IN A DEN OF RATTLESNAKES.—W. D. Hampton, of Hamptonville informs us of a thrilling adventure that recently took place at the White Rock Quartz Mine, on the north side of the San Joaquin, in Fine Gold districts, which, for nerve and daring, is equal to anything we have ever heard of. There is an old shaft on the mine which has been unused for years, and recently it became necessary to clean it out and use it in working the mine. The shaft is about thirty feet deep, perpendicularly, with an incline of thirty feet more. A number of rattlesnakes had taken possession of the enclosure, probably in the start by falling down the shaft, and by breeding had increased till the whole bottom seemed like a writhing mass of reptiles. At first an effort was made to clean them out by discharging giant powder catridges at the bottom of the shaft, but this process only succeeded in killing such of the snakes as chanced to be at the top of the incline and as a last resort one of the workmen, Charles Campbell, agreed to go to the bottom and kill the horrible, venomous reptiles, whose hissing and rattling could be plainly heard at the top of the shaft. Procuring a quantity of antidotes for snake poison and making all needed preparations for raising and lowering the adventurous man, who was about as it were, to place his life in his own hand, Charles Campbell was lowered into the shaft by his trembling fellow laborers. He was armed only with a lantern and small stick

The stench occasioned by the poisoned breaths of the rattlesnakes was almost overpowering, but nothing daunted he proceeded to his errand. Reaching the bottom of the shaft he gradually groped his way down the steep and slippery incline, stopping ever and anon to kill a venomous rattler that impeded his way. Reaching the bottom he plied his stick with vigor, while the mass of snakes rattled and squirmed, their eyes sparkling like diamonds and their forked tongues lapping the air as they moved their heads in the intensity of their fury or struck with their poisonous fangs at the brave man that had dared encroach on their quarters and give them battle. Rapidly they fell over in the agonies of death under the unerring blows from his live oak stick till not a single one was left alive. Thirteen large snakes, with from seven to nine rattles each, were killed and two with fourteen and fifteen rattles respectively. In addition a number of younger ones were destroyed.

Finishing his daring labors he returned to the bottom of the shaft and was hauled out, but the sickening and poisonous air of the snake den so overcame him that he fainted away on reaching the top. Restoratives were administed and he was taken to his home, where he lay sick two or three days, but is now fully recovered and ready to assail another den of vipers.

THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER.—Referring to the country journalists, George Peck, of Milwaukee, says: "When we think of the hard drudgery that these enterprising, indefatigable workers do in a week, and small amount of thanks they receive in return, we feel as though something was wrong somewhere. Why it is that in many localities the people do not appreciate the importance of a good newspaper, and sustain it by a liberal patronage, thus making it a better paper, is one of the most unaccountable things in the world. We have no urgent call now to say what we do; but we tell the people in every locality where a paper is published, no matter how small and insignificant the paper may be, that every dollar they pay it for subscriptions or judicious advertising puts two dollars in cash in their own pockets. We have figured on it and we know. It may not look so on its face, but it is very deceiving. Lots of schemes that look as though they had millions in them, like the man who is sure he can pick out the right card in three card monte, fail to return anything like millions, while other schemes that do not seem to amount to anything scarcely, pan out whole handfuls of nickles unexpectedly. And the country newspaper is of this class. Subscribe for your paper and pay for it in advance, and if you feel at the end of the year that you havn't got your money's worth, then your fortune is made. You can go to a museum and get $5,000 a year as a curiosity.

MATCHING MA'S SWITCH.—One of those unnaturally bright children who are always getting people into difficulties was at prayer meeting the other evening with his mother, when he asked aloud:

"Ma, say ma—who was Dinah Moore?"

"Hu-u-sh," whispered his mother cautiously, "it's a hymn."

"No, it ain't ma," continued the hopeful, "it's a woman's name; say ma, who is it that's going home to Dinah Moore?"

"Willie," said his mother in a ghastly voice, "you're disturbing the meeting. It means going to heaven to die no more."

"Dine no more! Oh, ma, don't they eat up there?"

His mother explained as well she could, and Willie sat still for half a minute, his bright eyes roving about the church. Then he asked in a shrill whisper:

"Ma, is God out of town?"

"N-o-o-o, no, no," answered the distracted woman faintly.

"Then what's Mr. Kelly running this meeting for, ma?" continued the sweet child.

The choir sung him down, but as the meeting closed with a moment of silent prayer, his gentle voice was heard saying:

"Old Mrs. Jones' switch don't match her hair like yours does, ma!"

A baby born on Christmas is appropriately styled a holler-day gift.

A man who ventures upon the study of science after his marriage is apt to have his mind diverted by many considerations that do not properly arise from that study. A young Brooklyn husband hadn't finished half a dozen chapters of a work on geology before he observed to his wife: "My dear, I wonder if the women of the glacial epoch had cold feet."

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Jan. 12, 1882—1y.

FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

Messrs. Editors—Please announce Mr. L. H. CANTER as a candidate for re-election to the lower branch of the next General Assembly of Maryland, subject to the republican nominating convention, and say that he will receive the undivided support of the voters o

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Jan 8, 1880—tf

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Jan 16, 1873—tf.

R. C. COMBS,

Attorney-at-Law,

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Aug. 12, tf.

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Feb. 10, 1870—tf.

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Oct 5, 1882—3m.

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Jan 12, 1882—tf.

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FOR THE LEGISLATURE.

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July 13, 1882.

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