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Ancient and Modern Snakes.

San Francisco Argonaut. "He moved all round, at length did feel a pining serpent bite his heel."

It is time for the Argonaut to allude to the scientific needs of the hour. Mr. Huxley of England, as well as other profound philosophers and naturalists in the different spheres of the scientific world, are after snakes.

Now the snake, when coiled up, is somewhat like a ball of twine. When he chooses to be—and, also, he has a twist-and-twist motion in his power, whereby he can throw himself into any position.

Also, I would like to say, though I don't know much about it, that "love" is the original sin of the serpent. The day of the serpent's sin was the day when he was expelled from Eden.

From the top of Mount Horeb, the snake figures all the way, more or less, through the sacred writings of the Israelites and Jews. From Genesis to Revelations he wriggles and winds,

to be placed on a bad old woman's bosom, or upon a bare, warm arm, it is not going to strike that bosom or that arm.

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Loonsistency.

At a meeting of the Palmer Campaign Club, of Springfield, Ills., held in the evening of the 17th of March, after acknowledging himself a candidate for the nomination of the Democratic party for President, the ex-Governor said: "If you will then trust me to lead you we will be found in the front rank of those who struggle to secure the ascendancy of Democratic principles and the preservation of free constitutional government by the people, and for the people, without distinction of race, color, or descent; and we will labor with the most earnest to make the union of the States perpetual, the constitution and the law supreme, and the rights and liberties of every human being within the limits of the Union secure under their benign rule."

The Chicago Sun truly says, that if a clown had said this it would have been received as a laughable parody; but for an ex-Governor of the State of Illinois, and a candidate for the Presidency of the United States to claim that the Democratic party had entertained any such doctrines for twenty years last past is preposterous, and stamps its author as a blundering ignoramus or insincere.

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Indian Pipe Stone.

Young Folks' Weekly. In the great Northwest are many natural curiosities. There are also many places of historic interest, and the careful and observing traveler finds, here and there, places that have curious and entertaining legends connected with their early history.

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