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A Dakota Snake Story. In Central Dakota, on the "Missouri Bottoms," there exists one of the nature's strangest freaks. The settlers term it the "pump snake."

A farmer on Cat Fall creek has a flock of 20 pump snakes trained to a remarkable degree of proficiency. At the blast of a whistle the snakes assemble on the banks of the creek.

This agriculturist told of an extraordinary circumstance which occurred a short time ago. While working in the field near his home he observed flames issuing from the roof of his barn.

The territorial government is becoming awakened to the extreme usefulness of these interesting creatures, and laws are to be enacted to protect the pump snakes.

Progressiveness in Farming.

A perceptible progressiveness is beginning to develop among the farmers in this country. The using of fertilizers, improving of stock, and using the most improved agricultural machinery, are unmistakable evidences of progress.

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Buy at Home.

Under the above caption the Chestertown News has the following to say, in which we fully concur: It is good policy to patronize home institutions—home stores and mechanics.

Some persons who are recklessly extravagant away from home are awfully penurious at home. They spend money with a lavish hand in city stores and without question, but fret over the home merchant's prices and dole out their dimes with marked reluctance.

Plant a Vine.

Strange to say that with all that has been written about fruit-culture there are yet farmers who have failed to plant grape-vines, and who go hungering from year to year for grapes. When they have gone out among their more provident neighbors and seen the full ripe clusters on trellis or stakes, they have usually made resolves to go and do likewise, but with each returning spring they have failed to carry out their good resolutions.

Another spring comes around—another time for planting. Whoever has not yet planted the vine let him make amends by planting now. There are many good and desirable varieties. The old Concord is one among them, which has thrifty growth, certain and abundant fruitage, and good flavor to recommend it.

A Romance of the Custer Massacre.

Another romance originating in the Custer massacre has been discovered in connection with the gold watch worn by Lieutenant Crittenden, who also perished by the vengeful bullets and knives of Sitting Bull's people. The watch was a present which his father, General Crittenden, had purchased in England some time before. It became the booty of a Sioux warrior, who, in due season, after crossing the line, sold it to a Canadian rancher or farmer. The purchaser, suspecting there must be some history connected with it, wrote to the maker in England, describing the watch and stating its number.

No dentist has yet been able to pull the tooth of time.

Humorous.

A DAILY round—the Sun, A GHOSTLY tool—the spirit level. Most amateur artists' pictures are as bad as they are painted. A QUESTION for newsboys—Does your mother know your route? It would seem natural for a carpenter to walk with a lumbering gait.

SPOONING is regarded as very silly, but after all it is the spoon that makes the greatest stir in the world.

"WELL, Aunt Polly, I guess your master has taken a bridal tour." "WEL, fur a fac. I dunno, sah, bout dat. He tuk a rawhide to his fust wife, an he may hab tuk a bride to this un, but I don't know fur sartin."

The True Commercial Spirit. "Here are five gold dollars," said grandpa to little Harry, "one for each of your birthdays. What more could a little shaver like you have to wish for?" "Only that I was as old as you, grandpa," was the reply.—Youth's Companion.

BURT was twelve years old. He came home from Sunday-school one day, and said he had taught a class of little boys. "What possessed you to do such a thing?" asked his mother. "O, I get along first rate. They began to giggle and I told them if they didn't quit it, I would lick every last one of them when Sunday-school was out. The superintendent said it was the stillest class that was."

The Immediate Considerations. A girl of 10 slipped and fell in front of the Detroit opera house recently, and a kindhearted gentleman who assisted her to arise thought to comfort her by saying: "Never mind, sis, you ain't old enough to lose any dignity by it." "Yes, but I'm old enough to know that it loosened the who theop of my head, and that I bit my tongue almost in two!" she tearfully answered.—Detroit Free Press.

Little Fanny looked intently at her mother for some time. Then she said: "Mother, you ain't a girl, are you?" "No, Fanny." "What are you?" "I am a woman." "You were a girl once, weren't you?" "Yes, Fanny." "Well, where is that girl now?"—Jacksonville Hotel News.

A COLORED man, riding a mule, was run into by a train, and pitched from the track. As soon as possible the train was stopped and run back to ascertain the result of the accident. The man was found looking around in a dazed manner, and said firmly: "Yo' jess go a'ay! 'Taint worth while to come running back hyar arter me. De mule back on de track hisself, en I couldn't help it, en I ain't gwine pay no damitchees 'bout nothin'!"

A RANCID looking old fellow was curled up in a corner of a Woodward avenue car the other day when a duds appearing young chap came in and took a seat beside him. The old fellow looked him over in a disgusted way and it was plain enough that he wanted to pick a fight. The opportunity soon came. The dude, in moving about, touched the other's foot and promptly said: "Beg pardon, sir."

"How!" called the other as he put his hand to his ear. "Beg pardon." "How! What is it?" roared the other. "I beg your pardon, sir!" "A beggar, eh! No, sir; I have nothing to give beggars! Why don't you go to work?" "I said I begged your pardon!" shouted the dude, as his face grew fiery red.

"Not a cent!" screamed the old man, as he eyed his arms around. "You are just as well able to work as I am, and you ought to be pulled in for begging. Who are you and where do you live?" The dude couldn't stand any more. The passengers were all laughing, and he rose up and made a sneak off the car. "He simply begged your pardon," exclaimed a man across the aisle. "Exactly," whispered the old man, "but I didn't want my pardon begged. My pardon is all right. He should have come down town in a dog cart."

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