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### WHO CAN FASCINATE SER-NTS AS WELL AS MEN.

ets of the Mesmerie Gaze of Her Lusrous Elack Eyes-Methods of Subduing an Annconda-Illg Snakes Troublesome to Keep.

The anake charming woman was seated on exquisite statuette of "The Reader," by an a chair and a big anaconda was wound once around her waist, the rest of its length lying loose in her lap. In her right hand she held the annie's ugly head. She was a brunette and handsome enough to charm anything, that age ought to look, stands rapt in her The reporter marmured something to that book, the lines of her beautifully simple offact

"Yes, you had better speak low when you in its reserves, yet from which it seems one pay me compliments," she replied, hereyes could never take his eyes. The perfectly twinking mischievously, "for the giant over adjusted shoulders, wide enough for there is my husband. He's awfully jealous, strength, with promise of never becoming and when he gets mad he weighs ten times as much as he does now." "All, there," said a little dude disposed to wall, falling in at the waist with the spring

be facetious; "is that a-aw-a worm, doncher that betokens a good walker. The outlines know?"

"No, it's a-aw-a masher, doncher know, would you like to try how it can-aw-mash?" them than any round barreled gymnasium responded Mrs. Smith, alias "Madame Jean- girl owns. Such a figure never comes from ette De La," etc., with excellent mimicry.

The dude dropped his eyeglass and became deeply interested in the Egyptian mummy. The snake began to stir its coils in the wo- sag, bend and be wanting in elasticity. man's lap:

inches of height by the pressing together of "Don't speak, plense," she said earnestly. She moved the hand which held the snake's the parts of the body. That is why women head until the heal was pointing straight at seem and are shorter in middle age and after. her face. She then fastened her lustrons On rest depends the length and suppleness of black eyes on the two small, treacherous eyes | limb, and women should know how to take of the make, flor eyes seemed to expand advantage of everything in their favor to and the snake's to get smaller. Superb, conserve strength and secure rest, Girls queenly, she looked; her features and whole must be trained to take it at proper seasons, bearing securingly expressing intense mental whether they feel tired or not, and the woman effort. The snake appeared, at first, to avoid must continue this exact and special care of her gaze; then it ceased stirring and its head herself as the foundation of her well being. drooped, limp and listless in her hand. A day or two of laying off at the right time,

Now you may speak," she snid,

"That was very pretty."

NO HUMBUG ABOUT IT.

blithe, active creature the rest of the time or "Oh, indeed, there was no 'fake' about one who goes about with a constant ache and that. If I hadn't mastered the snake he fatigue. I know one woman who sends the would have whipped his tail into that third family off to the seaside and shuts up herself loop he was forming and squeezed me until my bones cracked unless somebody came to to the most luxurious and wholesome solimy assistance and cut him in two, A bear tude, orders things she likes best to eat, books from the library, and any little indulcan't bug tighter than an anaconda can squeeze. This is only the third time that I gence she happens to fancy, and rests glorihave performed with this snake, and he is disposed to be ugly unless I look after him. the exactions of hotel life. While I was chatting my eves went off him, and I suppose he felt there was an opportunity to encrease what he regarded as his begitimente laminess. You observe that I nlways hold the samke by the head, so that I can compel it to look me in the face. Then when I get my eyes on it I can subdue it." \*\*Elow

"Ab, that's more than I can tell you. What causes the bird or the mouse that I feed to the snake to become powerless when the sunke fastens have on it! What is it that combles one man to meamerize another? All I know is that I look at the snake's eyes and swill it, with all my might, to vield to me. When I do that I seem to feel something going out from me-electricity-magnetism I don't know what. I feel afterward as though I had engaged in a physical struggle -Shirley Dare's Letter. with something and conquered. There's where the pleasure comes in. You may not beheve it, but when I concentrate my will

#### A CHINESE FLOOD. MALE FIGURES.

Tired and Overworked Bodies Can Never Come Up to the Standard. The want of good models in training the

never been rigidly used in modern times.

Madonnas and goddesses are too purely

ideal to serve human readings. Better types

for poise, air, and costume are the clay fig-

ures of Spanish and Provencal artists. The

Italian sculptor in New York years ago,

was so fine a modeling of a girl's dress and

figure that it is a regret copies of it cannot

be in every gallery. A girl of 19 or 20, as

dress defining a high bred figure, matchless

too wide under life's burdens, are flat in

the back, as if they had grown against a

of every limb, even through the garments,

It comes first of rest and the strength that

comes of rest. A tired, weakly figure will

Overworked figures settle down and lose two

having her breakfast in bed, and spending

the day in the luxury of a wrapper and a

lounge will make the difference between a

are lithe and elastic, with more spring to

a gymnasium solely.

Entering Stores by Means of a Canoe-A

Pathetic Incident-Refuge in the Mountains-Graves of Great Men-After the Flood's Subsidence.

The water of the Yangtse Kiang had been rising, and at last it had overflowed its banks and filled the plain. The city of Kiu Kiang, where I was living, was half submerged, and the only outlying lowlands were covered with water. As many as had boats, and had warning enough to take to them, had sought refuge on adjacent highlands. This brought many hungry refugees to Kiukiang, which added to an already overcrowded population, and half submerged streets made it a good place to get away from.

A native magistrate told me that there were no less than 40,000 of these hungry and impoverished wretches in the city. They had neither silver nor gold, and depended • the scales for weighing it. But the men do for subsistence solely upon the charitable, of not use the scales. They simply separate whom China has a goodly number, and upon what they could steal or pick up. So great was the distress and so importunate the cries for bread (or rice) that many merchants closed their stores to get rid of the cries of the hungry for food. I had a forty pound "Rob Roy" canoe, which I kept in my parlor for safety. The water stood some two feet deep at my front stoop. I launched the canoe at the door and made excursions through the streets of the city, and many were the novel sights. The stores and shops had water in many instances to the counter tops, and upon these sat merchants who kept guard over goods stored upon shelves and hanging from beams above the water line. I entered these stores in my canoe, and traded and chatted with the merchants, who amused themselves between customers by watching the fish which swarmed in vast schools in the stores and fed upon the falling crumbs of rice thrown them by the clerks. Occasionally I would find a resident street upon lower ground where the water covered the doors and where the only means of passage was through holes made in the tile roofs. I frequently found families living upon improvised lofts and the children were sus-

pended in baskets or tubs hanging from the beams or rafters.

HOPELESS PLEADING FOR RESCUE. ously from week's end to week's end, coming I passed one street built of reed and adobe out bright and able, as she would not be in shanties, where the frail houses of the poor were rapidly yielding to the encroaching Dr. Hosmer, the father of Harriet Hosmer, waters. One house had just crumbled away, the sculptress, one of the acutest of New Engand the late occupants-a man and womanland physicians, use to drive round his prac were standing in the water to their armpits, tice in house cleaning season, telling the holding on to their little possessions, in the women to lie down and rest, not to sit down, way of scanty wardrobe and crude bedding, when tired, as half an hour at length on a and pleading in piteous but fruitless prayers lounge would refresh the whole body more for rescue. My boat was so light as to rethan three sitting in a chair. The periodical quire careful manipulation to carry one in rest should be insisted on by every mother as safety. To render aid was out of my power, long as she lives to watch over her daughter. so that all I could do was to do nothing in the Without it shoulders grow broad and the way of relief. I shall never forget the look gait dragging. With rest the step is elastic, of helpless grief and stoical submission to the form well upheld, the bust firm, and the fate that marked the faces of that hapless limbs retain elegance of shape. Work while pair as I rowed past them, and as I could not you work and not while you rest, should be help the suffering and my life and health the word for every girl and woman. The were in danger, I betook myself to the mounbath is a great aid to refinement of figure, tains, where the air was clear and healthful, and properly used will often prevent obesity. till the floods should subside. The journey to the high ground was long and tedious, but once on the heights we secured quarters with some Buddhist monks in an ancient temple. Anecdote of John Morrissey. "The account of the exploits of prize After a day's rest and recuperation we whiled the time away in exploring the mountains. Hid away in the most inaccessible places were the graves of distinguished dead. name mentioned lest he might be suspected which had for centuries been overgrown of too great familarity with such subjects, "reminded me of a story which Capt. Ber. Fairchild, of the New York city police force, with acacia bushes, now in full bloom, and whose rich blossoms loaded the pure mountain air with a sweet perfume. The only remaining relics of these tombs were the carved friend of the captain-a very proper sort of and entablated stones, which told in crude person, whom we will call Mr. Good-had hieroglyphics of the renown of the men conceived an intense horror of prize fighters whose bones had long since returned to dust. in general, and of John Morrissey in particufar. Mr. Good, one day while traveling up Around these graves, wild boars now found a biding place, and huge serpents coiled their the Erie road, dropped into a conversation with a gentlemanly stranger of herculean slimy bodies and alternately slept and fed frame who occupied the seat next to him, upon such birds and mice as chance brought within reach. When the train arrived at Turner's the depot lost." AFTER THE FLOOD Now and then we came upon tall groves of mob of roughs and stalwart lumbermen, who had taken possession of the lunch room and bamboo, from whose branches our guns terrorized everybody in the place. Mr. Good brought down wild pigeons, which found a was hungry, and he and his unknown comwarm welcome upon our table. In the gorges were crude mills fitted with wheels panion left the train to get something to eat. Mr. Good pushed his way through the crowd, upon which the spring fed "babbling brooks" fell in ceaseless torrents in their rush to the and ordered an oyster stew from the waiter. sea. Upon the ends of antiquated levers The proprietor demurred, on the ground that were huge stone pestles which fell with measthe roughs would not permit any one else to ured stroke upon stone pots filled with dried be served but their own party. sandalwood and camphor brush and reduced "'Oh, give my friend an oyster stew,' them to fine powder, which were worked into' spoke up the unknown Hercules; 'I guess San. paste with oil and made into incense sticks, whose sweet smelling odors as they burned "The stew was no sooner served than a Girl Athletes in England. horny hand reach over Mr. Good's shoulder upon Buddhist altars appeased the wrath o." Ten or fifteen years ago no man would and tipped his stew upon the floor. the gods. have believed it possible that girls-that race Two weeks were thus passed, when we re-"'Suppose you give mean oyster stew, of whose aptitudes Tom Tulliver entertained turned to our yacht, and after a few hours said the Hercules quietly, with a defiant so disparaging an estimate-could ever have sail again cast anchor off the crowded city. glance at the burly six footer who had spoiled become such brilliant performers in the lawn The waters had subsided and the populous Ir. Good's lunch. Another stew was served, tennis court. Even among men less prejacity was again busy with the ceaseless chatter and it was as promptly tipped over by the diced than the young hero of "The Mill on and clatter of oriental commerce. But the same hand, while the mob of roughs laughed the Floss," it had always been an article of uproariously. But the Hercules, like an flood had left tears and desolation in its faith that women "can neither throw nor tracks. Where a few weeks before were avenging thunderbolt, had leaped from his leap," and that the day would never come stool, and the laugh died away as he went crowded streets of humble homes of the poor when a tennis bat wielded by a female arm was now only a clean washed sand plain. The right through that crowd, striking out right would really and truly "strike" a ball instead adobe houses had been dissolved in mud and and left until he had cut a broad swath clear washed away. Many people had gone into the tide and become food for sharks and porof "spooning" it. They knew not what could to the doorway. When the cyclone was over five roughs had to be picked up out of the remerely "catching her young." The girls who poises. Their place of sepulture will never mains of those milk stews on the floor, and have learned their tennis in the school room, ali the rest had escaped. Then the Hercules be marked by carved stone, nor their graves so to speak, who began this game at the age smoothed down his cuffs, resumed his stood, visited by filial descendants. No last honors when they began their "scales" and "exand remarked as quietly as ever, 'Just let were performed over their biers. The places ercises," are very often nowadays a match which had known them simply knew them me have another stew, please, and a fresh for their brothers. And of power has been no more, They were gone. Survivors quickly erected like shantles upon the spots born grace, which, indeed, if it does not "Mr. Good looked at his companion in awe always spring from power, must always where the others had been, and awaited their as he ejaculated: 'Excuse me, sir, but who have power for one of its parents. No one who has ever seen a really skilled turn to be drowned the next flood that came. are you, anyhow? The Hercules reached The Chinese, like the traditional Arkansas into his vest pocket and produced a card bearing the name 'John Morrissey, New competitor in a "ladies' tournament" but will farmer, never mend their dikes when there is at once retract and apologize for the impious York.' The stews were eaten in peace, and no flood, because they do not need it then; word "awkward" and "unfeminine" if any and when the floods come they cannot mend Mr. Good afterward said to Capt. Fairchild, such slanders have ever passed his lips. Lawn as he described the encounter: 'Well, they them. tennis has now fairly won its title to be consay a good many hard things about John The loss of life and property by that flood sidered a fitting game not merely for "young Morrissey, but he's a mighty good man to travel with." -- Philadelphia Press. will never be stated in figures; but to the end men and children," but for "old men (or at of my life I shall never forget the scenes of any rate middle aged men) and maidens" any rate middle aged men) and maidens" also. I have said my say on behalf of the corrow and desolation then witnessed .- Chinese Letter. Origin of an Old Legend. latter, and as to the former they, if they are The ancient folk legend of the sun dancing sensible men, are hardened against ridicule. Shrewdness of a Confederate. on Easter morning seems to receive some in-The hero of the following anecdote, a boy Why may they not as legitimately breathe direct support from a letter in Nature. At of 10, was not a Yankee, as might naturally themselves, though unskilled, on the tennis least, if it can be well established that the court, as grasp the crab catching our, or

### SKILL OF THE HANDS.

The Wonderful Degree of Accuracy to Which They Can Be Trained.

We hear a great deal about the wonderful precision and accuracy of machinery in these days, and of course it is wonderful; but the degree of accuracy to which the human hand can be trained is equally wonderful. Playing cards are required to be cut with the sides quite parallel to each other, because if a pack be trimmed by the machine slightly wider at one end than the other, and they become turned "end to end" in dealing, the excess in width of some cards over others at the end of the pack will be double the variation in any one card, which would facilitate cheating, a very minute variation being perceptible. The men who test these cards for this make calipers of their finger and thumb and by passing them along from one end to the other detect a difference in width between the two ends which it is difficult to measure by any other means.

There are men employed in factories where dried yeast is made whose business it is to put the yeast into packages weighing a certain amount each. It is on a table in front of them in a large plastic mass, and there are from the mass with their hands a lump of it and putit up, and you may choose at random and put it on the scales, and it will weigh exactly the right amount, the scales beam just balancing.

Where large numbers of eggs are handled and shipped to market there is a process known as "candleing" eggs, which consists in taking them up in the hands (usually two eggs in each hand at a time), and holding them up before a lighted candle. The light shining through them reveals to the seneticed eye the exact condition of the contents. But some of the men soon get so that they do not need to use the candle, the mere contact of their hands with the shells, denoting the condition of the egg just as infallibly and much more quickly. And they distinguish in that way not merely eggs which are decidedly bad, but those which are just barely beginning to loss their freshness. Here are three different ways in which extreme skill of the hands is shown by persistent training: First, in detecting slight differences in magnitude; second, in weight; and, lastly, in texture or character of surface handled.-American Machinist.

### Why Good Swimmers Drown.

"Why do good swimmers drown in the sea?" was asked of life saver young Ed O'Brien, who has become somewhat famous along the coast here.

"I will tell you," he answered. "The men who are good swimmers, and who drown while in bathing here, are fresh water swimmers. They are good swimmers in smooth water, but when they tackle the sea they are no good. .A good many, when in the water, go out too far to show off. Then when it comes to swimming back they give out and go down. These fresh water swimmers have an idea that they must get back on a straight line. They know nothing about tides or currents, and they strike out to get back to shore by the short route instead of finding out the current and swimming with it. The first thing they know they get into a wave that twists them all up. They don't know when to cut through it, and all of a sudden they loose their head, get out of wind, become scared, and then comes the cry for help. A fresh water swimmer coming to any beach ought first to study the currents and tides before he ventures out. No one should venture out beyond the safety line unless he is thoroughly posted, no matter how good a swimmer he is in still water. If he knows the current and the tide thoroughly he will find it an easy matter to get back to shore in his own good time." "What do you first say to a drowning man when you reach him?" "I sing out to him as loud as I can that I Fruits and Vegetables ! have him safe. If I am in a boat I first throw him a rope. When I go for a drowning man I always think of a life for a life. It is always best to keep a drowning man off from you until you have him quieted down. If an excited man gets the best of you in the water the chances are both of you will be

## A Word to Reput

The importance of the results of the present political c overestimated by those who desire the success of the Re Democrats, besides the "Solid South," are, in the North int breastworks of public patronage. It will take steady, earned work to dislodge them. Nothing will so surely bring about that nest, and united work as the circulation of sound political literatur THIS CLASS NO OTHER IS AS EFFICIENT AS THE DAILY AND LY NEWSPAPER. Speeches and documents are read by the few, an read are laid aside; the newspaper is the fireside friend, the trusted companion. Its influence is continuous, constant. The Republicans c aid their party better than by circulating

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### THE INTER OCEAN. CHICAGO.



#### WHAT A FOREIGNER SAW IN THE CITY OF KIU KIANG. figure is seriously to be deplored. The insensible education of a beautiful, spirited picture or statue in developing beauty has

to subdue that snake the excitement is intense-the enjoyment exquisite. I suppose it fighters as knights errant," said a well is something like what a soldier feels when known elergyman, who didn't want his the music plays as he marches to battle." "How do you acquire that power?"

"ly isn't acquired; it's born. Many people ponsess that power, undoubtedly, who don't know of it. Quide accidentally I found that used to youch for twenty-five years ago. A I had it. I never had that fear of snakes that most people inva-

### THE MYSTERIOUS POWER.

"When quite a girl I noticed some children running from a garter snate. What possessed me to do it I don't know, but I picked it up, fastened my eyes on its eyes and found myself willing it to submit. Then it fell into a sort of stupor, and I found that I could do with it what I liked. This discovery that I was seen to be in the complete possession of a could subdue the sanke so that it became entirely passive in my hands pleased me. I began to experiment with other and larger simkes, always selecting, of course, snakes that are not venemous. Then when circumstances took a turn so that I had to earif my own living I took to the business. It pays a good deal better than sewing or school teaching or selling dry goods."

"How do you first go to work with an anaconda?"

"I first give it a bath of warm milk. This it seems to enjoy hugely, and is soothed by it and gets langaid. Then I try to get it in a position where I can fasten my eyes on its eves. This often requires a great deal of patience, for the snake tries to avoid it, seemang to feel that it means a contest in which it will get worsted. But the opportunity comes at last, and when the snake droops its hend listlessly I know that I have charmed it and can safely put my hand on it. The next operation is easily and the snake is more quickly rendered passive. With each operation it becomes more docile until I can perform with it in public. But always one has to be careful, for the snake is liable at any time to try squeezing. You can tell by the way it moves its coils when it is going to do that, and can then charm it or mesmerize it until it is passive: but if you are frightened and get bewildered you can't exercise any control over the snake, and the snake will nctually try to charm you. I have had one one for my friend.' or two narrow escapes through carelessness. The worst place to have a snake is around your neck, because it take very little squeezing there to make you feel exceedingly un-

ortable.

"Are the anacondas troublesome to keep?" should say so; they require a great deal more care than a baby. They are so liable to catch cold when confined. You have to throw warm blankets over them and exercise all sorts of care to keep them properly warm. Then they are mighty particular what they eat. The only things that seem to thoroughly agree with them are white mice and guinea pigs, chickens and squabs, and these have to be given to them alive. The snake doesn't seem to enjoy enting unless it can first charm the animal or bird. I have never found it possible to keep one long, and they are ex-pensive to buy."-New York Tribune. moon dances upon occasions, our difficulty in

Noah's Ark Wood Discovered. Within a radius of sixty miles of Nash-Fenn., there is said to be found a tree said to be the shittim wood of ark brated hotanists from all over ry have examined the trees and they grow nowhere else on the by have decided that it is the shitod of which Noah's ark was con-I mention of which is made several in the Bible. The tree is medium sized, bright got color. In early spring are intion with long, white blosrescubling great ostrich , and it is remark-nd only in this small --Scientific Ameri-

admitting that the sun does the same thing

must be diminished. A lady at the antipo-

des, writing to her father in England, men-

tions that she, with a sister and a friend, be-

ing on a balcony the night before at half-

past 10, distinctly saw the waning moon

dancing up and down. They gradually grew

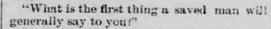
frightened as they watched the phenomenon,

and made up their minds that it must por-

there'll be no trouble.'

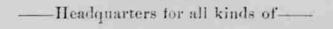
be supposed, but a "Johnny Reb." He had been entrusted with dispatches for a certain Capt. Grandy at the battle of Fredericksburg, and found himself compelled to descend a hill directly under the fire of Union sharpshooters. Suddenly his horse stopped and tumbled under him, as if warned of danger ahead. It seemed like certain death to ride down in fair view of the marksmen concealed in yonder tannery, but he must deliver the orders to Grandy.

tend an earthquake. The writer adds that An odd plan occurred to him; he would the movement was apparent only when the dismount and roll down the hill! No sooner moon was partly behind thin clouds, which thought than done. He got off his horse, were streaked across her face. This probawhich had sense enough to lie down in a bly gives the key to the mystery. A waning fence corner, and down our hero rolled right into the breastworks! What Grandy and moon would not be far above the horizon at half-past 10, and its image well within the his men thought of this mode of delivering zone of mirage from rising and falling va-pors, while the combined movement of moch and intervening clouds would easily produce a familiar optical delusion, and, aided by an alarmed imagination, give the moon the ap-pearance of dancing.—Home Journal.



"After he gets out and gets his wits back again the first thing a man generally does is to smile, shake his head and say 'That was a narrow escape, sure.' Then he'll thank me over and over again, and if he owned the world he'd give three-fourths of it to me. A good many I have saved rewarded me liberally, but I have helped out some men who promised me much, but never kept their promises."-Atlantic City Cor. New York

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