

## To James John High

We've watched the shadows of yesterday  
From the crest of James John  
drift away:  
Today, she stands fair, high  
and grand  
Because we said we can, we  
can!  
How she looms up on Mt.  
Success,  
More justly proud than all the  
rest.  
Attention Citizens! Freshmen  
do not sneeze—  
James John banners fan the  
breeze.  
Day, Hoody Schroeder, Sterns,  
For sub and all, our heart doth  
yearn,  
Special mention for staunch old  
Spack.  
The sun now sets in orange and  
black.  
Open country! We're going  
ahead;  
Ahead? You bet that's what  
we said—  
We've got the grit, we've got  
the sand,  
We can, we can, we know we  
can.  
Tighten your belts, throw out  
your chests,  
James John stands on Mt.  
Success;  
Give an ear to Coach Strong's  
call—  
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This Reptile, the Most Venomous of  
Snakes, is Death Itself.

The most venomous of snakes is  
said to be the Echis carinata of In-  
dia. It is about eighteen inches  
long and of a gray color. The crea-  
ture is death itself and carries in its  
head the secret of destroying life  
with the concentrated agony of all  
the poisons.

The Echis carinata is tolerably  
common in India, being found in  
nearly every part of the peninsula.

Fortunately, however, for man it  
is not, like the cobra, a house fre-  
quenter snake, for its aggressive  
habits would make it infinitely more  
fatal to life than its dreaded rela-  
tive.

This king of the asps does not  
turn to escape from man, as the  
cobra will, or flash into concealment,  
like the koriat, but keeps the path  
against its human assailant and, pit-  
ting its own eighteen inches of  
length against its enemy's bulk,  
challenges and provokes conflict.

A stroke with a whip will cut it  
in two or a clod of earth disable it.  
But such is its malignity that it will  
invite attack by every device at its  
command, staking its own life on  
the mere chance of its adversary  
coming within the little circle of its  
power. At most the radius of this  
circle is twelve inches. Within it at  
any point lies certain death, and on  
the bare hope of hand or foot tres-  
passing within its reach the Echis  
carinata throws its body into a fig-  
ure of eight coils. Then it attracts  
attention by rubbing its loops to-  
gether, which, from the roughness  
of the scales, make a rustling, his-  
sing sound, erects its head in the center  
and awaits attack.

It is said that no one, having once  
encountered this terrible reptile,  
can ever forget its horrifying aspect  
when thus aroused, its eagerly ag-  
gressive air, its restless coils, which,  
in constant motion one over the other  
and rustling ominously all the  
while, stealthily but surely bringing  
it nearer and nearer to the object of  
its fury.

**Browning's Vision and Memory.**  
Browning had the faculties of vi-  
sion and memory developed to ab-  
normal degree. Grant Duff records a  
conversation with Sir Laurence  
Alma-Tadema, who "gave me a cur-  
ious account of Browning's sight,  
maintaining that with one eye he  
could read the number of a picture  
at the end of a long gallery, while  
with the other (sic) without arti-  
ficial assistance he could write an  
ode of Horace on a piece of paper  
the size of a threepenny bit."

Another diarist, Mrs. Andrew  
Crosse, heard Browning in the  
course of a discussion on Byron  
quote the whole of the "Vision of  
Judgment" after remarking, "I  
have not seen the poem for forty  
years, but this is graven on my  
memory."—London Chronicle.

### Reade Wrote Standing.

One peculiar fad with regard to  
his writing Charles Reade shared  
with other famous novelists—he  
could not remain seated at a table,  
but did his work standing at a high  
desk. This was characteristic also  
of Victor Hugo, who wrote the  
whole of "Les Miserables" stand-  
ing. Wilkie Collins, too, declared  
that his thoughts flowed more free-  
ly when standing on his feet. In  
direct contrast one recalls that  
Mark Twain did much of his work  
propped up in bed and that Sir Wal-  
ter Scott found his brain clearest  
when reclining comfortably on a  
couch.—London Chronicle.

### Horse Riding in Ancient Times.

Stirrups were unknown to the an-  
cients. Along the public roads there  
were placed stones to enable the  
horsemen to mount. Stirrups were  
used to some extent in the fifth  
century, but were not common even  
so late as the twelfth. Horseshoe-  
ing is a very ancient art. It is re-  
presented on a coin of Tarentum of  
about 350 B. C. It is said that Wil-  
liam the Conqueror brought the first  
iron horseshoe to England.—London  
Graphic.

### The Lion's Share.

"The lion's share" embodied the  
sarcasm of old Aesop, in whose fable,  
at the conclusion of their joint  
feast, the animals announce their  
wish to divide the booty, the lion  
claiming one-quarter by reason of  
his superior courage, one-quarter for  
his dam and cubs. "As for the  
fourth quarter," said the lion, "let  
who will dare dispute it with me."

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