

## New State Traveling Librarian.

THE last legislature passed a law providing for the establishment of traveling libraries for the benefit of the people of the State. As it was uncertain whether it would be a success, restrictions were thrown about the purchase of books. The proposition has created much interest and the commission has prepared a pamphlet containing the law and full instructions which will be sent to all applicants for information. Three shipment of books were made last week, one to Benton county, one to Johnson, and another to Steuben. The success of the scheme has been phenomenal and the great difficulty will be to supply the demand with the appropriation, for two years, until the legislature can increase it.

## AN ENCHANTED PITCHER.

The Relic of a Fatality. It Is Preserved by Superstition.

About five miles from Aiken, S. C., on the Charleston dirt road and in sight of the railway, is a little place that was first christened Polecat, but afterward changed to Montmorenci, the French for that odorous little animal. Many years ago a young woman came with her pitcher to draw a bucket of water from a well at Montmorenci and set the vessel in the hollowed top of a stone post that some of the railroad men had moved there. While drawing the water a flash of lightning came that struck the chain to which the well bucket was attached, and the woman was killed in her tracks. Her remains were removed, but the pitcher was left just where the dead girl had set it. To this day the pitcher remains in the same place, and, so far from being removed, it is said that no living hand has ever touched it save its owner's, although near the side of the public road.

But the most wonderful thing is the superstition attached to the pitcher. There is an indescribable influence surrounding it that prevents its touch. Hundreds of people have gone with the firm determination of lifting the pitcher, but when they approach it a strange repugnance comes over them, and they hurriedly depart without carrying out the object of their visit.

One night a bully in the neighborhood, while under the influence of whisky, made a bet with some friends that he would go and bring back the pitcher. He left to do so, but soon returned as pale as a sheet and empty handed. "Boys," he remarked, "the person alive can lay hands on that pitcher, and I wouldn't attempt it again for the whole of Aiken county."

He refused to tell his experience and said he would not talk about it. Other parties have gone to see it, but met with the same repulsive feelings.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## Clean Coal Mines.

The Chilean coal mines, opened in 1855, seem to be nice places to work in. The seam of coal runs from the shore under the waters of the Pacific ocean, and the tunnels are so clean that you could walk through them in a dress suit without making yourself dirty. They are lighted by electricity, and you can have a ride for a mile under the ocean on an electric car at a speed of 20 miles an hour. The mines form quite a catacomb of well lighted passages under the water. The output of coal is now 1,000 tons a day, and 750 miners are employed in them.

## Cycling and Alcohol.

"Remember," says an experienced New York physician, "that alcohol stimulates the heart and circulation in much the same way as exercise does, and that if you use it in any form while wheeling the reaction is speedy and far-reaching."

In the same way a long ride should never be undertaken immediately after a plentiful meal, this also tending to interfere with the heart's action and respiration.

## HELD CAPTIVE.

The most terrible captivity a woman can experience is to feel herself completely incapable of performing all her womanly duties, bound hand and foot, as it were, by some nerve-racking, life-draining disease or weakness. In such a condition she cannot be a happy wife or mother; she cannot be an efficient housekeeper; she cannot be a woman at all in any complete or satisfactory sense.

"I was afflicted for seventeen months," writes Mrs. Elizabeth J. Bullard, of Winnie, Bladen Co., N. C., in a significant letter to Dr. R. V. Pierce, of Buffalo, N. Y. "I was confined to the house and yard all the time. I could not lift the weight of a cup of coffee, and did not have strength to speak more than a few words at a time."

"We tried three doctors and a lot of patent medicine which cost over one hundred and twenty-five dollars, and I found no relief. I had lost all hope of ever getting any better when my friends advised me to take Dr. Pierce's medicine. My husband said we would try that next. He got me five bottles of 'Favorite Prescription' and three of 'Golden Medical Discovery.' I commenced taking these medicines and soon found relief. When I had taken one bottle of each I walked half a mile to church."

"By the first of the following June I took my walking stick in hand and had cooked for eleven in the family all through the summer. It was Dr. Pierce's medicine that gave me all the relief I have received. I recommend it to all suffering from what I call 'female weakness' and the help of God that has restored me."

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## YOUTHS' DEPARTMENT.

### Fatal Curiosity of Monkeys—Some Tiny Spoons—A Tragedy in Five Acts.

In capturing monkeys, it is said that curiosity is the thing that makes them an easy prey. Nearly all of the monkeys that we see in this country come from Gornona, a little village situated a short distance from the Panama railroad.

The inhabitants of this district are mostly native negroes, for few white men could bear the climate. The whole region is marshy and covered with tropical vegetation. At night there arises a thick vapor laden with fever, which hangs over the woods like a cloud.

This region of woods is the paradise of the monkeys, says the Philadelphia Times. They travel in troops, led by an older monkey. When the people receive information that the "traveling monkey troops" are near the village, they go to the woods in crowds to catch them.

Their plan is very simple. They cut a hole in a coconut large enough for a monkey's paw to enter. The nut is then hollowed out, and a piece of sugar is placed in it. A piece of string is then fastened to it, and it is placed in the road of the approaching monkeys.

It is well known that monkeys are very inquisitive. When they see the coconut in the grass they hurry to examine it. It does not take them long to find out that the inner part contains a piece of sugar. One of the boldest and greediest sticks a paw into the nut to get the sugar, and grasps it as firmly as he can. But his fist is so large that he cannot draw it out of the hole again with the sugar, to which he holds fast, cost what it may.

The natives now pull the string until nut and monkey arrive in the vicinity of their ambush. In the meantime, the other monkeys wonder what is the matter with their comrade. They hurry to see where he is being pulled to with his paw in the coconut. They crowd around him chattering and gesticulating, and the natives, who have a large net ready, cast it over them, and before they know it all are prisoners. They are sold to the employees of the Panama railroad and reach the North American markets through commercial dealers.

### Some Tiny Spoons.

A burglar ransacking the old house of Miss Phoebe Ann West, in Nantucket, the quaint little island off Massachusetts, would scarcely notice 13 dozen solid silver spoons, which form part of the family plate. In fact, no one would observe them except with the aid of a powerful magnifying glass, for these 12 dozen spoons are so diminutive that they are all held in the interior of a cherry stone. This statement is as true as it is preposterous, and the cherry stone, which is of ordinary size, is one of the most wonderful works of skill ever wrought by its makers, the Hindoos. Miss West's father, a sea captain, brought two of these little curiosities from India years ago, but all trace of the other cherry stone, which contained six dozen gold spoons, was soon after lost.

The cherry stone is cleverly carved and mounted on a little ivory and silver stand, and the top screws off, showing the gross of spoons, each about the size of a pin head, within. Each spoon, when seen under a glass, is perfect in shape.—New York Journal.

### Little Sermons.

Here are some little sermons by Charles Dickens: Thinking begets thinking. It's a world of sacred mysteries and the Creator only knows what lies beneath the surface of his lightest image. Cheerfulness and content are great beautifiers, and are famous preservers of good looks. There is hope for all who are softened and penitent. Natural affection and instinct are the most beautiful of the Almighty's works. Tears never yet wound up a clock or started a steam engine.

### How Toads Catch Flies.

The toad has a very queer tongue. It is round and has a sharp point, with a barb at the end like a fish hook. When the poor fly gets near enough to the sleepy looking toad, snap goes the toad's tongue, and the fly is in his mouth quicker than one can tell about it. The toad is a very good marksman and never makes a mistake nor fails to stick his sharp tongue through the fly.

Toads are not pretty pets, but they may be easily tamed and like to be stroked on the back.

### Well Answered.

In the early part of this century there lived in Nantucket a young Quakeress whose wit caused many a ripple in the demure circle of the Friends.

When this pretty Martha attended yearly meeting in Newport at the age of 18, her youthful spirits brought her occasional grave looks from the elders, although her real goodness of heart was never questioned.

One evening, during the session of yearly meeting, Martha was the center of a group of young people gathered near the windows of the parlor in the boarding house where some of the Friends lodged for the time. The young people were playing the simple and amusing game of "humorous definitions." Martha's wit caused such frequent laughter that a solemn faced person rose from his seat at the other end of the room and asked, in a loud, stern voice:

"Martha, can she give me the definition of gravity?"

The pretty Quakeress colored at this public and unnecessary rebuke, but after scarcely perceptible hesitation, she answered demurely:

"I am not able to give thee a definition of my own, Friend Brown, but perhaps that of De la Rochefoucauld will suit thee. He says that 'gravity is a mysterious carriage of the body, invented to cover the defects of the mind.'"—Youth's Companion.

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