

Superstition and Crocodiles.

Madagascar Letter.

The different sections of the country I found that the people differed somewhat in their treatment of the crocodile. Some tribes never harm them, while others retaliate upon them whenever human beings are devoured—life for life. The inhabitants living upon the shores of a lake called Itasy are accustomed to make a yearly proclamation to the crocodiles of the lake. The sorcerer making the proclamation stands on the shore near the water, and, stretching out his arms over the lake, cries out in a loud voice warning the crocodiles in the name of some supreme being, called Andriamanitra, that any deaths among the people caused by them will be duly avenged by the killing of as many in return. The well disposed crocodiles are then warned to keep out of the way, as the people do not quarrel with them but only with their evil-minded relatives, who have taken human life. This superstition relative to the crocodiles does not seem to extend to the crocodile's eggs, for in many of the villages the eggs may be found for sale in the market places. Among the people the eggs are considered a great delicacy, and indeed they are very good, but it was sometime before I could overcome my scruples and indulge in them freely. Dogs have a very sagacious way of outwitting the crocodile. I have seen a dog stand on the bank of a stream for some time barking furiously. As soon as all the crocodiles in the vicinity had congregated at the place where the noise was being made, the dog suddenly ran off as fast as possible and swam across at some distance up stream.

A Thrifty New-Made Widower.

Boston Courier, June 22.

An eccentric character living in Western Massachusetts had the misfortune to lose his wife, and all arrangements were made for interring the worthy lady's remains with fitting solemnity. When the hour for the ceremony arrived, however, the bereaved husband was nowhere to be found, and consternation fell upon the funeral guests as the minutes passed without his appearing. Just as suspense was becoming unbearable the widower came striding in from the back yard, puffing as if from violent exertion, his clothes covered with mud and his shirt sleeves rolled to the elbow. "Well, now," he exclaimed in a loud tone, as he came upon the silent company awaiting him, "is everything all ready? I thought as it was a kind of a half day I'd take time by the forelock and clean out the well. I won't be more'n two jiffies fixin' up, and then if you hurry things a little, parson, we shall get to the grave full as quick 's if I'd been sittin' here waitin' half a day."

The Engagement Off.

N. Y. Sun.

"My love," he said, "I have a heavy burden on my mind to-night. There is something that I must say, which, as my affianced wife, you should know."

"What is it, George?" she asked anxiously.

"I am a victim to the demon of drink. Strive as I may, I cannot resist the temptation of liquor."

"That will be all right in time, dear," she replied hopefully. "When I am your wife, my love and influence will bring about a reform, I am sure. Is that all?"

"No, I'm a confirmed gambler. I dropped \$3 last night at draw poker."

"George, when we are married I will make your home so pleasant and cozy that you will never want to go out at night without me."

"I don't know. I am also a speculator in stocks. In fact, during the past week on Wall street I lost every dollar I had in the world."

"I don't care for money," the young woman then said, as she disentangled herself from his embrace, "but my husband may be honorable and upright in every way. I can never consent to risk my future with a man addicted to drinking and card playing."

Ex-Governor Moses Free Again.

Chicago Special.

Some days ago ex-Gov. Franklin Moses of South Carolina, was arrested here on complaint of Dr. J. Adams Allen and Dr. J. H. Hollister, who charged him with swindling them out of \$17 and \$25, respectively. Justice held him to await the action of the grand jury, but they did not see fit to indict him, though both of the physicians mentioned appeared and testified against him. Friends of Moses attempted to draw them off by offering to give back the money they had lost, but they had resolved to lodge the ex-governor in the penitentiary, if such a thing was possible, and they are rather sore at the poor result of their efforts. It appears now that Mrs. Moses and her two children appeared before the grand jury and united in an appeal for the release of the family, promising that if he was set free the money taken would be refunded. Upon this he was allowed to go, and the physicians received the amounts they had lost. Moses and his wife and children left the city this morning.

The nearest approach to perpetual motion is found in some modern clocks, which are made self-winding by an ingenious arrangement. The idea has been utilized in some watches, which, by the motion of the wearer in walking are made to wind themselves up as they run down.

It is said that Japanese women have never seen and do not know the use of pins. A Japanese young man may feel comparatively safe in sitting on the sofa with the young lady in that country.

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Special Master's Sale of Real Estate.

Under and in pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of the Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, in and for Putnam county, made on the 24th day of May, A. D. 1884, in a certain cause pending therein on the chancery side of the court, wherein Augustus Monroe is complainant and John H. McLean, and Edward S. McLean, the assignees of McLean & Bro., defendants, I will as the special master, named and appointed therein, offer for sale to the highest bidder for cash, on Monday the 24th day of July, A. D. 1884, in front of the front door of the Court House in the city of Palatka, Florida, between the usual hours of sale, the following described real estate in Putnam county, Florida, viz: The S.W. 1/4 of the N.E. 1/4 of sec. 26 T. 10 S. R. 23 E., with the exception of twelve acres of the same belonging to S. Graham, conveyed to him by said John H. McLean, and the description of which is set forth in bill of complaint filed in said cause. Purchasers to pay for deeds.

JOS. E. BALDWIN,
Special Master in Chancery.

In Chancery.

In the Circuit Court Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, Putnam County.—In Chancery.
James J. Montgomery, Complainant, vs. Mary A. Montgomery, Defendant. Divorce.
It appearing to the court that the bill of complaint was duly filed in this case and affidavit made and filed that Mary A. Montgomery, the defendant, resides beyond the limits of the State of Florida, but in one of the United States, it is therefore ordered that the said Mary A. Montgomery, defendant, do appear and answer the said bill, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1884, otherwise the complainant's bill will be taken pro confesso.

WM. F. FORWARD,
Clerk Circuit Court.

Wm. Thompson, Complainant's Solicitor.

IN CHANCERY.

State of Florida, in the Circuit Court for Putnam County, 5th Judicial Circuit of Florida.
James W. Robertson, Compt. vs.

Norman H. Chamberlin, In Chancery.
Mary Etie Chamberlin, Defrs.

It appearing by affidavit, to the satisfaction of the court, that the said defendants reside out of the said 5th Judicial Circuit of Florida, and beyond the limits of said State, but within the United States, the particular State being unknown, now, therefore, on motion of Calhoun, Gillis & Calhoun, complainant's solicitors, it is ordered that the defendants Norman H. Chamberlin and Mary Etie Chamberlin, do appear and answer the bill of complaint, filed by the complainant, in the above cause, on or before the 24th day of October 1884, otherwise said bill shall be taken as confessed. It is further ordered that a copy of this order be published in the Palatka News, a newspaper published within said Fifth Judicial Circuit, wherein said mortgaged premises are situated, once in every week for at least four months before said 24th day of October 1884.

Dated May 31st, 1884.

By the Court, WM. F. FORWARD, Clerk Circuit Court.

CALHOUN, GILLIS & CALHOUN, Compt's Solicitor.

Notice of Incorporation.

BY AUTHORITY OF AN ACT OF THE Legislature of the State of Florida, entitled "An act to provide for the incorporation of Railroads and Canals," approved February 19th, 1884, and the acts amendatory thereto, notice is hereby given that a company has been formed under the name of the

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J. R. RAINY,
R. R. RAINY, JR.,
J. S. GOWDON,

In Chancery.

In the Circuit Court Fifth Judicial Circuit of Florida, Putnam County.—In Chancery.
Amelia Brown Complainant, vs. John Brown Defendant. Divorce.

It appearing to the court that the bill of complaint was duly filed in this case and affidavit made and filed that John Brown the defendant resides beyond the limits of the State of Florida, but in one of the United States, it is therefore ordered that the said John Brown, do appear and answer the said bill, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1884, otherwise the complainant's bill will be taken pro confesso.

WM. F. FORWARD,
Clerk Circuit Court.

Wm. Thompson, Complainant's Solicitor.

In Circuit Court.

Putnam County Fifth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida. In Chancery.

F. Q. Crawford vs. Tamar J. Crawford. Bill for Divorce.

It appearing by the affidavit of the complainant filed in the above cause that the defendant resides out of, and beyond the limits of the State of Florida, but in the State of Michigan. Now therefore it is ordered that the defendant Tamar J. Crawford do appear and answer the said complainant's bill for divorce filed against her in our said court on or before the first day of September, A. D. 1884, otherwise said bill may be taken pro confesso. Witness my hand and the seal of our said court this 24th day of April A. D. 1884.

WM. F. FORWARD,
Clerk Circuit Court.

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS.

THE UNDERSIGNED WILL BE AT PALATKA Election District, No. 8, on Monday, May 14th, and remain during the week ending on Saturday the 18th, for the purpose of assessing the State and County Tax for the year D. 1884. All tax payers wishing tax blanks will please call at either the office of clerk of Circuit Court or Tax Collector, where they will find them.

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