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An attack made by three killer whales upon a cow whale and her calf. in a lagoon along the coast just south of here, recently, says a San Diego (Cal.) dispatch, was one of the most exciting fish fights ever ob-served here. The cow whale was of the California gray species, the calf being three times the bulk of the largest of the killer whales. The latter made alternate assaults upon the old whale and her offspring, finally killing the calf, which sank in five fathoms of water. During the terrific struggle the mother was nearly exhausted, receiving several deep cuts about the throat and lips. When the carcass of the calf settled to the bottom the three killers descended, bringing up large pieces of flesh, which they devoured at the surface. While thus gorging themselves the wounded mother whale escaped,

leaving a bloody trail. These killer whales fight almost everything they see, and they fight to win. As pugilists of the sea they are incomparable. Strongly built bodies, an arrow-like swiftness in swimming and a bulldog disposition strike terror to all their opponents. Even the terri-ble man-eater and tiger sharks will run from a killer whale. The heavily armed swordfish is an easy victim to this savage foe. Seals, whales and big fish generally have a mortal fear of him, and invariably run away from him if they can. The spectacle of a fight between these wolves of the ocean and the large whales they attack is something long to be remembered. When several killers attack their gigantic prey they might be likened in some respects to a pack of hounds holding the stricken deer at bay. They cluster about the leviathan's head, some of their number breaching over it, while others seize it by the lips and haul the bleeding monster under water. When captured, should the mouth of the victim be open,

the killers eat out its tongue. Killer whales interfere with the affairs of men at times. Instances are reported where bands of killers have attacked the carcass of a whale as the whalers were towing it to the ship, and forcibly carried away the dead fish. They destroy many young fur seal, and often remain a long time in the vicinity of the seal islands. In the stomach of a killer sixteen feet long were found thirteen porpoises and fourteen seals, Sometimes the killer attacks a fullgrown walrus, robbing it of its young. These whales are frequently found twenty to thirty feet long. The highfinned killer has an enormous daggershaped fin upon its back six feet long. When the fish swims high this fin towers above the surface, and observers unacquainted with it have been positive that it was a sea-serpent. This weak egans.
Pains in the back, losses by day or nightstopped LONDON'S ferocious whale is related to the por-

LONDON'S BURGLARS.

ties They Paid. According to the annual report of the commissioner of police the statistics for the past year record 509 cases of burglary in the metropolis, as compared with 637 in 1892. Notwithstanding this marked decrease in the number of these offenses, the convictions obtained were 147, as against 145 in the previous year. In three cases, says the Westminster Budget, the crime was accompanied by acts of violence against the person. In eight cases only did the value of the property stolen exceed £100. The net total loss of property by burglaries, estimated by the owners,

was £3,216, as compared with £4,915 in The cases of housebreaking numbered 1,343, being 23 more than in 1802. In none of these was anyact of violence against the person reported. The net total loss was £13,398, as compared with £10,079 in the preceding year. In 79 of these cases the criminals found no property which they thought worth carrying away. In 115 cases the property stolen was valued by the owners at less than £1, and in 41 cases only did the loss exceed £50.

The vast majority of these crimes are committed to the prejudice of the poorer classes of the metropolis, at whose expense gangs of professional thieves habitually maintain themselves in idleness by a life of crime. Convictions were obtained in 100 cases, but in 21 eases only were sentences of penal servitude awarded, and these, with four exceptions, were for terms of from three to five years; the exceptions were one sentence of ten years, one of eight years and two of six years.

tude in only 37 cases, and of these there were but six instances in which the term awarded exceeded five years. The maximum sentence of ten years was imposed in three instances.

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The United States government, as a rule, pays higher salaries to its empleyes than private firms pay for the same class of work. Despite this fact there is probably no class of clerks so continually "hard up" as these same government employes, says the Philadelphia Press. This is true at least in Washington, where the majority of the employes are protected in their positions by the civil service laws, and A Weird Performance in Which Grotesque where it would be supposed there would be more opportunity for saving than in positions less sure of tenure.

The average department clerk receives what would be considered a very snug salary in most any other city, especially in cities where metropolitan prices for living do not prevail. It would be safe to place the average salary received at one thousand dollars per annum. It can be stated as a rule almost that these clerks are in debt from one year's end to the other. They are in debt to the butcher, the baker and the grocery man, and their frequent changes of residence are due to a habit they have of neglecting to pay rent for their houses. This sort of thing is kept up until their debts are brought to the attention of their superiors in office, when the alternative is given of paying off their indebtedness in monthly installments to be kept out of their salaries or of leaving the government

The faculty of the government clerk to get in debt has created a class of Shylocks in the various departments in Washington the like of which would be hard to find in any other city. They are appropriately called "ten per centers." They feed upon the unfortunate cierk who is living beyond his or her salary like vultures upon the stricken deer. They have their spies out in every direction, and learn of the financial condition of their intended victims in ways no honorable person would adopt. To a clerk in distress for ready money they appear and offer the cash to meet pressing wants. The bait is too tempting, and the victim borrows under the agreement that it shall be paid back at the end of the month at the exorbitant rate of ten per cent. interest for the thirty days. If not met at the end of the time stipulated the loan, or part of it, is continued at the same rate for another month, and often times within a twelvemonth the poor clerk has paid more than the original sum in interest

Enticing circulars are sent to the clerks by these "ten per centers." Sums ranging from ten dollars to five hundred dollars are offered as loans under the "strictest secrecy." The security asked is merely nominal. Furniture is What They Did Last Year and the Penalusually the security suggested in the circulars. These sharks well know that the clerk's nominal note is sufficient to guarantee a payment of the loan, as the presentation of it to the chief of office usually results in arrangements being made for the return of the money out of the monthly salary of the victim.

The local newspapers are full of the advertisements of these "ten per cent-Their alluring offers are especially intended for that class of employes who desire to cut a figure in Washington society, but who need ready cash at times to indulge their ambition. For instance, a lady in one of the departments fee:s that it will add very materially to her standing in society if she were to give a "pink ten" or some function of that sort. She must do so at a certain period of the year-during the social season. She has exhausted her credit at the grocery and the confectionery, so a little ready money in hand is an absolute necessity for the accomplishment of her plans. The enticing circular of the "ten per center" is brought to her notice, and she cannot resist the temptation. The money is borrowed, the social function passes off, and the poor victim finds herself in the clutches of a money shark, who will keep her stinted for the necessities of life until his ten per cent, a month interest and principal is paid.

years ago, and to the discredit of the stamps, issued in 1875, have always government was largely carried on by been subjected to much harsh criticism. employes of the departments who were in position to know the wants and necessities of their fellow-clerks. So oppressive did the system become that rules were adopted forbidding employes The 147 convictions for burglary were of the departments to loan money to followed by sentences of penal servi- their fellow-employes. These rules have been observed so strictly that the "ten per cent." business has been pretty well driven from the departments. It is now carried on, as has been suggested above, by means of circulars and advertisements in the daily newspapers, and the average government clerk finds it a difficult to get out of debt as formerly. The success that has attended this system of moneylending has at last aroused competition. The chronic desire of government clerks to borrow money has stimulated the organization of a company that now proposes to cut rates with the old-time Shylocks, and offers to loan money at three per cent. per month. This means a yearly rate of thirty-six per cent. but that is quite a reduction from one hundred and twenty, which is now charged.

NIR HOWELL BALBOX, who is to become commander in shief at Ports mouth: Borland, in June, became a 🤰 eadot at toulye, was made a communder at twenty-three and a post-captain at twenty-eight. He has been on the admiral's list for lifteen years.

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Shortly after sundown the fete of San Lorenzo was inaugurated. It was an opening performance, as weird as a ritches' dance, with a fiend from the Inferno fiddling out the accompaniment, says a Bernalillo dispatch to the New York advertiser. Fagot fires were lighted in every square of the narrow, dusty streets, and soon the town was all ablaze with the yellow glare that cast fantastic shadows upon the walls of the little cubes of mud, the abode houses of a sun-kissed clime. A shot was fired, and there emerged from one of the low buildings a string of as peculiarly-garbed men as one might see in a year's travel through foreign countries. They came tripping out in single file, about twenty in number, swaying their lissome bodies in rhythm with a two-string fiddle and a guitar that was sadly out of tune, the while executing a dance that was never seen upon any stage. The costume was really a wonderful affair, the headdress being markedly striking in design and

finish. In shape something like the French chapeau, it served the double purpose of a mask and headgear, extending to the mouth and enveloping the greater part of the head. It was gayly tinseled and tasseled and fairly shone with beads and all the ornamentation which the Mexican fancy can suggest. The lower part of the face was concealed by a silk handkerchief of brilliant color, leaving a small aperture for breathing purposes. Down the back floated vari-colored streamers, and capes of rich material drooped gracefully from the shoulders. In one and they carried scroll work that by a short flight of wooden steps. ooked like the substantial side of a paper rack, and with the other they rattled their prettily decorated castanets in tune with the monotonous lancers were distinguished in an origirelvet trousers were drawn abbreviated position on the hilltop. balloon pantalettes of the style so af-

ing the step, but varying the snoveweird scene. The glow from the fires cay and demolition of the building. ireadfully accentuated the painted The framework, which alone rean interesting part of the stage group. owned by James R. Pitcher of Short and the gaunt and sallow faces of the Hills. It is safe to say that no object The dancers never appeared to grow nothing was more missed from the landtired. It was "Oh, on with the dance" | scape. all the time, until a diversion was created by the sudden appearance of an evil spirit in the makeup of a bull. This fellow wore horns, and the greater part of his body was incased in the hide of the animal that shows so much antipathy to red.

ored society.

A Paris newspaper offers prizes for the best designs for a new issue of This Shylock business was begun French postage stamps. The present

NEW JERSEY'S ARK.

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This ark, says an eastern exchange, would have been a mere cockleshell upon the broad expanse of waters, and if its builder built it for a second deluge he took care not to put too much of an outlay on a useless object. It was twenty-five years ago that B. F. Kissam owned Mount Ararat and many broad acres surrounding it. His fine residence stood on the east side of the Springfield turnpike, in Milburn township, about a mile and a half from the viilages of Milburn and Springfield.

Not far from his house was the base of Mount Ararat. This spot was the highest point on his domain, from which a fine view could be obtained of the surrounding country. It was in the year 1869—according to the people still living in Milburn—that Mr. Kissam constructed the queer wooden building which looked like an "ark," and was perched upon the crest of this eminence. The craft was about fifteen feet long by five feet wide, pointed at both ends, and surmounted by a canopy supported by fancy posts, much on the Swiss style. The boat stood about two feet from the ground and was reached

Its interior arrangements were very meager, consisting only of comfortable seats at the ends and on both sides. As the sides were not inclosed it was exmovements of the dance. Some of the posed to the elements, and though kept in repair during the ownership of the al and startling way, which, to the | builder it became a prey to the influ American onlooker, lent ridicule to the ence of time and the storms, which whole inane proceeding. Over their | found it a good mark in its unprotected

At one time it was a favorite resort feeted by the comic paper cartoonists | for the school children during the week in their sketches of the aunties of coldays, and on Sundays was the Mecca to which boys and girls turned their steps Around the flaming fagot fires they when out for a walk. If any boy had formed and amid a silence as profound a new jackknife whose qualities were as a graveyard at night they circled to be tried, the "ark" was the best obhese tributes to the saint, never chang- ject to attack. As a result it was covered with all sorts of poetic effusions, acuts of the body at command of the both original and otherwise. Initials and ader. Sometimes they would bow names were carved, cut, or scratched and scrape to the flames, and then fall in every nook and corner. These pento the earth and squirm and wriggle knife attacks helped along the destrucike so many herrid snakes. It was a tion, and each year witnessed the de-

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