The basilist was the most famous of the many fabrious monsters of engineer to the Detroit From Press remediaval to later, says the St. Louis porter. "I was running a passenger

laid by the most of the countries barn, showe for horse and bugger at the cross-

name is derived from basiliseos meaning a little king-and was applied because the creature was figured. with a circle of white spots on its head which resembled a crown. The cockatrice, a species of basilisk, besides having a crown, possessed a comb which was an exact counterpart of the snorter to run over me!

Pliny, that rare old gossip, assures us that the basilisk had a voice which "struck terror to the hearts of men, beasts and serpents." The Bible classes it with the lion, the serpent and the dragons as one of the most formidable creatures.

Old writers - Pliny. Baseho 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. Its dead body was often used, suspended in belfries, to prevent swallows nesting

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.

This "glitter" was the basilisk's main stock in trade. With it he is said to have darted death to every living thing he looked upon.

Some old histories tell us how a pet basilisk climbed the walls of an Asian city which Alexander the Great was beseiging and killed over two hundred | right in the center of the track." 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.

Telltale 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. "A man may deceive the eye of an expert in every other particular but in shoes. I mean the kind and the way he wears them. Walking is an involuntary performance, and is not a matter of study and simulation. Every man will certainly wear his shoes in a certain way. And as a rule he will wear shoes that fit his build, his business and his temperament. In nine cases out of ten when he comes in here for a new pair I can tell the kind of shoe he will want by the manner in which he has worn out the pair he has on-whether on the toes, the inside or outside of the heels, on the ball of the foot, inside or outside of the ball, or whether the rest of the shoe gives out before the sole. He may take some other kind, but he'll want the shoes I select.

"Yes, sir, there's a deal of character in the wear of a shoe. Every clever detective knows that. Give a good detective the imprint of a criminal's foot on yielding sail and he can size his man up protty well, especially if the shoe be rather worn. That's the only thing a man can't disguise. Lots of first class detective stories have been written on this, but there is nothing remarkable about it to me. The individuality in a footprint is the individuality wearer of a shoe, and I've been noticing that for thirty years." -N. Y. Herald.

A TRAVELED WRITER.

World-wide Experience of the Versatile Col. Thomas W. Knox.

The life of Col. Thomas W. Knox. the well-known and favorite author of "The Boy Travelers" series and so many other interesting and instructive boys' books, has been as varied and eventful as his literary works, says Carrent Literature. He developed his taste for exploration in boyhood by the reading of books of travel and adventure while living on his father's farm at Pembroke, N. H., where he was born in 1835. The age of 23 years found him principal of an academy in a neighboring town which ask your Uncle John, whenever he avocation he left to seek the newly discovered gold fields of Colorado. Finding mining hard and uncertain he became a reporter, and afterward city

editor on the Donver Daily News. During the civil war he was a correspondent of the N. Y. Herald, also serving as volunteer aid in two campaigns, and received a commission as lieutenant colonel on the staff of the governor of California. He was once wounded in battle. As a staff corre- face. He was the normal small boy, spondent of the N. Y. Herald he, in 1866, accompanied an expedition sent out by an American company to construct a telegraph line through northern Asia, and traveled by way of the Pacific ocean. Kamchatka, northeastern Siberia the Amoor river, Mongolia and Chinese Tartary, to St. Petersburg and theme to Paris a most extraordinary water and overland route

to Europe Literaty and newspaper enterprises, with travels in Europe, Asia Minor and northern Africa occupied his next | People. ten years. In 1877-78 he made a secand voyage around the world, visiting Japan, China, Siam, Java, India and Egypt, arriving in Paris in time to take his place as a member of the international jury of the Paris Universal Exposition of 1878. For the merits of the book, "The Boy Travelers in Siam," the king of Siam conferred on him the unusual honor of the decora-tion of the Order of the White Ele-

phant. Col. Knox is a large, broad-shouldered, fine-looking man, over six feet in height. His manner is quiet and his expression pleasing and kindly. He lives in New York, making his home at the Lotes Club, where his spacious bachelor apartments are decorated, after a fancy of the occupant, with many elephants in bronze and found in Mexico.

SLOW BY FIVE FEET.

Right but for His Horse.

"Throo or four years need," said the train up north. Every other night at According to the popular notion, it 8 o'clock we were due at a certain Awake. was hate at he at of front are one country enables. One night I just , ing, and the man in the buggy seemed | he is probably at his best. to be more than half drunk. On the usually represented as an eight-limited succord might I but ely missed him in and on the third occasion I dorun, he came up to the engine as we in: ay at the town about three miles from the crossing, waiting for the express dinner to pass, and says he: Look-a-here, ole man, ye can't do

it! Ye hain't smart 'nuil with yer old

"Are you the man who crosses at Dean's at 8 o'clock every other night?'

"I be. I'm the very chap. It's jest my hour fur gettin' home from here with a big drink o' whisky behind my vest.

"Well, you want to look out for yourself or you'll certainly get killed." "Don't you worry about me! Jist crack on steam and let 'er go and never mind where I am. If my old hoss can't beat your biler on wheels I'm willin' to be histed.'

"It was no use to talk to him. He was bull-headed and conceited and the very next run he was there again. I spoke to the conductor about it and I believe some of the officials sent the man word that he must stop or they'd have him arrested. He didn't stop, though. He was there on my run as regular as clock work and he always had a fling and a laugh at me. This had been going on for more than a month, when one night, as I was trying to pick up lost time. I caught him

"And that was the end of him," observed the reporter.

"It was a queer thing," said the engineer. "The horse and buggy were flung 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. We came to a stop and found him and got him down. He had just about a minute to live. He recognized me, and signed that he wanted to speak. When I bent over him he whispered:

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

The Pony Knew His Business.

Dr. Miller of Idaho is the possessor of \$10,000 in each and a farm worth a housand or two more, which he did not have prior to 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, says a Memphis correspondent of the Louisville Courier-Journal. lie won it all from local sports who deked him up for a sucker. The docor arrived here a few days ago with a rove of purios, which he offered for tle at low prices. Among them was little beast that nobody would bid on all. The doctor remarked casually a crowd that the nony which the mivers rejected was the boss of the , for he could pull a 3-t spound bag if sand attached to a rope half a mile ong for a distance of tea feet. He diled carelessly that he would bet on

A dozen men took him up and in less than no time about \$10,000 in money and 160 aeres of land in lowa were wagered that the pony could not to the trick. The sports were so sure hat they gave odds and the doctor calmly covered every bet. The trial tool, place several hours later on a turnpike in the presence of a considerble crowd. The sack of sand was weighed and the rope carefully measared. Then the doctor, accompanied by one of the judges, took the pony to the other end of the line and hitched him to the rope. The little animal moved off with a gradual pull until the rope became tant and dragged the bag 25 feet. The gradual pull was the secret of the feat and the pony had often performed it before.

An Untaught Diplomat.

"You know, Nick," said his mother, "a gentleman never asks for things, no matter how badly he wants them.' "Why doesn't he?" said Nick, opening wide his round 4-year-old eyes. "Because it is imposite and greedy. That s why it annoys me so to have you comes, if he has brought you eardy. Remember, now, you must never do it any more." "But it's my candy-he says so and he wants me to have it." "Then he will certainly give it to you, and you must wait his time for it. If I ever again hear you ask for it I will not let you have it. So promise me that you will not. I know my little boy wants to be a gentleman." Nick made the promise with a very sober not a little angel, vet he had been trained "upon honor," and felt that a promise once made could not be broken. This is the way he kept it. When Uncle John came again, his nephew, after greeting him, leaned meditatively against his chair, and said: "You didn't bring anything but yourself this time, did yow. Uncle John, "Yes. I did," said Uncle John. with a laughing shout; "I brought a whole pound of candy, and after that, I wish it was two."—Harper's Young

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

Naming the Baby.

Miss Gush: "And Ethel, dear, what is the baby's name?" Mrs. Newmother: "I've named him Ethelbert Algernon." Miss Gush: "But I always thought the father named the boys." Mrs. Newmother: "If you could hear what his father calls him when he is walking the floor with him in the early dawn, you wouldn't wonder I took matters in my own hands." - Life.

Forty-eight different dialects are

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 pedagogue alive and outside of the insane asylum, says Wide

Young America is great in many fields, but in the role of lexicographer

The following definitions and illustrative sentences from the examination papers of the pupils of a Western eve we hareked a spoke out of his school, illustrates some of the bold hind wheel. Next day, on the down changes that Young America delights

Magpie-The girl made a magpie for

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

Rebel-A kind of hawk. College-Cemetary of learning. Hydaulies-A disease. Angle-She made a left-angle. Wampum-A kind of a bee. Sylph—One's own sylph. Beacon-A minister.

League-Ten dollars. Maximum-Surname of an Indian

Guerrilla-An animal. Tariff-a sofa. Charlatan-a musical instrument. Guerrilla-A man-eater.

Tariff-An animal found in Africa. Tariff-A stuffed seat. Tariff—A place for worship. Creole-A white descendant from black parents.

Plumbago-A blockhead. As a high-school student of history and science. Young America has some peculiar views:

country is called the Augustus period." seeker.

"Artless Ward was an American humorist."

In answer to the request to name three American poets, a boy mentions "Benjamin Franklin, Shakspeare and John B. Gough."

A young high-school student has made the discovery that "The spinal cord serves as a support to the back." During an attempt to "develop" the idea and use of the superlative degree of the adjective, the following conver-

sation took place. 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

Pupil—The second girl is prettier. Teacher-Very good. Now, supwould 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. In like manner the outsider, at any rate, is specially diverted when a jest takes an unlooked-for turn, and perhaps victimizes the original jester. In the course of one of his journeys Sir Richard Burton entered a Persian village disguised as a fakir. The makeup was perfect, and, moreover, the part was being played by a skillful and consummate actor.

Sir Richard was familiar with eastern ways. He knew what he had to do simple Persian further. He had obtained the grant of a house in the village, and he secretly wrote up a text | and \$1.00. from the koran on the outside of his door; it was done in phosphorus, and Burton waited for darkness, when he expected to enjoy his jest and reap new advantage of notoriety. But the furor led to a catastrophe and the joke made Burton homeless. Every one wanted a relie of the house which could show such a marvelous sign, and it was torn down about the fakir's ears.

A writer in a popular monthly mentions the case of a kinsman of his own, who was a schoolboy at Harrow. Out in the fields one day he went to the assistance of a portly farmer on horseback, who could not easily open a gate and did not care to put his horse to it. This was an act which indicated a well-conditioned mind: the farmer thanked him and asked his name. The youth at once saw an opportunity for a good joke.

"Green," said the Harrovian. "What is your father?"

"A cheesemonger in London, in Theobald's road -rather a small shop,' was the wholly imaginative answer. "You are a capital young chap; I sha'n't forget you," said the farmer. from la grippe are now troubled And he left the youth chuckling over the incident and the sell."

Years passed, and the lively for of the Harrow scholar proved to have relieve the lungs, effecting a percost him a fortune. The newspapers had advertisements for a young gentleman of the name of Green, whose father some time kepta cheesemonger's shop in Theobald's road, and to whom a large legacy was devised in recognition of a service rendered at Harrow about ten years before. As the published clew to identity was wholly false and mistaken, through an ill-timed levity, the money could never be

In the correspondence of Sir John Burgoyne there is the story of a girl's warlike jest that recoiled. It was during the height of the Crimean battle storm. A young lady was corresponding with an officer at the front. She wrote in a lively fashion, and she asked that when Menschikoff was taken her soldier friend would be sure to send her one of the buttons off the prince's of 40 to 50 convulsions easy and coat. It so chanced in the fortunes of the campaign that the letter containing this paragraph fell into Russian hands, and reached Menschikoff

himself. The commander-in-chief was grimly remedy. 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 pre-ferred to avoid delay and oblige the Druggist, Denver.

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> Church Howe has \$100,000 invest ed in his Nemaha county stock farm and has 125 head of trotting horses.

A Fatal Mistake.

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> The girl's industrial school building at Geneva is well along toward completion, and is said to be admirably arrangek for its purpose.

A Mystery Explained.

The papers contain frequent notices of rich, pretty and educated girls eloping with negroes, tramps and coachmen. The well-known specialist, Dr. Franklin Miles, says all such girls are more or less hysterical, nervous, very impulsive, unbalanced; usually subject to neadache, neuralgia, sleeplessness, immoderate crying or laughing. These show a weak, nervous system for which there is no remedy equal to Restorative Nervine. Trial bottles and a fine book, containing many marvelous cures, free at F. G. Pricke & Co's., who also sell and guarantee Dr. Miles' celebrated New Heart Cure, the finest of heart tonics. Cures fluttering, short breath, etc.

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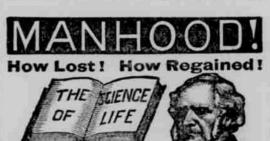
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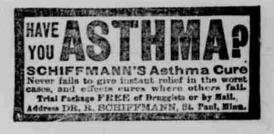
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