

Miscellaneous.

Dangers That Lurk in the Banana.

It is well to be careful in buying bananas by the bunch. Tarantulas are often found hidden in them.

The banana-snake, which is even more plenty than the tarantulas, is harmless, though often large and repulsive-looking.

"If people must drink ice water," said a chemist, "I would advise them to bottle the water and lay the bottles on the ice, rather than to place ice in the water, for there is no doubt that almost all the river and lake ice used contains a large proportion of bacteria.

"Ice really should be made by an artificial process, and then only distilled water should be used. Freezing and low temperature do not kill all species of bacteria.

SOME men talk like angels and pray with fervor, and meditate in deep recesses, and speak to God with loving affection and words of union, and adhere to Him in silent devotion, and when they go abroad are as passionate as ever, peevish as a frightened fly, vexing themselves with their own reflections; they are cruel in their bargains, unmerciful in their tenants, and proud as a barbarian prince.

AX authority on canned goods reveals the interesting fact that most of the jellies in the market are made of apple-parings and cores.

WE get gradually accustomed to mental as well as bodily pain, losing our sensibility to it; it becomes a habit of our lives, and we cease to imagine a condition of perfect ease as possible to us.

HE who tells a lie is not sensible how great a task he undertakes; for he must be forced to invent twenty more to maintain one.

WITNESS judges harshly is sure to judge amiss.—C. O. Russell.

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Mistaken for a Lunatic.

WATERBURY, CONN., August 17.—A very funny accident befell Professor Arthur Seymour, of Harvard College, here yesterday that so demoralized that worthy savant that he has been in the house ever since trying to collect himself.

There goes the crazy man, now." In the next instant fifty people were wildly chasing the flying professor down the road. By the time he reached the station, over two hundred persons were following him, headed by Sheriff Belden.

SHE was a young New York actress who has just had a friend come from Denver. "I am so glad she doesn't look Denvery," she said. "She has some Denvery clothes, but she only wears them in the house. What is Denvery? Well, it isn't a case for definitions, but don't you know people out West and in the South and in Texas, for that doesn't seem exactly either West or South, wear bright r, fancier things than the same sort of people do here.

THE Black Man's Rights. Yes, I did find one colored man in Alabama who claimed that he was oppressed on account of his color and previous condition. It was at the depot in Selma. We two were alone on the platform, and as we drifted together and he made up his mind that I didn't intend to steal his satchel, I asked how he was getting on.

There's a great deal of needless abuse thrown at old maids. A woman never grows too old to do some good, but it is questionable if a man ever grows old enough to do any good. An old man who has never married, who has lived a selfish bachelor all his days, grows surely into a perfect nuisance, a crabbed, self-satisfied, discontented curmudgeon.

Those who are unable to shave themselves will do well to use care in the selection of their barbers, and if each patron cannot provide his own brush, it were wiser for him to dispense with the usual hair-dressing. Make the hair brush as sacred to individual usage as the tooth brush.

Humorous.

THE merest schoolboy could dispute the saying that "history repeats itself."—Journal of Education.

LESSON in manners. Small boy: "Ma, pass the bread." Mother, sternly: "If what, my son?" Small boy: "If you can reach it, ma."

A REAL estate agent in Southern California recently posted the following notice on a piece of land: "For Sale Cheap. The Best Climate on the Pacific Coast. The Land Thrown In."

YOUNG STUDENT PHYSICIAN (to charity patient).—I—I think you must have a—some kind of a fever; but—our class has only gone as far as convulsions. I'll come in again in a week.—Harper's Bazar.

"Is that a Landseer, Mr. Crossus?" asked the visitor, pausing before the painting. "No," replied the host, "recook it's a Durham; see how broad it is between the horns, and see the color and the curl on its forehead. That's a genuine Durham, sure. That ain't no Landseer."

SOMETIME ago a fellow was charged in the Glasgow Police Court with stealing a herring barrel from a person in Stockwell street. After the charge had been proved, the principal accuser addressed the magistrate: "Deed, sir Baillie, the man at the bar is a great rogue; the stealing of the barrel is nothing to some of his tricks. He stole my sign board last week, and what does your Honor think he did wit'?" Magistrate—"That would be hard for me to say." "Weel, sir, I'll tell ye. He brought it into me own shop wit' my ain name on't, and offered to sell me't, and he said he thought it would be mair use to me than anybo' else."

THE father of Gen. E. of Virginia, had a body-servant who was an inveterate toper. His master tried every means in his power to break him of drinking. Persuasion was useless, advice wasted, and whipping but, temporary in effect. Sam had been to a dance, had imbibed freely, and returned home at break of day, and at breakfast was rather the worse for wear. His master thought to try the effect of frightening him by apparently reading from the morning paper the death of a drunkard in N. "Spontaneous combustion! Horrible! death of a drunkard! Last night Michael Maginnis was in a beastly state of intoxication; he retired to his room, and in blowing out the candle his breath caught fire. He was entirely consumed, and nothing left of him but the ashes in his shoes." Sam stood with eyes agog and hand raised. "Marse John, dis nigger nebber blow out a candle ez long ez he lib, shuah!"—Harper's Magazine.

"Poorly, sah, very poorly," he answered. "Don't they give you a chance?" "No, sah—no, sah. White folks down on us mighty bad."

"Give me a sample case." "Wall," he replied after taking a little time to think, "dey don't respect our rights 'tall. One night las' fall free of 'em come to my house at midnight an' dun woke up an' logged me off to jail."

"Sartin I was, an' if dey hadn't s'arched my house wid'out hev'in' a warrant or de slightest authority I'd hev proved it." "But why couldn't you after the search?" "Kas dey dun found de pork under the floah, sah! If I had bin a white man do you reckon dey would hev attempted any high-handed outrage like dat? Didn't dey do it kas dey knowed I was a poof' black man widout any rights? Talk to me, sah, of a call'd' passon's rights down yere! He han't got none. Dat pork was stole in the night, an' I did'n't leave a single track behind, an' yil dey cum an' jumped right in on me like dey was snah'all the white folks was honest, an' all de rest of the call'd' people had moved away."

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