Our hopes, let us carry them with us Like leaves that are borne by the waves, The suddest of earthly deceivers, Let us hide them away in our graves.

OWLS AS PETS.

#### Their Solemnity to be Relied On, But Their Voices Against Them. [New York Sun.]

"Are owls ever caught to be sold as pets?"

"Yes, occasionally. The best way to catch them is to surprise them in a nest in an old hollow tree. Boys tie a stocking to the end of a long pole and run the pole cautiously down the inside of the tree through the opening. Instinctively the old owl, to protect her young, turns on her back in the middle of the nest, and is ready, with her claws in the air, to fight anything that that comes. Slowly the stocking descends, and as it touches the bird the strong claws and beak are tearing it to pieces. The boy pulls on the pole, and the owl is so busy fighting and sputtering that it is at the top and in the boy's arms before it—shall I say tumbles? Then the boy has to look out for himself. If he escapes with torn clothing while he is descending the tree and putting the owl in a bag he is a lucky boy.

"They are usually kept in a parrot cage," continued the naturalist. "All my birds are very tame, and will submit to be tickled on the head, and, I suspect, rather like it, though they look so solemn all the while that I laugh ontright sometimes at the notion of toying with a thing that has eye like saucers and seems to be perpetually meditating on the infinite. Their tempers vary. The European horned owl sets up a flerce hissing, snapping, and barking noise when first captured, or when provoked with a stick. The American great horned owl barks like a dog, and, when it lets itself loose, gets to be a nuisance in the house, for it can hallo with a loud hoo-hoo-hoo-e, and can imitate to perfection the screams and gurglings of a choking or drowning person. The screech owl is easily tamed and is gentle. The Acadian owl is the only kind of owl in this country which wanders into and is commouly known as the 'Sawwhet' owl. On that account it is objectionable as a pet. The barred owl found in the southern states makes a people keep it in their houses to catch mice."

"Can owls learn tricks?" out of your hand, seizing the end of a own circle. "He's limp as an old to-bacco-quid," said he to the notary and them around in a circle, coming to you at the sound of their name, climbing out hind of the contains over among his own circle. "He's limp as an old to-bacco-quid," said he to the notary and the druggist; "I've seen a very different hims over among his own circle." at the sound of their name, climbing ent kind of lions in the province of Conthe balustrade in your hall, or jumping stantine!" through a hoop. The solemn air they carry all the while makes them amusing.

Spain's Government Cigar Factory.

them not a month old, and dogs lying traveling-car. on the tobaccostems. The women were divided up into sevens at each table, lion continued to sleep, and the menagthree on each side and the mistre's at the top. Around each table were shelves against stone pillars, on which lay children's shoes, socks, and clothes. There were stone jars of water here and there for drinking, and the air was stifling, and the buzz of conversation head against the bars. Forthwith the and there for drinking, and the air was only brosen by the wail of the babies. The floor was dilapidated, and it was had entered the cage moved upon its possible for an ineautious visitor to fall hinges, and stood ajar. It had not through. Two other side apartments been properly secured, and nobody 100 feet long were both packed with had observed the fact—not even the laborers. The factory consumes 10,- lion, who had lain down more content-000 pounds of tobacco a day, and em- edly than usual after the departure of ploys over 5,000 persons, who receive his mistress. The captive pushed his 50 cents a day for twelve hours' work. muzzle against the door, looked before The matron at each table gets her pay him, and after a moment's hesitation, from the women she commands. The leaped into the booth. He proceeded girls and the superintendents had very very slowly, very cunningly, and poked little manners.

#### Comments on the Corpse. [Nieuwe Amsterdamsche Courant.]

When any one dies they ask in France: "How old was he?" In Germany: place, What complaint did he die of?" In America they say: "A good thing he is dead at last!" In Italy: "Poor fellow!" In Russia: "He doesn't need to work they ask: "How much money has he left?" and in England: "Was he in-sured?"

# His Beautiful Cane.

[Arkansaw Traveler.] A horrible story has just reached us. During the recent cold weather, an Arkansas man, while walking along a road, found a beautiful cane with bright colors. After walking with it all day, he went home and stood it in the corner. Presently it climbed down and crawled under the house. He had been walking with a frozen snake.

# P. T. Barnum's Wealth.

P. T. Barnum is a stockholder in two sewing machine companies; owns three newspapers, two of which are in Bridgeport; about four hundred houses. numerous vacant lots, and a cattle ranch. He has 1,000 lots in Denver. A building owned by him in New York pays him a rental of \$65,000 a year.

Paris' Bad Wine. Six hundred and fifty bottles of wine, bought in different parts of Paris, have been analyzed at the municipal laboratory, and the wine was pronounced pure in only sixty cases.

man dat allus wants ter pray, I some-how kain' he'p thinkin' dat he's done velled and called upon their mothers

## MME. AUGUSTE'S LION.

[N.O. Times Translation from Horace Bertin.]

She had come, one summer Sunday, to erect her canvas booth under the poplars of the village of Le Cours, not very far from the church. On either side of the entrance there was a flaring painting representing lions of enormous size, with open jaws and waving manes -rising upon their hind legs as though seeking to devour the spectators. The peasants, especially the women, felt cold chills run down their backs; and in spite of the pressing appeals of the doorkeeper, no one dared for a long time to enter the interior.

At last when the tax-collector-who was an ex-officer of zouaves-made up his mind to cross the threshold of the menagerie, some of the villagers summoned up courage enough to follow

A boy moved back a sliding partition in the cage, and poked a big iron pitch-fork between the bars. Then a lion was seen to rise up painfully-an aged lion, all broken down and worn out-a blear-eyed lion, whose fur was meagre and filthy, and whose tail was all raw, excoriated, scabby. When he yawned, only a few stumps of teeth were visible in his jaws. Madame Auguste drew a curtain aside, and introduced herself to the public. She had a thin face scarred with smallpox, and a nose like an eagle's beak. Her faded velvet bodice and tights speckled with greasespots, nevertheless excited the admiration of the country people. She entered the cage, brandishing a whip. The lion uttered a feeble roar. There was a timid shrinking toward the doorway on the part of the spectators-and some of the peasant women even had one foot on the street. A little girl sobbed with terror, and pulled at her

mother's dress. Madame Auguste, however, flogged the old lion; and the animal finally resigned himself to the duty of leaping over a bar; but only to lie down again immediately at the further end of his cage. Then the lion-tamer crouched down before the animal, and, opening his mouth, thrust her pitted face again against his jaws. All the spectators uttered a cry of horror, and the women rushed out in affright, communicating their panic to the whole crowd of cities. It is caught occasionally in old urchins gathered at the door. A few of belfries or in deserted or unoccupied the men, seeing that the tax-collector houses. It is seeking for mice. It merely shrugged his shoulders, held makes a noise like a saw-mill at work, their ground. Madame Auguste then arose with a smile, and the performance

As they went out the country folks discussed the wonderful courage of the sound like an affected laugh. It is lion-tamer; and continued to ask one called the buffoon of the woods. Some another whether the bars of the cage were really strong enough.

The tax-collector was the only one who had a hard word for the lion, when "Yes, some simple ones, like eating they talked the thing over among his

Three o'clock had just struck. The men of the village were amusing themselves in various ways; some playing at [Chicago Tribune.]

Miss Emma Stratton, of New York on the public road. The women were city, writes a letter from Seville de- hurrying by to disappear within the scribing the government cigar factory doors of the church, where vespers were of Spain, 700 feet long and almost as commencing. The peal of bells from wide, very dirty, and in the vestibule the steeple alone broke the silence of 250 girls make cigarettes, all talking as Le Cours, which soon appeared comloud as they want to; 100 girls in the pletely deserted. Behind the canvas next room doing the same; and on the booths a thin column of smoke was next floor 3,000 women as close as sar- rising from the roof of the canarydines in a box, in a single room, making colored wagon, with its shafts in air. cigars, some having their babies with Madame Auguste was cooking in her

The menagerie was tranquil; the old erie boy had gone to the inn to see whether Madame Auguste's horse and mule had received their peck of oats.

But after a little while, the lion tensed and harassed by flies, opened barred door by which Madame Auguste his head through the calico curtains which concealed the entrance of the menagerie from the public. Le Cours had all the aspect of an uninhabited

The lion stepped into the street and halted again. Then he recommenced his promenade, but very timidly, with an embarrassed air-as though very any more; he is well off!" In Holland distrustful and supremely suspicious. One would have thought that he had already regretted having proceeded so far; and every once in awhile he would turn his head half-round to look at his domicile. Nevertheless he skirted the church-wall, and finally took up his position under the porch, without making the slightest noise. The churchdoors had been left wide open, because of the heat, and within a profound silence reigned, broken only by the outbursts of the preacher's voice from the pulpit, and the mad music of the crickets from the neighboring trees. The priest had only just commenced his sermon; and the peasant women in their rows of straw-bottomed chairs, were either listening or yielding to the drowsiness of the hot day.

It was the beadle who first perceived the enormous shadow of the lion upon the wall of the porch. He let his halberd fall to the pavement, and cried out in a voice half-choked by terror-

There's the lion!" The whole congregation was immediately seized with unutterable terror. Chairs and benches were overturned in all directions. Some rushed toward the organ-loft, others to the door of the sacristy, others to the high altar. White as sheets, and with eyes wild with fear, Arkansaw Traveler: When I see a the women shricked helplessly or yelled, and called upon their mothers su'thin' dat he wants de Lawd ter wipe out. Several peasant women themselve almost died of fright, and huddled to-

gether in the nave, actually holding their breath from terror.

People trampled each other on the pulpit stairs behind the altar on either side of the sanctuary railing. Prayerbooks, chaplets, benches, stools, candlesticks and censors were scattered on the floor. The beadle had barricaded himself within the confessional; the chanter, whose face was fully lit by a gush of light from the window, was livid, and his knees were knocking together almost violently enough to break the bones. A little boy that had squeezed himself under a big chair thrust out from betwixt the rungs a face comically distorted by tears of Theorem 1. The squeezed himself under a big chair thrust out from betwixt the rungs a face comically distorted by tears of Station D, New York.

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The priest alone-who, from the height of his pulpit—had seen the wild beast walk quietly away-tried to reestablish some calm among the faithful. But his voice was lost in the tumult of the panie; and already, from all the houses, drinking-places, club-rooms, taverns, etc., men were running to the scene armed with Lefaucheux revolvers,

pitchforks, spits, and billiard queues. The lion, indeed, had very quietly retraced his way to the menagerie, as soon as he had heard the beadle's halberd fall on the church pavement Madame Auguste at once rushed at her boarder, raining lashes upon him with her whip, and hurried him into the cage, with many kicks in the hinder portion of his emaciated body.

But the whole village had been ter rifled.

Headed by the tax-collector, who had taken down an old revolver from his panoply, the peasants poured into the booth; and, in spite of the supplications and even tears of the lion-tamer, who clasped their knees in her vain despair, they put the muzzles of their weapons to the poor brute's head and blew his brains out. One peasant even carried his ferocity so far as to shove a billiardcue down the lion's throat. The village folks seemed to have been wrought up to a pitch of unheard-of fury; and every possible term of abuse, invective, and insult were lavished upon the wretched animal's carcass.

'And now," shouted the tax collector to Mme. Auguste, who had almost fainted with grief, "now this will teach you that I have never been afraid of

Madame Auguste long remained motionless with grief and despair. Her lion represented all her earthly posseshad grown old in the menagerie, and Boxat Bakuse Powders. Sold only in the delignment of the Boxat Bakuse Powders Co., 106 Wall street, N. Y. his submission, his docility, were extraordinary. She would not think of remaining any longer in the midst of such people; and she gave orders to pack up and leave town that very evening.

But at the approach of nightfall the sky clouded up quickly and heavily. A furious wind came whistling through the trees, tearing away the leaves and whirling them abroad, and the thunder

egan to roar in the distance. Nevertheless, Madame Auguste's two wagons left the village by the high road. The storm burst over the country. Between the shafts of the traveling wagon trotted a great big mule from whose flanks the rain-water poured in streams. The old horse who pulled the other vehicle containing the carcass of the lion, hung his head sadly under the furious downpour. The thunder rolled madly overhead; and, by the light of the lightning, Madame Auguste showed her tear-streaming face at the little back window of her wagon and at intervals flung the epithet, cowards! into the great tumult of the tempest.

# Children's Charltable Club.

[Washington Letter.] The Children's Christmas club, of which the president's daughter, little Nell, is president, gave a Christmas feast to poor children, and three other clubs, the outgrowth of this, gave dinners in other sections of the city; so over 2,000 youngsters had a vision of good living far ahead of their expectations. The club which has gained a national prominence was started by Miss Marion West, the daughter of Commissioner West of the district, the day after Thanksgiving among a little group of acquaintances. Miss West, by the way, claims San Francisco as her birthplace, and it has reason to be proud of a gentle young lady who has made so many poor homes happy. Miss Nellie Arthur accepted the presidency of the club and with it considerable hard work, as she has had to sign hundreds of membership cards. They not only gave the children all they could eat, but also all they could carry home in the way of eatables and toys.

I never saw such a crowd of delighted faces. President Arthur entered the hall in time to see a "Punch and Judy" show for the entertainment of the children and took a seat very democratically in their midst. Such a scene was probably never witnessed here before. Nell Arthur sang with a chorus of girls. Tiny Tim's injunction, "God Bless Every One," is the watchword, and the president, like simpler folks, wants his daughter to grow up generous and thoughtful. For a child of 11 years, petted and noticed as she is, she is not a bit spoiled by it all, and came attired in a simple blue worsted dress. The Christmas elub is going to be a permanent affair and expects to do much more next year.

#### A White House Room. [The Current.]

A room in the White House is decorated in the style of the thirteenth century. It contains also a Japanese screen, the portraits of Grant and Van Buren, a piece of tapestry showing Gutenberg reading aloud from his first block-letter bible, and furniture of cherry wood. When, after the lapse of a century or two, the decorative artists of that period search for specimens of nineteenth century decorations, they will doubtless find themselves a trifle puzzled on entering

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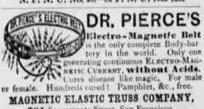
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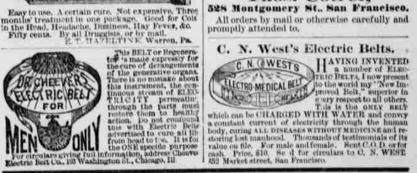
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