

THE BASILISK.

One of the Animals Which Flourished in the Same Age with the Dinosaurs.

The basilisk, or the most famous of the many fabulous monsters of medieval mythology, says the St. Louis Republic.

According to the popular notion, it was half-horse and half-dragon, with a serpent for a tail, and wings, and sometimes without wings. Its name is derived from basiliscus, meaning a little king.

Pliny, that rare old gossip, assures us that the basilisk had a voice which struck terror to the hearts of men, beasts and serpents.

Old writers—Pliny, Bascho and others—say that its bite was mortal in every case; that its breath was suffocating, and that no plant would grow in the vicinity of its lair.

If you have read the popular stories of the day you have noted many allusions to the "basilisk glitter" in some hero or heroine's eye.

Some old histories tell us how a pet basilisk climbed the walls of an Asian city which Alexander the Great was besieging and killed over two hundred of his soldiers by simply gazing down upon them.

All plants withered when this monster fixed his eyes upon them, with one single exception, rue. The crowing of a cock would kill every basilisk that heard it.

Tell-tale Shoes.

"There is more character in shoes than in any other article of a man's dress," said a Broadway shoe dealer, looking out upon the passing throng one dull day.

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"You know, Nick," said his mother, "a gentleman never asks for things, no matter how badly he wants them."

Reliable authorities say that the death penalty is always inflicted in Siam on every one who is heard to mention the king's name.

Forty-eight different dialects are found in Mexico.

SLOW BY FIVE FEET.

The Old Farmer Would Have Been All Right but for His Horse.

"Three or four years ago," said the engineer to the Detroit Free Press reporter, "I was running a passenger train up north. Every other night at 8 o'clock we were due at a certain place in the country."

"Well, you want to look out for yourself or you'll certainly get killed."

"I was a queer thing," said the engineer. "The horse and buggy were hung clear over the fence, killing the horse instantly, while the old man went forty feet high and came down on the roof of the fourth car back."

"Did it finally, didn't it, but do you know why? The old boss had colic and was five feet slow!"

The Pony Knew His Business.

Dr. Miller of Idaho is the possessor of \$10,000 in cash and a farm worth a thousand or two more, which he did not have prior to 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

Teacher—Very good. Now, suppose you see a girl who is better looking than either of the others, what would you call her?

Pupil—I should call her a daisy.

JOKES THAT RECOILED.

Sir Richard Burton and the Young Man Who Was Smarter Than He Looked.

The beauty of a novelist's plot is an unexpected denouement, says Cassell's Journal.

Sir Richard was familiar with eastern ways. He knew what he had to do and how to do it. But the humor seized him to figure as a holy man of phenomenal powers and to trick the simple Persian further.

A writer in a popular monthly mentions the case of a kinsman of his own, who was a schoolboy at Harrow.

An Untaught Diplomat.

"You know, Nick," said his mother, "a gentleman never asks for things, no matter how badly he wants them."

Years passed, and the lively fancy of the Harrow scholar proved to have cost him a fortune.

Naming the Baby.

Miss Gush: "And Ethel, dear, what is the baby's name?" Mrs. Newmother: "I've named him Ethelbert Algernon."

The commander-in-chief was grimly equal to the occasion. He returned the letter to its writer, and with it he inclosed a coat button and a message intimating that, as he might not be taken prisoner for some time, he preferred to avoid delay and oblige the lady at once.

SCHOOL-ROOM HUMOR.

Curious Mistakes Made by Pupils in Answering Questions.

Amid the perplexities of a teacher's life, the quiet, often unconscious humor of the schoolroom serves to keep the pedagogic alive and outside of the insane asylum, says Wide World.

Magpie—The girl made a magpie for dinner.

Routine—He has a bottle of routine. Noxious—She is a very noxious girl. College—A place where graduates go.

Rebel—A kind of hawk. College—Cemetery of learning. Hydraulics—A disease.

Guerrilla—An animal. Tariff—a sofa. Charlatan—a musical instrument.

Teacher—I see a pretty girl, and you see one who is better looking than the first. Now, how can you describe the second girl by the use of the word pretty?

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A Mystery Explained.

The papers contain frequent notices of rich, pretty and educated girls eloping with negroes, tramps and coachmen.

Cough Following the Grip.

Many persons, who have recovered from the grippe are now troubled with a persistent cough.

Startling Facts.

The American people are rapidly becoming a race of nervous wrecks and the following suggests, the best remedy: alphonso Humpfling, of Butler, Penn., swears that when his son was speechless from St. Vitus Dance Dr. Miles' great Restorative Nerve Cure cured him.

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The principal of the Ulysses schools has been arrested on the charge of unmercifully beating his pupils.

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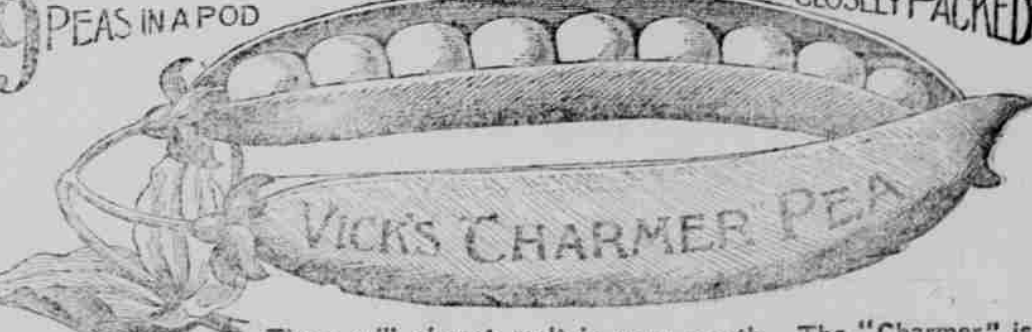
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