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FRIENDSHIP.

I had two friends the one was bright and witty, The other dark and sad; They dwelt beside me in a great, proud city, The only friends I had.

THE FOSSIL SEA-SERPENT.

The announcement that bones of some gigantic reptile have been dug out of a Monmouth County (N. J.) marl pit is never a startling one. This is classic ground for the paleontologist, and an active man with a shovel is never certain that he isn't disturbing the remains of some monster who once made the old cretaceous sea boil like a pot.

Prof. Lockwood, who is a fellow of half a dozen learned societies, and a recognized authority in matters of this sort, alluded with some disrespect to the amateur scientist who decorated the old serpent with tusks, a kind of furniture which only belonged to mammals of the more advanced type and of a more recent age.

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Jersey waters and shores were populous. In this very Marlboro pit Prof. Lockwood once found the remains of a Mesozoic snapping turtle, with a shell as big as a cart wheel, and so strong that a battery of artillery, if such a thing can be imagined as existing in those days, might have been driven over it without disturbing the creature under the dome.

All high-class snakes are particular about swallowing their food whole, and since they are ambitious to surround animals whose diameter is twice as great as their own, they need a special provision to give hospital admission to a big mouthful without unjointing their jaws. They have therefore been provided with a hinge in the bone on either side of the upper jaw, so that after they open their mouths as wide as possible they can spring the jaw upward at this extra joint, and make a still more roomy passage.

It is said that Prof. Cook, of Rutgers College, has secured the refusal of this specimen. The serpent will require much reconstruction and restoration if he is to make anything like a creditable exhibition of himself, for his remains are very incomplete and fragmentary. If properly restored, a roomy cabinet would be needed to contain him.

Thought in a Dog and a Wasp. A small-sized but fleet-running dog chased a large raccoon from a wheat-field, and overtook him on the bank of a creek, about a rod from the water.

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The pastor of a Congregational church in Connecticut used the Revised Version of the New Testament in the pulpit. Whereupon the officers of the church sent him a request in writing to return to the "St. James" version. He could not stand that and resigned.

THE GUTEAU TRIAL.

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GUTEAU opened the proceedings on the 14th by announcing that he had received about \$15,000 worth of checks on the preceding day. Some of them, he thought, were worthless, and many were no doubt good.

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AS SOON as court opened on the 16th Mr. Scoville began his address to the jury by confessing his unfamiliarity with the modes of practice in criminal cases. All the defense asked for was a fair, candid and impartial weighing of the evidence by fair and candid men.

twenty counts, he arraigned the District-Attorney, Judge Cox, and the Government experts for conspiring to hang the prisoner. The first count charged perversion of the law in the case. In illustration or support of this count Mr. Scoville alluded to the introduction of the evidence of Dr. Gray in a New York case.

Is the Guitau case on the morning of the 17th, before speaking Mr. Scoville requested Judge Cox to listen to the reading of a paper by the prisoner, reiterating his request that he be allowed to address the jury, adding that he (Scoville) had looked it over and saw nothing objectionable in it.

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high in power, visited upon the heads of the 18th century for his blood is not for the purpose of avenging Garfield or of satisfying justice, but their theory is this: If it can be shown that this was the act of some man, these politicians in high places will say: "Of course we are not responsible for the acts of a sane man. To be sure, we had some differences, but then it could never have led a sane man to such an act!"

an act! but, on the contrary, gentlemen of the jury, what is the effect of your verdict if you acquit him as an insane man? Why, you will say: "Some one is at fault. We will fix the blame upon the heads and hearts of those men who waged the war upon our poor dead President until it drove this poor insane man, from reading in the papers what Grant says, what Conkling says, and from constantly thinking upon it, to an insane act of killing the President." And there are men in high places, the really culpable ones, who will go down to posterity with the stigma upon their names and the detestation of their countrymen fastened upon their memories.

The Guitau trial opened on the morning of the 18th with a short speech from the prisoner, complimenting the New York Court of Appeals upon its alleged decision in relation to the question of insanity, from which the defense claim to derive some comfort. Mr. Scoville then resumed his argument and attempted to show from the evidence that, at the time of the shooting, the prisoner was perfectly calm and cool, and in condition as regards nerves and intellect, at variance with the hypothesis of sanity under such circumstances.

A Man to Whom Vanderbilt Gave a Farm.

The first wife of the late Commodore Vanderbilt and the wife of Samuel Carr were sisters. While Vanderbilt was laying the foundation of his great fortune Carr was going backward. He finally became almost destitute. Commodore Vanderbilt then bought a good farm, stocked it, and turned it over to Mr. Carr as a present; but it was not long before Carr had spent everything.

The Enormous Manufacture of Matches.

Some idea of the size of the match-trade may be gained by a glance at the figures paid for stamps. The Government exacts a revenue of one cent per 100 on matches manufactured. During the year ending May, 1881, one company paid for stamps \$4,500,000. This year the amount paid will be increased \$50,000. There are 200 matches in a box. The tax is two cents; they are sold to the grocer for three cents, and retailed at five.

Four million five hundred thousand dollars represent 450,000,000 one-cent stamps. As each stamp represents 100 matches, the grand total manufactured is 45,000,000,000 matches, or 277,500,000 five-cent boxes.

In spite of her many cares and sorrows, Mrs. Myra Clark Gaines is still as bright and lively as a girl of sixteen. Though she has been fighting for her rights for the last forty-six years, her light, ringing laugh has lost none of its freshness. Her confidence in ultimate success is still unshaken.