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Snake-Swallowers

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nual convention of the snake-eaters of

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snakes of various sizes were careful-

ly measured and dustributed to the

The "eating" consisted of forcing a

and as soon as the tail had disappeared, which it usually did with extra-

quickly snatched it out of his mouth

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The Heart of Man. This brief summary is necessary in order to make plain what was the I was as well as ever, so that I could problem that confronted Harvey, and start on the road. what was the doctrine which he anow Harvey Discovered The Circulation of the Blood.

OBERTS, in John o' Lon- | tellect were involved. "We are too don's Weekly.) Harvey, like most of the

names to the neglect of things," he said. "Before such titles as Spirit for the scientific and Calidum Innatum we stand have revolutionized huborn and bred agape." Mesopotamia was evidently surroundings. His not the first of the blessed words. Some indication of Harvey's attitude successful almost is shown by a pencil note of his son of a landagainst a passage paying undue homin due course and physician and per- leggs" is Harvey's sneer. end of Charles I. He was

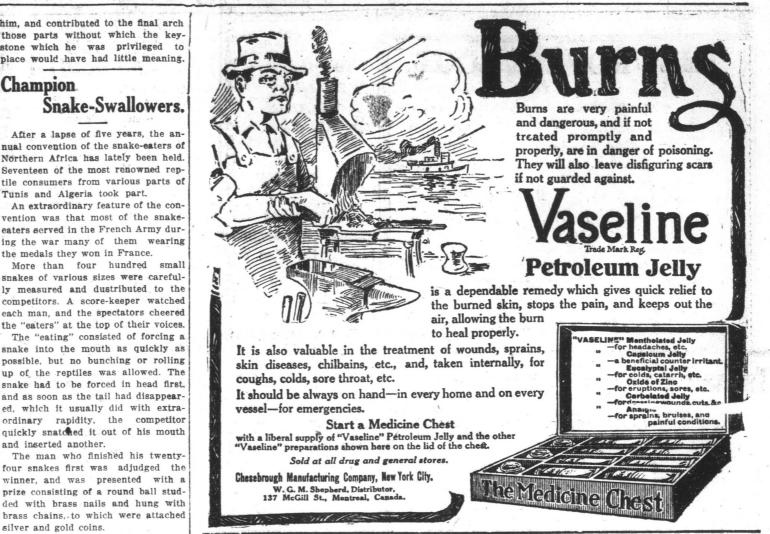
nounced. It is impossible now to learn what views of the functions of the heart and of the circulation of the blood were held in the ancient civilization of Egypt. But we do know the views held by the ancient Greeks. About three hundred years before the much in the habit of worshipping Christian era, a Greek anatomist-

The habit is attacked on health Erasistratus-discovered the valves at grounds by Dr. Arthur MacDonald of the entrance of the great vessels at Washington, who declares that it is their junction with the heart. He responsible for all sorts of evilsperceived that these valves tended to neuralgia and face troubles-and that limit the flow of blood to one direcsuch a habit tends to lessen the tion only. chances, of life. But his discovery only carried him

The right persons to see on such a a short way, for he held, what was versities and became age to rank, in the British Museum then the general view among anatom- delicate subject are the physician and Anatomy to the College copy of Galen's works: "Wooden ists, that the arteries contain air and the barber. But the doctor was rather the veins blood: the idea being that sceptic.

What then is the exact nature of air is collected from the lungs and "Of course, skin troubles are often 578, and it was thirty-eight the discovery with which Harvey's distributed over the body by arteries, the result of unclean shaving," said he first gave utter- name is now universally connected? bad air passing back to the lungs he, "but as long as one shaves with ine of the circulation As most readers now know the heart through them, a to-and-fro movement his own razor there is no danger wattly one week before of man is a muscular organ composed being thus established. No consider- whatever.

at Stratford. It of four chambers known respectively able advance in fathoming what now "As for the danger of neuralgia, it e years later, how- as the right and left auricles and the seems this simple problem was made nay possibly apply to a few par



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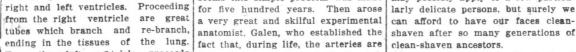
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From the left ventricle proceeds full, not of air, but of blood; and, "Use and habit are the basis of another great tube, the aorta, the further, that the left side of the heart, these things. All through the winter branches of which are distributed as well as the arteries, contains bright Scotchmen and Tiroleans expose their over the entire body. All these tubes red and, as he called it, "pneumatiz- knees. Dutch women their arms up to are known as arteries. Continuous ed" blood; whilst the right side of the shoulders, and Swiss peasant wowith the right auricle are other great the heart and the veins contain dark, men their necks in a sort of round tubes or veins, which also branch and or venous, blood. decollete.

"Why should the practice of expos-Another Columbus. ing the face skin be more harmful Over thirteen hundred years passed than that?"

before any further contribution of But a West-end barber was mos consequence was made to the theory enthusiastic over the suggestion that of the circulation of the blood. Then lives should be saved by beard-grow-Realdus Columbus, a professor at ing. Padua, established the fact of the pul-

"It would be a blessing to us," he monary circulation. He showed that said. "The great majority of men now venous blood passes from the right shave themselves and just drop in for ventricle through the pulmonary aran occasional hair-cut. But a beard teries to the lungs, where it is aerathas to be tended regularly to look ed and returned, through the pulsmart. Our few bearded customers monary arteries to the lungs, where it spend at the barber's shop twice as is aerated and returned, through the much time as the clean-shaven ones.' pulmonary veins, to the left side of He did not, however, think London's

smart young men would be at all keen It was left to Harvey, a few years on growing anything but a diminutive later, to establish the further truth, moustache

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that the aerated blood, received into Girls won't have the left side of the heart through the explained.

pulmonary veins, is distributed over And as long as girls won't have it the body through the aorta and its Dr. MacDonald will have little sup

numerous arterial branches, being port! again collected in the small branches of veins, which unite and re-unite, ultimately joining into the great veins that lead to the right side of the heart, whence the blocd is again pumped to the lungs and the circle thus completed. A Frog Discovery. The connection between the finest branches of the arteries and the smallest branches of the veins Harvey assumed, but was never able to demonstrate. Seven years after his death, however, an Italian naturalist -Malpighi-showed, in the foot of a living frog, by means of a magnifying

the heart.

glass, the actual junction of the tiny arteries and veins by fine capillary tubes. The significance of Harvey's dis covery, simple as it seems, is enormous. Modern physiology and medical practice are largely based on it.

But, though it is his name almost alone with which this discovery is popularly associated, we must not, if we would be just, forget, any more than did Harvey himself, the debt **GEORGE NEAL** which we owe to those equally earnest archers after truth who preceded

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