THE OMAHA DAILY BEE: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1898.



The slump in bleycle prices taken in con- of a great organization which has other nection with the decision to hold cycle and much better business." shows this winter furnishes abundant evi-

dence of the collapse of what was called A young negro broke into a Phfladelphia dence of the collapse of what The com- residence and sought refuge under a bed unbination was composed of two-thirds of the til such time as he could ransack the house bination was composed of two-thirds of the last time as he could ransack the house leading manufacturers and naturally ex-) without interruption. In that position he leading manufacturers and maturate was discovered by the lady of the house, Through the medium of the National Cycle who grabbed him by the foot, and, pulling Through the medium of the National Cycle him out, cried for assistance. The negro commissions and put in force uniform guardashed down stairs and ran from the house. antees on wheels and tires. The immediate But the up-to-date daughter of the estabcause of the collapse is not far to seek. lishment happened to be on guard. As the thief dashed out of the house, much as It may be summed up in one word-over-Cervera came out of Santiago harbor, the female Schley mounted her every-ready biproduction. The glut of the market with low-priced wheels, which gave good service cycle and gave chase. She didn't want to for the price, forced down the high grades, destroy, however; her object was to capture, Business necessities also battered down and down the street they tore, the negro restrictions imposed by makers, and dimitiafoot, the girl on the wheel gaining all the ished demand did the rest. Never in the time. At the end of the third block an history of cycling was the prospect better Admiral Sampson policeman steered up and for rock bottom prices for the best makes the thief was run down and captured. The point is this: Where was the girl to be of bicycles. found ten years ago who wouldn't have

The New York Tribune reports that League of American Wheelmen politicians are actively at work fixing "slates" for the coming election. "The most prominent candidates mentioned for the presidency at present are F. Frank Kireker of New Jersey, and T. J. Keenan of Pittsburg. Herbert Foultz of Indiana is mentioned as a likely candidate for the vice presidency. As for the candidacy of Isaac B. Potter of New York for re-election, nobody is authorized to speak about the matter. Mr. Potter has been as dumb as the proverbial clam regarding his intentions, and even his most intimate friends have been unable to get him to say a word about his intentions. Massachusetts is also quiet regarding her preferences for the presidency. Still, should Massachusetts and New York come out strong for Potter, possibly New Jersey do the same thing, for it is not believed that Kireker would stand in the way of the New York man."

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Bleycle racing is still prominently before on the way. the minds of the members of the League of American Wheelmen, and each person is debating seriously as to whether it should or should not be dropped from the affairs of awheel than any other riders, and they have opened a prospect of sightseeing to those the organization. Chairman, Mott is still decidedly against any departure from the present plan of supervision by the league, and President Potter, now that a fight has been opened by the race promoters and riders, has also reached the opinion that the league should control racing. But there is much opposition to this plan, and the next meeting of the delegates, in February, promises to bring forth some interesting things, provided the matter is not settled by that time by outside parties.

The L. A. W. Bulletin, the official organ of the league, argues against further supervision of racing. The league aims, it states, not to promote bicycle racing, but to promote the good of the wheeling public as a whole and its main object should be to secure good roads.

Sterling Elliott, ex-president of the League of American Wheelmen and editor of the publication, speaks on the topic in this fashton in the issue of November 4:

"There was a time when a bicycle race was properly regarded as a desirable help to the cause of cycling; when people stopped and locked curiously after a passing bicycle fine and the people friendly and hospitable. At the ruins of Parsepolis he chiseled his autograph in the Porch of Xerxes, immeditately beneath the following inscription: "Stanley, New York Herald, 1870." For part of the journey through Asia the wheelers were accompanied by an interpreter on horseback, and while on the trip Mclirath learned to speak Hindustan and Chinese

vell enough to make himself understood. WHIST.

The scores made at the regular Wednesday evening meeting of the Omaha Whist club are given below. The cards were very carefully played and the gains and losses were mall:

Allee and Shea, plus 5. Coe and Lawrence, plus 5. Burrell and McDowell, plus 4. Jordan and Scannell, plus 2. Crummer and Sackett, minus 1. Shea and Stebbins, minus 2. Comstock and Redick, minus 6, Hawks and Meikle, minus 7.

The Omaha Whist club has been asked to end representatives to the annual meeting of the Nebraska State Whist association which will be held at Grand Island this

winter, at a date not yet announced. The invitation will doubtices be accepted. The members of the Omaha Whist club who did not go to Council Bluffs last, Saturday

evening missed a royal good time. The Bluffs players did everything possible to make it pleasant for their visitors. They served an legant lunch, and even went so far as to allow themselves to be beaten by an overwhelming score. Every whist player knows that that is the very acme of hospitality. The players sat at the same tables through the evening, and played the same thirty trays, with the following result. The firs mentioned players in each case are the **Dmaha** representatives:

Millard and McDowell beat Maloney and Eastland, 13 points. Burrell and Sumney beat Waterman an Trevnor, 8 points

Scribner and Shipley beat Morgan and Shea, 8 points. Coe and Lawrence beat Stubbs and Sims. points.

Scannell and Burkley beat Etmyre an Mayne, 5 points.

Comstock and Meikle beat Wickham and Organ, 4 points. Allee and Wilbur beat Stuart and Bruingon, 3 points.

Jordan beat Shinson and Boulter and Dodge, 2 points Crummer and Sackett lost to Barstow and Shea, 1 point.

October 28, 1898, and they are now moving Garner and Stebbins lost to Cook and by easy stages to Chicago, receiving ovations Webster, 1 point. With the exception of Thomas Stevens, the The game of last Saturday evening with Mollraths have toured more of the world Council Bluffs proved to be such a pleasant

fair that a movement is on foot to have a monthly contest between the two cities, to be taken part in by the eight players of each club that have the best record for the

month. If you hold five trumps, not including the high card combinations, and your partner calls, you will lead him your fourth best, of ourse. If he wins the trick and returns another winning card, will you drop to your lowest card, or play a better one than you led? Will some reader of whist literature nswer this question, and quote a recognized

Lenz, the Pittsburg wheeler, who was killed whist authority, justifying his play? by the Kurds while attempting to cross Armenia, in part of their journey through BUSY ENOUGH BEING A WOMAN. Since Lenz undertook the perilous journey

Failure of the New Woman to Conver Her Old-Fashioned Mother.

districts, and almost everywhere Mrs. Mc An old woman, who has not kept up with lirath was taken for the unfortunate Pitts "Why, there's Lenz back again he sex' onward march and has not changed her old ideas as to the importance of woman with his father," said the astonished Arin the scheme of creation, has come to spand menians, when they beheld the pair, Mr. the winter with her daughter in New York reports the Sun. The daughter is in the ad-From India the cyclists passed through vance guard of the triumphing host. She Persia, the Caucasus, Russia, Roumania,

METEORIC SHOWER TONIGHT From the Surgeon General Constellation Leo Rises at Midnight in a Fiery Spectacle.

PELTS THE EARTH WITH MOLTEN LEGIONS

Course of the Meteor Will Be Marked instant relief from fatigue and by Brilliant Pyrotechnics in the Heavens Which Are Awehardships when using the mar Inspiring.

velous tonic, Vin Mariani-it The late solourner on the street tonight if he happens to look up serenely into the prevents fevers and sickness in sky in the east, will see the grandest me teoric display of recent years. The con- the warshy and unhealthy terri stellation of Leo rises at midnight, and when he swings into view above the horizon and lory. mounts the heavens his path will be marked

of the French Army.

During long, tedious marches

our solciers and officers found

A. LIBERMANN, M.D.

Surgeon General French Army.

From "The London Sketch."

by a fiery spectacle stupendous in magnitude and dazzling in beauty-the opening assault of the Leonid meteors which besieg the earth in molten legions three times in every contury. The main body of these aerial wanderers

will cross the orbit of the earth in November, 1899, but as the host extends over a Marching of English Seldiers. length of 2,000,000,000 of miles, our sphercomes in contact with them three times be

fore the last has passed the point of inter section. General Sir Evelyn Wood says: According to William F. Rigge, professor f astronomy in Creighton college, the dis-"Regarding the infantry march play which will be seen tonight will not compare in magnitude or beauty with what would be visible at noon tomorrow it it were ing, it was the best seen during possible for us to obscure the sun. At that my command at Aldershot, or ime the earth will pass through the denses of the meteoric array, and when the con stellation of Leo arises again Monday night since I was first stationed there the rear files of the train will still be streaming across the point of intersection 28 years ago. Many officers The approach of the shower will be seen tonight while the constellation is still below availed themselves of the tonic the horizon. The meteors will shoot upward like skyrockets discharged at a distance and dimity discernible through the mist and tog and reconstituent properties of that hang close to the earth. Later, as the he well known Mariani Wine, radiant point approaches the zenith, their paths when traced backward will appear to he most certain as well as the meet like the spokes of a gigantic wheel hung in the sky. The wanderers, coming from the eastward, will enter the atmost palatable method of induc-

mosphere of the earth with a velocity of forty-four miles a second. ing resistance to fatigue." Another Shower Coming. Another great meteoric shower will occur

the night of November 27, and will be NUCLEUS OF NEW MUSEUM caused by the meeting of the earth with the meteors known as the Andromedes, or Bielids, which were last seen in a great shower in 1885. At that time a huge ball of molten iron, dropping from the sky, buried itself in the ground near Mazapil, in

Mexico. Instead of running to meet the Andromedes meteors, as it does with the Leonids, the earth will move away from them, and it is only on account of their great velocity that they can overtake it. The result is that those who have watched the swiftlyflying Leonids will think that they are moving very slow. Another difference will be observed in the colors. While the prevailing hues of the Leonids are blue and green, that of the Andromedes is red.

Until the year 126 of our era there is reason to believe that the Leonid meteors mento of the Transmississippi Exposition, is were free wanderers in open space. Then beginning to take shape so far as that can they encountered the planet Uranus and be true with a large collection of articles. most of which have not yet been unpacked were diverted into a closer orbit around the sun, intersecting that of the earth. and none yet in place. But the Perhaps before this meeting the meteors exhibitors at the exposition have formed a comet, as the Andromedes did be shown a commendable degree of infore 1872. What the ultimate effect of their terest in the enterprise and articles of repeated encounters with the earth will be considerable value from a museum standcan easily be conjectured, as they are every point have been freely donated to the cause time more widely scattered. Not all of these have arrived at the public The encounter with these meteors in 1833 library, which is to be the home of the mufurnished a spectacle that spread terror soum, and no attempt will be made to arbroadcast over the whole world. The great- range them for the convenience of the pub- into the dust. est excitement was among the negro slave lic for two or three weeks, or until all donaof the south, who believed that the end of tions have been received. the world was at hand. Their masters Of the few things which are unpacked and could not disabuse them of their fears and mounted the most beautiful is the plaster their excitement only abated with the pass model of the library building of Columing of the phenomenon. In 1866 the disbia university. It accurately depicts the play was a brilliant one, and the showers minutest details of the exterior architecture were seen both before and after the passof the building and is a handsome piece of vibrations of heavy sounds upon their deliing of the densest part of the train. This work. fact gives the assurance that the showers There is a collection of minerals from will be seen tonight. western mines which are made to sparkle with their particles of precious metals, and Meteor Has An Accident. The Andromeda meteors which are due there is the mineral house which Custer City, S. D., had on exhibition. A case of on the 27th of this month have had a mor cones, embracing many varieties, is the gift remarkable, though a briefer history, than of Oregon, and samples of building stone, her indomitable daughter and compromised the Leonids. They are not known to have been seen before 1872. But previous to that mineral rock, coal and quartz are contributed by other states in the mountain region. time a well known comet traveled their George W. Lininger of this city has altrack. Fifty years ago something wonderweeks, she was delegated to write and read ful hapened to that comet-perhaps a crash ready become a generous patron 10 the museum and has loaned to it many articles with an asteroid-and when it appeared again in 1859 it came as a double of value and interest, some of which he though its parts had been flung hundreds purchased at the close of the exposition from among the exhibits there. Much of this is of thousands of miles apart. But when it Among them is was next due, in 1872, instead of the twin from the Chinese village. comets, a host of meteors appeared in the a sedan chair heavily draped in sky, indicating another mishap. The rich and brightly colored silks, in meteors came again in 1885, when one of which Chinese officials are in the them fell in Mexico, and now they are due habit of riding. Then there is weaving machine, a crude affair, one of again. They will not make the pyrotechnical display that the Leonids will because which, it is said, can be found in nearly they will not be favored by so modest a every Chinese home. Rude contrivances moon. It will shine out in all its full which are said to be the character of farm power, flooding the heavens with a light that ing implements used by the celestials make will pale the phosphorescent streaks of the up another part of Mr. Lininger's loan, and there are banners and spears decorated in Andromedes. In viewing a shower of meteors, all of the unmistakable art of the Chinese. which seem to be pelting the earth with Contributions Yet to Examine. There are a score or more of boxes which unrelentless fury, the average observer who have not yet been opened containing magazes upon the panorama with unruffled equanimity is unaware in how simple a terial to make up this museum, but the namanner we are protected from their on ture of the contributions can only be guessed, as none of the boxes will be dislaughts. The air is our armor and it proves turbed until arrangements are perfected for almost invulnerable. What the effect of a small meteor striking a human body with properly displaying the exhibit. Many undiminished velocity would be we can only other donations which have been promised guess. Would such a body, which, when have not yet arrived, but will be here in due time. Among these is one by the Agricul t meets the atmosphere has a speed of from 50,000 to 250,000 feet per second, blow a man tural department, made up of the poisono to pieces, or would it incinerate him like a plants of the west, which is believed to be troke of lightning, as it is itself by the one of the most valuable adjuncts to the museum from an educational standpoint. Anheat of its rush through the air? We may other is a collection of asbestos and a third calmly ask these questions while we watch the thousands of such missiles burning is a collection of turquoise and other gems themselves to harmless puffs of gas a few which is to be sent from Manitou. Donations are arriving almost daily and miles above our well-protected heads. So of the swarms that filled the air as thick many exhibitors who removed their displays as fireflies during previous manifestations are expected to send on something suitable of the phenomena, only one is known to the museum after reaching home, and for have reached the earth, the Mazapil meteor, it is thought that after the museum shall and that cannot be definitely said to have once be opened to the public a local interest belonged to the train from which it seemed will be awakened in it which will induce residents of Omaha to contribute articles of to fall. But there is a peril from the meteors historical value which they now retain as that comes from another direction. During private souvenirs or family heiricoms. the shower an extraordinary amount of The library board has set aside three matter coming from the outer space will rooms on the third floor of the building for be introduced by them into our atmosphere. the use of the museum. They are at the It will float in invisible clouds above our west end of the building. They are well heads and will gradually sink to our level lighted and while the walls are now bare to be inspired in infinitesimal quantities and the rooms unattractive, it will require with every breath that we draw. In the little effort to convert them, even with the arctic regions this dust has been seen collection now on hand, into a resort of parsprinkled on the snow in a thin layer of amount interest and attractiveness. blackness, stretching for miles along the The United States government has loaned white expanse, and deep sea soundings have a large number of glass cases and tables shown that the ooze at the ocean's bottom for the use of the muscum, including one contains quantities of the same matter that large circular stand and case which have sunk down from the heights of the atoccupied a conspicuous place in the mosphere where the molten masses have building at the exposition. Mines perished from their own excessive heat. These are to be used by the But the moon has not the protection museum until called for by the government from the shower that the earth has. It which is a period of indefiniteness of adhas no atmosphere 100 miles in thickness vantage to the enterprise surrounding it like a coat of mail. There Library Also Benefits. is no doubt that in striking these missiles But the museum is not alone a beneficiary are not only dissipated themselves, but they of the exposition. The library itself has come into possession of a number of valuaproduce pockets filled with molten rock. This may account in a satisfactory manner One of these is a collection of ble gifts. for the hollow marks on the surface of the Spanish books, between seventy-five and 100 pale satellite. They include generally reports volumes. and statistics treating on Mexico and South A handy hitching post has a spring drum inserted in the top, on which is wound a cord with a snap hook at the outer end for attachment to the bridle, the spring pulling the rope into the post when not in use. American countries and there are also some text books. Another momento is a picture from the pulling Boys' and Girls' building, donated by the It is pleasant to the taste.



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Every Point of View. Omaha's museum, which is to be a me-

showing portraits of leading learned men and women of that time, gathered at Weimar, which was considered the Athens Former Omaha Railroad Man Now in the Library Board Receiving Many Donations of Germany at that period. from Exposition Exhibitors. The figure of Neptune from the pillar in Quartermaster's Department. the fountain in the Court of Honor and the statue of "Winged Victory" from the Art ONLY A FEW THINGS ARE YET UNPACKED gallery have been donated to the library and MOSQUITOES AN IRREPRESSIBLE ENEMY will be placed in the art rooms. SECRETS OF SNAKE CHARMING. Boxes and Cases Already on Hand He Finds Life in the Philippines Indicate that the Collection Will Mixed with Pleasures as Feats Which Are Only Tricks of the Be Extensive and Valuable from Well as Annoying In-Trade. conventences. A few days ago, relates the New Yorl Times, there appeared in one of the daily papers a wonderful story of a snake which General Freight Agent Wood of the Union was charmed by the strains of a jew's-harp. Pacific railroad has received an interesting The story was to the effect that a country letter from Joseph S. Joplin, connected with man, meeting a dangerous reptile in a road the general freight offices of the company was horrified at seeing the creature prepare in this city for the last cleven years, and to attack him. Being an enthusiastic pernow stationed at Manila with Quartermasformer upon the jew's-harp, he immediter Samuel R. Jones. The following are a ately struck up the tune, "St. Patrick's Day few extracts from the letter: in the Morning," which either paralyzed the "At Cavite we had good quarters, with serpent with astonishment or sent a series many of the comforts of home and convenof sentimental chills down its undulating iences that make life worth living. Later vertebrae. At any rate, it discarded all hoswe were transferred to Camp Dewey, some tile intentions and became motionless, when seven miles distant, and about five miles the countryman mercilessly ground its head

Board of Women Managers. It is a print

entitled "Weimar, 1803," and is allegorical,

from Manila. There our luxurious quarters

JOPLIN WRITES FROM MANILA

as they do now at a motor-carriage or a dancing bear; when the man who had bicycles to sell must needs find odd, cranky people to sell them to.

"But the time has long since passed when it could be considered of the slightest consequence whether bicycle racing lived or died. in fact, there is much reason for be-

lieving that the general tone of cycling would be improved if it were possible to stop bloyele racing altogether.

The racing man humps his back and puts his head down to lessen the air resistance.

'Young America, from his position on the bleachers, witnesses the double-up position and forthwith adopts it as his own, believing that he will be a hero in the eyes of the populace in proportion to his ability to ride with the back of his neck on the handle bar.

"You know the result as well as I do. "Though I wouldn't be willing to admit that you know it any better than I do.

"Air resistance increases and decreases as the square of the velocity, so that the only defensible reason for looking like the connecting link is entirely absent at slow speeds and, at the average speed of the average rider, is of far less consequence than is the healthfulness of keeping himself in the form that God made him.

"If the League of American Wheelmen formally turns the control of racing over to some other body we will be to a certain extent-in the eyes of the public, at leastresponsible for the actions of that body.

"I don't believe in placing it on anybody's doorstep-any more than a man who had smoked his cigar would insult another by offering him the butt.

"Let us drop it in the middle of the street, in broad daylight, not knowing who will pick it up and feeling pleased that we don't have to know anything about it.

"Does horse racing-encourage people. to ride in horse-drawn carriages? "Do cock fights stimulate the -raising - o

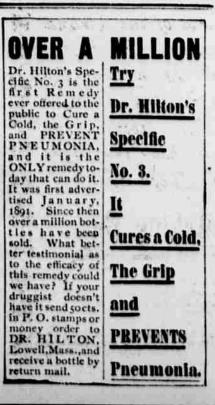
ordinary poultry? "Is the dog fight a guaranty that people

will think more of dogs? "Does politics, as practiced in some of the

large cities, prompt decent people to aspirations along that line?

"If these things are true, then cycle racing is an advantage to all who have an interest in the legitimate use of the wheel. "If cycle racing, as now conducted, ought

merits, as other forms of amusement have | weight. to, and not at the expense of the reputation



and Great Britain. The journey, especially in the Oriental countries, was fraught with many dangers,

McIlrath being taken for the father.

Japan, China, Burmah and India

burger.

and hard work, inconveniences, hunger and thirst were intermingled with the most layish entert.ament and courtesy.

fainted at the sight of a burglar? Or, if she

hadn't fainted, would she have ridden a

wheel, and with such speed and skill and

Many riders, after overhauling their

wheels or removing the nuts on the axles

for any reason, carefully put oll on the

threads before replacing the nuts, because

the threads have rusted a little and the nut

does not screw on easily. This is a mis-

take, because when the threads are covered

WHEELING AROUND THE WORLD.

Adventures and Incidents of the Tour

of the Mellraths.

The tour of the world awheel by Mr. and

Mrs. H. Darwin McIlrath, mention of which

was made in these columns last Sunday, is

about ended. It began at Chicago, April

10, 1895. The tourists arrived in New York

who have leisure to devote to this kind of

The two plucky wheelers carried their

baggage in leather cases heatly fitted in the

inside angles of the frames, and the outfit

for each averaged about fifty pounds. Mrs.

McIlrath wore high wheeling bloomers,

jacket and cap. In their journey from Chi-

cago to San Francisco the tourists traversed

ten states and consumed fifty-two days.

Twelve countries were then crossed, the

cyclists following the route taken by Frank

no white wheelers had been seen in those

travel hardly imagined before.

with oil the nuts are apt to work loose.

determination as this up-to-date herome?

White persons, especially awheel, had never penetrated some parts in the interior of China, and the Chicago pair were repeatedly called "Yang keweitze," meaning foreign devils. Mile after mile Mrs. Mclirath followed her husband at race-track speed to escape missiles thrown at them by mobs that seemed to arise out of the earth at many points. Yet the young woman had been riding a wheel only thirty-five days when she went on this long journey with her husband. So great was her progress church guild. She didn't show much euthu that in the last day's run from Chicago to slasm and when, in the course of a few Denver she piled up 130 miles, the banner run of the entire trip.

With fever throbbing in her yeins the plucky young wife rode through the Chinese provinces until she was finally forced to rest. In India the intense heat brought on fever and she was compelled to stay several days in bed in a bungalow, far from medical get your material together and I'll help you. assistance.

In India the McIllraths experienced th variations of the season. They rode in the Index' and turn to the heading, 'Woman,' night to escape the intense heat of the day. over railroad beds, trestles and ties; long rocky paths, where the deviation of an inch would have hurled the riders into the gorge below, through mud that crowded their usually placid face. Two hours later she ubs, and over snow and ice.

Swollen streams had to be forded afoo the riders strapping their wheels to their backs, and often they were forced to sleep n forests and jungles where panthers came together, her shoulders were squared, agdangerously near, and the deadly cobra became a familiar sight.

One night, in the middle of winter, was spent in the mountains of Persia. The riders had lost their way and wandered about aimiquely for many hours. Finally a native Interpreter, who had preceded them, returned with a relief expedition to rescue them in time, for they were about succumb ing to insensibility. Mrs. McIlrath's boots had frozen to her feet and had to be cut away. So badly were her feet injured by the terrible exposure that a surgical operation had to be performed then and there. Despite the hardships and privations of the journey. Mrs. Mclirath, who weighed only 94 pounds when she left Chicago, increased to 415 to live, it will live, but it should live on its pounds. Her husband lost five pounds of his

The tales told by the intrepid voyagers beggar description. They were the only for eigners who crossed the borders of the province of Hunin and lived to tell the tale. It is a most savage country and forbidden ground to all foreigners. A few months be fore the Mcliraths accomplished the almost impossible, two Swedish missionaries attempted to enter, and both were massacred The Chicagoans had no idea of entering this unsafe place, but found themselves at the gates of Tou Chow, the capital, before they knew where they were. They were captured and marched through the streets between an armed escort, followed by a mob

that pelted them with stones. The magistrate, astonished by the pluch of the riders, sheltered them against the mob and had them conducted beyond the gates of the city by an escort of 100 soldiers and sailors. The journey was made by boat and occupied twenty-three days.

Having been fortunate enough to escape the wrath of the Tou Chowans Mr. and Mrs. Mellrath discarded the advice of friends not to enter the City of Shashi, and again they were assaulted by a mob. The Japanese consul stepped in and protected them by secreting them on a boat in which they sailed to Icheng.

From there the roads were impassable for wheels and Mellrath walked 1,600 miles, while his wife was carried by natives in a civil war is one to twenty. The states of days. Roumania is described by Mr. McIlrath as the paradise for wheelers. The roads are hough there are more pensioners in Ala-

he study at of everything within sight except domestic tranquility. The fact that her mother did not belong to a club of any sort was more than she could bear with resignation, and, with her usual zeal for promoting, she determined to promote the happiness of her mother by introducing her to the joys of

club membership. She took her to meeting after meeting, but the mother was hard to convert. She couldn't understand Browning and she disapproved of rainy-day skirts and principles and renaissance sculpture bored her and

she rebelled outright against political science. Finally, however, she succumbed to on a reading club in connection with a paper on "Woman's Influence Upon Church History" she protested tearfully and went

home in despair. Her daughter reassured "That won't be any trouble, mother, and it will interest you and stir you up. You

Now you just take the carriage and go down to the Astor library tomorrow. Get 'Poole's and you'll be sure to find something along your line." The next morning the mother started for the library with a melancholy look on her

came back, and as she walked into the family sitting room her daughter noted a change

in her appearance. There was a pink flush in her cheeks, her lips were pressed firmly gressively. "Did you get your material, mother?"

"No. I didn't." The tone was crisp and decided. "I got that index and turned to 'Woman' and I read titles of articles about woman for two solid hours. I didn't fine anything about woman in church, but there

were women in everything else. I'd never have believed so much could be said about women as was in those titles, let alone the articles. I didn't get near through. I jus stopped. I said to myself, 'If all the women who wrote those things had spent their time doing practical good to the people right around them they'd have reformed the world.' I made up my mind that there'd been enough time wasted on writing about

women and I wasn't going to squander any of mine. I've found myself pretty busy just being a woman, and I want you to understand right now, Clara, that if you say club to me again I'll go home. Now that's ended." The bruised worm had turned. "Poele's

Index" had opened up vistas too appalling for old-fashioned womanhood.

Thousand Tougues.

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This is an example of the many "snake changed into tents, and our cane bottomed beds were exchanged for bambo stories" which appear constantly before the bunks. Instead of admiring the rainfall eyes of credulous humanity. It originates, from a second-story window, we found ourlike all of its kind, from superstitious selves floating about in a foot of water. It sources. Snakes are utterly devoid of any had been my belief that I had seen what is sense of appreciation of music. They have termed rain, but since our arrival here I no cars, and, although they may distinguish have become convinced they were but showers. Rain coats were useless, and dusty cate scales, a voracious, hungry serpent is streets in a moment became running streams

entirely ignorant of the presence of a chirp-The mosquitoes in Cavite were terrible, not ing bird, providing it does not see or scent only at night, but during the day, and its prey. The familiar exhibitions of the while we did not have them to worry us in East Indian fakirs, during which the deadly camp they were replaced by frogs, which cobra is made to "dance" to the music of a seemed to hold services around my tent flute, have led many to believe that these every night. creatures are extremely sensitive to the

"The change of location made necessary sound of music. But exhibitions of this the movement of supplies, which, with limcharacter are only tricks practiced by the ited facilities, gave us a difficult proposition clever Hindoo and the cobra, instead of be-We had not the Union Facific railroad, but ing in a quiescent, charmed condition, as i had to resort to caseos for transportation waves its body to and fro, is really in a fit across the bay, and to bull carts and carro of intense anger. matas by land. We were also confronted

Not long ago a large cobra was in the with obstacles in the way of high seas and possession of Dr. Joseph C. Thompson of poor landings, finally being forced to land Rosebank, S. I., an assistant surgeon in the supplies at Bacor and Paranaquestowns, United States navy. This reptile was pursouth of camp by two and eight miles re chased by Dr. Thompson in South Africa spectively, and to haul for those distances It was then in the possession of some pro ver roads the like of which I never saw fessional snake charmers. After it had lef before, rather I should say 'in roads,' for their hands it was made to go through the mud rarely was less than hub deep lively performance without the accompany With all the discomforts, we value the exment of the weird music of the fakir. perience, and have enjoyed it. There was The operation of making the cobra danc ever a certain anticipation and excitement is very simple. The reptile has the charthat made one forget the hardships.

acteristic habit of elevating the forward Have Commandant's Quarters.

part of the body from the ground when an-"We now occupy the house vacated by the noyed, spreading its neck or hood, and commandant of Malate on the Passeo de la glaring fiercely at the object of its anger Calsado, which has all the modern con-When in this position its keen eyes watch venlences, and is surrounded by beautiful eagerly for a chance to deliver a deadly grounds abounding in trees, shrubbery and blow, observing every movement of the obflowers. I must not forget to mention a very ject or person in front of it. If one moves pretty fountain. It is a very attractive no matter how slightly, there is a corre place, but is not to be considered in consponding nervous movement on the part of nection with the governor's palace and the snake. Here the entire secret of the many of the homes of foreign representasnake dance is explained. When the Hindoo tives here. The street cars run directly in opens the snake basket the cobras rise front and the street is lighted with elecominously to their peculiar position of detricity, as is also the whole city. The lense. He now commands the snakes to Luneta is a beautiful driveway along the dance, at the same time beginning a lively water front, and every evening at sunset tune upon his flute and swaying his body the aristocracy in their fine turnouts can from side to side in time to the music. The be seen here in all their glory. Even we, nervous cobras follow every motion of the behind what we, of course, consider the supposed charmer. They are not dancing to the music, but, intensely angered, are finest team on the island, have been guilty of mingling with the swell people. The seeking to revenge themselves upon their sunsets are grand and the breezes from the human captor.

bay always fresh and delightful. While it The snake-charming act of the bespan is warm, and I reckon always is, yet I gled female, with the giant boas and pyhave often thought of you all in Omaha, durthons at the circus, is even more simple The large snakes used in these exhibitions ing the heated months just passed and are, in the first place, of a harmless nawished you might enjoy with us the coolness ture. Secondly, they are most inoffensive of the nights.

in their habits. The lazy boa will lie fo "With greater signs of civilization Manila ours, or days, motionless in its cage, and and this island would be good places in when suddenly awakened from a long nap which to live, and I presume it will now is utterly indifferent to what is going on become the duty of the American people around it. After a few weeks in captivity to enlighten this ignorant and down-trodden these huge reptiles become very tame and race.

seem to enjoy being handled by one fa-"In my rambles a few days since I rat miliar with their movements. The chief across a railroad station that was as silent requisites of a "snake-charmer" are great as death. The insurgents will not permit feliberation and sufficient nerve to handle the trains to run after reaching territory in ten-foot boa or anaconda without the their possession, so the affair, which, from slightest hesitation. A nervous movement appearances, did not amount to a great deal is apt to annoy the serpent, and cause it to has shut down. Shortly I expect to be bite, while if treated gently and hanelected president of the corporation, but as dled with movements corresponding to its yet I have not secured the necessary votes. sluggish habits, it evinces the utmost good While under some circumstances on nature.

could be very contented here, I feel as Accounts have been published of large though the United States of America is a snakes colling themselves about the objec pretty good place after all, and would not of their annoyance and demonstrating in weep many tears were we ordered back on an exceedingly uncomfortable, if not danthe Newport tomorrow. The vacation I terous, manner the power of their scaly thought would be of short duration has bodies. This characteristic is popularly lengthened into a few days of four months supposed to be commonly resorted to by the and I am wondering if my friends have not 'boa constrictor," but the idea is purely forgotten me. One of our gentle showers, erroneous and originates from an aversion where a barrel of water comes down in a to the serpent race from which have sprun drop, has just struck us, but, as I an innumerable fallacies and superstitions. under cover, let her pour."

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