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[FOR THE COURIER Tobacco.]

[To the lovers of the filthy weed—taken from an old scrap-book of 20 years ago; but needed now as then. Warn the girls to beware of either smokers or chewers of tobacco.—COURIER'S FRIEND.]

"May lady never press his lips, His proffered love reurning, Who makes a furnace of his mouth, And keeps its chimney burning! May each true woman shun his sight, For fear his fumes might choke her; And none but those who smoke themselves Have kisses for a smoker!"

The Sea Serpent in Reality.

A London letter says: I remember, more than twenty years ago, when Prof. Agassiz was taking his class on a scientific excursion along the coast of Nahant, he paused on a rock, and in his own graphic way gave a summary of the narratives of the sea serpent said to have been seen near there. One of our class indulged in some ridicule of the monster, but Agassiz checked him, and said that it was a matter which must not be dismissed without further investigation.

The important mass of testimony which has accumulated on the subject has been carefully reviewed in the March number of the "Magazine," by Professor Richard A. Proctor, in a paper entitled "Strange Sea Creatures." After sifting the evidence cautiously, Prof. Proctor arrives at the conclusion that at least one large marine serpent exists which has not yet been classified among the known species of the present era; that this animal has a serpentine neck, and head small as compared with its body; that it is a breather, probably warm blooded, and certainly carnivorous; that its propulsive power being great, and apparently independent of its undulations, it presumably has concealed paddles. These circumstances correspond with the belief that it is the enaliosaurian or modern representative of the long-necked plesiosaurus of the Mesozoic era, a member of that strange family whose figure resembles a serpent drawn through the body of a sea turtle. That it is so much larger than any fossil remains of the same family which have been found may be accounted for by the fact, that if one or two of them should survive at all, it naturally would be through their gigantic size and strength.

Mr. Proctor thinks the accounts of huge cuttle fish exaggerated, but believes in the gigantic tadpole—two hundred feet in length—seen in the Malacca straits by officers of the Nestor, and at first mistaken for a shark. Dr. Andrew Wilson, who captured the ribbon fish, sixty feet long, also believes that there is some sea monster which mariners occasionally see. Prof. Goss holds the same view. Prof. Owen, thirty years ago, suggested that the monster might be the sea elephant (Phoca proboscidea), which is sometimes thirty feet long; but he has had nothing to say of the evidences and descriptions of the zoologists generally must be regarded as their consent to the main fact—that gigantic monsters do exist, though as yet "unknowable."

A Variegated People.

The ground work of the population of the Indian Territory may be said to be of mosaic. There are wild "Indians by blood," viz: The Osages, Oklawahas, Arapahoes, Kiowas and Pawnees, about 20,000, all told. These are called, "blanket Indians," and do not cultivate the soil. They are not much mixed. Then there are other "Indians by blood," viz: Cherokees, Creeks, Seminoles, Choctaws and Chickasaws, who are partially civilized and very mixed. When a white man marries a woman of any of these tribes, he is immediately become a "white Indian by marriage," entitled to all the rights and privileges of the tribe and to the proportion of the land; ditto of a white woman who marries an Indian. There are also lots of "black Indians by treaty" connected with the Cherokees, Creeks and Seminoles. The negroes of those nations were made free by the treaty of 1866; but unlike the treaties of 1866 with the other tribes, the Choctaw and Chickasaw treaty did not stipulate that they should be citizens of those tribes. Of these civilized Indians by blood, white Indians by marriage, and black Indians by treaty, there are 55,000. Besides these, there are 6,500 "negro citizens of the United States," formerly slaves of the Chickasaws and Choctaws, who are not construed or otherwise ranked as Indians. The whole population of the Territory is about 77,000, which is greater than that of the State of Nevada.

Araucania.

The first intimation that most of the people of the world had that there was such a Kingdom as Araucania, was that the King was dying. The kingdom is a sort of Arcadian territory, situated on the southern borders of Chili, bounded on the west by the Pacific, and on the east by the Andes. It has about as much area as the State of Indiana, and a population a little exceeding that of Toledo at the present time. The people are said to be very brave, and unusually intelligent. They raise cattle and horses to procure what they need from the outside world. They imbued such a hatred for gold, on account of the excesses that they saw it induced the Spaniards to commit, that after they had expelled the Spaniards, they closed up all the gold and silver mines in the country, which remain unworked to this day.

Banking.

When the first branch bank was opened at Bloemfontein in the Orange Free State, South Africa, a Boer, who, after the manner of his kind, had hoarded up all his savings at home with a view to buying land, presented himself to the manager, and said:

"I hear you take care of people's money. How much do you want for taking care of mine?" "We don't want anything," was the answer; "and, moreover, if you leave it with us for any fixed time, we'll give you interest on it." "What!" said the Boer, "you offer to pay me for taking care of my money? You must be a d—d set of soundbrains! And he walked off, buttoning up his breeches pocket."

Practical Items.

An excellent blacking for fine harness can be made by dissolving five or six sticks of black sealing wax in a pint of alcohol.

A sensible writer advises those who would enjoy good eating to keep good natured, for, says he, "an angry man cannot tell whether he is eating boiled cabbage or stewed umbrellas."

After long use sponges are liable to smell very badly, unless they are carefully cleaned every day. By rubbing a fresh lemon thoroughly into the sponge and then rinsing it several times in lukewarm water it will become as sweet as when new.

When swimming a horse, never touch the bridle, as a horse is easily drowned when checked up, or otherwise interfered with about the head. Sit well back and guide the horse with the hand, gently slapping him on either side as required; thus a horse will swim a mile or more with a full-grown man on his back, and suffer but little.

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