PICKS FLAWS IN THE STORY.

Maturalist Comments on Tale of Python Devouring a Tiger. W.

A thrifling narrative which was profished recently by a well-known manazine told how the author was actuated into a tree-by a tiger and There found a python awaging him.

The riger began to climb the tree must while the python was engaged with a parrot the author crawled maions a sloping branch. When the prober returned to the place where ift madeleft the writer it found in his secend the tiger, which, according to the story, was almost a full-grown

MIRTHAUTET. It then describes how the python sacuzed and strangled the tiger, and after crushing its body into a pulp was for the act of swallowing it when the sauthor, having /descended the tree and regained his rifle, shot it.

The story is authenticated by the continor's sworn statement, but ac: exerding to Dr. Blandford of the zoo-Magical society and other eminent maturalists, tigers in the first-place do went climb trees; secondly, do not exion in Ceylon, and thirdly, when imwature do not attack human beings expless they are wounded. In addiwhen, sythons, according to Dr. Gun-Mher, are unable to swallow mything

WOULD KEEP THE GOODS.

Mohn Smith So Writes Dr. Stork After Consultation with Wife.

4. Q Stork, Esq.: Dear Sir-A pack was delivered by you at my front subpor this morning, and pending armangements I am keeping it subject an year order. I have no record of ardering anything from you.

We are already well supplied with arricles of this description, and cannot amderstand why you should have de-Mixined the goods without express inparticulars. The object you left was mat even wrapped up. In shipping grands wa should be careful hereafter to see fast they are well packed. Your were are all perishable, and need atsention from your shipping clerk.

We have examined the consignment wers carefully it weighs eight pounds mest and apparently is in good condi-Mere. We shall not be responsible. Dowerer, for any damage done while remaining instructions from you. Are good sure there was no error made in whe shirping directions, and the goods at the wrong address? Hear remember that mistakes on year part occasion no end of trouble and are hard to rectity. Awaiting JOHN SMITH. P. S.-! have just seen my wife. We

A Master Mason.

will keep the goods.—From Puck.

We never take liberties with the Margons. I mean the F. and A. But There is something too good to lose. ik really happened in a small court ris Long Island, and ought to go on properd with the grand master of the mate: The prisoner was one of the preriest hoboes that ever wandered throm Hoboken. "He was typical. But Take fell by the wayside and failed to according the policeman that he was maily an honest old grafter-tramp. "Yer honor, I'm a Mason," he whisperson to the judge. "I'm sorry for that " replied the magistrate. "I'm wave myself, and I hate to lock up a is mother. What are the three 'precmous jewels?" "Yer honor ain't goin' two press me too hard? I ain't been in sa hodge in 18 years." "Answer the truestion-softly, in my ear." "Well, 'fit I am't forgot the ritual, the three procious jewels is a girl, a bird an a smild bottle." "Ten days," said the thodge.-N. Y. Press.

Administration of Justice in Morocco. The penal code in Morocco, or whatever may go by the name of a and is a good deal more Draconian man Draco. Two terrible instances Max point are quoted as of quite recent mecarrence.

in one case a native, prowler was essentenced to a thrashing with 300 thiows of a stick for stealing three "ashes. In another case a young fel-From who had stolen a sum in silver aqual to about one pound sterling, was punished with a rope's ending of 3,000 azripes, from the effect of which he med in a few hours.

Long Lived Statesmen.

Many British statesmen have lived in great age. Gladstone and Lord Palmerston were the only English premiers who became octogenarians while in office. Six of the prime minusters lived to be over 70. Of Mines. Lord Sidmouth was the oldest. We lived to be 87. Earl Russell died m 86, the duke of Wellington lived up the age of 83. Earl Grey died at 151, Beaconsfield at 77, and Chatham at 76.- The Sunday Magazine.

Felt So Much Safer.

He was telling a thrilling story of of his hair-breadth escapes abroad; and the young girl leaned forward and hung upon his words breath-

"And they were so near," he said, but we could see the dark muzzles

"Oh," she gasped. "How glad you amost have been that they had their meszzles on."-Stray Stories.

Skeptical. Bacon -She can't get her husband to believe anything unless he sees

Eghert-Why is he so skeptical? "17th, he used to be employed in the "meather bureau!"

TEA KILLS TYPHOID GERM.

Discovery Announced by British Army Surgeon.

Tea is a preventive of typhoid, it has just been announced in England. The discovery is made by Maj. J. G. McNaught, a surgeon in the British army, who acquaints the medical profession in America with the particulars of his experiments.

He finds that the typhoid germ, in pure culture, becomes greatly diminished in numbers by an exposure of four hours to the beverage. After 20 hours it was impossible to recover the germs at all from the cold tea. He recommends the use of cold tea as a substitute for water in soldiers' canteens during active service. Even when the water is sufficiently sterilized it is likely to become affected after sterilization, and bottles which have once been filled with contammated water are capable of transmit-

ting the infection for a long time. Maj. McNaught suggests that everybody drink tea. If prepared in a proper manner, tea, according to physicians, constitutes a refreshing and not harmful beverage, for it is the tannin and other extractives, which are drawn out only after continued steeping, which are productive of harmful consequences. "Boiled" tea gives a coppery coat to the stomach and a saffron hue to the face.

If employed in the manner indicated in localities where typhoid is known to be present, tea may thus serve as one of the essential precautionary measures to guard against infection by this dread disease:

THE DELIGHTS OF BERMUDA.

No Onions, but Many Other Things Bring Joy to Tourist.

If you just go to Bermuda for the onions you had better stay at home, because all the onions are exported, says the Travel Magazine. But if you can make up your mind to do without onions, you will have a splendid time. In the first place there are no railroads, and, oh, blessed thought! no trolleys on the islands. You can forget the hurry and the fret and rest tired nerves. You can bathe, you can sail on the wonderfully clear water within the rampart of coral, you can fish, and look through water glasses 30 feet down on the teeming life under sea. The Bermuda boats are rigged with something which is almost a balloon jib and a leg-o'-mutton or jib-headed mainsail, and they are of very deep draught. But they work pretty handily, and will stand up and sail fast in rough water, so that you can take them out beyond the protected water without fear. At any rate, they add to the attractiveness of the islands to everybody who cares for

Dog's Maternal Instinct. "I have a young retriever, gentle, well bred, handsome," says a correspondent. "Her kindly disposition has won her much popularity and she is loved by the family cat, the green Amazon parrot and the village children. A few days ago some poor little superfluous Aberdeen puppies had to be drowned. But when the man went to get the little bodies to give them a decent burial, two had mysteriously vanished from the pall in which they had found a watery grave. For a long time he searched in vain, much puzzled at the unaccountable disappearance, until & servant volunteered the information that 'Maggie had two little dogs in her bed.' And here we found them. two little corpses, licked clean and dry and gently laid side by side on the straw. She had fished them out of the pail and carried them there. and apparently done all she could to revive them. She has never had any pupples of her own, so this seems a curious instance of maternal in-

An Unprogressive Institution. One of the most successful clergymen in Philadelphia," remarked a college professor, "was proud of the fact that he was always addressed as plain 'mister, and that he possessed no degree which entitled him to the honorable name of 'doctor.'

"An elder entered the clergyman's study one morning and handed him a marked paper. The item stated that the minister had been honored by his old college and that now he could attach D. D. to his name.

"Well, well, muttered the pastor. not without feeling, for he loved his college, 'my old school is a little behind the times, and still believes in capital punishment."

When Are Blackberries?

In a field off a Surrey (England) lane approached a perfect specimen of the peasant, slouch hatted and smocked. He was leading by the hand a boy of about ten, obviously a town-bred youngster. They paused 'for a moment. "What's those, gran'pa?" asked the boy, pointing to a cluster of berries in the hedges. "Them he blackberries, my boy." "Blackber-ties! Why, they're red!" "Red! Of course they be red! Don't you know. boy, that blackberries be always red when they're green?" .

Case of Deceptive Appearances. "Well," said the new reporter at the creditors' 'meeting, "it's easy enough to pick out the bankrupt." "Think so?" replied the older

"Yes; see how shabby and care worn he looks" "That's the principal creditor. The bankrupt is that man with the fur overcoat and diamonds."

HOW TO FORGIVE AN INJURY.

True Spirit in Which Apology Should Be Accepted.

How do we forgive? Let us hope that we always forgive as we would wish to be forgiven. "The Lord loveth a cheerful giver." He who gives pardons has need of both love and

Perhaps we do not appreciate how hard it is for some persons to say "I am sorry." Perhaps there is a vindictive streak in many of us that holds out against our better impulses.

To apologize is rarely if ever a

pleasant task. One may feel that a certain angry speech was wrong, but it takes great moral and spiritual courage to go to the person with whom one has been irritated and say. humbly: "I was angry just now; A spoke hastily. Will you forgive me?" It should not require superhuman grace for the person who has been offended to accept such an apology in the same spirit in which it has been, offered. But two often the speech of pardon is cold and has a ring that is not sincere. Once in a great while it is accompanied by an acknowledgment that the suer for forgiveness has been disagreeable and that while he is forgiven he must remember that an unkind speech cannot always

be forgotten at will. He who thus receives an apology is farther from the right path than he who has acknowledged his fault. The one is conscious of his wrong and admits it and seeks to make amends; the other is wrapped about with a mantle of self-concett and self-righteousness.-Chicago Tribune.

THOUGHT OF HER CARPETS.

Housewifely Instincts Aroused by Visit of Burglar.

A Masachusetts man tells a story illustrating the ruling spirit of a Yan-

kee housewife. Late one night her husband was awakened by mystereious sounds on the lower floor of their house. Jumping out of bed, the husband took his revolver from a drawer and crept noiselessly to the head of the stairs. Presently the wife herself was awakened by a loud report, followed by a mad scurrying of feet. Much agitated she in turn sprang from bed and went to the door, where she met her husband returning from the scene of the disturbance and wearing a very disappointed expression.

"Richard," she stammered, "was it --- was it---'

"Yes, it was a burglar." "Did he-did he-"

"Yes, he got away." "Oh, I don't care about that." was the wife's rejoinder. "What I want to know is, did he wipe his feet before he started upstairs?"

To Be Fat: Drink Chocolate. In an obscure but picturesque little village of far off Germany there is a place called "Chocolate Cure," where thin people go to become stout. The patients eat and drink cocoa and chocolate all the time while they rest, admire the scenery, gossip and grow fatter every day. The true secret of the great success of this treatment is the happy way chocolate has of fattening just the right places, settling in the hands, the arms, the neck and the shoulders, making the fair patient prettier and plumper all the time. The really effective part of this cure may be tried at home by any persevering woman, and the medcicine is as palatable and the method so simple that there is actually, it seems no reason why all should not be just the desired weight.

Peer-Actress Marriages.

We have a sufficiently fair percentage of happy results from the intermarriage of peer and actress to make one try and believe that these unions are no worse than the everyday marriage, writes the earl of Rosslyn in Public Opinion. When "simple faith" weds "Norman blood," simnle faith must first be prepared to show she is as well educated and refined as the Norman-blooded relatives and friends of her husband expect. Then, in these go-shead days she will live down the opposition of such a union, and prove herself a worthy member of the peerage.

Copper Turns Hair Green. "Copper is scarce," said a broker, "but there is still enough of it left to turn the copper worker's hair green."

"His hair green?" "Precisely. In those districts where the ore is of a low grade it is roasted in open furnaces to refine it and make it more marketable. A gas emanates from the furnaces that turns the fire men's hair a bright green. This gas contains arsenic; it is a fine arsenic green that the firemen's hair takes on.

"So if you ever see a man with green hair vou can say, a la Sherlock Holmes: 'There, my dear Watson, is a copper furnace tender."

Resources of the Sudan. There is talk in England of the proposed development of the natural resources of the Sudan through scientific

exploration. immense forests line the banks of the Blue Nile along its upper reaches. extending to the Abyssinian frontier. The ebony tree is met with along that river and also near the Sobat. Along the White Nile the India rubber creeper, a valuable source of rubber, abounds. There are large forests in the Bahr el-Ghazal province, and gold has been mined in some of the mountains of the Sudan. Search will be FAMOUS MEN DIED OF ANGER.

Severe Penalty for Losing Control of One's Emotions.

The emperor Valentinian, while addressing a deputation of backsliding Germans, allowed his angry emotions to get the upper hand of his-common sense and fell dead ere he had finished speaking. The celebrated English surgeon, John Hunter, indulged in angry dispute with one of his colleagues at St. George's hospital and dropped dead at the feet of him who had been the cause of the resentful and bitter remarks. The Russian surgeon, Baddawoski, being angered at the awkwardness of an 'assistant during a surgical operation, gave free vent to a fit of anger and expired without a moment's warning.

The milk as well as the flesh of animals that have died while in a rage has been found, upon analysis, to contain elements of poison, and many an innocent babe has been made dangerously ill by nursing at the mother's breast immediately after that anger. Neither the chemist nor bacteriologist has yet been able to demonstrate the particular poison or germ that renders the milk toxic under the conditions, but that a poison, and a very active and energetic one, exists is unquestionable.

GAVE HER A SHOCK.

Preacher's Text Seemed Like Home Thrust to Choir Singer.

To the inhabitants of the little town of Princeton, Me., the subject of matrimony is a serious one, there being very few eligible men in the place, while old maids are legion. The little church in the town being without a pastor was receiving a candidate every Sunday from some theological seminary, and the maiden ladies were anxiously awaiting for the parish to decide which of the candidates should permanently fill the pulpit.

At last the decision was made. Now, the choir was composed almost wholly of ambitious maidens, so it is needless to say that on the morning of the first sermon by the new minister every member of the choir was arrayed in the brightest ribbons and gayest smiles. Perhaps the foremost one in the chase for admirers was a Miss Duplicy, and she had chosen the seat in the choir where she could not fail to be seen by the minister.

That morning the minister chose for his sermon this subject: "Keep thine eye single," and the first words of his sermon were these: "Beware of duplicity." All eyes turned to Miss Duplicy. The next

Sunday she gave up her seat in the

Double Royalty. Discussing the question of Harry K. Thaw's insanity. Dr. Mansley

Knight, the noted alienist, said: "That reminds me of a politician who had a morbid love of visiting insane asylums and talking to the inmates. Though this is bad for the mental health of the men, I must admit that his journeys often yield him

the oddest little stories. "Wandering through a certain asylum's wards one day, he came upon a man who sat in a brown study on a

"How. do you do, sir?" said the politician. 'What is your name, may

Lask? "'My name?' said the other, frowning flercely. 'Why, Czar Nicholas, of course.

"Indeed?' said the politician. 'Yet the last time I was here you were the emperor of Germany.'. "'Yes, of course,' said the other quickly; but that was by my first

wife.

Ages of Birds. The doctrine of vegetarianism appears to be slightly shaken by the result of an investigation made into the subject of the longevity of birds. With one notable exception the carrion, or meat-eating birds, are the longest lived. The exception is the swan.

The average ages of the best known birds are in the following list: · Blackbird lives 12 years; blackcap, 15; canary, 24; crane, 24; crow, 100; eagle, 100; fowl (common), 10; goldfinch, 45; goose, 50; heron, 59; lark, 13; linnet, 23; nightingale, 18; parrot, 60; partridge, 15; peacock, 24; pelican, 50; pheasant, 15; pigeon, 20; raven, 100; robin, 12; skylark, 30; sparrowhawk, 40; swan, 100; thrush,

10, and the wren, 3 years. What the Minister Said.

A baker by the name of Daly, in Peabody, Mass, makes bread which, because of its quality, is very popular. One Sunday morning a little tot in the same town went to church and listened to the sermon. Upon arriving home she was asked what the minister said. The little one replied: "Well, I don't 'member 'xactly, but he said somethin' about the Lord and Daly's bread."

Their Status. Parson-I look upon all divorced men as merely a higher order of

Outsider-Just "lucky dogs," I suppose.-N. Y. Times.

Rest Cure. Bill-Any piece of machinery is belped by resting. Jill-Yes; I've always noticed that my watch goes better after I've get it out of hock.

Valuable Experience. "Don't you think, Mabel, it was foolish of us to have such an expensive wedding?"

"Yes, dear; but we'll both know better next time."-Life.

HEROISM IN POWDER MILLS.

Men Who Manufacture Explosive Apparently Fearless of Danger.

"I always like to read of the heroism of firemen and policemen, but I think that Virginia can pride herself on having more heroic acts accomplished in a year than any other state in the union," said Roger Harriss, of Charlottsville, Va. "The Virginias and Carolinas have 90 per cent, of the powder mills in the country and the Du Pont people alone furnish the government with a large amount of explosive. The mixing process is an extremely dangerous one and there are many instances where the powder has exploded from seemingly no cause.

"When hundreds of kegs of powder are piled together in a warehouse the effects of an explosion are too terrible for comprehension. When we do have a disaster it generally is an awful one, but hardly a month passes when the heroism of an employe does not save the plants from destruction and the lives of hundreds of workers. About two months ago the Du Pont mill near Norfolk caught fire from the outside and within 100 feet of the scene of the blaze was a warehouse containing several tons of giant powder. With scarcely a thought of the great danger the workmen secured the fire-fighting apparatus and quickly got the fire un-

der control. "When the danger seemed over a sudden gust of wind blew a number of the burning brands directly on the roof of the powder house. Before the roof could catch aftre a half dozen of the workmen were upon it and extinguished the blaze with brooms and pails of water. This, I think, is true heroism."

JOINING MANDS BY LETTER.

International Exchange for School Children Is a Success.

The German central office for the international exchange of correspond ence between school children has just Issued a report on the working of the Institution. Since the opening of the movement in 1897 to the end of June. 1906, there have taken part in the international exchange of letters 454 German schools, of which 160 were girls' schools; 330, French; 61, girls'; 174 American: 69 English, 35 Austrian, six Belgium, three Swiss and one Australian school.

Some 20,000 young persons of all these nations have by these means come into friendly relations with each other and by the interchange, of thought learned something of each others' ways of life and thought. And if, adds the committee, the large number of these have necessarily limited their epistolary exercises to the mereinterchange of compliments and place tudes and then let the matter drop there has been an encouraging per centage who have persevered and cemented a real friendship with their correspondents, thus mutually interesting and aiding each other and doing a great deal to combat international prejudices. If such an end has been achieved up 1,000 of the 20,000 the result may be regarded as highly satisfactory.

A set, of "rules" for the general guidance of the correspondents has been drawn up by Prof. Dr. R. Hartmann, of Leipsic, president of the committee, one of which is the strongdiscouragement of any approbatory mention of drinking habits.

Humor in Afghanistan.

Abdurrahman, the late Amir of Afghanistan, had a grim sense of humor, which was sometimes exercised without acruple. On one occasion a durbar he was holding was interrupted by a man who, in a state of the greatest excitement, rushed in declaring that the Russians were advancing to invade Afghanistan.

Turning aside for a moment from the business in progress, the late amir, in the most unconcerned tones, ordered his Shahgass to conduct the man to the summit of a certain watch tower. "Look you out well for the Russians," commanded Abdurrahman, "for you do not eat until you see, them arrive."-Grand Magazine.

An Energetic Conductor. Charles Santley, the English tenor, who celebrates his jubilee as a singer.

next year, relates an amusing story. "I was singing at a provincial town. when the conductor gave me a sharp rap on my head. A few minutes later he again hit me. He afterward bestowed his attention on the lady: vocalist, whose chignon he contrived, with a single flourish, to detach from her head, much to her annoyance and inconvenience, as she had to continue her solo holding the chignon in its place with one hand and her music with the other."

Death From Fit of Anger.

Death frequently follows a sudden, fit of anger. Persons who are otherwise sensible and even phisosophical indulge at times in this suicidal and; profitiess pastime. The Emperor Nerva died at the age of 66 from fewer resulting from a fit of anger. Paul IIL, who occupied the papal throne from 1534 to 1549, and who was considered one of the most intelligent and liberal, as well as just of popen, died from a sudden fit of anger while upbraiding Cardinal Alessandro Fernese, who had proven false to his friends and bene-

The Youthaul Idea. "Pa," asked elever little Willie, "does the Indian scalp people so he

can get their hair to make his wig-And he dodged just in time to make a hair-breadth escape from the paHER HAT ANHUTED HIM.

Great Milliner Finally Rearranged Quills at Wrong Angle.

How the soul of a true artist was stung is told by a woman who has just returned from Paris. Though she brought many beautiful gowns home with her, she had saved out her oldest clothes to wear upon the steamer.

In her compartment of the train from Paris to Cherbourg there sat opposite her a middle-aged man. He kept looking at her, and especially at her hat, with such marked disapprovat that she felt extremely uncomfortable, and wished she had worn some of her gooti clothes.

On board the steamer site discovered this same man was a passenger, and whenever she met him on deck be made her feel the same discomfort by staring at her hat.

"Pardon me, but I am M. L.," he said, giving the name of a great milfmer. "Ever since I saw you I have been distressed by the angle at which the quilla on your hat are put on. would you permit me to arrange them

The woman's amusement was great as she took off her hat. He gravely adjusted the quills, then said:

"Thank you very much. It is such a relief to me not to see that inartistic angle." And he walked away without a

smile.

TOOK ALL THE BLAME.

Stately Courtesy Displayed by Burman to Englishman.

In the country district of Burmah the natives still practice the oldworld stately courtesy, which is now seldom found in the cities where the natives have been long in contact with Europeans.

An English gentleman who had bought a new pony was trying him one morning when the animal boited and ran full speed down a 'narrow road Straight ahead was a native cart in

which was a family party out holiday. making. The pony dashed into the midst of the merrymakers, and severely injured the native who was driving Before the Englishman had an op-

portunity to explain his unexpected eastaught the Burman picked himself up and bowed low.

"My lord, pardon," he said, apologetically, "my eart should not have been there."

Her Original Scheme.

She was very proud of her first bank book, and determined to make none of the silly mistakes she had read about in the joke columns of newspapers. There was no danger of overdrawing her account. Every check was duly recorded on the stub, and after every four checks a balance

was correctly struck. "But how is it?" asked the can one day when looking over the book; "how is it that your checks always come out in even dollars? Do 'you never have a sum like \$5.11 to pay?"

"Yes, often; but I have a famous scheme," she explained, gleefully, "It's such a bother to add up the cents that I just make the cheek out for five dollars, and send gibs 11 cents in postage stamps."

Fresh Air for Pneumonia Dr. Northrup, professor, of children's diseases in Columbia aiversity, was the first to break away from the tradition of the close warm. room and to take his pneumoria patients to the roof. In the cold and, snow and winter winds he placed his patient on the housetop, clothed and bedded, against the cold, and gave the first dose of cold, flure air to the lungs, of the sufferer. Suegess has been such that the treatment has been spreading until outdoor winter for the pneumonia victim promises to be as widely accepted as it is becoming for the tuberculous patient.

European Marriage Figures. It is estimated that the women of Great Britzin have nearly twice as many chances of being married as the women of any other nation, in Europe. This is one of the facts shown in the annual statistical abstract from the principal nations of the world insued by the English board of traderecently. The period concred by thee figures is from 1893 to 1983. In each of those ten years there have been; 14 or 16 marriages per thousand of the population in Great-Britain, while-

in other countries the rate has re-

mained steadily at between seven

and eight per thousand.

The Way They Woo in Spain-We who are used to the freedom of our American life cannot even dimiy imagine the trials, of courtship in 🛫 Spain. So absolutetly are the maids: there isolated and protected from the importunities of Lovers that the cavallers must woo in the broad lights of day and in the most public places.

In front of the apartment houses in Spanish cities it is no unusual thang to see three men standing side by side in the street, looking up and pouring out impassioned protestations each to a girl on a different

Too Many Trials. "And what is your name?"

"Katie, ma'am." "Well, Katie, you may come to me next week, and I'll give you a triat" "And you'll not, ma'and Sure, I had too many trials in my last place!"

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS