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THE PUMP-SNAKE.

Dakota Farmers Discover a Reptile They Can Train and Use to Great Advantage.

Mr. Vernon, D. T., correspondence, 9: In central Dakota, on the "Missouri bottoms," there exists one of nature's strangest freaks. The settlers term it the "pump-snake."

A farmer on Cat Tail creek has a flock of twenty pump-snakes trained to a remarkable degree of proficiency. At the blast of a whistle the snakes assemble on the banks of the creek.

This agriculturist told of an extraordinary circumstance which occurred a short time ago. While working in the field near his home he observed flames issuing from the roof of his barn.

The territorial government is becoming awakened to the extreme usefulness of these interesting creatures, and laws are to be enacted to protect the pump-snake.

Kenton the Home of Kings.

Kenton was no longer a royal seat at the time of the conquest. It belonged to the king's thane, Ulward Witt, who perhaps kept a stud farm there and watched over the soft herbage.

The site was pleasing then, as it is now. On one side flowed a gentle stream, bordered by willows and osiers, where often a heron might be flushed and a hawk might find its quarry.

the king himself being of that opinion, he took it into his own hands and made a royal palace of it. And here the court came at intervals—such a train as may be imagined, with its gleam of gold and steel among the wild woodland glades.

A Story of Bishop Simpson.

An incident showing his gifts is related by his uncle. Late on Saturday night he arrived at a town in the mountainous regions of Pennsylvania, where he was a total stranger.

No Need of Catching Colds.

Speaking of colds, I have a theory that no one need ever have one unless he chooses; in other words, that it is quite possible so to train the skin, that wonderful organ which is generally looked upon as the paper wrapper of our human body.

Lincoln Abhors the White House.

When he was in Washington a few days ago Frank Hatton related some facts in regard to ex-Secretary Robert Lincoln's remarkable aversion to the idea of being a candidate for the presidency.

Give Them A Chance!

That is to say, your lungs. Also all your breathing machinery. Very wonderful machinery it is. Not only the larger air-passages, but the thousands of little tubes and cavities leading from them.

LIFE AT WEST POINT.

AN EX-CADET GIVES A FEW BITS OF HIS EXPERIENCE.

His Reception at the Barracks—Undergoing an Ordeal of Impertinent Questioning—The "Plebes" and Their Masters—One of the Nuisances.

My own experience on reporting at West Point may be taken as a fair example of the way in which newcomers are treated. My appointment required me to report to the adjutant of the United States military academy on June 11, and at 9 o'clock on that day I presented myself.

"Take off your hat, sir," said the corporal, "and hang it on the floor." I obeyed, wondering if that was the only drawback Uncle Sam allowed his boys.

"What is your name, sir?" asked the sergeant. "John Smith," I answered. "Sir," said the sergeant, "sir, what do you care whether your name is John or George or Zachariah? Now, sir, what is your name?"

"What is your name, sir?" asked the lieutenant. "Mr. Smith, sir," I answered. "Well, Mr. Smith, hold up your head, get your heels together, drag in your chin, get your shoulders back, and assume the position of a soldier when you speak to me, sir."

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A Case of Deafness Cured

Office of Shaw & Baldwin's Wholesale Notion House, Toledo, O., Dec. 11, 1879.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O.—Dear Sirs: About three months ago, noticing a letter addressed to you in the Bee from Gen. Slevin, in reference to the cure of his son by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure, we were induced to commence the use of it for our daughter Nellie now fourteen years old, who has been suffering from catarrh about eight years, during which time she has been treated by one of the best physicians in the city.

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"Early to Bed."

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Learning to Cook.

The New York Cooking school has had a remarkable success. It was started a few years ago by several charitable ladies, who went into the undertaking with the idea of elevating the standard of domestic labor of giving young girls who are compelled to earn their own living the practical means of learning how to do it.

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