BOOKS AND HER PUBLIC.

Miss Braddon's name never fails to country house was a box of books upon thud, thud of the MBS. It whom you are so thanks," falling through the open let- you won't marry me." which, though little more than a child, terbox onto the floor. I found an opportunity to browse. The!

begun to flag and the imagination was of appreciation. less vivid. This applies more particularly to the novels which came from her pen when Miss Braddon was in the

### FORTY YEARS AGO.

that of 40 years ago. This is exemined by clivil evasions. At last things pliffed strikingly in her recently published novel, "The White House," if one compares it with "Aurora Floyd." Born in Soho Square, her early years one compares it with "Aurora Floyd." Born in Soho Square, her early years one compares it with "Aurora Floyd." SO BAD, BUT THE NIGHT explained the case to him, assured him that his son's life depended upon his being saved from this disgrace, and had no difficulty in persuading him to stream one compares it with "Aurora Floyd." Born in Soho Square, her early years nut much better than her embroidery the beauties of Nature; they are so dust and with little precipitation.

The reader is prepared to find the beauties of Nature; they are so dust and with little precipitation.

THE LATEST BRADDON HEROINE.

and maintained her success. Floyd" she was 24, and almost as full the society of her fellow-writers in a get dash and spirit as her heroine. She guidt way. She is a kindly bostory and But the polar night is monotonous, de-Floyd" she was 24, and almost as run the society of her fellow the soc hunting-field, for she had inherited places her art first, and knows the lessness, silence—except for the howl and circumstantial evidence was so ed the gramophone. Even Herbert Spencer, great skill in sport and a passion for value of concentration. Her active of the gale or the cracking of the horses from her father, a London brain is ever intent on the weaving of ice. solicitor, who, as "Rough Robin," con- plots and on characterization. She

HER FIRST ATTEMPTS. The future novelist wrote her first

NOT CURE-THEIR EFFECT IS WEAKENING.

to induce a weak, anaemic person to thought out and then transmitted to hope of finding relief. Ask any doctor, and he will tell you that a methods of dictation and typing do not cold a penetrating feeling of chill lying dangerously ill; my mother was should nevertheless be an ignoramus in purgative medicine merely gallops appeal to Miss Braddon; she writes her through the bowels, weakening the books with her own hand, sitting in a tender tissues. He will tell you also particular attitude, with a writing-pad cure disease or build up bad blood, in a different handwriting to that When the blood is weak and watery, which she uses for general correspondwhen the system is run-down, a tonic ence, the "literary" hand being in the is the one thing needed—is the only backward fashion, small, neat and crack. Thirst has been much com- has cost me—I cannot commit mur- covery of the art in our own country tothing that will put you right. And clear. Miss Braddon is the embodi-In all this world there is no tonic so ment of neatness, and a disfigured or good as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for blotted page would disturb the flow of Pale People. Every dose of these her ideas. Having carefully thought pills actually makes new, rich, red out her stories, she makes few correcblood, which fills the veins, reaches tions in the writing of them, and proevery organ in the body, and brings duces from 1,000 to 1,500 words an hour. health and strength to weak, despond-ent people. Miss Annie Beaudreau. The morning is her chief working time. and she shrinks from personal public-Magdalene Islands, Que., "I was pale, my heart would palpitate violently at the least exer- London, Eng. tion, and I suffered greatly from severe headaches. I tried several medicines, which seemed actually to leave me worse. Then I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and half a dozen boxes have made me as well as ever I was. They have done that is done in Philadelphia nowadays is me so much good that I would like done by men. Novelists ought to make every weak girl in the land to try

It was the new blood Dr. Williams' Pink Pills actually made that restored Miss Beaudreau to health and blush any more—that is, city girls don't. strength, and in the same way they Not for an age have I seen a feminine fac will restore all sufferers from an- suffused with the flush romantic. But I've nemia, indigestion, heart palpitation, neuralgia, rheumatism and the secret ailments that make the lives of so many women and growing girls a change their favorite phrase to "She blush-

NOVELIST, HER CAREER, HER world of imaginative fiction." Then Philadelphia Record. came a more ambittous attempt, entitled "The Old Armchair," which astonished her school-fellows. In her early teens she yearned to appear in print, and assailed editors with stories recall the thrill of enchantment with modeled on those of Charlotte Bronte which I first made the acquaintance and Thackeray. Alas! nothing resultof her novels. In an attic room of a ed for a time but the ever-recurring thud, thud of the MSS. "returned with ly, "whom you are going to marry, since

A sketch which found its way into angrily. sensational pictures on the covers first the corner of a provincial paper caught attracted my attention, then the con- the fancy of a discerning printer at rate, I'm interested. I shouldn't like you tents made me forget everything else, Beverley, in Yorkshire, who commis- to marry a fellow I didn't think well of, and I devoured "Lady Audley's Secret," sloned the young author to write, for you know, since I came near marrying you "Henry Dunbar," and "Aurora Floyd," the sum of fi0, a story which should myself." in quick succession, until the days combine the "humor of Dickens with with indignation. passed as a dream and my nights in the plot construction of G. W. M. Reyvain attempts to disguise a fearful noids." To produce this masterpiece she at length managed to gasp. "I didn't crime and drag a body out of a well. the budding novelist, accompanied by think even of marrying you, and as to Sydney Smith's crucial test for the her mother, went to stay at a farm- whom I do marry, you have nothing to do mother from their debt, imprisonment, the year 1752, when "George Barnexcellence of a novel—"Did it amuse? house in Beverley. She wove her plot with it. I shall marry anybody I please!" Were you surprised at dinner coming riding about the lanes on a farm horse, "That's just it," he returned, thoughtso soon? Did you mistake eleven for returning home to cover sheets of fully; "suppose you don't please anyten and twelve for eleven?"-can be foolscap with lightning rapidity, while body?" applied with complete success to the the printer's boy waited in the farm Then there was nothing left to her but novels of Miss Braddon. Like her mas- kitchen for the week's installment of raving hysterics.—Tit-Bits. ter, Bulwer Lytton, Miss Braddon has the serial. The story bore the stirring the true art of the romancer. There title, "Three Times Three." Subsemay be highly-colored dramatic efquently it appeared in volume form as feets, but the skillfully-woven plot car"The Trail of the Serpent." The next full instructions, my home treatment which positively cures Leucorrhea, Ulries the reader to the "finish" with the serious effort was "Lady Audley's which positively cures Leucorrhea, Ulincreasing zest of the hunter. Acting Secret," which established Miss Bradon Bulwer Lytton's advice, M'ss Brad-don's fame as a novelist of original don made a practice of attacking her genius. It was quickly followed by third volume after finishing the first, "Aurora Floyd," "Eleanor's Victory," and thus brought her fancy while at and "Henry Dunbar," and the stream white heat to the denouement, instead of fiction continued to flow from her of working up to it when the spirit had facile pen, ever widening the channel

HOME LIFE AND HOBBIES,

Now, at 70 years of age, and with first flush of superabundant vitality almost as many books as years to her and the children of her brain leapt to credit, Miss Braddon or Mrs. Maxwell Mrs. M. Summers, Box H. 12, Windsor, as she is in revate life, has a fresh and vigorous personality and a sur-Miss Braddon loves her public as an prisingly youthful appearance. She POLAR DAYS actor loves his audience, and, with her has always been fond of a country life, finger unerringly on the public pulse, and finds more stimulus for her brain she meets the taste of today as she did in fresh air and exercise than in burn-An interval of 44 years divides the two were passed at Chiswick and her girl-books. Times have changed: the three- hood at Barnes. When fame and fordecker novel has gone out of fashion, tune came to her she still remained and so, too, have heroines of the faithful to the river, and fixed her home Aurora Floyd type: "At seventeen she at Richmond. Miss Braddon has visited was twice as beautiful as her mother many lands, but she still counts the was twice as beautiful as her mother many lands, but she still counts the had been at nine-and-twenty." Her view of the Thames from Richmond reaches six feet or more. Nansen manded his purse with such a furn of features were lighted up by "a pair of Hill one of the fairest to gaze upon. eyes that were like the stars of heaven. For over 30 years she has lived prinand by two rows of peerlessly white cipally in an old Georgian house, a fine teeth." She had "masses of blue-black old place, with an oaken staircase and hair," and a noble head set upon the deep bay windows. It was formerly snow still falls frequently. Clear spells it contained fifty guineas. These he "throat of a Cleopatra." Such in an- the abode of the Bishop of Lichfield, pearance was the rich banker's heiress, and still retains the name of Lichfield the Antarctic, fogs and clouds are fre- father, assuring him that he received All her tastes were for horses and dogs. House. Miss Braddon has another quent, while winds bring low temper- them from the lord-lieutenant to help and, according to mid-Victorian ideas, beautifully-situated home in the New atures.

Park, taking an early morning canter on "Kaiser," a white-footed bay, pre-The heroine of "The White House," paratory to her day's work. Her ac-The heroine of "The White House, paratory to her days work.

Miss Braddon's latest creation, is also curate knowledge of things equestrian the times which are geometrically set rich man, but also a man of such at variance with her social environ- lover of birds and animals, and has ment. Her eccentricities are not ex- many pets. A large couch in her writhibited in the matter of harriers and ing-room is specially set apart for her beagles and in contributing to a Derby dogs. China collecting is another of variety heavy and complexity are sweepstake with her father's servants, the novelist's hobbies, and the walls of like Aurora, but in modern socialistic the white-paneled room at Lichfield attempts to understand the masses and House show beautiful pieces of Crown provide model homes and recreation Derby. She is also a book collector, and common and less brilliant in the Antfor the employes of the family mills, likes to see her tavorites in becoming arctic than in the Arctic. Sunset and der—for robbery in those days was a woman with ideals to fit the twentieth ways studiously avoided being drawn are described as being extraordinarily He sat down and wrote to the suspect, great men of all ages, says the London century. So has the novelist accommo- into the whirl of London social life. are described as being extended brilliant and impressive. dated her genius to modern demand She is rarely, if ever, seen at literary dinners and receptions of a more pub-When Miss Braddon wrote "Aurora lic character, though pleased to have solicitor, who, as Rough Robin, con- plots and on characterization.

Small wonder that the polar light tent character and of ms option tributed to a spring magazine. Her reads omnivorously, and writes with a has sometimes unbalanced men's cumstances. He was found guilty. literary gift was, however, more par- mind constantly replenished with new minds. The first effects are often a story in round-hand, between penciled engagements. She does not believe in extreme cases to insanity, anaemia, diburning the candle at both ends, and Dangerous Purgative reserves her strength for her art and the duties of her home and private

MEDICINES OF THIS CLASS DO A THOUSAND WORDS AN HOUR. Miss Braddon's me heds of work have skeletons for her stories, setting forth Nothing could be more cruel than from them. The details are carefully the main thread of the plot, and works a purgative cannot possibly upon her knee. Her MSS, are written ity, desiring to be known only by her work .- Sarah A. Cooley in the Reader,

### NO MORE BLUSHES.

"It's funny, but it's true," sighed the observant man, "that most all the blushing note of that. If they want to be strictly accurate in their attempts to portray city life they must cut out that old-fashioned phrase, 'He blushed like a girl.' That burden. Sold by all medicine dealers, or by mail, at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for \$2 50, from the Dr. Williams Medicine Company, Brockville, ont.

WISS BRADDON, THE POPULAR based upon the fairy stories which, apply to the younger girls, among whom blushing state. This, of course, does not as she relates, "first opened to her the the habit is still prevalent to a degree."-

RETREATING IN GOOD ORDER.

She had refused him, and he stood twirling his mustache and looking quizzical until she was in a tearing temper. "What are you standing there for?" demanded, stamping her foot.

"Well, I am wondering," he said, slow-

"Oh, yes, it is," he drawled. "At any

It seemed to her that she should faint

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SO BAD, BUT THE NIGHT IS AWFUL.

certainly loved her thoroughbred chest. whether the novelist could write if she margins of the Arctic zone is described berth.

by the long twilight, due to the high identified by the victim of the robbery for their deliverance. degree of refraction at low tempera- as his assailant! This, perhaps, was disappears some days before and after since the merchant was not only a THE ROMAN REPORTERS

Light from moon and stars, and from the aurora, also relieves the Yet there was, besides the positive variety, beauty and complexity are common. Solar and lunar haloes, and stantial evidence against him that coronae, and mock suns and moons are even his friends were staggered. Meanoften seen. Auroras seem to be less while Frank was torn by the most

Thus the north polar summer, in spite of its drawbacks, is in some re-

thoughts and ideas. Her freshness of strong desire for sleep, and indifferance. Later effects have been sleep-

> and still. Nansen notes "not very cold" warm to skate."

atively cold air.

among them, are rare.

A new application of the motor cycle to military service has been invented in Austria. It concerns the her day, while out driving in the sum-



The grocer who offers you something "just as good" has no regard for your judgment or your health. It's delicious.

The Author of Lady Audley's Secret is that most women in large cities nowadays are so advanced that it takes a particularly hard joit to shock them into the blushing into the blushing and it was blushing to shock them into the blushing and it was blushing to shock them into the blushin T. P. IN HIS ANECDOTAGE T. P. O'Connor M. P., in T. P.'s Weekly.

> I am sure will interest my readers. In the eighteenth century in Ireland there was a squire, a Mr. Leeson, who, have squires did in that day and country, so dangerous a neighborhood that he was about to be thrown into prison for overset the carriage and dislocated his who won't marry me."
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> "It's none of your business!" she flamed, only son, Frank, to deliver him and ever, was so far from damping her and imprisonment by marrying an recovery from it Mrs. Porter went to helress with a fortune of £8,000. Now, Frank was attached, though not, I bewho was as poor as she was pretty, scription of £60, with which she preand it was only after a terrible battle with himself that he at last consented to give up his sweetheart, marry the marriage to the heiress, father, mother, the principal part, Dr. Barrowby was ness; but his father, having taken a "I can't make him out," said the dislike to the country through his dis- nurse to the doctor on his arrival; To all Women-I will send free with neighbors, and wishing besides to get to think, and making an opportunity to more competent medical advice for a be alone with the patient, he said, "It's his property and migrate to the im- What's the matter? Come, tell me; it's Womb, Painful or Irregular Periods, mediate neighborhood of Dublin. He safe with me." The lad told him at sold every acre accordingly, receiving last that he had got into bad company ness, Melancholy, Pains in the Head the payment in bills, and the whole since coming up from Hertfordshire to family had arranged to depart for learn the business of a merchant, and Dublin next day, when that night that he was induced by a woman with AN ALLIGATOR FARM'S

> > property), was burnt down. DESPAIR.

AND NIGHTS support his father, mother, wife, and self; but all his applications were explained the case to him, assured him gustine, Fla., and the other at Hot Springs. starvation—for they had had absolutely replace the £200. The young fellow that feeds a series of little lakes or ponds. nothing to eat for days—was unable to recovered not only his health, but his the grounds ""stock vards" and "winter nurse him, while Frank's wife was on the brink of her confinement, Frank, mad with misery, rushed out of the made with misery, rushed out of the made use of the original frank, but his ing grounds," "stock yards" and "winter quarters" for this unique branch of the great American live stock industry. mad with misery, rushed out of the get his unconscious benefactor, Ross, During a polar winter the average house one evening, and seeing a genthis unconscious benefactor, Ross, at his benefit every year, received a tleman in a lonely street who seemed sealed, but unsigned note, containing dred and eight hundred live alligators, reading in size from little baby gators reaches six feet or more. Nansen manded his purse with such a fury of ment: "A tribute of gratitude from one found a thickness of over eight feet. menace that it was at once handed who was highly obliged and saved There is really no warm season. to him. Frank rushed wildly home, from ruin by seeing Mr. Ross' per-Even during the long summer days where he opened the purse to find that formance of Barnwell." are relatively warm, but, especially in presented with shaking hands to his them over the few weeks that elapse

REMORSE.

principle that under no circumstances assuring him that if he was not hon-This letter the suspect, his friends, and

REPARATION. free of a round of professional social lessness and nervousness, tending in sume the black cap, Frank forced his piety may be terribly difficult to the cold Just as the judge was about to asway through the still court and cried, gaze of a stranger. Of the innumerable dormant condition, piled on top of one gestive troubles.

Extraordinary low winter temperatures are easily borne if the air is dry should commit such a crime! I was await the man or woman who can invent a first such a crime with a crime wi then in easy circumstances; but a fire a system that will appeal to the reader as at a temperature of-22 degrees, when reduced myself, my wife, my aged fa- effectively as to the original writer. Perthe air was still. Another Arctic ex- ther and mother to destitution. We haps if we were to rediscover the lost seen little change. She writes concise plorer, at 9 degrees, says "it is too came up to Dublin, hoping that some shorthand writing of the ancient Romans recommendations I had to the lord- we might find ourselves on the road to-Zero weather seems pleasantly re- lieutenant would procure me employ-Zero weather seems pleasantly re-freshing if clear and calm. But high ment; but I received nothing but prom-terms with shorthand. Did not Suetonius, relative humidity and wind—even a ises. My money was spent; we had speaking of Caligula, express surprise that light breeze—give the same degree of had no food for days; my father was an emperor of so many promising parts which may be unbearable. Thus the in despair; my wife was on the brink shorthand? And did not Titus Vespasianus damper air of spring and summer usu- of her confinement; and, out of my pride himself on his facility in the use of ally seems much colder than the drier mind with misery, I rushed from the air of winter, although the tempera. house and committed the crime for he delighted to gather his amanuenses which you are about to condemn an which you are about to condemn an innocent man. I have committed robagainst each other in the stenographic are killed, stuffed and mounted in striking skin burns and blisters; the lips swell bery—and God knows what that crime field. It may be that but for the redisplained of by polar explorers, and is der." Frank was put into the dock, ward the end of the sixteenth century, the surely due to the active evaporation and was then and there tried, con- curious Pepys would not have been moved from the warm body into the dry, rel- victed, sentenced—and pardoned! In- to write his diary. deed, the lord-lieutenant not only pardoned him, but gave him a place of singularly free from micro-organisms—

### The first impulse to the rediscovery and cultivation of shorthand in modern times may probably be traced to the desire, at singularly free from micro-organisms— £700 a year; and, to round the ro- the time of the Reformation, of preserving a fact which is due chiefly to lack of mance off, the merchant whom Frank the discourses of the preachers of the new communication with other parts of the had got into and out of this terrible doctrines. world. Hence diseases which are scrape, being an old bachelor without speaketh treatably," the Elizabethan common in temperate zones, "colds" near relatives, left his young friend his writing master and stencgrapher, Peter entire fortune when he died!

A PLUCK ACTRESS.

quick laying of telephone and telemer of 1731, was waylaid by a high-causes of the corrupt readings of the text graph wires. In front of the cycle is installed a cylindrical roll of reel upon which the wire is wound, and a man sitting in the moving car lays man sitting in the moving car lays the wire, by means of a long pole, at him. "It would have been yours, says that his play of "Queen Elizabeth" either in the tops of the trees, or, if madam, if I had been a hardened highthere are none, in the ditches or gut- wayman; but I am not. I have now apparatus three before taken to the road, nor would I so much that some by stencgraphy drew have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now, if I had not had a wife and have now had a wife and had a wife a wi Mrs. Porter, convinced from the man's appearance and bearing that he was Three notebooks which formerly telling the truth, asked, "Where do you belonged to Shelley, the poet, containlive?" He told her. "Well, I shall ing autograph manuscript, a considercome to see you; meanwhile here is all able portion of which has not been the money I have," presenting him published, were sold in London not with ten guineas. The man could not long ago for \$15,000. The manuscript

THE DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERT I came across a strange Irish ro- | words of thanks, adding, "You will mance of real life the other day which come, madam?" "Yes, I'll come." After ing run through his property, as horses with such good will to be out of his mother from disgrace, destitution, beneficence that immediately on her lieve, engaged, to another young lady, in every particular, she raised a sub-

REFORMED BY A PLAY.

and disgrace. For some time after his well" was being acted with Ross in son, and daughter-in-law lived to- sent for to see a young fellow who gether in perfect harmony and happi- was apparently at the point of death. gust with the shabby treatment he had but I fancy he has something dreadful received in his difficulties from his on his mind." So the doctor also came distressing ailment, resolved to sell your mind, not your body, that's ill. peculiar to our sex. You can continue their house and all it contained, in- whom he had become entangled to cluding these bills (and bills also of embezzle £200 of his employer's, about 12 cents a week, My book, "Wo- Frank's to the amount of his whole Having, however, seen Ross and Mrs. Pritchard in "George Barnwell," and recognizing the precise parallel be-They contrived to get to Dublin and was struck down with remorse and tween his own case and Barnwell's, he A NOVEL BRANCH OF LIVE STOCK into miserable lodgings there, and were wished only to die. "Oh, nonsense!" buoyed up for some time with the hope that the lord-lieutenant would find father is a rich squire, and even if he than alligator farms. There are Frank some position to enable him to does not pay back the money, I shall." usual than alligator farms. There are support his father, mother, wife, and The good doctor sent for the father, only two in the world. One is at St. Au-

REDEMPTION THROUGH EURIPIDES.

The highest compliment ever paid a Aurora was counted a "fast" girl. She Forest. It may be questioned, indeed, margins of the Arctic gone is described boots. their intolerable slavery of such almost 600 pounds, is kept by himself, Athenians as could quote scenes from otherwise he would soon be the only alli-Next day all Dublin was talking of Their knowledge of Euripides not the audacious highway robbery in only fed but freed and restored them dramatic incidents attending the career of this handsome, dashing girl at every point.

The reader is prepared to find the stimulus of her genius.

The monotony and darkness of the don was a familiar figure in Richmond to the stimulus of her genius.

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## LEARNED SHORTHAND

AND AMUSEMENT.

orably acquitted, the real criminal got tired of writing out a complete hierowould appear in court on the day of glyphic, and took to suggesting part of it the trial to give himself up to justice. only, was on the way not only to an alphabet, but toward the goal reached by Sir Edward himself. Since that dim period we have all been doing our best to find a whose father invented a "Lucid Shortconsideration of the merchant's excel- hand," was bitten with the desire to conlent character and of his opulent cir- quer time, and he tells us that an examination of his father's system left him in no doubt whatever that it was the best of all. The fatality of all systems, however, is ward a solution of the problem.

"Tro write as fast as a man Bales, declared to be "in effect very easy.

the shortness whereof is attained by memory, and swiftness by practice and sweetness of industry." But the early sys-Mrs. Porter, a famous actress in tems were very inefficient, and this has

speak, and, indeed, broke down altogether into tears as he took the money.

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The alligator is a cannibal, and for that reason it is necessary to separate the ponds by means of heavy wire netting, and to place reptiles of very nearly the same size in each inclosure. Big Joe, the most respectable merchant was hurry to the dramatist to thank him manager. Then the poor dogs are killed and fed to the alligators. When a sufficent supply of dog meat is not available, tainted meats are procured from nearby butchers or from the great packing houses of Omaha and Kansas City. The aligator is not at all particular, but seems to pre-

fer his meat a little spoiled. At the alligator farm the females are robbed of their eggs as soon as they finish WRITERS USED IT FOR BUSINESS depositing them. These are then placed in an incubator for hatching. After being hatched the little ones are placed in a separate inclosure, to prevent their elder brothers and sisters from eating them. Sir Edward Clarke, in joining the ranks They grow very slowly, so that an alligatwo feet long is at least 15 years old, and one twelve feet long may be anywhere from 75 to 150 years old. Some reach length of sixteen to eighteen feet, and are Chronicle. The learned Egyptian who first supposed to attain an age of more than

500 years. If allowed to follow the'r hibernating habits in captivity, the alligators would bury themselves in the mud and lie dormant for nearly half of the year, and business would have to be suspended during that time on the alligator farm. A way had to be devised for circumventing, in part at least, this hibernating instict. The winter quarters are in a long, low building, divided into many compartments. Each compartment contains a pool of water through which run steam pipes, so that the water can be kept at a constant temperature. One small pond will contain two or three hundred alligators in their another, like so many sticks of firewood. There they lie, apparently lifeless, through the winter, not awakening even to taste the most tempting morsel of food, though it be held against their noses; but when any are wanted for waiting customers, or for shipment to distant points, it is an easy matter to enter the building and selects as many as are desired.

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