

wonderful mimicry of nature in his restless, rolling sea. We would express to the kind lady of the mansion thanks for her entertainment; and to the artist we would say, "Go on, there is no road so long that there's no turning." And his abilities convince us at a glance that he is near the turn.

Charl finished the article, and, looking up, displayed an expression something like disappointment.

"What's the matter?" queried his mother. Her expectant smile was replaced by a puzzled frown.

"It's not a sea serpent," Charl said, slowly.

"Land sakes! What is it then?" in a half shriek.

"It's winter-green through the snow," was the answer.

"Winter-green through the fiddlesticks," retorted the mother, her old-time wrath returning. "Here's a man that's been on the newspapers all his life, lookin' at pictres, an' he says right off at first sight 'it's a sea serpent,' an' if he don't know I'd like to know who would? Winter-green through the snow!" snorting in her rage. "It don't look no more like winter-green through the snow than it does like a cellar door," and she flung herself from the room.

Marie brought her brushes and touched up the picture before the family retired for the night. Charl was forced to acknowledge to his somewhat quieted mother that the *Evening Chronicle's* mistake might be reckoned a fortunate incident, for the picture looked very like a sea serpent, indeed.

The eventful day was all that could be desired. The guests began to arrive early in the afternoon, and the extensive grounds soon presented a gay and charm-

ing scene. Charl accepted the congratulations that poured in upon him, in his usual dignified manner. Favorable comments were profuse on the brilliancy of the monster's eyes, the hard, shelly naturalness of the scales, the soft, mellow tone of the horizon.

At 7:00 o'clock tea the artistic party were to be joined by members of the Essex Club, from Boston, consequently an hour previous the lawns were deserted, the ladies repairing to the upper rooms to re-arrange their hair and to gossip. Mrs. Pattern, while they were so occupied, floated in and out, her face shining with satisfaction.

To be continued.

The duties of a county judge in Kentucky seem to be somewhat executive as well as judicial, if the judge of Harlan county can be taken as an example. When judges are compelled to lead posses armed with Winchester rifles and revolvers, their salaries should be larger than the day wages paid to occupants of the bench in Oregon.

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