticks of cinnamon. As soon as the apples are tender take them out carefully and arrange in a dish, hollow side up. Put a spoonful of current or apple jelly in each. Boil down the sirup, let cool a little and pour over the apples.—Bostom Budget.

Vegetable Oyster Soup.

Scrape and slice one quart of the oysters, put on to cook in a quart of mater, boil slowly until very tender, add a pint of milk, salt to taste, and thicken with a spoonful or two of flour; add a cupful of thin, sweet tream, and serve.—Home Magainne.

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