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Victor Hugo, in his "Toilers of the Sea," gave an elaborate and painfully interesting description of a marine monster which he most appropriately called the Devil-Fish.

A negro, who had anchored his boat in what he thought a favorable place, and who was fishing quietly, suddenly felt the bow of his boat pulled down, and, instinctively rushing to the stern to keep her balanced, roared for help.

Those in the rescuing boats then attacked it with boat hooks, pitchforks, and whatever other weapons came to hand, until finally it was killed.

Some years ago a "school" of them appeared off Cape May. The neighboring fishermen became quite excited, and went after them in a schooner.

Mr. T. R. Peale, of Philadelphia, saw and bought this specimen for two hundred dollars.

Mr. Peale, therefore, made a careful drawing of the fish, and then a drawing of the creature, which he called the Devil-Fish.

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OUR COMMON SCHOOLS.

From the prof sheets of the annual report of Hon. J. M. McKenzie, Superintendent of Public Instruction, now in press, we compile the following tabular statement of the amount of money invested by the people of the re-public in the various schools, school house sites, books and apparatus.

The total amount invested in the State in these permanent educational improvements figures up to one million one hundred and thirty-seven thousand and thirteen dollars, and eighty-seven cents.

AN INTER-PLANETARY TELEGRAPH.

In this venture some age, when Science, equipped with the telescope, seems to have laid claim to omnipotence, we may not be surprised to learn that there is yet hope that the inhabitants of this earth may become personally acquainted with the denizens of other planets.

The Rev. Harvey, of Newfoundland, in a recent communication, says: "A few days ago (October 26, 1873), two of our fishermen were out, in a small boat, in Conception Bay, near Portugal Cove, when they saw a dark shapeless mass floating upon the water."

"The eyes of the monster were peculiarly large and prominent, bright, and apparently gleaming with rage. Before the fishermen could make any attempt to escape, the creature, which was about fifty feet long, appeared to open out, and suddenly there shot out from around its face several long arms of corpse-like fleshiness.

"The green-eyed monster uttered no cry of pain, but moved off; and the fishermen who had thus escaped a horrible death, found themselves in possession of the apparatus, which was a little car for a few days obviates every inconvenience. The trees in the New York parks were for years denuded of their foliage by insects, and some months of protection or submit to their destruction entirely.

THE BIRDS.

We are glad to see that a move is being made in Kansas to introduce the English sparrow into that State. Of all birds the sparrow is the most destructive to insects, and the most prolific.

AN ANT BATTLE.

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Written for the Advertiser. SUCCESS IN LIFE. BY SILEP.

If a man would be successful, And make his life replete With joys, and short horn cattle, And have Berkshire' at his feet, He must learn to be a farmer;

TO BE A FARMER AND A GRANGER. Should be a man's aim in life, Have a herd of Texas cattle, And a gentle loving wife, Have his ship of joy and comfort, On life's tempestuous seas, Well fill'd with pork and harmony, And live quite at his ease.

OUR NEW YORK LETTER.

Bulls, Bears, Finance—Society, Politicians—Balls—Immigration—The Poor—The Grain Trade.

WALL STREET—NEW YORK, Feb. 23, 1874. I spent a day or two in Wall street this week, and learned something. The man who learns anything ought to lose no time before he communicates it to his fellows, hence I shall give what I learned to your readers at once.

Do you know what a "bull" is, or a "bear," in Wall street? I spent two days learning. In Wall street a "bull" is an operator who believes he can push the price of any particular stock to a higher point.

THE ROOM. Are suffering this winter. There is work enough in New York for 50 per cent of the working men, so there is no occasion for much distress among those who have health and strength.

THE GREAT TRADE. Continuous to excite especial attention. The fact is that New York ought to lose it for she has never done anything to foster it.

SAFETY IN THE USE OF KEROSINE. The following hint, given by a correspondent of the Tribune, relates an exceedingly simple method of precaution in the use of kerosene and other cheap oils, and may be worthy of attention.

GRANGE SECRETS REVEALED. How Initiations are Conducted. From the Randolph Enterprise. On being brought into the ante-room of the lodge (Greengrove Temple, No. 101.) I was told I had been initiated for a long time.

THE CODLING MOTH. At the late meeting of the Illinois Horticultural Society, Dr. W. V. Riley, stated that he had discovered a new method of treating of this important pest of the orchard.

MAKING AGRICULTURAL PRESIDENTS. How such paragraphs as the following would have been looked at a few years ago? Now, politicians speak with a certain wholesome apprehension upon such talk, however it may have originated.

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