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Eating Manners in 1350.

In a description of a dinner in 1850 there is no mention of the fork, and it is not certain that there was a knife for each person. The guests were placed in couples as far as possible, on the ground of their being mutually agreeable, which was the more necessary, as in certain cases the porringer-a bowl with ears for the soup-had to serve two

If a person preferred not to use his spoon, or if one had not been suppled him, he drank his soup from the porringer held by one of the ears. Those present at the table put their hands into the common dish to take such pieces of meat as they preferred, though it was not expected they would explore the mass too thoroughly. This will pass for a description of the way a meal was eaten in an aristocratic family in Europe years before America was discovered by Columbus.

This elegance of appointment and manners was not found lower down in the social scale. In families of less ingof each week in Fraternity Hall, at 7:30 p. m. before eating, napkins were not supplied, and not only were meats taken with the fingers from the common dish, but the soup was placed upon the table in a large vessel into which every one dipped his spoon and conveyed the liquid to his mouth.-San Francisco Chronicle.

Venom of the Cobra.

A vivid notion of the intensity of a cobra's venom is given by the experience of Dr. Francis T. Buckland. He put a rat into a cage with a snake of that species, and it was killed after a plucky fight. Upon examining the skin of the dead rat immediately afterward he found two very minute punctures, like gmall needle holes, where the fangs of the cobra had entered The flesh seemed already to have actually mortified in the neighborhood of the wound. Anxious Buckland scraped away the hair from it with his finger nail.

Then he threw the rat away and started homeward. He had not walked 100 vards before, all of a sudden, he felt as if somebody had come behind him and struck him a severe blow on the head and neck. At the same time he experienced a most acute pain and sense of oppression about the chest. He knew in stantly that he was poisoned, and so lost no time in seeking an apothecary shop, where he was dosed with brandy and ammonia. He came very near dying. Undoubtedly a small quantity of venom had made its way into his system through a little cut beneath his pafi, where it had been separated slightly from the flesh in the process of cleaning the nail with a penknife a little time

before.- Washington Post.

A Long Sleep in Silesia.

A most peculiar case of prolonged sleep is at present occupying the attention of service. Strangers cordially invited. Seats free. medical circles in Germany. A miner named Johann Latus is an inmate of the hospital at Myslowitz, in Silesia, where he was admitted four months and a half ago, and since then all efforts to wake him have been fruitless. Dr. Albers, the doctor attending him, is of the opinion that the apparent sleep is really a state of catalepsy, though medical science has on record no previous case of such a prolonged nature. He has arrived at this conclusion on account of all the dimbs being absolutely rigid. The appearance of the man, however, betrays no signs of this. The body lies quite still, the breathing is regular, and there is a healthy color in the cheeks. In the last few days the body has become much less rigid, and the patient has even made some slight movement, without, how-ever, the eyes opening or the condition of apparent sleep being in any way dis-turbed. In the four months and a half that the sleep has lasted the hair has increased in length, but the beard has remained stationary. Nourishment to the extent of two or three liters of milk is administered daily by a tube inserted into the throat.-Vienna Letter.

A Monster Wheel.

The new 30-foot flywheel to replace the one which burst on the Amoskeag corporation at Manchester, N. H., last fall, has been completed and put in position for use as soon as the engine is in readiness. Twenty thousand feet of brown ash was used in the construction of the wheel, as well as 18,000% by 316-inch screws, a lot of iron rods, tons of iron and quarts of glue. The small wooden sections are fastened together by glue and the screws, and to strengthen the whole there are stout iron rods passing through the sections in addition to this. The screws are driven by steam power. To make the whole mass as compact as possible narrow openings were left between some of the sections. and into these were tightly driven well fitting wedges soaked in boiling hot

The time of its test is being awaited with interest by the mill people. It has been necessary to keep a large gang of men at work upon the racks in the mill in order to prevent interference in the mills from ice.—Lowell Citizen.

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—T. C. Rice.

Two Spiders. In an angle of a basement wall I knew a contented and plethoric hermit spider. In the opposite corner dwelt another. One was black and the other was the color of ashes. One was very fat and the other exceedingly lean. But their webs were as nearly alike as possible, and they both caught flies that came through the same window. There was no social intercourse and I used to sit on the steps and imagine the rivalry in business that must exist and the consequent hatred. I meant in the course of time to discover what the consequences would be if they were made to exchange webs, but a predacious female with a broom came upon the scene, with a result whose details would not strike the reader as novel.

But I am convinced that Montague and Capulet are characters not unknown in the spider kindred, though they reverse the usual and natural order of enmity, and fight only when they are blood relatives and precisely alike. The gray and the black might live in distant amity in the same basement, but two grays or two blacks-abdomen, size and general family likeness agreeing-would not.-Belford's Review.

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