

tunate victim, had we but told him. To be eaten by a crocodile, agony, by an alligator, bliss. Alas! we confess with the victim that the animal *took us in*.

As to the fossil, without crediting our critic with the capacity of the crocodile, we must state that if a creature, orphaned, in a foreign land without friends, could swallow a stromatopora, why couldn't he?

The third gentleman is the strangest of all. We can only attack his unbelief by facts. Let him go into the Museum and consult the Megatherium. He will find one of the caudal vertebrae broken and must be convinced, to quote the words of one of our professors: that "some one must have tried to climb up the animal's back." What more can he want?

Talking of obituary poetry, that effort chronicled

by Sarah is the second best I have ever seen. It contains true poetic signs in the sublime way it ignores metre in every verse, and metre and rhyme in the last as a grand "flare up."

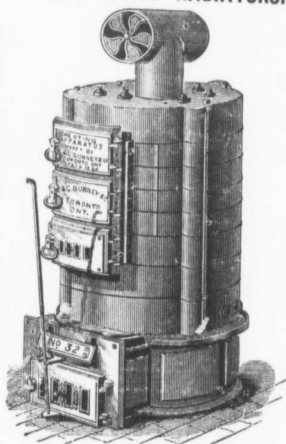
"Have you taken the pill I ordered you?" said the doctor to one of his patients. "Yes, doctor, but I can't keep it down, I'm afraid." "You must, sir, you must." "Ah, doctor, I'll try, but it's all up-pill work," meekly answered the patient.

An old gentleman fell off a ferry boat, when his wife rushed to the side and with considerable self-control called out: "There, Samuel, didn't I tell you so! Now then, work your legs, flap your arms, hold your breath and repeat the Lord's Prayer—for it's highly uncertain, Samuel, whether you land in Vicksburg or eternity!"

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