

**A Disconcerted Cowboy.**

One of Buffalo Bill's bragging cowboys, when in London, went into Romano's Restaurant, in the Strand. The tables were filled, with the exception of one, at which the terror of the plains seated himself. As he pulled off his hat and untied the red bandanna handkerchief from his throat, he looked disdainfully around. The nimble waiter brushed an imaginary crumb from the cloth, whisked a bill from the culet and placed it before the festive and untamed youth. "Take it away," he snarled, "I can't eat that; I want rattlesnake on toast." "Rattlesnake on toast, one," shouted the waiter. "Rattlesnake on toast," responded the cook. There was a slight flutter among the guests at this order and the cowboy was scanned by many curious eyes. He looked a little disconcerted at having the order so promptly taken, and glanced furtively at the door. He saw the cooks and waiters engaged in executing the orders, and looking as solemn as graveyards after midnight. He assumed a nonchalant air and picked his teeth with his fork. A cook deftly removed the skin from an eel, and cutting the strip the proper shape, placed it on the grid-iron. The waiter who had taken the order came tripping back to the bold buccanier of the Wild West. "Will you have your snake well done or underdone?" "Underdone please, with lots of milk gravy on it." "Snake underdone, with milk gravy." "Snake underdone with milk gravy," cook shouted back. "I say," said the long-haired cowboy as the waiter passed him, "I'll take it well done." "Make it well done." "Make it well done," was answered back. The Buffalo Bill man began to grow nervous. The devil-may-care expression had left his eyes, and a soft, subdued melancholy shade had taken its place. He fidgeted in his chair, and seemed to be nerving himself for an ordeal. "Here you are, sir," said the culinary Ganymede, placing a dish in which was something nicely coiled, which looked like a fried specimen of the genus snake. "Have a little Worcester sauce? Gives very fine flavour. Some gents like mushrooms with their snake. Others prefer cayenne pepper. A little salad dressing don't go bad. Will you have tea or coffee? Very fine snake—caught yesterday. Fat and tender." When the waiter was delivering himself of this eulogy on the meal, the lasso thrower shoved his chair back. His eyes bulged out and he became white around the gills. "I don't think I'll eat anything—I ain't hungry," he said, as he rose unsteadily to his feet and reached down his hat. "Perhaps you'd prefer briled panther," insinuatingly suggested the waiter. "No," he replied as the ashen pallor deepened on his face, "I am not a bit hungry." He cast another glance at the dish he had ordered, and made a rush for the door. He forgot to pay at the counter.

**Longevity Hereditary.**

An inherited tendency to longevity is the primal qualification for reaching old age, and this is something very different from good health or even a sound constitution. It is simply a tendency to live long and such a person has more of a tenacity on life, though he is sick and puny from childhood, than another person who is strong and robust. Health and vigor may give more pleasure to a person in life, but they do not always signify longevity. So strong is this tendency to longevity among certain families that many of the beneficial orders and life insurance companies attach more importance to the life of parents and grand-parents than to the simple examination of the applicants. A risk is less when the policy is issued to a weak, puny individual who comes of a long-lived family than when given to a strong, robust person with no visible disease or complaint, but with a tendency to a short life. Some families are made to last, and for generations the majority will live to 70, 80, 90 and 100 years of age. They will be attacked by numerous diseases, but their tenacity on life will enable them to live through all of them. It is only when all of the organs are finally worn out that they die at a ripe old age. There is no explaining this physiological phenomenon, but striking examples are quoted in the death columns of papers every day.

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