MONDAY, JULY 9, 1888. ASTONISHING PRAIS.

Miraculous Transformations of a Ball of Twine - The Rose and the Cup-A Deadly Serpent - Another Wonderful Piece of Deception.

While traveling through India, between Surat and Nagpore, my body servant one day informed me that a great juggler and anake charmer wished to have the honor of showing me something of his skill

My servant withdrew and presently re-turned with a small, withered old man, about whom I saw nothing remarkable except the eyes which were small, black and piercing and seemed to have lightning imprisoned in them I do not know whether the man could see me in the dark like a cat, but there was at times that peculiar flery appearance of the balls which is so often observable in night prowling animals

He wore a white vest, Turkish trousers, a kind of crimson petticoat worked with strange device. a turban of many colors and morocco shoes pointed and turned up at the toes His arms and neck were bare, and with the exception of a couple of heavy and with the exception of a couple of heavy gold rings in his ears, he displayed no extraneous ornaments. His age I judge to be 60 and his short mustache was almost white. He made a slow salam and then suddenly produced—from where I did not see and cannot tell—a large ball of twine, which he appeared to toss in my lap, keeping hold of one end, so that it unrolled the whole distance between him and me- at least ten feet-saying as he

did so
"Will your excellency please examine

what you see?"

Now I honestly aver that I saw that ball of twine when he threw it as plainly as I ever saw anything in my life—saw it come toward me saw it unroll and appears to that I have no that I parently drop into my lap, so that I brought my knees quickly together to catch it, and yet when I put my hand down to take it, and looked down for it, it was not there-nothing was there, and at the same instant I perceived the juggler dancing it on the end of his finger A WONDERFUL TRANSPORMATION.

"Does your excellency think I have it?"

And before I could answer I saw in place of the ball a beautiful large red rose, which he was balancing by the stem—and yet he had not altered his position in the least nor scarcely stirred a finger. While yet I looked I saw in his right hand a cup and in his left a rose. He stepped forward a few feet, laid the rose on the ground, and placed the cup Over it.

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Here, it will be observed, there was no machinery to assist him—no table with its faise top concealed compartments and confederate, perhaps, to effect a change, as we see similar tricks performed in a place fitted by a magician for the purpose—but only my own quarters, in the full light of day with myself closely watching every movement, within five feet of him, and my attendants grouped around almost

as near Having covered the rose with a cup—as I would be willing to take my oath, for I saw the rose as distinctly as the bollow vessel held by the top went slowly down over it—the conjurer resumed his former place, and said

"Will your excellency be kind enough to lift the cup and see what is under it?" Of course, I would have wagered a heavy sum that the rose was still there for one thing because expecting some trick, I had kept my eye on it to the last moment, and was certain there was no possibility of its being removed after a hand had let go of the cup at the top I complied with the request, stepped

forward and raised the cup, but instantly dropped it with a cry of terror—for there, instead of the rose was one of the little, deadly green serpents of India, coiled up deady green serjents of india. Coned up and ready to spring, with its small glistening eyes fixed intently on mine. Snakes of any kind are my horror, and this one not only horrifled me, but all my attendants who with cries of alarm enlarged the circle very rapidly, for they knew its bite to be fatal

"It is perfectly harmless, your excel-lency grinned the old man, walking up to it lifting it by the neck, putting its head in his mouth and allowing it to run down his throat

THE TUBE AND TWINE

He next produced a tube that looked like brass, about two feet long and half an inch in diameter, and next the ball of twine again Where these things came from or went to I could not tell They seemed to be in his hands when he wanted them but I never observed his hands passing near his dress either when they appeared or disappeared. When I looked for the cup that I had lifted from the anale it was gone, and yet neither myself nor any of my attendants had seen this wondorful man pick it up it was indeed juggiers if not magic, of the most un-tionable kind

Through the brass tube the conjurer passed one cod of the twine, which he put between his teeth. He then put the tube between his weeth. He then put the tube between his tips throw back his hoad and held it perpendicularly, with the ball of twine at the upper end. Then suddenly the ball began to turn and turn rapidly, and granually grow smaller, till it entirely disappeared, as if the twine had run off on a reci. What turned it or where it went to no one sould see. The juggler then set the other end up, and a new ball began to form on the ton but apparently ribto form on the top, but apparently rib-bon of ta.f an inch in width and different These rolled up as if on a bobbin, till it formed a wheel two or three inches in d'ameter, when the performer seemed to tess ribbon and tube over his shoulder,

and that was the last I saw of either. He next produced what appeared to be the same cup i had lifted from the snake, showing something that appeared to be an egg advanced the same as before and placed the latter on the ground and the former over it, and again requested me to open it, which I declined to do, fearing I should see another screent or something

equally terrifying At this he took up the cup himself and appeared to throw it in the sir, and there sat in its place a beautiful dove, which flew up and alighted on his shoulder. took it into his hand and muttered over some unintelligible words, seemed to crain it into his mouth and that was the last I saw of that also. -St. Louis Sayings.

The People to Decide

In his letter to the count Mayor Hewitt says: "Discarding all side issue, a me that there is really only as to be decided by the people in ing election. Both platfor

that the national revenues are la excess of the expenditures required for the economical conduct of the govern-ment. * * The Democratic party renews its pledge to reduce the revenues by reducing the taxes, but the Repub-lican party, having resisted all cifors locking to this end, have been forced by the inexorable logic of the situation to declare in favor of reducing the revenue by increasing the taxes.

The plain issue thus presented to the American people cannot be obscured by any sophistry, or by any pleas for special interests or favored classes of the seople. Does any sane man believe that a country can be enriched by raising the taxes? Is it not plain to the dullest understanding that if consumers pay more for their supplies they must be indomnified, if indemnified at all, by a higher

price for their products? There you have the whole matter in a nut-shell. The Republican policy will give full sway to combines, trusts and monopolies. They will be protected in their raids on the slender earnings of the laborer. They will charge him what they please for the necessaries and comforts of life, and if he grambles, why, he most grin and bear it, that's all.

the Democratic policy is, as Cleveland aid in his message, as the party said at t. Louis, to give the poor man all posdes, the aim is to reduce taxes to the the people must decide which plan bey like better.

He Was a Miracle Worker.

rom the San Francisco Argonaut: Brigham Young often had to exert the whole of his wonderfully quick wit in order to preserve the faith that his folowers had in him, but he was generally equal to the occasion. A certain elder, while chopping wood, had cut his leg so badly that it had to be amputated. As soon as he was able he came to Young and stated his case somewhat as follows: I have always been a good Mormon I have several wives and a good many children, and in my present maimed confition I do not know how I am to provide FRANK DOWNEY, Proprietor or them. I believe truly that you are 'hrist's representative on earth, and hat you have all the power that He had. If you like, you can work miracles; if you ike, you can give me a new leg, and now ask you to do it." Young assented to all the flattering propositions as they were laid down, and when the elder had finished speaking, he said: "I can give you a new leg, and I will, but I want you to think about it a little at first. When the day of judgment comes, wherever you are buried, your old leg will find you out and join itself to you, but if I give you a new one, that will rise with you, too, and the question is whether you would rather suffer the inconvenience of getting along with one for a few years here or go through all eternity with three legs." The choice was quickly made, and Brigham Young's reputation as a miracleworker was saved.

A Congressional Robber Job. From the Chicago Tribune

A member of Congress furnishes us this tem of interest to the taxpayers: The Army Appropriation bill contains

Four hundred thousand dollars for ten or guns of the Zalinski pattern, or \$40, 000 a gun, the actual cost of which is at the rate of \$2,000. Profit of the Zalinski Gun Company

38,000 on each gun, or \$38,000 on the term gruns. The Navy Appropriation bill contains

in item as follow Five hundred thousand dollars for the

ame guns as above indicated. Profit to Zalinski Gun Company, \$480,

Harrison a Religious Man. From the Boston Transcript.

Councillor McPherson was jubilant, He said: "Harrison was my choice after It's an excellent nomination. Blaine. Harrison will appeal to that strong ele ment who want to see men earnest of purpose and religion chosen to high office. I know a Quincy clergyman, Rev. Edmund Muse, a Southern loyalist, who was in the army with Harrison, though not in his command. He says that Har-rison was celebrated among the officers in Sherman's army for his earnest relig ious nature. Harrison had prayers in his tent at night and was a sincere Christian

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