TEXAS RANGER FOOLED THEM

Sent N. Y. Scientists a Horned Rattlesnake.

And They "Swallowed" the Fake Smoothly.

New York-Gone is the glory of the great "bull snake" rattlesnake, the wonderful rhinoceros diamond back, the unparalleled Texas unicorn. Gone also is the pedigreed "goat" of the New York scientists who let a simple Texas ranger fool them with a new species of Crotalus adamanteus from the Mexican border, more wonderful than the sea serpent of Atlantic City bathing places, that wore a horn an inch long on the top of his skull. For B'rer Snake shed his skin the other night and the horn came off.

The mysterious rattler came to Raymond L. Ditmars, curator of rep-tiles at the Bronx Zoological Park, about three months ago, having been shipped north by W. A. Snake King as he calls himself, a Texan who lives near Brownsville and who spends a great part of his time bagging reptiles for the Zoo. tI was he who sent the huge diamond back that nearly cost the life of Keeper Tooney months ago, and the freak was an outcropping of this ac-

Curator Ditmars wrote to King in Texas telling him of the affair, and the snake hunter refused to take it seriously. He has been bitten so of-ten by the "varmints" that he could not conceive of anyone, even a New York zoo keeper, being inconvenien-ced by them. Also it had cost him not a little trouble to get that snake, and perhaps he was peeved that his acquisition was not a desirable citi-

PROMISED RARE SPECIMEN.

"You see," explained Mr. Ditmars, when the army went to the border they drove all the snakes away for miles, and it was hard to get specimens. King wrote me that he drove his flivver automobile across the boundary line into the sand desert in search of some for us, and when he was in Mr. Carranza's territory some deliberately unfriendly natives plugged a couple of holes in his gasolene tank with American rifles. He had to go back home and get a couple of horses to tow his machine to where the snakes were. Of course it hurt after that to hear that one of the few he captured on the trip started a cam-paign of 'schrechlichkeit.' Anyhow, he wrote in answer to my letter, say-ing 'the next time I send you one it'll have a horn on it.'"

Sure enough, a few weeks later the mysterions snake arrived. It had, a beautiful horn, fully an inch long, extending from the skin over the eyes. It was the only reptile the snake experts had seen with such an appendage. The so-called horn rattler of Texas only has two little bumps over the eyes much like the tip on a snail's

head.

"King wrote me that he couldn't classify the snake," said Mr. Ditmars.

"But he had discovered an entire race of them, and could furnish any number to the zoo. He asked me to examine it thoroughly and have some other scientists look it over and possibly write a treatise on the new species."
The curator did as Mr. Snake King

asked. He called on two or three ex-pert biologists. They got out their magnifying glasses and their microscopes and they looked at Seno

scopes and they looked at senior Snake's horn.
"Wonderful!" exclaimed one, whose name it wouldn't be fair to tell. "Why, one can see the blood vessels in the membranous composition of the pro-tuberance. It is absolutely genuine and unique."

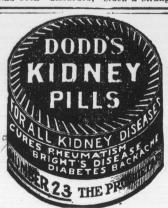
The rest either agreed or admitted

that they were stumped. But Raymond L. Ditmars has been handling snakes since he was in short knickerbocke and at the age of 20 he was lecturing on them for the Board of Education. It is said he wasn't a success as a lec turer, because he insisted on illustrat-ing his discourses with live specimens instead of stereopticon slides. Anyhe was canny and wary on the marvel.

"I'll wait until Monsieur Syake deds his skin," he allowed. SKIN AND HORN CAME OFF.

The reptile was put in a glass cage, where the public and more scientists came to marvel at him. He seemed to enjoy the discussion that he caused, for he refused to slough. In the hot weather the average rattler gets a new suit of scales every few weeks, like a new Palm Beach suit, but this one stuck to his old uniform until it was positively shabby about the rattles and had a seedy look where it got the

most wear. At last came signs of the expected change. The reptile's eyes turned bluish in color and the next morning Mr. Ditmars, visiting the cage, saw a strange snake inside. It had a head as bald of horns as the outside of an egg. But on the skin, the old suit which But on the skin, the old suit which had been discarded, stuck a strange





contraption that looked like a bone collar button with the tip sharpened.

Mr. A. W. Snake King, with the assistance of an 'Indian, had cut an incision in the snake's skin over the eyes, and had inserted the spine of some Mexican bush, the base of which

some Mexican bush, the base of which had been flattened to form a foundation. Then the skin had grown over again, the tiny scales had ringed themselves about the orifice, until it seemed perfectly natural Only when the skin was shed did nature cast off

the thing.
Now the skin lies on Curator Ditmar's desk in the reptile house, a warning to natural scientists and a monument to the simple Texas ranger who had the biologists plumb locoed for three months. And little Pancho Snake, no longer a mystern, but an ordinary Crotalus admanteuy once more, coils his six and a half feet of new fall fashion union suit up in his cage and sticks out his fangs in full appreciation of the heax.

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LITTLE, BLACK AND UGLY.

And Very Touchy, Too, is the Devil's Coach Horse Beetle.

My, how very touchy he is! Point your finger at him and see how he turns up his tail and opens his jaws. just as if he were a lion instead of a tiny beetle. He thinks he is gaing to frighten us away. But we won't hurt him, anyway because he is a very nim, anyway because he is a very valuable sort of beetle—a thry barbage man. He's called the devil's coach horse beetle. He's long, black and ugly. He

spends this time hiding under stones or crawling about in gardens. Like a majority of beetles, he's one of na

ture's scavengers.

Have you ever thought what a dirty old world this would be if it were not for the animals and birds and insects that go around cleaning up? Certain birds and animals devour the bodies of other animals, but they leave it to the peetles to clean up the crumbs.

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He thought the time was ripe;
But when he went to press, she said:
"I do not like your type."
—Boston Transcript.

A kiss he printed on her lips
And showed her no contrition,
Because the artful minx inquired:
"Well, where's the next edition?"
—Birmingham Age-Herald.

A kiss he printed on her lips
And she made this oration:
"Please, please, confinue doing that
It boosts my circulation!"
—New York Evening Sun.

A kiss he printed on her lips.
She smiled, the artful creature,
And modestly inquired of him:
"Was that a special feature?"
—Moscow (Idaho) Star-Mirror.

He tried to kiss her lips again,
Rut couldn't quite get at her;
She held a book in such a way
They were "next to reading matter."
—Boston Courier.

To print a kiss, he did insist,
Upon her lips—but listen!
The maid was meek, she turned to cheek—
"Tis more "Preferred Position."
—Montana Dally Record.

He called her coltie, lambie, kid,
Until she made petition:
"All barnyard names I now forbid,
Am I a "Stock Edition?"
—William Willetts.

Life's Dictionary of Musical Terms.

Aria—A title given to a part of an opera to indicate that the singer expects the action to be interrupted by applause at the conclusion.

Bravo: The pass-word of the pro-fessional claqueur.

Bravura: The pyrotechnic style of

those virtuosos who habitually exceed the speed limit. Cadenza: A capsule of compressed canenza: A Capsule of Compression technique inserted by a soloist whenever the composer's music becomes dangerously easy or intelligible.

Conductor: An automaton which, if properly wound up, keeps time to the

playing of an orchestra. playing of an orchestra.

Encore: A French abbreviation of
the Yiddish phrase, "Once more yet
again already," rauch used by patrens
of music who insist on getting their

money's arth. Opera: An expensive form of enter-

Opera: An expensive form of enter-tainment provided as a background to a lavish social display. Oratorio: An old-fastrioned relic of the days when the Bible was taken seriously and music was innocently

believed to be a combination of melody, harmony and rhythm.

Motif: The tag with which Wagner labels his musical ideas. By learning the names of the motifs one can talk intelligently about any of the operas.

Recitative: A barking utterance of umintelligible words, used by operatic composers to save the trouble of writing real melodies.

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Puzzle of the Eagle and the Whale

There are two animals that puzzle naturalists more than any others. They are nature's submarine and aeroplane, the whale and the eagle. It is known that whales occasionally descend as much as 3,000 feet below the surface of the sea. Why they are not injured scientists have yet to discover. It is this pressure which prevents a modern submarine descending even 300 feet, let alone 3,000. Bagles have been seen through tele-

scopes to fly with apparent ease from 30,000 to 40,000 feet above sea level. At that height no human being can live owing to the rarefaction of the air. How the birds live and fly at far greater heights than man can endure for long is a question still to be answered.—Pearson's Weekly.

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Legend of Hapsburg Castle.

According to legend, the ancient casthe of Hapsburg, overlooking the Rhine, was founded in 1020 and was without surrounding walls for defensive purposes, a strange omission in those warlike days. A friend coming to stay at the castle so greatly deplored the absence of the usual defences that its lord declared that before sunrise on the following morning his stronghold would be surrounded by impregnable walls. Naturally the visitor smiled and did not believe that this thing could come to pass, but in the early merning he was awakened by the lord of the castle, who bade him look out up-on the walls. He had kept his promise, but in an unexpected way. Instead of seeing a surrounding wall made of stone, the visitor saw an unbroken circle of the lord's followers, all in their armor and bearing weapons. And it has since been the boast of the Haps-burgs that the family's devoted subjects were sufficient defence in matter what emergency.

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GILDED LIMES.

A feature of Native Festivals and Feasts of South India.

Instead of changing cards the wellto-do natives of southern India show their esteem on New Year's Day by presenting to their friends limes covpresenting to their friends limes covered with brass lest, or in some cases with gold leaf. As the natives have several New Year's days of their own in addition to the special ones of the English, the Mohammedans and the Hamil and Telugu branches of the Hindus, the gildel limes are passed around rather frequently. The custom is a purely local one, and it had its origin so far back that no one remembers when or why it was started.

In addition to the New Year's festivals gilded limes are sometimes pre-

In addition to the New Year's lesu-vals gilded limes are sometimes pre-sented to the host at the ordinary "tamash" or social gathering. If a na-tive is too poor to afford gilded limes, not to mention gold covered ones, he

gives plain, undecorated ones.

It is said that a great quantity of brass less is used for decorating limes for these special occasions, and the basear trade in this kind of gilt is very large throughout the southern part of India. Brass leaf is seld also for the india. Brass leaf is seld also for the decoration of gilded caps, or "topl," wern by the Mohammedans in that part of India, as well as for ornamenting the dress of the Mohamedans wo-

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In an article in the General Electhe Review, Dr. Saul Dushman draws
the following conclusions from a
discussion of the laws that govern
the atoms of the several elements:
"Considering the relationships exhibited by the different radioactive
elements one realizes that discrete

elements, one realizes that the dream of the alchemists may not have been as fatuous as has appeared until re-cently. The concept of an absolutely stable atom must be discarded once for all, and its place is taken by this miniature solor system, as it were, consisting of a central nucleus and

one or more rings of electrons.

"But the nucleus itself is apparently the seat of immense forces, and in applie of its exceedingly infinitesimal dimensions it contains both alpha particles and electrons. Once in awhile the aucleus of one of the atoms will spontaneously disintegrate and expel an alpha or beta particle. A new element has been born. What causes: these transformations? Can they be controlled? These are questions which only the future can answer. But if we had it to our person to remove two we had it in our power to remove two alpha particles from the atom of bisaruth or any of its isotropes, not only would the dream of the alchemists be realized, but man would be in possession of such intensity power sources of energy that all our coal mines, water powers and explosives would become insignificant by com-parison."

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Effect of Cold On the Senses.

An explorer who took part in an antarctic expedition states that the most remarkable effect of the cold which he noticed was the loss of sense and touch in the fingers. It was almost complete.

"Suppose you wanted to look for a knife in your kit bag. You would put your hand in and feel round for it, and you would actually have it in your hand and not know. It was the same with everything we handled. We saw they are picked it up an early they are that we picked it up an saw that we held the article; we could not feel that we had it."

He added that it was not possible to shave, because the skin became irritated and sore, while if the beard became too long it became inoist and then froze into a block. The only thing to do was to keep the beard and mus-tache clipped close.

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After a fruitless inquiry and search a lady to whom she had speken of her hoss very kindly offered the suggestion that the old dame should when to her husband at her expense, and ask him to telegraph a money same ask min to telegraph a morrey order, also telling him the circumstances in which she was placed. She sesented to this, and the telegram was sent and duly delivered to the eld dame's husband. He tore the missive open and read it.

"Any sames" "arked the messages"

"Any answer?" asked the messenger
"Na, nor bræss seither," said ne.
"They'll find they nobbut got a
noodle this time. They'll not hoodwink me; thet bain't Mary's writin,.
I could tell 'ers from hundreds."

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Modesty.

When every pool in Eden was a mirror
That unto Eve her dainty charms proclaimed,
She went undwaped without a single
fear or
Thought that she had need to be
ashgued.

'Pwas only when she'd eaten of the apple
That she became inclined to be a profile, And found that evermore she'd have to grappie
With the much debated problem of the

Thereafter she devoted her attention.
Her time and all her money to her eletines.
And that was the beginning of conventies.
And medesty as well, I suppose.

Reaction's come about in fashions re-Now girls. conceal so little from the men. It would seem, in name of all that's de-

Some one ought to pass the apples
'wound again.

—Chicago Music News.

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Iron Bridges.

Introduction of the semielimitical arch in bridge building in Brgiand met with complaint on behalf of the Twee cide people, because the roadway over it being almost level, as one old mas said, "You did not know when you were on it and when you were off it." were on it and when you were off it."
The first iron arch constructed was made in England at Coalbrockclale by one Durby. The bridge consists of one semicircular arch, 100-foot span, each of the ribs being cast in two pieces only. It was opened for traffic in 1779, and a new era in the art of bridge building was thus entered upon. Up to 1866 east iron was predominant in bridge censtruction, and although it is believed that wrought iron was introduced before 1806 it does not apintroduced before 1800 it does not appear to have been extensively used be-

Official Ignorance.

One of the best of the many stories of English official ignorance of the colonies is recalled by P. A. Silburn in "The Governance of Empire." Lord Palmerston was forming a new minis try and in a preliminary council was arranging its composition. He had filled up all the portfolios with the exfilled up all the portiones with the ex-ception of the colonial office. First one name and then another was sug-gested and thrown aside. At last he said to Sir Arthur Helps: "I suppose I must take the thing myself. Come upwith me and show me where these places are on the mans.'

Dispositions.

The Dispositions of men are different. A house is managed well by men and women of different dispositions, just as much as a carpenter cannot build a house with big and tall timbers only. Even as man of obstinacy or argumentative is not unnecessary in a family. But there must be a supervision over them all. If there is no one who binds them all the different dispositions bring of fusion to the house.—Kyuo.

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A Trick With an Egg.

Place two V shaped wineglasses of the same size near the edge of a table. In the right hand one put an egg, just fitting the rim in the glass. Hold the bases of the glasses firmly down, the top rims touching each other. Now with a quick, sharp breath blow upon the line where the egg and the glass the line where the egg and the glass meet. The egg will jump to the other glass. With a little practice this can be done every time. Be careful to blow in a line with the left hand glass or the egg will jump in the wrong direction and land on the table.

Married His Widow.

Sir Thomas Lipton had this very good Scotch story: Some time ago he visited Scotland, when he met an old friend whom he had not seen since they were at school begether They go to discussing old times and Sir Thomas suddenly asked: how's Geordie eld Scotch school friend, known to

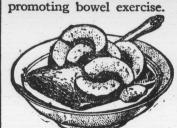
both of them.
"Oh." was the answer, "he's dead long ago, and I shall never cease to regret him as long as I live."

"I never knew you had so much respect for him as all that," said Sir Thomas, in surprise. "Na, na, you're wrang there," answered his friend "It wasn't the re-

epect I had for him, not that; but, you ee, I married his widow!"

A Street in Moscow. One street in Moseow. Miasnitskaya. Ulitza, is devoted almost entirely to stores selling machinery. The windows of these shops are large and or plate glass and display the various wares to good advantage. Many windows are devoted to large exhibits of various mechanisms, and at a certain hour in the afternoon these machines are, so far as possible, set in motion to give practical illustration of their workings.

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