

POT IN THE KITCHEN.

A COMMON SENSE REPRINT. By the Lone Farmer. The drum ecclesiastic roars in our midst...

A THRILLING SNAKE STORY.

By a Canadian Young Man. Beware of pickpockets! A benevolent old gentleman was glancing at a placard posted in the car...

Hints on the Care of the Eyes.

There are, perhaps, more individuals who ascribe their weakness of sight to a use of their eyes under an insufficient artificial illumination...

sinister then—what does this mean? An empty basket? And what did he mean by talking of its being valuable?

"A risk. I was done for, for nothing; for here were the police after me, at least a big arm went round my waist, all of a sudden, and when I jerked, it only held me closer, and what was that—another arm!"

"Tight, sir, was the word for it. It was twisted around me until I had very little breath left, but with what I did have I set up a yell. Would you believe it, sir, the person that heard it was that menagerie man. He was looking for his snake, I suppose."

"Bless my heart," says he, when he saw me, "bless my heart. Well, the biter's bit, if it ever happened. You stole the basket, my friend, and out of it came the thief-catcher. Keep still; don't move for your life. There's just one chance for you."

"Says I, hurry please, for I'm choking." "He did hurry." He took a bottle out of his pocket, and out of another he took a kind of folding cup and opened it. Then he poured something from the bottle into the cup.

"Milk," says he, "it may tempt him away; if not say your prayers, friend; and I tell you that was an anxious moment for me."

"At first I thought he had done for me, for the snake only seemed to twist tighter; but in a minute the head poked out toward the cup, and I felt him drop off, and saw him coil around the milk cup. I didn't want to see him feed, I went."

"But it was a lesson for me. It put an end to my course of wickedness. This is my vocation, sir; good afternoon. There is not a more respectable or more honest young man than I am living now; good afternoon."

"A very curious story," said the old gentleman—very. But he's evidently a very conscientious young man now."

"He put his hand in his pocket for his handkerchief. It was gone; so was his purse! They had gone with the conscientious young man."

"I'm a respectable person now. Yes, sir, I'm very respectable. Ask anybody about Jim Giles, and they'll tell you that. I was born among thieves, and took to the trade naturally, and I used to pick pockets when I was ten years old. You needn't look at me. If you please, sir, I've been converted, and go to meeting regular. You could trust me with untold gold now."

"But, as I said, I was a thief, and I might have been one yet if it hadn't been for what happened at Rickaday station, where I was sitting waiting for an old lady's reticule, or any forgetful person's parcel, or even an umbrella or a pocket handkerchief that might have dropped by chance. For folks that's anxious about getting on the right trains at the right time, and nobody to do anything but snub 'em, which is what the officials are apparently paid to do, ain't as careful of their portable property as they would be otherwise. When I was a wicked sinners I used to take advantage of that, you know. You couldn't bribe me to do it now—oh no."

"But, as I said, I was lounging about there, and in came a gentleman with a long basket. It was the curious basket I ever saw. Had two handles and a padlock. Never saw such a basket. There was a cord about it two feet. He put it down in the corner as he looked for his pocket-book, and he spoke to a gentleman who was standing near, and seemed to know him."

the paper, reading under some circumstances is exceedingly trying to the eyes, and should never be persisted in for any considerable length of time.

During convalescence from severe illness the eyes are generally the last to regain their lost power. Especially is this the case with women after child-birth, and too much care cannot be taken to put as little strain upon the eyes as possible at this time.—Dr. S. N. Barnett, in Scribner for Sept.

How People Get Sick.

Eating too much and too fast; swallowing imperfectly masticated food; by taking too much fluid at meals; drinking poisonous whiskey and other intoxicating drinks; keeping late hours in the night, and sleeping too late in the morning; wearing clothing too tight so as to relax the circulation; wearing thin shoes; neglecting to take sufficient exercise to keep the hands and feet warm; neglecting to wash the body sufficiently to keep the pores open; exchanging the warm clothes worn in a warm room during the day for coolness and exposure so incident to creating parties; allowing the stomach to gratify a vain and foolish passion for dress; keeping up constant excitement; fretting the mind with borrowed troubles; swallowing quick nostrums for every imaginary ail; taking meals at irregular intervals.

A French statistician has taken the trouble to go into elaborate details in reference to the waste of human life by war during the present century. The record is a very terrible one. With all the talk about the enlightenment, and progress, and civilization of this somewhat boastful century, war has known little or no interruption during all these seventy-five years. It is needless to particularize. All down the years the same sad record holds good, from the great wars of the French Empire to the present deadly conflict between the Russian and the Turk. And what may be the calculated loss of life caused by this method of settling national disputes, to say nothing of the loss of property? We are assured, on the best official data, that the sun of human life thus sacrificed has in one way and another not been short of two hundred millions. This must include those who have died from wounds, disease and starvation, as we can scarcely see how such a number can be made up of those who have died on the field of battle. In any case the record is a hideous one, and to all appearance the number of those thus slaughtered will have been wonderfully increased before the century is done.

RARE CHICKEN.—The St. John, N. B. Telegraph has the following: A chicken belonging to Mr. Henry Rudge, of St. Stephen, was hatched in the middle of April, and when only four months old laid four eggs and has continued to lay an egg every day since. Wonderful precocity in a chicken!

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