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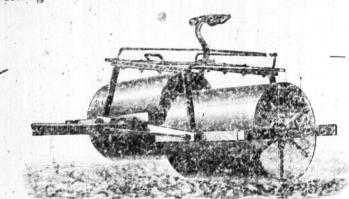
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SNAKES ARE GRATEFUL

How They Rescued a Kind-Hearted Man From the Clutches of a Bear.

They were sitting around the stove in the grocery swapping stories. The man in the red shirt had placed himself in the lead by relating the story of the gray-beilied rattler. He was about to enjoy the liquid rewards of his efforts when the little man in the corner, who had heretofore remained silent, spoke up:

"I have listened to your stories. gentlemen," he said, "and I confess that had I not known that you were all men of unquestionable integrity, would have been compelled many times to express incredulity. The horrifying experience of our friend in the red shirt, when he did battle with a graybellied ratler, reminds me of a little adventure that I had myself with a hoop snake, or to be more exact, with several hoop snakes.

"You are aware, no doubt, that the hoop snake derives its name from its peculiar habit of seizing its tail in its mouth and rolling along like a wheel or hoop. The adventure occurred while I was out in Omaha searching for red ants, of which I now have a fine collection. I was passing through some woods, when I saw a hoop snake and a skunk in a battle. The snake was getting the worst of the contest, as the skunk had no trouble in dodging its attacks, and then delivering a fierce return bite. I determined to put an end to the contest in spite of the pleasure that their struggles gave me. And I a once despatched the skunk. I admit that it was not because I had any particular regard for the enake, but all my life I have had a peculiar dislike for skunks.

"The rescued snake began to show signs of the most lavish affections toward me. And it made many outward signs of gratitude. Upon seeing me pick up a red ant, it at once conducted me to a place where I found a horned variety that had nitherto been unknown. You can imagine how delight ed I was with this discovery.

"The next day as I was passing by the scene of my adventure, the snake that I had rescued made unmistakable signs that I should follow it. It also appeared to be in a state of abject misery. I had wished to ascertain the cause of its trouble, so I allowed it to lead me to a tree, where I found its mate in a most unpleasant predica-ment. She was suspended by the middle from a thick branch of a vine and in spite of her wriggling she was unable to disengage herself. I seized her and put her on the ground, whereupon

and put her on the ground, whereupon both snakes left me.
"I was very much surprised and feared that I had offended them unknowingly. But presently they returned, attended by a large number of followers. All the snakes formed them. selves in a circle around me, and by serves in a circle around me, and by gesture showed me that they would be glad to accept me as their chief and leader. It was little to my taste, however, to spend my life among snakes, So I left themrand went on with my

"About a week after this I was re turning after a particularly succe sful day's hunting, when I met a large black bear. I was unarmed except for my ant-taking contrivance, which was wholly inadequate to overcome so large an animal as a bear. I knew that it would be useless to take refuge in a tree, because, as you all know, no loubt the black bear's flexible forepaws enable him to ascend trees with Therefore, with out flection, I fled. I was rapidly distance ing my pursuer when misfortune overtook me, and I stumbled and fell. As I lay there, expecting any minute to feel the bear upon me, I suddenly heard the sounds of a furious battle. looked about, and there were my faithful snakes doing battle with the bear. The combat was short and herce. The snakes struck many times unable to penetrate the long hair and thick hide of their opponent. Seeing that their attacks were of no avail, one of the snakes gave me a farewell look and hurled himself down the bear's throat. Thus the bear and snake perished together. The surviving snake, seeing that I was unable to rise (for had injured my ankle) called four others, and conveyed me to a house, where I was cared for."

"How." said the man in the red shirt, were the snakes able to take hold of you to raise you from the ground?" "Sir," replied the little man, "It is obvious that if the first year was No. 1, it would take 100 complete years-· But without more ado they hurried him off to the bar.

New Theory of Cause of Hunger. We all know when we are hungry, but do we know why we are hungry? The unscientific person will reply that we are hungry because we need food, and this is certainly true. Professor Appenheimer, of Heidelberg, agrees with this, but he maintains that there is much more to be said on the sub-

According to the professor, the sensation of hunger is felt by a human being whenever the blood supply that nourishes the stomach is deficient in quantity. On the other hand, the long. ing for food disappears whenever the stomach is filled, for then, through the process of digestion the necessary supaly of blood is furnished for the nour ishment of the stomach. This rule does not hold good in the case of many invalids, as, for example, those suffer ing from chlorosis, since various tests show that they do not feel hungry even when there is no food in their stom-

The reason for this, says the Professor, is because there is, as a rule, too much blood in the vessels that serve or purposes of nutrition. Whenever the stomach is more or less out of order in consequence of a deficient blood supply, a certain stinulus acts on the nerves, which are thus excited until they cause the well known sensations of hunger.

Of special importance, continues the professor, is the fact, now well established, that the nerve which causes the sensation of hunger is of common ori-gin with the nerve that is provided for the service of the mouth and tongue. Hence it is that a stimulus, such as spice, is able, through contact with the tongue, to increase the appetite.

### WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

- A mile is 320 rods. A mile is 1,760 yards.
- A mile is 5,280 feet.
- A rod is 16 1-5 feet, or 5 1-2 yards. A square rod is 272 1-4 square feet.
- An acre contains 160 square rods. An acre contains 43,560 square feet. An acre is about 208 1-4 feet square. A square foot is 144 square inches.
- An acre contains 4,840 square yards. A quarter section contains 160 acres. A square yard contains 9 square feet. A solid foot contains 7.48 solid pints.

A solid foot contains 1,728 solid inches.

A pint of water holds 28 7-8 solid inches. A gallon of water holds 231 solid

inches. An acres is 8 rods wide by 20 rods

ong. A solid foot of water weighs 62 1-2 pounds.

A barrel (31 1-2 gallons) holds 4 1-8 solid feet. A section, or square mile, contains 640 acres.

A bushel (struck) contains 2,150 solid inches. A gallon of milk weighs 8 pounds 10

A struck bushel contains about 1 1-4 solid feet.

A bushel (heaping) contains 1 1-4 struck bushels.

Space has a temperature of 200 degrees below zero. A grain of magnesia will color 50,-

000,000 gallons of water. An inch of rainfall is equal to 14,-500,000 gallons per square mile. She Decided to Remain

"I will," she exclaimed, "I will not live with you another day! "You leave me, will you?" he calmly asked.

'Yes, I will." "Now-right off-th's minute."
"You'll go away?" "When?"

"Yes, si"
"I were you." "But I will, and I defy you to prevent me. I have suffered at your hands

as long as I can put up with it. "On, I shan't try to stop you," he quietly replied. "I'll simply report to the voice that my wife has myster-lously disappeared. They'll want your description and I will give it. You wear, No. 7 shoes; you have an extra large mouth; you walk stiff in your knees; your nose turns up at the end; eyes rather on the squint; voice like

"W. etch you wouldn't da: e do that' "I certainly will and the description she screamed.

will go in all the papers." They glared at each other a mo-ment in silence. Ther it was plain to be seen he had the dead wood on

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She-Well, yer see I couldn't get out 'cause me mudder ain't been very well, an' I had ter mind me brudder. He—Say, wot yer g boin me; yer said de oder day dat you neber nad

She-Well, I didn't den. See?

Curious Climatic Conditions in Bolivia. At Alto Crucero water freezes every night of the year and the thermometer frequently falls to 6, 8 and 10 degrees below zero. There are no facilities for artificial heat-not even a fireplace-and people keep themselves warm by putting on ponchos and other extra wraps. Mr. Grundy, who has charge of the smelter at Maravillas. says that this winter the thermometer has frequently fallen to 8 degrees below zero in the sitting-room of his res. idence, but the family have felt no discomfort from the lack of stoves and furnaces, and have sat around the evening lamp reading and chatting just as they are accustomed to do at

an ordinary temperature. At noonday the sun is intensely hot, because of the elevation and the rarity of the atmosphere, and blisters the flesh of those who are not accustomed to it. There is a difference of 20 and sometimes 30 degrees in the tempera ture of the shade and the sunshine Water will freeze in the shade while twenty feet away men may be working in their shirt sleeves.

The natives seem to be entirely in ured to cold and go about barefooted and barelegged over the ice and the stones in differently without regard to the temperature; but they have a way of heaping the blankets on their heads and wrapping up their faces to keep the pure air out of their throats and nostrils. The women who herd the flocks are often cut on the mountains for weeks at a time without shelter or anything to eat except parched corn, strips of dried meat and coca leaves. which are the most powerful of nerve stimulants.—Chicago Record.

When a girl puts her check trusting. ly on a man's shoulder she hates to have him spread his handkereleis over



To go anywhere with my face in this To go anywhere with my face in this condition," is the expression of a very natural feeling. To a beautiful woman an eruption on the face is the greatest of calamities, her very beauty seeming to increase the disfigurement. Ninety-eight times in every hundred, eruptions are cursed by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical are cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical are cured by Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery, and the skin recovers its maiden bloom and softness. "Golden Medical Discovery" is a medicine which acts directly on the blood, purifying it, increasing its quantity and its richness. Eruptions, blotches, pimples, etc., are but surface signs of the corrupt blood current underneath. "Discovery" cleanses the blood and so cleanses cleanses the blood, and so cleanses

"For about one year and a half my face was very hadly broken out," writes Miss Carrie Adams, of 116 West Main St. Battlecreek, Mich, "I spent a great deal of money with doctors and for different kinds of medicine, but received no benefit. At last I read one of your advertise-ments, and obtained a bottle of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. Before I had taken one bottle of this medicine I noticed a change, and after taking three bottles I was entirely cured."

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### GOOD STORIES.

It is motorious, says a Christian Commonwealth correspondent, that extempore preachers of the more florid type fall into mannerisms from which they do not easily extricate them-selves. A preacher of this type had acquired a trick of apostrophizing his. hearers as "dear London souls" or "dear Manchester souls," according to the place in which he was preaching. In Dublin this rhetorical device was much admired, and "dear Dublin souls" drew tears from many eyes. But when the worthy preacher extended his tour into the south of Ireland, and address ed his appeal to the "dear Cork souls," the effect was less felicitous.

Dean Merivale, in his "letters." quotes a remark which Thackeray once made in his presence, "I was much struck by a remark of Tnackeray's orce when I was in his company, and huzarding some small witicism he immed ately cried out. I beg you pardon sir; but have you any further use for that? I think it is worth half a crows

ed like Harna, burt in upon his wife toward the closs of an Autumn day 'At jast my darling; at last!

sock she was darning, and rose, that he might press her madly to bi

with lightning eyes after he

De brushed her tumbled hair back from her brow-gently-with his open hand. The horn handle of a tooth brush protruded from the upper pocker of his waistcoat.
"At last, my own!" he said, looking

down into her eyes, "the flame that I have sought so long is beginning to She clasped her arms tightly about his neck. A vision of an Aldermanship with paving contracts and other good things flashed across her mind.

"John, oh, John!" she exclaimed, with deep emotion, "have you been nominated for something..."

And he answered, choking with emotion: 'No. dearest; but little Earnest shall go to college yet—Dinkelheimer has named a new brand of And for supper they had pickles with their saucage. cigars after me.

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