Trained Scals.

They are exhibited in the large tank at the Aquarian, which was constructed for the white whale, and has been recently devoted to the exposition of the natatorial powers of Miss Annie Beckwith At one end a small tent has been erected on a platform raised a couple of inches above the water. From the upper surface of this the seals can glide into the fluid or return at will. Their first performance was a violent tugging at two bell pulls, to give notice to the visitors. The bells were in hideons discord, and the noise was continued far too long for the comfort of the auditors. The bells removed, the animals took, at the command of their keeper, their stations on two inclined boards, which raised their head and fore limbs above the general surface of the platform. To one hand-like forefoot of the male was attached a cymbal, with which it struck another conveniently placed in front, while the female was playing the tambourine by striking it with very great rapidity. The musical discord was rapidity. The musical discord was varied by the keeper holding a banjo to the smaller performer, who evoked hideous sounds by rapidly scraping across the strings with her nails. This done, the audience were informed that the animals were about to indulge in smoking. Short pipes, about six inches long, were placed in their mouths, but on my second the male declined, having been alarmed by the too near approach of the flame to his face. Various articles, as baskets, logs of wood, etc., were then thrown into the and quickly and easily retrieved and brought to the keeper's hand by both the animals. The next performance consisted in both animals climbing up by aid of their fore limbs, a ladder rising from the surface of the water at an angle of about 45 degrees. After diving into the water from the top of the ladder the animals shot themselves by the impetus of their rapid motion on to the platform, and seizing a couple of short cords attached to revolvers, fired a rapid succession of shots. The performance con-cluded by a remarkable exposition of the strength possessed by these animals when in the water. A small boat capable of holding three children, whose united weights must have been about about eight or nine stone, was dragged very rapidly around the tank by the two seals in succession. A small collar was placed over the head, to which the traces were attached that were secured to the boat. The strength displayed by the seals was remarkable; the little boat, pulled by the muscular strength of one animal, threw off the water from its bows as if it had been propelled by a vigorous scutler. The exhibition was to me of a peculiarly interesting character. The animals manifested a great degree of intelligence and docility, in keeping with their high cerebrial development. Nevertheless, they have their peculiar mental idiosyncrasies. One of their characteristics is extreme susceptibility to alarm; the slightest alteration or fright will throw them out of work, and it is difficult to reassure them. Their training was effected by a system of rewards, without any punish- the different flavor of boarding-house ment, and the visitors may notice a piece | coffee of late. of fish dropped into the mouth of each after the performance of every trick. The amount of fish devoured by these two animals is about 3000 pounds per he replied; "why, it is devotion by andiem. The oleaginous Clupeidae, herrings, pilchards, etc., are preferred; but failing these, whitings, haddocks, etc., are given, these being carefully ent open to insure the absence of any fish hooks. which have repeatedly caused the death of captive seals, and possibly of wild ones also.—| London Field.

Arthur as a Teacher.

A correspondent of the Hartford Times relates the following aneedotes of President Arthur as a school teacher In a party was a lady who, having commented on the advantages which such a country as this gives to a young man,

"I went to school to President Arthur when I was a little girl, and he a rather disconsolate-seeming young man. It was in Cohoes, New York, and he came to teach our school under rather embarrassing circumstances. That is, it proved embarrassing—but whether to him or the boys, I'll leave you to judge." She paused, and one of the gentlemen said quickly: "I, too, went to school to President Arthur at Cohoes. I am a good deal older than you are, I think. You cannot remember me. But go on." The lady, who is one of the most genial, hospitable, and delightful women in Providence, hesitated. "Go on!" he cried. "Well," said she, "we had in our school three boys who were a terror. They were the roughest, most mischievous fellows that sancy, mischievous fellows that ever tried to bully a school master. Nobody had been able to rule them. They had positively become a set of ogres, which we little children dreaded with an unutterable but trembling dread. Probably Mr. Arthur had been informed of their character, for when school began and one of them commenced his pranks he was prepared for him. He simple said: 'Come to me.'
There was something in his eye and voice which the big fellow dared not to disobey. He slowly approached and our teacher marched him out of the door. Pretty soon the master came back alone. By this time the next boy had gathered 'new spunk,' and sure enough he was treated in a similar man-This strange submission, which also bappened with the third boy, made the smaller children awe-struck. What was the quiet, simple power which made itself so instantly obeyed? And where had he put the boys? "He took us up into the infant class and set us down among the babies!" suddenly exclaimed the President's other pupil. "I was the first boy he took up. He told me to stay there and for the life of me 1 dared not move, After school he talked with us. How true, how eloquent, how thoroughly sympathetic was that talk. He understood our rebellions boy-hearts He understood our recent He better than we did ourselves. He better than we did ourselves. We beshamed the manhood into us. came as clay in his hands, to mold into a nobler and better form. I never forgot Mr. Arthur's talk to me through all my youth and manhood."

One of the follies we are apt to carry with us on entering life is to suppose ourselves possessed of certain lofty qualities that distinguish us from all about life down, laugh, grow fat, and die of the liver complaint. us .- Herron.

ALL SORIS.

A good cocoanut is meaty, but a falling star is meteor.

A mule is unlike a poor rule, because he works both ways.

A prison is never narrow when the imagination can range in it at will. The gilded youth of the present generation is generally lined with brass.

No chemist has yet succeeded in making a correct analysis of a boy's pocket. Large ears indicate patience and Witness the donkey and jackrabbit.

Keep away from the barrel if you would not be troubled with hoop-snakes. There is only one way to prevent the Indians from breaking out-don't shut them in.

A congressional candidate over in Ohio is smiling an average of 1239 smiles a

The average hotel waiter is a perfect prodigy at cards-he takes everything with his tray.

It is said that snuff is a sure remedy for separating fighting dogs. It's sneezy thing to do.

No man that ever lived can clinch an rgument without riveting his opponet's

Sponges grow at the rate of an inch a month. It is fortunate that a man's nose is not a sponge.

A hotel piano which is tuned once in three years is considered good enough for the place it occupies. The Speaker of the House is generally

known as the Chair, so called because he is sat down on so often. The masked burglar is a modest crea-

ture. He covers his face that he may not be witness to his own wickedness. The Cincinnati Gazettee sees no harm

in round dancing if the partners stand three feet away from each other. About the only flag the Egyptians have made any use thus far is the white one.

Perhaps they like the color. A Brooklyn cook was recently discharged for ringing the dinner bell. The

family "were away in the country." The reason they call them "bulls" and "bears" is because they have a bully time watching their bonds bear interest.

Whatever you have to do, do it with might. Many a lawyer has made his fortune by simply working with a will. Next we shall have a coat-tail flirtation

code. Having the tails covered with mud will mean "I don't like her father." An exchange captions its column of police reports "The Hum of the Locust." It is a pleasant way of heading "Billy dues.

When Arabi comes over here to lecture he'll be on the lookout for those fellows who have been punning on his name.

Mamma—"Oh, you naughty boy, to be drowning flies." Fred—"I'm not drowning 'em; I'm putting them into the water to cool 'em."

So they have got a corner on tanbark, have they? Well, well, that accounts for

The Count B., well known for his selfishness, was asked, the other day, "What is friendship?" "Friendship," other."

A thick hard winter, as some folks think. It makes no difference to corn husks what the weather is.

"I thrashed the little boys and mashed the big ones," was the young schoolmarm's explanation of her success in subduing an unruly school.

Forty schoolma'ams are camping out in the woods in New Jersey, and every owl old enough to fly has retired to another part of the State.

A hackman recently went into the surf at Long Branch and encountered a huge shark. Their eyes met for an instant, when the shark blushed and swam out.

"All the world's a stage, Sam, and the men and women merely players." "Yes, massa, but if dats so where you goin' for to get your andience and orchistry?"

There is one advantage in warm weather. At no other season of the year can you spread the butter on the children's bread so evenly and so thinly.

A little girl hearing her mother observe to another lady that she was going into half-mourning inquired whether any of her relations were half dead.

A Philadelphia man who was struck on the head and knocked down by a piece of ice thrown by his wife, says he now knows what a "cold belt" is.

"Have you read Burns?" he asked.
"One," she replied, blushing. Subsequently he learned that at an unguarded moment she had once leaned against a hot stove.

No matter how handsome a young woman may be, when the right man comes along she is ready to yield the palm of her beauty, if he has the sense to

ask for it. At this season of the year there is no need of sympathizing with every man who appears to be sinking under the weight of some secret sorrow. It may be

cucumbers. In a recent lecture Henry Ward Beecher said that "in this country a smart man always has a chance." Mr. Beecher is right. More penitentaries are being built every year.

"Mamma, what makes angois?" asked a little boy who had been reading of the heavenly inhabitants. The mother glanced out into the orchard, and with a warning look solemnly replied, "Unripe fruit, my dear."

The Home Journal says: "The notion that all college bred men must go into professions, and that college learning is iseless to any but professional men, must be exploded. If every one as soon as he is educated, thinks himself above manual labor, and progress consists in educating the laboring classes, accompanied with the wish to shirk the toil by which their fathers became independent, where will progress lead us to when all shall have become cultured and elevated?" To machinery. Machinery will do it all, It will scrub, wash, cook go to market, dress us, undress, chew for us, and do it all. There will be no further necessity liver complaint.

grown cat caught a young sparrow on East Norwegian street yesterday, and the latter chirped loudly, giving the alarm, and in a very few moments a large num-ber of the belligerent little birds were on the spot. They swooped down on pussy from every direction, and, al-though she arched her back, distended her tail and tried to give battle, she was overcome by numbers, and fled inconti-nently to the shelter of a coal shed near at hand. This did not end the matter. In the course of half an hour puss made her appearance on the scene again. The birds appeared to have put some of their number on picket duty, for as soon as the cat came from her shelter the alarm was sounded and the feathered clans came afresh to the attack in greater force than ever. The cat ran to her home, half a square away, the sparrows striking her as long as she was in sight.

—[Spottsville Miner's Journal.

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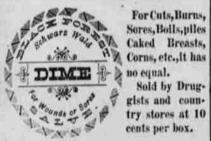
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