

The Silk Hat Issue.
The municipal council of the little French town of Courteuil is discussing an ordinance forbidding the wearing of tall silk hats within its borders. The "stovepipe" is condemned in the argument of the advocates of the ordinance as a "ridiculous headgear" which by reason of its costliness constitutes a badge of social superiority, and is, therefore, humiliating to those who never wear it. The tall hat, reformers declare, "is used only by aristocrats who live and grow fat on the sweat of the poor."

A Century's Growth Illustrated.
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RATTLESNAKE GOING.

FAMOUS AMERICAN REPTILE WILL SOON HAVE PASSED.

He Is Disappearing From the Arizona Frontier—Some of the Enemies of the "Rattler"—Prospector's Experience in a Three-Cornered Fight.

In a country where a quarter of a century ago a rattlesnake was to be found under every rock and in every hillock, the reptile is rapidly becoming a rarity. With his human relative, the Apache, the rattler is disappearing from Arizona and is now found only in the most isolated districts. To the advance of civilization and the unremitting warfare of the road runner and the king snake may be attributed the extermination of the rattler. Wherever irrigation has found its way the rattlesnake has been driven to higher ground and there the prospector and miner have slain him whenever and wherever found. The road runner, that long-legged, feathered warrior, the fighting cock of the desert, has done his part and done it well. Much resembling but more lightly constructed than the fighting cock, the road runner is one of the most dreaded enemies of the rattler. In fact, so great are his snake killing proclivities that heavy penalties are provided by the territorial statutes as a protection to him from the gun of the hunter. Apparently immune to the venom in the poison sac of the rattler, the road runner attacks the largest snake with impunity and was never known to lose a fight. Frequently, indeed, the road runner has been known to battle with and kill a pair of large diamond rattlers, whose total weight was five times that of his own. Not so common an enemy to the rattlesnake, but no less deadly, is the king snake, a large species of the bull snake family. Rarely seen in the lower countries, but often found in the northern forests and higher mountains, the king snake wages constant warfare on the rattler and when his great lithe form coils around the body of the rattlesnake the life of the latter is a matter of only a few seconds. Herbert Housland, a prospector, had an experience with a rattler, a king snake and a road runner a few days ago which he will not soon forget. He was with a party in the Bradshaw mountains, south of Prescott, and was guarding camp for the day. He had lain down to sleep, when he was suddenly aroused to find a great rattlesnake coiled upon his breast. "I almost suffocated from fearing to breathe lest I should be bitten," he said. "The snake was greatly excited and in a minute I saw the cause. A king snake was trying to excite the rattler to combat, and my person was the chosen battleground. The king snake had probably forced the rattler to refuge upon my body, and following up his aggressive tactics was running in a circle around the rattler very rapidly. He crossed my breast from left to right and my thighs from right to left, and within less than a foot of the rattler's body. The velocity of the snake was most wonderful. It seemed to be one continuous ring, and part of the time I could seemingly see three or four rings at once. I made a slight movement with right foot, which attracted the rattler's attention for an instant, and that was fatal to him. At that one false movement of his eyes the king snake darted in and seized the rattler by the throat, close up to his head and began instantly to coil around his victim. They rolled off me in their death struggle and became one tangled mass for ten minutes when the rattler's sounds died away gradually. While I lay exhausted from my fright a road runner darted out of a bush, and grabbing the two snakes in his beak, began to drag them away. The weight was too great, but he killed the king snake by a blow from his long bill and ran away as I arose. I threw the two reptiles into the bushes, and there the bird and his mate devoured them."

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How to Button a Coat.

The art of properly buttoning a coat—any coat—is, do it the other way. That is to say that nine out of every ten of us button our coats the wrong way; we commence with the topmost button when we should commence with the bottommost. The frailest portion of a coat, in respect to shape-retaining qualities—no matter how well made—is the region of collar and lapels. The swagger merchant tailor always cautions his customer to "wear it buttoned a few days so that the collar may set properly." Then, this admitted, it follows that tugs and strains affecting this part of the garment tend to destroy its symmetry. Drawing the coat together by the topbutton and buttonhole for the purpose of fastening, exerts a pull all around the shoulders and neck region, which, by repetition, in time will give the smartest coat a hang-dog appearance.—Chat.

Ancient Cast Steel.
The manufacture of cast steel in India can be traced back over 2,000 years, while there are also examples of wrought iron work nearly as old. Near Delhi, close to the Kutub, there is an enormous wrought iron pillar which weighs ten tons and is thought to be over 1,800 years old.—Chicago Chronicle.

Our Own Kangaroo.
A miniature kangaroo has been discovered in the far west. It strides around like a kangaroo, making great jumps on its hind legs, which are long and powerful. It also has a surprisingly long tail, which adds to its resemblance to the marsupial after which it is named.

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