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Washington Claim Agents.

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To the Hon. the Senate of the United States in Congress Assembled-Gentle MEN: The undersigned petitioners would most respectfully represent that we are laimante against the Government for osses sustained by Indian depredations committed in Humboldt sounty, California, at different times since 1850; that we were induced to employ an attorney here to properly prepare said claims. and another at Washington by power of at orney to prosecute them there; that we have paid our attorneys here for making out all papers in said claims, besides being at considerable expense in attending with witnesses the Government commission here that examined our claims; that now our attorneys at Washington (Messrs. ---) are asking us to sign a contract giving them onethird of whatever may be recovered from the Government as their fee, besides requiring us to pay all accruing unreasonable charge. Therefore we oray your honorable body to so amend the bilt now pending before you for settling these claims that it will embody a clause allowing attorneys such fees and commission for attending to said claims as shall be deemed just and equitable. and your petitioners will ever be most hankfal.

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No Difference Perceptible, Jones - Very stupid girl, that Miss Wilpin.

Smith-How so? "Why, you see we were guessing conundrums the other evening, and I usked her what was the difference between myself and a donkey."

"Well?" Why, by Jove, she said she didn't know." "Well, as far as that goes, I don't either."-Texas Siftings.

Nothing the Matter with the Deacon First Deacon-You've got that horse

yet, I see.

Second Deacon-Why shouldn't I have him?

First Deacon-You are always selling or trading your horses, you know. Second Deacon-There isn't anything the matter with this horse,-New York Ledger.

An Efficacious Medicine, "Ah, doctor, allow me to give you my heartiest thanks for that medicine you

prescribed for me." "So it helped you very much?"
"Yes, indeed, immensely."

"How many bottles did you use?" "I didn't drink any myself, but my uncle got away with one bottle, and

soon after breathed his last. I inherit all his property."

(42 Baking illions of Homes-40 Years the Standard.

Charming Rattlesnakes.

In the yard in the rear of a house i Jacksonville, Fla., a colored man coulbe seen yesterday, surrounded by ven emons snakes. The rattlesnake, coach whip, gopher and many other of th most poisonous species were well rep esented.

The writer, a correspondent of the Globe-Democrat, was amazed. He wel knew that he had not "tackled" any cheap quality of snake-producing elixir, and, like Josh Billings, came to the conclusion that the back yard beonged to the snakes.

The scribe watched the colored may place the serpents in a huge box, and hen ventured in. He at once discovered that he was in the presence of silas Foman, the celebrated snake charmer, who is well known in Chicago and other cities by managers of nuseums and snake dealers. He is a copper-colored man, about five fee! eight inches in height, dresses neatly, wearing cuffs, belt and collar made from the skin of the rattlesnake. In reply to questions, he told the following story:

"I am a native of Hayti, and have been in this country seventeen years A few years ago I determined to engage exclusively in the snake business. in my childhood my parents would gratify me by permitting me to have a rattlesnake as a companion, and as l grew older I became fonder of those reptiles, and always delighted in making them a study. I would sometimes get bit by them, but my father had a remedy that would soon heal the wound. In 1883, while in Lee county. near the Everglades, I captured a snake which was shipped to New York I was paid \$70 for it, and have been following the business ever since. On all rattlesnakes four feet long and over I realize from \$25 to \$50 each. The smaller snakes I generally use myself for the manufacture of my snake oil, which will cure any rheumatism or neuralgia in existence. I learned this from the Seminole Indians. When I first went among them I was crippled with rheumatism, and was a great sufferer. I was completely restored in a few days by the application of rattle-

snake oil. "Before Pablo Beach was thoroughly settled I caught hundreds of snakes in that vicinity, but the largest and best quality of rattlesnakes to be found in this country are at Fort George Island at the mouth of the St. John's river The snakes at this place are very gentle and can be easily tamed. Last month I succeeded in capturing fortyfour snakes there and was only bit eight times. I have secured from the Semino e Indians a fluid that I use when bitten, and with it the bite of a rattlesnake, or, in fact, any other of a mosquito."

with me over the river, near the old pressly in the interest of the ladies. base ball park, I think we will catch finds them for me."

into the air.

a stick six feet long, he gradually drew the snake until within arm's reach, when he reached out and secured the reptile, not, however, without the fangs penetrating his right hand. He applied his antidote, and smilingly requisted the reporter to "take a bite," oo, which was emphatically refused.

Returning home, the snake-charmer took out a piece of red silk, shook it in front of the reptile, who with its dead ly fangs penetrated it. Silas then nickel, and consists of two parts, which erked the silk violently away and the press against each other by means of a fangs were removed.

The Very First American Rallway.

The first railway built in the United States was three miles in length, extending from the granite quarries at Quincy Mass., to the Neponsett river. It was commenced in 1826 and finished in 1827. | mal. The gauge was five feet. The rails were pine, a foot thick, covered with hard ork, whis was in turn strapped with iron. In January, 1827, a short coal road was completed from the mines to Mauch Chunk, Pa. The rails dish is full, pour milk over, set it in the on this road were also of timber, with oven and bake to a nice brown. It is flat iron bars. The first locomotive for use on a railroad was invented by itichard Previteck in 1804, and the first finish. If raw petatoes are cooked thus

George Stephens built the first really successful locomotive in 1814, and baking more than thirty minutes. tested it upon the Killingwood road n the north of England. The first locomotive for actual service constructed in America was E. I. Miller's Best Friend," built for the South Carolina Railroad company in 1830. Peter Cooper built a little experimental locemotive early in 1830, before the "Hest Friend" was completed.-St. Louis Re-

There is no difference between a dead miner and a live one, for in either case his dresm of life is ore

Strange Southern Birds.

"Didn' yo' never hyar 'bout elpentrechers?" asked Sam Hopkins the ther day.

Sam is a little colored chap that runs rrands and makes himself generally iseful about an uptown hotel. He ails from Charlotville, Va., and what am doesn't know about the Virginia voods isn't worth knowing, Sam may rifle with the truth sometimes, but he outs on such an air of injured innoence when any of his statements are loubted that you are almost forced to elieve him.

"Never hyard bout elpenstretchers?" e again repeated. "Why, they're the curiusest birds in all Virginny. What hey's like? Why, bless yo' stars, they sin't like nothin' in thees hyar parts. Yo' kin only find 'em in the swamps back o' Charl'sville, in the spring time,

"Whar they is in the summer? They ain't nowhar. They's jess frogs an' lizards. Well, when vo' takes your gun in, goes out in the amp at night. Yo' see they burrows in the ground day times an' comes out at night to

"They's bigger'n a quail, an most as big as a 'en. Ain't got no feathers only long bristles, like a porkypine. They's as black as yo' hat, too, an' looks like a young rooster with his feathers all pulled out. Good to eat? siree. Mos' as good as 'possum. has to be might keerful, too, for if a elpenstrecher sticks yo' with one o' them ar quills you's a dead man, sartain sure. In the summer time they changes into lizards an' frogs. They's ess the biggis' frogs you ever see, too. "An' yo' never hyard o' soras neither?

Well, sakes alive! Why, me an' my Cousin Bill killed mos' a thousand of em in one night. Soras is jess like black birds, only smaller. "All yo' has to do is to go in the

woods with a pitchwood light an' a long pole. I jess went out one night with a light an' pole, an, Bill he held a big bag. Jess as fas' as I'd knock 'em off the limb they'd fall in Bill's bag. But they's common all over Virginny.

"Then they's the gingas cutus, bigger'n a nelephat, and the whangtdoodle bird that flies aroun' nights and carries off pigs and cattle. An' say, mister, they's got a green bug down there mos a foot high, an'-

"Hol' on, sah! That ain't half they's got down there." Then, as I had turned to leave, after expressing my incredulity, Sam remarked, with an air of in jured innocence:

"Well, ef it doan' jess beat me. These hyar Yankees won't b'lieve nuthin 'less they sees 'em." - New York Herald.

Living Jewels.

The most interesting thing noticed by a Kansas City, Mo., man while travelsnake, is no more serious than the bite ing in Mexico was a habit that the ladies of Chihuahua and Zacetas have The writer was anxious to know how of wearing fireflies for jewelry. The he captured the snakes, when the legs of the flies are shaped like hooks costs for prosecuting said claims. This charmer replied: "If you will come and appear to have been formed ex-

These living diamonds shine as no one. You see I have 'Jip', a do that others can, for the fireflies in that part I have trained, that aids me in captur- of the world emit light of rare brilliing the snakes. To tell the truth, he ancy, such as not seen in those of the north. So beautiful and strong is the The snake charmer, the scribe and light they give to the world that other the dog at once started for the spot objects may be seen by the aid of it. mentioned to capture a snake. It was The habit of wearing fireflies is infully an hour before the dog obtained dulged in by the ladies of the poor a clew, and began barking: finally he classes to a large extent, and even the dropped and pointed his tail straight society ladies often pick up the shining brownies and fasten them in their hair, The snake charmer ran to the spot, just as an American girl will gather and by the use of a mirror attached to wild flowers for a similar purpose. eweler's Weekly.

A New Glove Mender.

It is quite a difficult matter to repair one's gloves so neatly and perfectly that it cannot be detected as an nonprofessional's work, but there is a little invention which facilitates this work to such a degree that even untrained hands can do it with neatness and dispatch. The apparatus is made of spring. Part of the top edge is provided with small teeth in close range to each other. The seam of the glove to be mended is carefully press between these teeth, and the needle passed in and out at every opening. Repairing done in this manner is so perfect that it cannot be noticed.-New York Jour-

Deimonico l'otatoe

Chop either raw or cold boiled potatoes fine, place a layer in a pudding dish, sift over a little flour, then more potatoes, seasoning, etc. When the well to cover for awhile so as to steam the potatoes at first, then remove and allow forty-five minutes for the baking; those already cooked will not need

Florida Camphot

The new industry of camphor pro duction gives promise of being per manently established in Florida. It is believed that in ten years' time there will be more camphor trees than orange trees in Florida, and that the camphor industry will be more profitable than of sugar. It is stated that the camphor obtained from the Florida trees approaches more nearly to that of Japan than to Chinese camphor, since the odor of safrol is distinctly recognizla_New York Advertiser,

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The people at the World's Dispensary of Buffalo, N. Y., have a stock-taking time once a year and what do you think they do? Count the number of bottles that've been returned by the men and women who say that Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery or Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription didn't do what they said it would do.

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Liscovery ?" Daughter-"Last evening. I saw

him out walking with another woman and I did not want to murder her at Ill."-New York Weekly.

Watting for Points.

Mrs. De Style -"Have you decides

in the pattern for your coat? Miss De Style-"No, mother, I an vaiting for this month's number of the Centlemen's Magazine, -- New You Weekly.



In reading over the literary items of the week, I found not much to interest me, antil my eye caught sight of an article headed "Jenks" Dream." Imagine my surprise to find it ended up with a recommendation to use Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets. Nevertheless, being a great sufferer from sick headache, I etermined to try them, and, to my great joy, I found prompt relief, and by their protracted use, a complete immunity from such attacks. Pierce's Pellets often cure sick headache in an hour. They are gently laxative or actively cathartic, according to size of dose.

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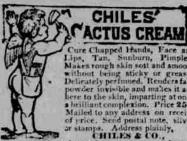
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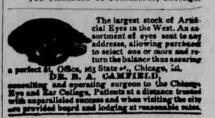
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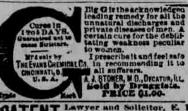
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