the Exciting Sport Is Carried On by We are in the middle of a flock of

giants of the sea. The enormous brown and blue bodies rise out of the sea; the back is bent upward, it looks like the bottom of a capsized ship; it disappears; but the sea becomes almost calm where the whale went down, and several minutes clapse before the waves are able to conquer the calm. From time to time deep, dull snorts are heard, thundering and trembling, as if the deepest strings of a dozen double-basses were being played down below; and at others, a sharp swishing sound, like an enormous fountain suddenly set to play and a column of crystal spray ascends some thirty feet into the air. The second, and it again disappears. It looks as if the whale was warm and comfortable enough; the sea water, to us looking so cold, plays pleasantly around it; hot steam issues from its dilated nostrils, and it seems like a

man enjoying a refreshing morning dip.

During the last quarter of an hour we have seen some forty whales, but none have come within range. The gun has no certainty much beyond thirty yards, so that the whale must be nearly under the ship's bow when firing. As we stand looking at this magnificent spectacle the water close around the ship suddenly becomes light green in color and somewhat calm. Then a deep, heavy thunder; the ship trembles from stem to stern; a great column of dampness is shot into the air, drenching us all; a dull snort, and an enormous blue whale rises out of the sea a few yards on our starboard side. Now the Captain will fire, we think, involuntarily holding on to the wire rigging; but Fovn stands by his gun without making the least movement, and the next second the whale again descends into its watery home. The range was probably not a good one. A few minutes after the same thunder, the same sensation, the same column and the same snort—another whale appears on the port side. The Captain turns the gun, while we watch, with beating hearts, the movements of the animal as well at his own. Every second seems an eternity. He raises the gun, aim. Alas! a heavy sea strikes the vessel: keels her over; the gun is lowered, but have disappeared now, not a puff to be seen. We stand and talk about the insuit, only now and then broken by the Captain's short words of command, who stands calmly watching the animals. Now the vessel heels over -the whales are within range. "Stop," sounds in the engine-room. But the speed was too great and we shot past "Full speed ahead," sounds "Two men at the helm!" The vessel turns swiftly and we separate the couple. The whales disappear. We follow the direction they are taking, and look!-a little before us the sea becomes emerald green. "Slow," again. The vessel moves slowly forward and the whale reappears twenty yards off. "Stop," shouts the Captain. The gun is turned, raised and again lowered-not a sound is heard on board-the whale has puffed-the back

"Did you hit him?" we shout to the Captain. "Don't know," is the laconic answer. "Almost absurd to attempt it In such a sea; one risks losing the gear

the cheek and benumbs the hands.

and frightening the whale.' In the meantime all the erew are busy clearing the line of the harpoon, and we are still in doubt whether we have hit him, but the suspense does not last long, as immediately a "look out!" is shouted by the Captain, and the line runs out with terrific speed and a great noise. "Full speed ahead!" is shouted below, but the ship is running double her highest speed, such is the strength of the whale that has her in tow. The animal is fleeing at the top of its speed. and we follow right through the breaking seas. Ten minutes pass by-they seem ten hours-when suddenly a blood-streaked column of water is seen on the horizon. It is our whale! Another moment, and a clear one is seen. It is his companion which follows her wounded mate. Both go down; the line does not run so fast: the wounded whale appears once or twice more, when he sinks. The whale is dead. After a while the hauling-in begins very carefully, and finally the great body rises to the surface, the ship keeling over. After a few hours' hard work in securing the monster to the vessel with chains and ropes, the course is shaped for leame.

"What do you think of it, Captain?" I ask. "Not bad," he answers simply. "Steward, give the crew a drink all round! And let us have something to

eat. 'The whale measured more than eight y feet in length.

Once more his widowed mate takes a turn round the ship, when she stands out to sea; while we, with our noble spoil in tow, slowly make for the whale station in South Varanger. - Chambers'

POPE PIUS IX. An Introduction to One of the Most Fa mous Rulers of the Church. A chamberlain opens the door for you, loudly calling your name and titles, a cameriere follows behind you with a large tray, on which are laid the objects, ivory, gold, silk, silver, anything that you have brought with a view of the Pope blessing it, that you may bring it to your Catholic friends, who look at it from that moment as a relic. You hold in your hand whatever offering you have yourself to lay at the feet of the Holy Father. Mind you, you are on the threshold; now comes the ceremonial. On the door-step you have to kneel down, you then get up and make three steps and kneel down again, another three steps and you kneel at the feet of the padre santo and get hold of the hem of his robe, which either he lets you kiss in all humility or he takes you by the hand, lifts you up, and, after blessing you, stretches out his hand toward the my three cents than boys do to-day out tray which the cameriere holds and proof three dollars-that is, of real satisnounces the blessing: "In nomine Patfaction. The subject is an endless one ris, et Filli, et Spiritus Sancti. Amen." in all its bearings and no less interest-Whereupon the cameriere with the tray ing than of advantage as displaying disappears, the door shuts, and you are the trials and hardships of our fathers. left alone. The room is a very small -Boston Transcript. one, nothing like the big hall where the

guages which were easy to him. After your reply the conversation begins.—
Temple Bar. -Mermaids are wearing many an Americans, but lost with the Oregon.

general reception of over two thousand

people takes place; it contains a simple table and chair. A white cotton dress

and a red cap are all the uniform of the

head of the Catholic Church. He then

THE MUSHROOM.

How the Painty Edible Is Cultivated in France and America. Every year thousands of quart cans containing champignons, or fairy-ring musirooms are imported here from France, and eaten in the leading hotels. clubs, restaurants and such households as can afford to use them. They are costly, often selling at a dollar per pound. In Europe they are called circles of from a few feet to s veral yards in diameter, of an intensely bright green color, which are found ures of England, Ireland and France. exhausted the soil within the ring, is

circle. France is the great mushroom out of the window, and end by inditing gigantic, glistening body appears on circle. France is the great mushroom out of the window, and end by inditing the surface; the back is bent upward a producing country of the world. For I. O. U. 's. At all times, I believe, nearly half a century the communes of Grand Montrenge, Areneil, Chatillon, Bagneaux, Vitry, Maisons-Alfort and Noisy-le-See, all within reaching distance from Paris, have been devoted almost exclusively to mushroom culture. The soil in these districts is poor and would produce nothing but short grass and stunted fruit trees. Forty- the order of the day, and lansquenet seven years ago a country genius hit upon the idea of utilizing the galleries of the worked-out and disused quarries honored pastime - lansquenet - was with which the entire district is under mined. These quarries are now the twenty years ago, and with the great greatest mushroom beds in the world,

The galleries, as a rule, are from the beds, which are one and a half the whale is gone. They seem all to then kept at a temperature of seventy extravagances of every sort where the cident, and somebody suggests to go to the depth of a half inch, and a fort- associated in the public mind with the aft and "have a smoke;" when sud- night later the mushrooms begin to ap- idea of wild play than had been the denly two whales are seen some dis- pear and are gathered every morning ease before; and soon after the war of tance off, now going side by side, now or evening, according to the demands 1870-71, in the midst of the administrabehind each other. The helm is turned of the trade. The men who work in tive laxity following on this national and we follow them in hot haste the mushroom galleries begin their toil upheaval, certain clever speculators through wind and waves. A complete at five o'clock in the morning, and do conceived the idea of opening, under ge reigns on board during the pur- not cease until late in the evening, the title and with the outer aspect They are paid from five to five and a clubs, places which should be little else half francs daily. As an instance than gaming houses, with all the profits French mushroom beds, it may be nightly Review. mentioned that one bed at Arceuil, when in full bearing, sent 3,000 pounds of champignons to the Paris market daily. In gathering, the stocks of the mushrooms are never cut but twisted, as cutting injures the flavor and spoils the beds.

While, of course, the delicattessen market of this country is, and will be for years, supplied by France with champignons in the dry canned form. still mushroom culture has been adopted as a profession by different parties in difference between the naked and the this city and the surrounding suburbs with varied degrees of success, and some of the experimenters have kept is bending; the captain aims and a on and are now making money. The thundering report rends the air and freshly-gathered American champignon is certainly superior to the French dry classes than it is between the reptiles makes the vessel tremble in every section. We have watched all this with canned article in every way, but it will and the birds. That is, there is a every nerve strained, and hardly feel take years before the general prejudice the icy foam of the sea which bedews against the native production will be overcome. Of course, the professional cooks and restaurant keepers know the difference and buy the American mushroom. - N. Y. Mail and Express.

FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Days When a Boy's Life Was Not as Easy The winter apparel of boys even fifty years ago would be an interesting subject. We lack the pen of General Oliver to do it justice. The change from those days to the present is something wond afal. India-rubber boots and shoes were not then invented: great coats were among rare things; boys' elothes were generally made over unheard of. Scamstresses passed from otherwise he went without. To purchase such things was little thought of. In the houses no furnaces, few stoves, bedrooms as cold and colder than barns night in constant use, as the bed clothes was done by first breaking through the lived. No wonder that consumption claimed its thousands and tens of thousands, both old and young. The wonlived through the winters of those days; and yet the boys, in my opinion. had a better time, had more real en-

marbles were costly and rare. The boys saved their pennies for a whole year to be able to buy a sled or a pair of skates. Christmas presents were generally a something useful rather for the asking, without effort on their own part, and they are consequently held in light esteem. This has engendered carelessness, dependence and want of forethought in our boys. The future seems all cut out for them. They have only to sail along the placid stream of life, and when trials and financial disaster come, as they do to most all of human kind sooner or later in life, there is less manliness and tenacity of purpose-in fact, less integrity-than formerly. When I went to Charles W. Green's school in Jamaica Plains, I had six cents a week pocket money, on condition I would put three cents each week in the bank. There was no room here for extravagant expenditure, and my parents did not intend there should be, but I got more out of

-Says Mr. Carnegie in his new book: Whenever an American is met abroad with the assertion that government in the Republic is corrupt, he can safely asked me; "Do you prefer to speak Italian or French?"—the two lansay that for one ounce of corruption here there is a full pound avoirdupois in Britain; for every 'job' here, twenty yonder. One nobleman gets 4,000 pounds (\$20,000) per annum for walk-ing backward before her Majesty upon certain occasions; and so on through 's chapter of 'jobs' so long and irritating that no American could patiently read through it." -Pittsburgh Post.

FRENCH GAMBLING.

The Growth and Development of the Per-nicious Habit in Paris. Gambling in France has passed through various stages in the last two generations. When rouge-et-noir was abolished at Frascati and at the tripots in the Palais Royal, an era of private play succeeded in Paris, which most of m England. the novelists of the time have described. there were always a few Colonels and Majors at the table, and in boudoirs inhabited by hospitable ladies, who here and there on the lawns and past- were singularly lucky if they took a hand at lansquenet or vingt-et-un. They are caused by the myselliam or Then there were the parties in the spawn of the mushroom, which having "particular cabiquets" of restaurants. where the younger gentlemen present constantly spreading and enlarging the would begin by pouring champagne there is plenty of this sort of eard playing in the centers of the civilized world, but in Par's it flourished most especially throughout the old "flush" days of the Cafe Anglais and the Maison d'Or, and was one of the chief amusements of "gilded" people during the recent empire. "Plunging" was was the game at which most of this "planging" was done. The latter timefinally dethroned by brecarat some vogas of baccarat the birth of the gamand the once struggling champignonists ling clubs seems to coincide. The clubs are millionaires in their way. were all of them just such places as those forty to seventy feet below the surface. | known and or the same name in London. and a uniform temperature of from When in 135) or thereabout a man said fifty to sixty degrees is maintained in "Je vais an cercle," he meant that he them. The beds are made of horse was about to repair to a fine suite of manure, which undergoes a special rooms in the best part of the town, sit treatment before being used. It is down in choice company to an artistic thrown in heaps on the sides of the dinner, and perhaps, in the course of country roadways, and turned overday | the evening take a hand at bouillotte or after day until it is thoroughly sun- rubicon or whist. Rarely in that day dried. From it the beds are con- did the play get at all wild or ruinous structed. The manure is laid down at the ecrele; all the heavy gaming was from the walls to the center of the earried on at private and semi-private gallery, being higher by several inches | houses. But toward the close of the next the walls. At regular intervals empire even the best of the clubs were small footpaths run from the center | becoming demoralized in regard to cardaisle to the walls, so that growers may playing. People were talking about gather the mushrooms without spoiling | Khalil Bay's tremea lous gune of piquet (which lasted for sixty consecufeet deep nearest the walls. On these tive hours, at the end of which the loser beds the spawn is scattered. How this | drew a cheek for a million of frames) spawn or seed is gathered is the secret and about the immense coups effected of the mushroom grower. The beds are | by one or two Russian Princes, whose degrees. Three or four weeks later the daily theme of the toul-Paris. Thus the beds are covered with a layer of fine loam name of cere's became more nearly

> SNAKES AND FROGS. An Instructive Chat About Reptiles of Va-

> > rious Families.

"Salamanders," said Prof. Bickmore in a recent lecture in the museum of Natural History, "are sometimes termed 'naked reptiles,' in distinction from the snakes and others that are covered with scales or plates. The scaly reptiles would at first glance appear slight, but the gap in reality has been found by naturalists in their studies greater between these two closer resemblance between snakes and birds than between snakes and the frog or salamander."

Snakes, said the lecturer, are divided into two general classes, those that are boa-constrictor is the largest of the non-poisonous snakes in America, but in India the anaconda or water boa attains still greater size. The largest on record is one that was taken by a naturalist in India and was forty feet long. In its stomach was found a horse that had been crushed before it was swallowed. Mr. Bickmore related an incident of his own experience with a python eighteen feet long that was preented him in India. The snake escaped from a box in which it had beer inclosed on board a ship, and an exfrom dad's dress coat; trousers were cut citing struggle ensued before it could down and traveled through successive be killed. In poisonous snakes like the boys, and finally cut up to patch and rattlesnake two small sacks in the uppiece other clothes. Boy tailors were per part of the mouth hold the poisonous fluid, and the fangs are two hollow house to house and fixed over the boys' teeth through which the poison passes clothes, cut down and made over, etc | when the snake strikes its prev. The If a boy had a grandmother, he could species known as the Fer-de-Lance, count perhaps on a pair of woolen mits; found in the West Indies, is the most poisonous snake in this country; but there is a sugar-eating snake in India

which is even more fatal to life. The different species of lizards were nowadays; warming-pans for beds at next described by Mr. Bickmore, and a large number of them were shown in were like two cakes of ice. Washing life colors on the screen. One species was presented with a fold of skin by ice found in the pitcher over night. All which it is enabled to fly like the flying cooking done by wood fires, and better squirrel and the Borneo frog, and andone than that of the present day, in other with flat disc-like toes by which it a theres to the side of a smooth wall. spite of our modern improvements.

All that can be said of the boy of The alligator and crocodile ranking half a century ago is that the fittest next in order, Mr. Bickmore said, are provided by nature with means by which they can enter the water with mouth distended by the prey which der to us of to-day is how any one ever they carry, a valve in the throat closing so as to prevent the water from entering the stomach. Turtles form a group by themselves, but are akin to ovment than is the case with boys of reptiles. Mr. Bickmore showed specito-day. Toys, sleds, skates, balls and mens of restored skeletons of the early geological periods, when the saurus and ottici gigantic reptiles existed. A stone plate in the museum retains the footprints of one of these specimens. unknown. New Year, perhaps, brought Mr. Bickmore was of the opinion that round a something, and then most the stories of sea serpents are not wholly sailors' myths, but that some of than playful. To-day boys no longer the ancient monsters may still exist in treasure their things. They get them | the depths of the ocean. -N. Y. Tribune.

THE LATEST MARVEL.

An Ingenious Apparatus Which Music as It Is Being Played. An apparatus has been invented which, when placed in electric communication with a pianoforte or other kev-board instrument, prints the music as it is being played. The machine is driven by clockwork. When in motion a band of paper is drawn through the machine, and during its passage it ruled with the staff lines and passes under a number of small marking wheels, which correspond to the keys of the pianoforte, and it is here that the music is recorded. The notation ia which the music is recorded is not the ordinary one. When a note is depressed on the key-board, which is ic connection with the recording machine, the corresponding wheel will begin to mark, and the length of the line made will be in proportion to the length of note. Thus, if a line a quarter of an inch in length represents a quaver, a line an eighth of an inch will represent a semi-quaver. This system of notation is easily translated into the ordinary notation by any one who understands the latter. The connection with the key-board is obtained by a pin fixed under each note, which dips into a small cup of mereury. This arrangement in no way interferes with the touch of the

key-board.-N. Y. Post. -Over twenty-two million lobsters were captured and canned on Prince Edward Island last year.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH

-President Holden, of the California State University, receives a salary of \$8,000-\$5,000 as president and \$3,000 as director of the Lick Observatory.

-The English Church Missionary Society have arranged for simultaneous meetings for presenting the claims of foreign missions in 150 cities and towns

-There was irony as well as wit in The plucking of pigeons was per- what Sidney Smith said. On taking the "fairy-ring" mushrooms because of the formed in boarding houses, where parish at Foster he writes: "When I began to thump the cushion of my pulpit, as is my wont when I preach, the accumulated dust of 150 years made such a cloud that for some minutes I lost sight of my congregation. -N. Y. Exam nor.

-A Presbyterian missionary on the west coast of Africa, a woman, is the only white Christian for some hundreds of miles, and has no means of travel but by a skiff up and down the river. She has the training of young men and women, not only in their education and Christian life, but in their every day pursuits; and she is declared to be most happy in her work. -Montreal Witness.

-Just before the outbreak of the war Stonewall Jackson, then a professor in the Virginia Military Institute at Lexington, organized a Sunday-school for colored children, which is still sustained by leading citizens there. This Sundaychool has now set on foot a subscription for a monument to Jackson, which is meeting with a lively response among the people, black and white, of the South. - Chicago Herald.

-In Germany, 69 per cent. know more languages than one; in Austria, 61 per cent.; in England, 31 per cent.; in France, 29 per cent.: in Italy, 28 per cent.; in Russia, 23 per cent.; in Spain, 13 per cent. A classical education had been enjoyed in Germany by 32 per cent.; in England, 31 per cent.; in France, 20 per cent.; in Italy, 16 per cent.; in Austria, 13 per cent.; in Spain, 7 per cent.; in Russia, 2 per cent.-

Philadelphia Press. -A letter in the London Times, written from Tientsin, speaks of missionaries as "the true pioneers of civilization," and adds that "the day has gone by when English missionaries are snubbed by their own authorities." He states that "a new wave of missionary interest is passing over China.' and he seems to appreciate the young men of the English universities who have recently gone out under the China

Inland Mission. -Co-education, according to the Sanitarian, is conspicuously successful in Hampton Institute, where General Armstrong has 608 colored and Indian students, nearly half of them girls. The training is largely industrial, especially for the 139 Indian students, but a very large proportion of the graduates become teachers among their own | Petrless Perfection Personified, onle. The fact that 200 applicants were turned away during the last of the enormous fecundity of the accuring from such institutions. -Fort- for them is a forcible appeal for money school year because there was no room to erect more buildings.

PUNGENT PARAGRAPHS.

-Most of us lay up a good stock of patience, but we make the mistake of outting it where we can't find it just when we need it most. -Never refuse advice. Of course

you have no use for it. Nobody ever has. But it is very handy to have, to give to somebody else. - Burdette. -Stopped in time.-Mistress-Why, Delia, what in the world have you done? Delia-Shure, ma'am, the master said the gas was leaking, and I put up the pail to catch it. - Tid-Bits.

-Eliza Ricarby, a rich woman of New Orleans, left two-thirds of her estate to another woman on condition that she takes care of a little dog belonging to the deceased. - N. O. Times. -The class in natural history being

asked the difference between a dog and a tree, the head boy answered: "A poisonous and those that are not. The tree is covered with bark while a dog seems to be lined with it."-N. Y. Ledger. -Among the wants in the New York

News is one for hands to cut boys' clothes. If the advertiser would only give the boys a pocket knife each, they would furnish the hands. - Chicago Ledger. -A good imitation of celluloid is

Nothing but the apparent indifference of science stands in the way of something indestructible being evolved from the modern beefsteak. - Norristown Herald. -An exchange advertises: "Wanted |

a boy for bottling." This must be a new industry, and it's a wonder it wasn't thought of before. A good many boys ought to be bottled; it may be the only way to keep them from spoiling. Detroit Free Press. -"Going widing to-day, Awthaw?"

"Naw. Got to work." "So sowy, deah boy. What is the -aw-blawsted job, ch?" "Maw's witten me a lettaw and I've-aw-got to wead it befaw I ean make anothaw dwaft on haw. Did you evaw heah of such a boah?" "Nevw, deah boy, nevaw."-Town Topics. -"Can you tell me what kind of

weather we may expect next month?" wrote a farmer to the editor of his county paper. The editor replied: "It is my belief that the weather next month will be very like your subscription bill." The farmer wondered for an hour what the editor was driving at, when he happened to think of the word "unsettled." He sent a postal note. - Troy Times. -Chances materially lessened. -

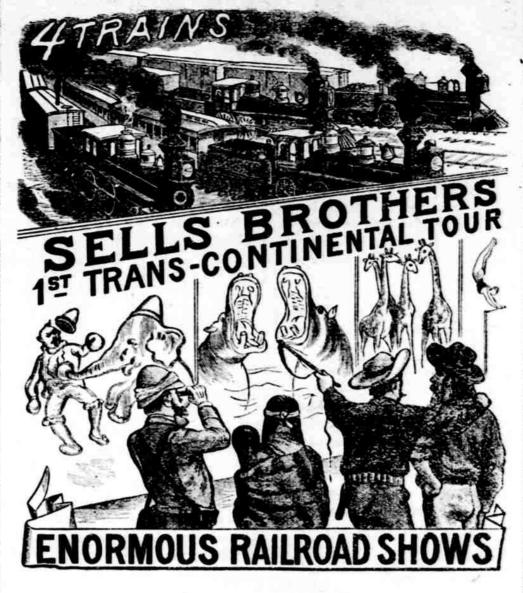
"Mrs. Dusenberry!" "Well, my dear?" "Where's the bureau?" "I had it taken to the fourth floor." "Why did you do that, my love? I've dropped my collar-button." "Well, why don't you hunt for it?" "Hunt for it! That's encouraging, isn't it, when you've removed the only place where there'd be any possibility of my finding it."-Phil-

-A practical application of Scripture.—Winnie's mother had been combing the little girl's long and hand-some but wind-tangled, romp-snarled hair. When the operation was finished-and it was not unaccompanied with several severe pulls-Winnie asked: "Did you get out many hairs, mamma?" "Yes, lear," was the answer, quite a good many." "Then He'll have to number them all over again, won't He?"-Harper's Bazar.

An Almost Perfect Clock.

The works of the immense clock which has been put up in the Board of Trade building in Chicago are pronounced a most perfect reproduction of those of the great Westminster Palace clock in London, but with some additions and improvements adapted to its commercial purpose. It is constructed of iron, bronze and steel, and weighs ten tons without the bell, the latter adding some 4,500 pounds more. The pendulum alone weighs 750 pounds. n its arrangement the works are divided into a time train, a hand train, and a striking train, these several trains comprising separate machines, resting, side by side, on separate frames. Each of the trains is operated by a separate weight, and the three weights together reach some 3,500 pounds The hammer that strikes the bell weights eighty pounds; the clockwork is below the dials, which are ten feet ten inches in diameter, and the bell is above them, or 250 feet above the ground. The pendulum swings one way in two seconds.--M. Y. Sun.

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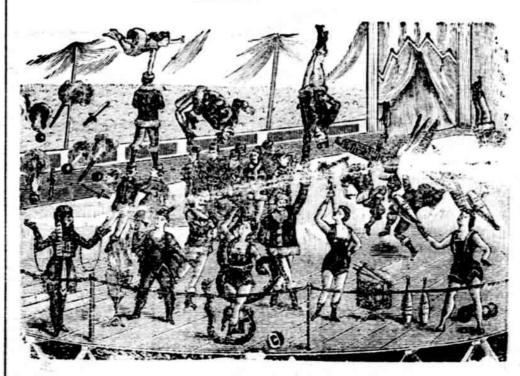
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