VERY DESPERATE.

An Alligator Makes Out a Lunch on Millinery.

Alligators can go a long way without eating, but when they do get a chance at what is called a square meal they make short work of it. It does n't seem to matter much to the alligator what the square meal consists of so long as he can get it down. Anything that he can devour without hurting his teeth or unduly stretching his swallowing apparatus is food for him.

A number of people visiting the Zoo in Central park, New York, were gathered about the alligators' tank, watching the reptiles disporting themselves in the water. Suddenly a gust of wind caught the broad-brimmed hat of a young girl in the watching crowd, whisked it off her head and landed it on the edge of the bank.

Before it could be recovered one of the alligators caught sight of it, his attention was attracted, no doubt, by the beautiful artificial roses with which it was trimmed. He gazed at it rapt in admiration for an instant. His jaws slowly opened and then closed with a snap over the hat, which disappeared down the creature's throat—all except a single rose, which, however, did not escape, for in a moment the alligator's eye rested upon it, and it as quickly followed the rest of the hat into the creature's capacious interior. Then the alligator winked his other eye, as much as to say: "That was fine. Give me a dozen more." Every one enjoyed the spectacle except the young girl who lost the hat, who is still, as she was then, undoubtedly of the opinion that alligators are very impolite creatures, whatever other virtues they may possess.

CARE OF THE PIANO.

If You Happen to Have One, This Is How to Treat It.

A skilled pianist never allows his beloved instrument to stand up against the wall in his room, a space of at least a foot being allowed, says a music dealer. This is to prevent damp and allow a passage of dry, warm air. The precaution is especially necessary in a brick house where the wall is an outside one. Bricks are anything but damp-proof, and unless the wall is "furred" there will be considerable dampness, especially when the first fire is lighted for the fall. Dampness is fatal to a piano, because, among other reasons, the rosewood used in making the frame is tropical wood, and not capable of resisting moisture for any length of time.

In a carelessly kept piano the polish is bad, and the varnish looks as though an army of insects had been at work on it. This is because the wood has stretched and shrunk with great rapidity, owing to getting damp and then being dried again, and a musician seldom cares to buy such an instrument, knowing that the delicate interior has suffered at least to some extent with the exterior. Taking care of a piano is half the battle, and the less dampness the less expenditure necessary to keep it in tune.

A GIANT TIMEPIECE.

The Wonderful Clock That Ornaments Philadelphia's Town Hall.

The greatest horological wonder in the world to-day is the gigantic clock in the tower of the immense "public building" at Philadelphia. When everything is in running order this marvel of the clockmaker's art will be stationed a distance of 315 feet from the pavement. Its bell weighs between 20,000 and 25,000 pounds, and is the second largest bell of any kind in America, the great bell at Montreal being the largest, weighing 28,000 pounds. The dial of this Philadelphia titan is twenty-five feet in diameter, and the striking hammer is as large as a pile driver weight. The minute hand is twelve and the hour hand nine feet in length. The machinery is arranged so that the clock will strike every fifteen minutes, the quarter, half, three-quarters and hours. The Roman numerals on the face are each two feet eight inches in length, the dark part of the figures being three and three-fourth inches in width. As it is entirely out of the question to talk of winding such a monster by hand, a three horse power engine has been placed at the square of the tower for that especial purpose.

A Home-Made Turkish Bath.

Any one can fix up a Turkish or vapor bath in his own bedroom at little or no expense. A wood-seated chair can be placed over a tub of boiling water, and the bather has only to sit on the chair and cover himself from his shoulders downward with a heavy blanket to get a first-class vapor bath. Some people vary the arrangement by putting hay into the tub as well as the boiling water, but this is unnecessary and only adds to the trouble and mess. The same precautions are needed against catching cold as with a regular Turkish bath, with the advantage in favor of the home affair that you can get into bed without having to go out of doors after getting overheated. The simple bath as described will cure rheumatism and sprains as well as reduce weight to an appreciable extent.

Bluebeard's Castle.

Few are aware of the existence of the veritable Bluebeard's castle. Yet a recent writer assures us that this is indeed situated a mile or two beyond Interlaken, on a lonely, well-shaded mountain road. Upon looking up the wooded hillside, just at a bend in the lane, one sees the ruins of an old castle. Only moss-covered walls now remain, which are the haunts of bats, birds, and insects, but its stately columns indicate its early grandeur. Many doubt that such a character as Bluebeard ever lived, but in that portion of the world the story is believed and told by the natives, until one fancies he sees Anna's sister at the tower window, patiently awaiting some sign of her [illegible]

Final Proof Notices

Hon. J. W. Wehn, Jr., Register.
Hon. F. M. Broome, Receiver.

Parties having notices in this column are requested to read the same carefully and report to this office for correction any errors that may exist. This will prevent possible delay in making proof.

Land Office at Alliance, Neb., Dec. 17, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that

John W. Pierce,

of Hemingford, Neb., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register or Receiver at Alliance, Neb., on the 23d day of January 1897, on timber culture application No 924 for the s e ¼ sec 25, tp 29 n, r 50 w.

He names as witnesses: John F. Neeland, James A Hunter, William D. Cross, Hamilton Hall, all of Hemingford, Neb.

J. W. Wehn, Jr., Register.

Land Office at Alliance, Neb., Dec. 7, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim, and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver at Alliance, Neb. on Jan. 16, 1896, viz:

Vojtech Chladek,

of Dunlap, Neb., who made H. E. No. 2583 for the n e ¼ sec 35, tp 29 n, r 48.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Henry Lichte John Potmesil, Christoph Lichte, Bernard Fendrich, All of Dunlap, Neb. J. W. Wehn, Jr., Register.

Land Office, Alliance, Neb., Dec. 2, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that

John C. Alexander,

of Ardmore, S. D., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before M. J. Blewett, clerk district court, at his office in Harrison, Neb., on January 9, 1897, on timber culture application No. 616, for the s w ¼ of sec 14, tp 28 n, r 48.

Witnesses will give testimony before register or receiver at Alliance, Neb. He names as witnesses: Thomas L. Hopkins, Wm J. Britton, John Jelinek, Wm. D. Johnson, all of Hemingford, Neb. J. W. Wehn, Jr., Register.

Land Office at Alliance, Neb., Nov. 25, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that

Hester A. Fuller, nee Harker,

has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register or Receiver at Alliance, Neb., on January 4, 1897, on timber culture application No. 935, for the n w ¼ sec 24, tp 26 n, rg 49 w.

She names as witnesses: E. Vaughn, J. H. Jewett, W. H. Jewett, of Berea, Neb., G. W. Young, of Alliance, Neb.

J. W. Wehn, Jr., Register.

Land Office at Alliance, Neb., Nov. 18, 1896.
Notice is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before Register or Receiver at Alliance, Neb., on Dec. 26, 1896, viz:

Joseph Duhon,

of Hemingford, Neb., who made H E No. 3657 for the s e ¼ sec 23, tp 28 n, rg 51 w.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: Anton Chytka, James Turek, Robert Anderson, Henry Shimek, all of Lawn Neb.

J. W. Wehn, Jr., Register.

U. S. Land Offie, Alliance, Neb., Nov. 1896.
Notice is hereby given that

John C. Lammers,

of Rushville, Neb., has filed notice of intention to make final proof before Register or Receiver at Alliance, Neb., on December 22, 1896, on timber culture application No. 908, for the n e ¼ sec 22, tp 27 n, r 47 w.

He names as witnesses: Christopher C. Ruggles, Albert Marundy, O. B. Webster, of Box Butte, Neb., Peter C. Sorensen, of Rushville, Neb. J. W. Wehn, Jr., Register.

Dunlap cheese is the best on the market Try it.

Bushnell & Sherwood will pay the highest market price for hogs.

All parties desiring to make final proof can have their papers made out at The Herald office, free of charge, and promptly transmitted to the land office.

There will be held in Hemingford, Nebraska, a Bible institute, conducted by Rev. Frady, beginning Jan. 20, 1897 and continuing in session four days. The work of the institute will be a study of four Gospels—the life of Christ. Circulars concerning the institute may be had from Rev. Hazelton, Rev. Preston, C. J. Wildy or Mr. Sherwood. Everyone is invited to attend. A large class is desired.

A meeting concerning the institute will be held at M. E. church next Tuesday evening Nov. 24, 7:30 p. m. Everyone come.

Anna Neeland, Sec.

Photos.

While your family is all at home and in health—why not have their picture taken together—maybe you would not part with such a picture at any price in a few years.

W. T. Caldwell,
Photographer, Alliance.

Comfort to California.

Every Thursday afternoon a tourist sleeping car for Salt Lake City, San Francisco and Los Angelese leaves Omaha and Lincoln via the Burlington Route.

It is carpeted; upholstered in rattan; has spring seats and backs and is provided with curtains, beddings, towels, soap and etc. An experienced excursion conductor and a uniformed Pullman porter accompany it through to the Pacific coast.

While neither as expensively furnished nor as fine to look at as a palace sleeper, it is just as good to ride in. Second class tickets are honored and the price of a berth, wide enough and big enough for two, is only $5.

For a folder giving full particulars, call at the nearest B. & M. R. R. ticket office. Or, write to J. Francis, Gen'l. Pass'r Agent Burlington Route, Omaha, Neb.

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... W. K. HERNCALL.

The ladies of the Congregational church will hold a fair next Friday afternoon and evening Dec. 18th at the church. Everyone come and buy a Christmas present for friends. You can find articles both useful and ornamental more beautiful and cheaper than you can make them. Come and see the display. Refreshments will be served from 2 o'clock to 10 p. m.

CURE CONSUMPTION.

T. A. Slocum, M. C., the Great Chemist and Scientist, Offers to Send Free, to the Afflicted, Three Bottles of His Newly Discovered Remedies to Cure Consumption and All Lung Troubles.

Nothing could be fairer, more philanthropic or carry more joy in its wake than the offer of T. A. Slocum, M. C., of 183 Pearl street, New York City.

Confident that he has discovered an absolute cure for consumption and all pulmonary complaints, and to to make its great merits known, he will send, free, three bottles (the Slocum new system of medicine) to any reader of the Herald who is suffering from chest, throat and lung troubles or consumption.

He invites those desirous of obtaining the remedies to simply send him their express and postoffice address, and receive in return the three free bottles.

Already this "new scientific course of medicine" has permanently cured thousands of apparently hopeless cases.

He considers it his religious duty—a duty which he owes to humanity—to donate his infallible cure.

Offered freely, apart from its adherent strength, is enough to commend it, and more so is the perfect confidence of the great chemist making the offer.

He has proved consumption to be a curable disease beyond any doubt.

There will be no mistake in sending—the mistake will be in overlooking the Doctor's generous invitation. He has on file in his American and European laboratories thousands of testimonials of experience from those cured, in all parts of the world.

Delays are dangerous; mail your address to T A. Slocum, M. C., 183 Pearl street, New York, and when writing the Doctor, please mention reading this article in The Herald

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Photographic Views.

Photographer W. T. Caldwell of Alliance has made arragements with Mr. W. T. Andrews, a photographer having years of experience, who will take views of the country within a radius of fifty miles in all directions from Alliance for the next few months.

He is equipped with a first-class outfit and all the work will be furnished at the popular Caldwell Studio, and will be furnished the same as the best grade of portrait work. Parties wanting work of this kind done, by dropping a card to either of the above parties at Alliance will be notified when Mr. Andrews is expected to be in this vicinity

The executive committee have decided to pospone the meeting of the Box Butte County Theacers association, which was to be held in Alliance December 12, 1896, until the last Saturday in January, 1897,

Ina I. Marshall, Sec.

We have a new Kimball organ for sale at a bargain.