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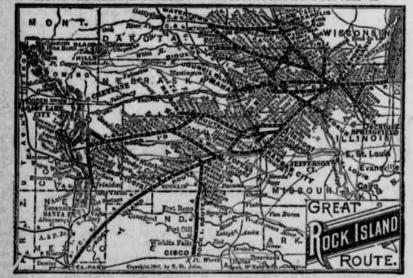




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TWO VERY OLD SNAKES.

Old Pompey Has a Lively Brush with Two Battlers, and Kills Them.

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Pompey Hooper, an old colored farmer, is a great coon hunter, and, in company with two others, he started out on a big hunt. Several raccoons were caught, and the trio, after having hugely enjoyed the sport, were preparing to return home when suddenly the dogs bayed again. Approaching near to where they were barking, the three concluded, as they had their guns with them and were tired of chopping down trees, to wait until daylight and shoot the game. As it was only a short while until dawn, a fire was accordingly built, and while his companions produced a deck of cards with which to while away the time Pompey stretched himself on the ground for a short nap.

Somehow the old fellow could not sleep, and after a short while he picked up his gun and lighting a pine torch he walked over to where the dogs were. Instead of a tree and a

dogs were. Instead of a tree and a coon, he found the hounds scratching and tearing up the earth at the base of a hollow rock. Thinking that some animal had taken refuge in the bowlder, he jammed the blazing torch into the crevice. The old negro's terror was great when, instead of the growl which was expected, he heard a terwhich was expected, he heard a terrible rattling, such as experience had taught him the rattlesnake gives only when about to strike. Pompey's fight with the deadly reptiles last year had left an impression on his mind, and he was preparing to run when, as he says, "One of the biggest rattlers you ever heard of slid outen' that hole an impred at me. He would o' got me. jumped at me. He would o' got me shore, but one o' the dogs grabbed his tail an' gin it a flirt." Just then an-other snake, "bigger than the udder," crawled out and made a leap for Pom-pey, who "fetched him a swipe with the torch" and then grabbed his gun. By this time the first snake was rat-

tling and striking, and, with one hand holding the torch and the other the gun, the old negro blazed "away," but missed. Steadying himself he took better aim and fired the second time, and with better results, for the rep-tile's head was torn completely off. At this moment the other snake struck Pompey's foot, burying its fangs in the toe of his shoe, but luckily so near the end that no damage was done.

Again the pine torch came down, and Again the pine torch came down, and this time on the snake's head. That ended it, and as the old negro's companions came rushing to the scene they found him carefully examining his foot, hardly able to understand that he had escaped unhurt. If what the darkies say is true, and Uncle Pompey is one of the wealthiest and most reliable colored farmers in the county, the two snakes killed were the largest and oldest of any of their kind ever found. They say one had forty and the other thirty-six rattles. As a snake is 3 years old before a rattle appears, and as one is then added for each year, one was 43 and the other 39 years of age.—Chicago Journal.

An Aristocratic Bookbinder, There is no law against a man binding his own books if he has a taste for such matters. Anyway, he ought to do the tooling. The necessary irons and paraphernalia take up very little room. Now, there's Cobden-Sanderson, the English gentleman who manipulates petits fers with such skill. He was possessed of considerable means. was possessed of considerable means, and had been content with the ordinary, do nothing life of a country gentleman until the study of economics led him to the persuasion that it was the duty of every man to be made. the duty of every man to learn and practice a craft. At the work shop attached to his house at Hendon he turns out some very beautiful, if some what too ornate, specimens of the bookbinder's art. In the stitching and other phases of his work he is assisted by his wife, to whom he owes his double barreled name, she being a daughter of Richard Cobden. This amateur binder, now well known through his lectures and contributions to technical papers, is described as a small, effeminate looking man, with clean shaven face and hair parted in the middle, as enthusiastic in manner as he is poetic in appearance. When he lectures he takes off his coat and dons a workman's apron.-The Booklover.

Sham Antiquities.

There is a great passion nowadays for antique articles of furniture, and it has given birth to a world of sham antiquities. An army of handicraftsmen are busily engaged in the manufacture of these wares, which are palmed off on confiding people as being 200 or 300 years old, and dated from any desired landmark in history. Old chairs, old tables, old dressers, old bedsteads and old anything, even if made last week, have great value in the eyes of many persons satisfied with antiqity in appearance. Worm eaten furni-ture is now one of the rages. This stuff is easily produced with the aid of bird shot, which is fired into it. Old houses torn down furnish worm eaten timber, which is turned to good ac-count in fabricating old sets of furni-ture. Old door keys, mediæval bel-lows, gilt flambeaux in Louis XIV style, warming pans and brass fen-ders of the Fourteenth century, can-delabra, and even old snuffers, find purdelabra, and even old snuffers, find pur-chasers as fast as these antique wares can be made by skillful artisans in out-of-the-way places of the gay capital. Old coins and Regency clocks are cast by the ton every day in Paris, but they are very scarce and bring fabu-lous prices.—Paris Cor. Boston Tran-script.

How Long Will It Last?

A wenthy Parisian named Genin, who recently died, made a singular disposition of his wealth. He directed that his executors should pay 1,000 francs in only to the government for each of the thirty-six departments which made up that country. These payments are to be continued until such time as Alsace and Lorraine shall such time as Alsace and Lorraine shall have again become portions of France. How large is the fortune left by M. Genin is not stated.—San Francisco

The Dangers of Prediction

No doubt it is more important, on the whole, that reformers should be strenuous than that they should be reasonable, and sometimes the reason-ableness itself comes with time. In re-gard to the position of woman there is certainly more of appeal to principles and a less lavish prediction of results than was the case a few years ago, and and a less lavish prediction of results than was the case a few years ago, and this is a clear gain. It is perhaps fortunate that we have had constant object lessons as to the dangers of too sweeping prediction. Thus it is justly claimed that the influence of women makes naturally for peace, yet in those parts of the country where private fends prevail most freely it is admitted that the influence of women rather tends to keep them up, through the pride taken by sisters and wives in the courage shown in these contests. the courage shown in these contests. The admission of women to business affairs promotes honesty, on the whole, yet there have been few cheating enterprises in our day so ingenious, so persistent and so successful as the so called "Women's bank" in Boston. It is claimed, with some justice, in re-gard to coeducational colleges, that their influence improves to some ex-tent the morals and manners of the young men, yet there have been few outbreaks of disorder more questionable than have taken place latterly at Cornell and Wesleyan, both coeduca-tional universities. Wendell Phillips used to point with just pride to the gen-eral elevation in the tone of literature since women began to take a promi-nent part in it; but at the present time, in, England and America, it is women, not men, whose publishers try to cke out the claims of their books by

hinting that they are a little indecent.
What does all this show? Not that temperance, manual industry, and social reform are unimportant things, and surely not that the world is to be harmed by elevating the condition and influence of women; but it shows that we must be careful about prophecy, and must rest all claims for reform on wide principles, without dwelling too much on details. We can really see but a little way ahead in regard to the results of any great reform. It may turn out much profounder in its re-sults than we had imagined, and yet the precise results we expected may not come, or not in the expected form Human nature is a large matter with which we deal. Reform must proceed along many lines before it accom-plishes its whole work. There are some principles—as, for instance, the right of a man to own himself—which appear as simple as that two and two make four; but even in applying these it is safer not to be too precise as to our prediction of consequences, but to bear in mind the sage counsel of Mrs. Gamp, "Seek not to proticipate."—T. W. H. in Harper's Fazar.

A Woodman's Nerve. The average woodman has a first class, able bodied nerve, as any one who has witnessed camp accidents will attest. Physicians who attend the boys who have been hurt by rolling logs or falling trees will also bear cheerful testimony to the nerve they exhibit in undergoing operations, often attended with the loss of some valued member of the human anatomy. An instance of nerve has come to the notice of The Courier that is worthy of record. Elisha Lathrop of Bozrah, Conn., is the proud possessor of a real, genuine nerve; in fact, he would be pleased to hear of any man who has more of it. In hauling logs in the forest the other day a large log was thrown from the sleigh and it fell on his leg, breaking it below the knee. So heavy was the stick that Mr. Lathrop's men had to hitch the oxen by chains to the log and draw it off his body. Mr. La-throp was not rattled, although his men were. They lifted him to the bot-tom of the sled and then helped him to pull off his trousers. Then, with the aid of the men, and by means of ban-dages, and by dint of severe tugging at the member, Mr. Lathrop set his own leg. He had never seen a broken leg set before, but he said afterward, in describing the operation: "I looked at the other leg for a guide and fixed up the bad one just like it." After getting the broken bones in the right place he bound cloths tightly about the leg, mounted the load and was driven home. Then he hitched up his horse and drove nine miles to the home of Dr. Sweet, the natural bone

setter. Sweet examined the job.

"Who set this leg?" he asked.

"I did," said Lathrope.

"Well," responded the doctor, "I never saw a better job. You can drive right home again now, There is nothing left for me to do."—Saginaw Courier.

"The Ghost Walks."

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Col. T. Alston Brown, who is the best authority in this country concerning local stage history, gives this account of the origin of the phrase "The Ghost walks," as explaining that salaries will be paid: "Harry Watkins, an old player, relates an anecdote that is worth recording. It appears plausible enough to be the true origin, because it seems so natural. In one of the itmerant companies of England, the cause it seems so natural. In one of the itinerant companies of England, the manager, himself an actor, was very fond of piaying the ghost in 'Hamlet,' which was one the stock pieces of these unpaid nomads. Salary day came and went, but, as the manager had no bank account, and the box office receipts were to meeter to receipt the ceipts were too meager to warrant the alleged treasurer in posting over the box office door those letters so cheering to the actor's heart, S. P. Q. R., the stomachs and wardrobes of the players began to suffer. At last pa-tience ceased to be a virtue. The com-pany grew clamorous for their arrears. A strike was organized, and at one of the 'Hamlet' rehearsals, when Hamlet, speaking of the Ghost, exclaimed, 'Per-chance twill walk again,' the leader of the revolt, who happened then to be the chart ignored Shakespeare, and shouted and latically, 'No! I'm blessed if the Chost walks any more until our salaries are paid.' All actors—especially those who've been there before many a time—will easily concede that an incident like this would quickly become common sport, and soon furnish the material for a new bit of stage slang."—The Theatre.



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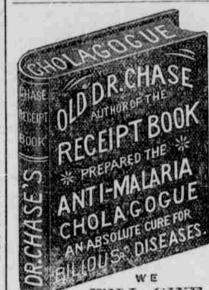
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