

WAS FORCED TO DRINK

Python Compelled to Swallow Gallon of Milk Punch.

Cincinnati Zoo Keepers Hold Twenty-Three-Foot Reptile While Liquid Is Poured Down Its Throat.

Cincinnati, O.—The 23-foot python in the zoological garden fought with all its might against swallowing a gallon of milk punch. It took six men to force a dozen eggs, beaten in a gallon of milk, down the python's throat.

The python, which once lurked in a South American jungle, weighs 225 pounds when it is in good health. But it has been "off its feed" for three months, had lost strength and flesh, and weighs about 170 pounds now. Superintendent Sol Stephan of the zoo has been tempting the big snake's appetite with delicate rats, inviting guinea pigs and tender live chickens. But the snake would have none of them. So Stephan determined to lead the python to dinner and make it eat, too.

The superintendent called in five keepers to help him give his guest some nourishing liquid food.

"What you want to do," Stephan instructed the keepers impressively, "is to keep the snake stretched at full length. Grab it and keep it taut from head to tail. If it coils around one of you—well, you will know how a girl feels when her corsets are too tight."

When the keepers tiptoed into its cage the python lay uncoiled and half dormant. The keepers distributed themselves along and at the word seized it simultaneously at the neck, at the middle, at the tail, and instantly straightened it. The snake awoke with a start and began to fight, contracting its length, trying to kink itself in a loop, twisting, turning, struggling. It released its tail and dealt Keeper Meyer a hard blow on the chest. But he grabbed the tail's tip again, and with all his strength held it to the floor.

The keepers nearest the python's head started from the cage with it, and under the circumstances, the rest of the snake had to go along. They carried it 100 feet and held it down on cloths on the ward. While it continued to fight Stephan tried open its jaws with a bar of wood.

The snake made earnest efforts to drag in the bar with throat muscles and teeth, which curve inward. But Stephan held on to the bar and slid in the python's mouth most of a three-foot section of iron gas pipe, which it vainly tried to swallow, too.

The nourishing milk punch was in a watering pot. Stephan slowly poured it down the gas pipe. The first half pint gave the python a sensation so surprising that it fought more furiously than ever, and, sick as it was, showed tremendous power. But after that it seemed to take kindly to the milk punch and lay quiet during the half hour it took to administer the long drink.

After the gallon of punch had per-

colated into its midst the python seemed sleepy, and was replaced in its cage without difficulty. The python will be fed artificially again in a few days; the superintendent expects its appetite will return gradually.

OFFERS HIMSELF TO SCIENCE.

Physician Exposes Arm to Infection in Order to Determine Nature of Disease.

Philadelphia.—For the sake of medical science and to determine the nature of the "straw" disease, which was discovered several weeks ago among sailors of P. A. B. Widener's yacht Josephine and other harbor craft, Dr. Joseph Goldberg, an attaché of the local marine hospital service, has gone to Washington with his arm a mass of blisters and small pimples that the scientists there may study the strange disease.

Dr. Goldberg was assisted in his experiment by Dr. Jay F. Shamberg of the Hospital for Contagious Diseases, who was inoculated with virus of Dr. Goldberg's arm.

From the time the disease was first reported the government, state and city authorities have been interested in it. In view of the fact that many cases of it have been treated as hives, the physicians believe there are many cases that have not been reported.

Whether the disease is due to a fungoid or other vegetable germ is un-

known. All that is definitely known of the strange malady is that a number of sailors were afflicted with it after having slept on new straw mattresses. Dr. Goldberg bared his arm for several hours and placed it between two mattresses which were suspected of being infected. In the course of a few days his case developed and he established its existence in the mattresses. Dr. Shamberg determined to go a step further to ascertain whether the disease was contagious. Dr. Goldberg willingly bared his arm again while Dr. Shamberg opened one of the vesicles, thus inoculating himself. While Dr. Goldberg is having the government authorities study his arm Dr. Shamberg is studying himself.

HAY FEVER ON THE INCREASE

Hundred Thousand Persons, Residents of Cities, Suffer from Nervous Disease.

New York.—More than 100,000 persons suffer from hay fever in the United States, and the number is rapidly increasing, according to Dr. W. W. Carter, who addressed the alumni of Bellevue hospital. The fact that nearly all of the sufferers from this trouble, which recurs annually, are residents of cities, and few live on farms, Dr. Carter explained by saying that hay fever subjects are of a certain nervous disposition, and that their nervous condition makes them subject to the disease. The doctor has found no medical relief for the disease, and he advises those who cannot change climate during the hay fever season to avoid excitement and hurry.

AGED WOMAN MANAGES A FARM

Although 112 Years Old, She Lives Alone, Nine Miles from Her Birthplace.

Delmar, Del.—The eldest woman on the peninsula embracing Delaware and the eastern shore of Maryland and Virginia is a resident of Delmar. She lives in a house by herself. She is Mrs. Hester Cordroy, aged 112 years, having been born on a farm nine miles east of Delmar on February 12, 1797. The most remarkable part of it all is that this woman actually cultivates two large gardens adjoining her home and sells the products. She uses a hoe in helping along the growth of potatoes, corn, onions, etc., and, when she becomes tired, she gets a large spoon from her kitchen and utilizes it while crawling down the rows of plants.

Mrs. Cordroy, who is a familiar figure to all of the residents of Delmar and vicinity, has ten great-grandchildren. Upon the death of her second husband, 43 years ago, she built a home in Delmar on a lot which she bought for \$75. This site is now worth \$1,000. This has since been her home, despite the attempts of her grandchildren and great-grandchildren to dissuade her from living alone.

"Aunt Hester," as Mrs. Cordroy is known, was the youngest child of Hamilton Neal, a wealthy farmer. When 14 years old her mother died, leaving her and her father to run the

farm. She had 12 sisters, all of whom married early in life, and two brothers who were in the war of 1812.

The oldest woman on the peninsula tells graphically how she plowed all day, when a girl, and then milked seven cows after dark. "If the girls of to-day would do more work and think less of the parlor," she said, "they would be healthier and live longer."

GREAT-GRANDFATHER AT 53.

Norwood Park Man Who Married Young, Has Hope of a Still Further Honor.

Chicago.—A father at 19, a grandfather at 28, and a great-grandfather at 53.

This is the present record of George Alfred Fair of Norwood Park, who believes that he has few rivals for the title of the youngest great-grandfather in the country. Within a few more years he believes he may claim still greater distinction. Mr. Fair formerly was associated with Will J. Davis, at the Haymarket and Columbus theaters. He now is engaged in the advertising business. He was born in Ipswich, England, in 1854. He worked his way up in the theatrical business and became advance agent for the Sawtelle Dramatic Company, of which Miss Melissa Breslau was the star. The advance agent and the star became close friends, and in 1872 they were married. Mr. Fair being 19 years old and his bride one year younger.

Ethel, the youngest of their four children, was married when she was 18 years old, her husband being Harry Nelson, who lost his life in 1898 in the Sweet-Wallach fire, in which 13 other persons were killed. The elder daughter of the Neisons, Miss Melissa, named after her grandmother, was married in 1908 to J. H. Miers.

TIRE OF SICKLY TEACHERS

State of Kansas Will Employ No More Eastern Invalids in Public Schools.

Topeka, Kan.—County Superintendents of western Kansas have formed a combine to insure the employment of all their local teachers.

Notices are being printed in the local papers that, until all local teachers are employed, the county superintendent will not O. K. a certificate of outside teachers.

The action is taken to shut off the influx of weak lunged teachers from the east. The educational authorities are working with the state board of health to reduce the number of weak lunged teachers who come west for their health and teach school to pay their way.

Turtle Came Back.

York, Pa.—Evidence to support the belief that a York county land turtle will not leave the spot where it is captured, if its captor engraves his or her initials upon its shell, is produced through a find made by Mrs. E. D. Smith of Brillhart's station.

Walking in a field of grass, she picked up a healthy looking turtle, upon which was inscribed "J. Z., June 12, 1889."

Mrs. Smith recalls distinctly when John Ziegler did this bit of carving, 29 years ago, and set the turtle free at a spot only about 50 feet from where she found it. When she picked it up, she says, the turtle was heading for this spot, as if ashamed to be found so far from home.

Protect Alaskan Shipping.

Seattle, Wash.—Gas light buoys between Seattle and Lynn canal are suggested by Dr. Henry S. Pritchett, chairman of the United States light-house board, as the best means of protecting navigators of the inner channels of the Alaskan coast. Twenty buoys, ranging in cost from \$1,500 to \$6,000, will be placed.



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WELL DEFINED.

De Quiz—What's your idea of the difference between optimism and pessimism?

De Whiz—O! the optimist says it is spring when it isn't and the pessimist says it isn't when it is.

The Same Old John L.

Old John L. Sullivan always had a fine Irish wit, and it remains with him in his advanced age. Not long ago he was appearing in a Baltimore theater and the manager, for business reasons, introduced him to a wealthy youth of the town. The youth was a typical chollyboy, the sort of a specimen that old John abhors. Sullivan was washing his face in the theater dressing room when the two arrived, and they waited patiently until he had finished his ablutions. When John had dried his countenance he gave the dude one look, and then said to the manager: "Well, I congratulate you, Jack, is it a boy or a girl?"

Royal Great-Great-Grandmother.

The birth of a son to the youthful duke and duchess of Sudermania gives to royal Europe what it has not had for more than ten years, namely, a great-great-grandmother. The lady to whom this honor has come is the Grand Duchess Constantine Nicolavitch, who was, before her marriage, Princess Alexandra of Saxe-Altenburg.

ORIGIN OF A Famous Human Food.

The story of the great discoveries or inventions is always of interest.

An active brain worker who found himself hampered by lack of bodily strength and vigor and could not carry out the plans and enterprises he knew how to conduct, was led to study various foods and their effects upon the human system. In other words, before he could carry out his plans he had to find a food that would carry him along and renew his physical and mental strength.

He knew that a food which was a brain and nerve builder (rather than a mere fat maker) was universally needed. He knew that meat with the average man does not accomplish the desired results. He knew that the soft gray substance in brain and nerve centers is made from Albumen and Phosphate of Potash obtained from food. Then he started to solve the problem.

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NEW SENSATION FOR DOBBIN

Come to Think of It, He Would Have Felt Funny Sitting in the Position Indicated.

The family horse, who rejoiced in the eminently proper equine name of Dobbin, had earned a rest by long service, and was accordingly sent away to the country to spend his declining years in the broad pastures of a farmer friend of his owner. The distance being somewhat excessive for his rheumatic legs, he was shipped to his new home by rail.

Little Edna, the family four-year-old, viewed the passing of Dobbin with unfeigned sorrow. She sat for a long time gazing disconsolately out of the window. At last, after a deep sigh, she turned with a more cheerful expression, and said: "Did old Dobbin go on the choo-choo cars, mamma?" "Yes, dear," answered her mother. A broad grin spread over the little girl's face. "I was just thinking," she said, "how funny he must feel sitting up on the plush cushions.—Woman's Home Companion."

TIRED ALL THE TIME.

Languor, listlessness, dullness of spirits are often due to kidney disorders. Pain and weakness in the back, sides and hips, headaches, dizziness, urinary disorders are sure signs that the kidneys need immediate attention.

Delay is dangerous. Alonzo Adams, Osceola, Iowa, says: "My kidneys failed me. I suffered awful pain and was so weak I could not work, and often had to take to bed. I was dull and exhausted nearly all the time. I consulted doctors and used medicines, but only Doan's Kidney Pills helped me. Soon I was permanently cured."

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Burning String in the Sick-Room.

Months spent in a sick room have taught me many things for the comfort of an invalid, one of the simplest and most effective of which is burning a string to purify the atmosphere.

Take a soft string and stick it with a pin to the back of a chair; after lighting, blow it out gently, leaving the tiny spark, which will create smoke enough to make a decided difference in the atmosphere.—Harper's Bazar.

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Her Dilemma.

Bessie—Oh, Mabel! I am in an awful dilemma. I've quarreled with Harry, and he wants me to send him ring back.

Mabel—That's too bad. Bessie—But that isn't the point. I've forgotten which is his ring.

The man who accompanies his wife on a shopping tour is almost as uncomfortable as the woman who accompanies her husband to a ball game.

The Facts.

"Do poets ever really starve?" "Well, maybe not. But we seldom ever get a chance to overeat."

TRUE RESIGNATION.



Old Maid—Is it really true that marriages are made in heaven?
Doctor—Yes, I believe so.
Old Maid (resignedly)—O, then, doctor, you needn't call again.

Let's Be Fair.

The wires have flashed the news that a "peach basket" hat worn by a woman in a canoe, and rendered lopsided by the careless zephyr, caused a list and overturned the craft. At this point the correspondent, evidently male and prejudiced, stopped short. If he wished to be fair he should have gone on to tell that the occupants of the boat grasped the hat, climbed aboard of it, and until their rescue fared sumptuously on the fruit and garden truck which constituted a part of its artistic decoration. The true news expert never is biased.—Philadelphia Ledger.



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