Snake Story.

We extract the following thrilling tale from a volume of adventures recently and the first beyond all question in published in Europe. The hero of the squalor and shameful neglect, is St. scene is a sailor, who, with his com- Paul's Convent Garden. In the foulest panions, were on an East India island, corner of this dismal, dirty solitude, preparing to leave it, but could not fin- under a thick cake of accumulated filth

ish a sail they were making. He says: of half a century, with no stone, or in-We worked hard, and being bunglers, deed any indication to mark its site, much of the work had to be done over save the minute accounts of Aubrey, is again three or four times. We were, the grave of our greatest national comic however, pretty near the end of our job, poet—Samuel Butler, the author of when an adventure befel me, the recollection of which, reproduced in dreams, nettles and greens, grimy flat stones, often makes me start up in bed in covered with old shoes, offal, battered a cold sweat of horror. I have seen it kettles and broken bottles flung from told, not quite correctly, in a popular the neighboring windows, lie Sir Peter periodical, probably by some one who had heard it directly or indirectly from Sir Robert Strange, the "greatest enme. It thus fell out. The sail, a lug graver perhaps the country has ever sail, did not set well. I having, or believing I had, more knowledge upon Walcot (Peter Pindar); Carl, Earl of the subject than the others, remained | Somerset; the dramatists Southern and by the boat, whilst my mates returned | Wycherly; the actors Haines, Estcourt to the ship, turned in, and made them- and Macklin. Some of these may have feeling more patriotic every moment. selves comfortable. I worked on till I been buried in the Church, many of had thoroughly wearied myself-for the them, we know, had monuments, but out, Nancy!" he said, as he dropped his Southern night, with its glorious moon | every one of these has been stripped off | hat in the hall. and fields of splendid stars, was as bril- the walls of the church, broken to pieces liant as day, though cold for the cli- and huddled together into the vaults. in a careless tone. mate, a chill wind having set in imme- Not a trace of the graves, not a vestige diately after sunset.

This, with the work I was engaged in | in-the-Fields, Lord Herbert, of Cher--cutting and stitching the sail-did bury, was buried. His monument has more freely than it was my wont to do is lost. The same fate has befallen Anof the excellent brandy I had provided drew Marwell. The monument of bend it on the ship-shape, and perhaps ist still remains in the church-yard, but traced one of the maps. more than half seas over (I was not an is gradually crumbling to pieces. St. abstemious man in those days), lay Martin's-in-the-Fields contains the re- off the lawn this morning, and did you has brought many to untimely graves. What is down just under the lee of the boat, mains of Nell Gwynn, John Hunter, took a few pulls at the brandy flask and the great surgeon, and Mrs. Centlivre, dropped off to sleep. Sleep! yes, the but the sight of all the three graves has sleep of devils! Frightful, horrible been lost, their monuments have been dreams oppressed me. I was stifled, shattered to pieces and sealed up in the crushed with nightmare. That was the closed vaults. In St. Giles' Crippleimpression on my half unconscious gate reposes the body of John Milton. mind. At last I fully awoke. Good Pews have been built over his grave, God! the icy chill which ran through and the bust, a very fine one, has been my veins, when I, by brilliant, moon- removed to a more convenient place; a light, discovered the cause of the night- fitting sequel to the brutal desecration mare which was stifling me.

The fetid, horrible smell of serpents | ward the end of the last century. In was in my nostrils, and I saw that two Twickenham Church, also, pews have cobras, one, the largest I had ever seen, been erected over the grave of Pope, together, and, being quite motionless, an itinerant phrenologist. In St. Anne's, were, I judged, asleep. To stir, to Soho, is the grave of William Hazlitt, awake them, was certain death. In less which appears like the tombs in St. than an hour, if I were bitten ever so Paul's Convent Garden, to be also a slightly, I should be a mass of corrup-tion. Paralyzed, fainting with fear, I tles. It is almost superfluous to add lay perfectly still, but feeling that the that the headstone has been removed; dreadful suspense could not be long en- it row reposes with ludicrous incondured, and I must soon start up and sistency against the walls of the church cast off the horrible reptiles an any next to that of King Theodore of Corrisk. They were evidently asleep, and sica. The Savoy Chapel, in which Gamight be flung at a distance before be- wen Douglass, one of the greatest of ing able to make use of their fatal fangs. the early Scotch poets, and George But, merciful God! they begin to stir Wither, the graceful author of "The

Ha! is that the snapping, chirping garnished; everything has been oblitbark of our pet mongoose (ichneumons) | erated. In the old St. Pancras church- tors: which alarms the reptiles? Let me ex- vard, which is associated with many

The mongoose is the natural enemy max, and we have no hesitation in sayof snakes, and in a combat with one is ling that such a church-yard is a dissure to be the victor. The bite of the grace to a civilized country. There, in snake produces but a momentary effect tombs gaping half open, in a huge, upon the little animal -appears to make filthy solitude of nettles and elder trees, it giddy for a few minutes, when it lie jumbled together English worthies, seems to recover itself by eating herbs | illustrious lawyers and soldiers, statesgrowing among the grass. This, how- men and noble French exiles. In the ever, is a disputed point. However it semi-corroded epitaths the painful may be, the mongoose swiftly returns reader can still spell out the names of to the attack, and the snake, as I was princely houses and the titles of vantold, is invariably killed.

The island furnished ichneumons al- prising that their descendants should most as plentifully as snakes. Lafrane not be careful to see that the graves of and Dupont managed to tame and do- their distinguished aucestors should at mesticate three of them-not a very dif- least be decent. In that church-yard, ficult task-knowing that not one of the too, there is still standing the stone serpent tribe will approach where they | which marks the grave of William Godare or have been recently, no more than | win and his first wife, Mary Wollstonea cockroach will venture out of its hole craft. If Mr. Paul's account of the rein a kitchen where a hedgehog keeps moval of their remains to Bournemouth watch and ward. Our ichneumons be correct, the stone must now mark a were special pets of mine, and were cenotaph, though it marks something then, scenting the serpents and missing still more interesting. It was on this me and the evening meal I always pro- spot that Shelley stood when he engagvided for them, coming to the rescue. ed himself to his second wife-God-

Yes, by heaven! the quick ears of the | win's daughter, Mary. The tombstone serpents have recognized the rapid ap- stands by itself, near the railway. As proach of the dreaded mongoose; their it must soon follow the rest, if it is not horrid snake glances glow with fear and looked after, it seems a pity that somerage; their hoods dilate as they untwist thing should not be done to preserve it. themselves, and glide off in the hope of | Within a stone's-throw of this interestescape; but, finding that impossible, ing spot is the tomb of a celebrated turn to fight. The ichneumons desire Bishop of Lyons, a man who filled adnothing better. They spring upon the mirably a most responsible position serpents, bite them on the back part of during the troubles which succeeded the head, and carry on the battle, of the French revolution. He died an exwhich I am a delighted spectator, with | ile in London, and the graceful Latin a spirit, a cheerful, chirrupy vigor, inscription which records his services. which is, I feel, though I never actually and was intended to embalm his memowitnessed such a combat before, a sure ry, is now all but illegible. In St. augury of success. The battle is not a | Clement Danes Church, which was once protracted one—the snakes are dead, adorned with many handsome monu- "And, further, who hit you?" and my pets running after and leaping ments, not one is now remaining. Poor up at me appear to know they have res- Nat Lee, the once popular dramatic ful reply. eued me from death, and will have in poet, lies in the church-yard, but his reward an even more bountiful supper tombstone has of course long been dethan usual. They are not mistaken, stroyed, and the site is now unknown. Our friends and my fellows, were pain- In the neighborhood of St. Bride's fully excited by the incident which had, | Church were interred the great printer. however, so happily terminated, and Wynken de Worde; Sir Richard Baker, for my part, I was not myself again for the chronicler immortalized by Addiseveral days. I never slept in the open | son, and Samuel Richardson, the novel-

quette demands the observance of two author of Clarissa Harlowe reposes. rules in connection with dinners which Thompson, the poet, lies in Richmond o it is the worst possible taste to violate Church, but the authorities, following House of Correction before your senin any country, many delinquents to the example of their Twickenham neighthe contrary notwithstanding. They bors, have erected pews on the site of are that all dinner invitations shall be the grave, and it is now impossible to answered at once-no waiting to see if recognize it. Bolingboke has shared a pleasanter enjoyment presents itself, and that the guest shall be punctual to and similar feats have been played in and take the first train for Europe." the hour specified. That the success of the old church at Chelsea, a still more the party depends largely upon these is celebrated spot. In St. James', Picarself-evident. The next important matter dilly, the tomb of the poet Akenside tion," remarked the Court, and that lies with the host or hostess, to settle has also disappeared as completely as ended the case.—Deiroit Free Press. beforehand the correct precedence, and if there is none, to consider which couples best suit each other. There are | News. several methods of arranging the order in which the guests are to go down; one is for the host, before dinner is an- CINDERS .- A new process of casting and nounced, to introduce each gentleman to the lady whom he is to take to dinner; but this has its inconveniences, and the wiser plan is thought to be for the nounced, to introduce each gentleman annealing paving blocks of furnace cinner; but this has its inconveniences, and in taking the slag as it flows from the man, and life is full of thorns—rememthe wiser plan is thought to be for the hostess to dispatch the guests herself when the host gives his arm to the lady has taken down. Once arrived in the he takes down. Once arrived in the and left to cool down to a dull red color. your husband with a rolling-pin or a dining-room, the host should tell each The molds are then opened and the dining-room, the host should tell each couple as they appear, where they are to sit. An experienced hostess always takes special care not to seat husbands. The molds are then opened and the blocks are taken out and annealed in a furnace for 24 hours. They are then takes special care not to seat husbands. The principal improves takes special care not to seat husbands ready for use. The principal improve- hair at the table in a dish of mashed poand wives opposite each other. One ment in this process is in the annealing thing should never be forgotten. Every gentleman must place the lady he escorts on his right hand. He should structing walls for building purposes and engineering work.

of the blocks of slag. Thus prepared, the blocks would be suitable for constructing walls for building purposes and engineering work.

pany at tea. The poact well, and is infinitely more lady-like. Good-by. Write every day, and don't forget your poor old mother. Boo! hoo!" gentlemen enter the room singly, not arm-in-arm, and the ladies retain their

Neglected Graves in London.

ished glory. It seems, indeed, sur-

ist. All traces of the first two have

the grave, and it is now impossible to

that of the old Duke of Queensberry,

which lies in the same church .-- London

PAVEMENT BLOCKS FROM FURNACE

change. - Exchange.

War News. The first of these spots in interest, minutes before his enthusiasm was up to the boiling point.

lions and billions of dollars to this country!" he shouted, as he broke through one of the office chairs. "Yes, it will," somebody remarked.

ital, make money plenty, and just set us all to whooping!" he whooped as he scratched the leg wounded at the first Bull Run.

Somebody remarked that it probably

Taking five newspaper war maps under one arm, and the London Times under the other, Mr. White left the office and proceeded directly homeward, "Oh! we're going to lay em right

"Did you order the flour?" she asked,

"Flour! What do I care about flour? The Russians have got Kars and half of of the monuments remain. In St Giles'

the Turkish army! "Have, eh! Well, I hope that papernot induce warmth, so that I partook also entirely disappeared, and his grave banger will be here in the morning. You didn't think to see about-"

"Right here is Kars, and right here myself with. At all events, tired, vexed — George Chapman, the immortal translational description of I could not so set the sail as to tor of Homer, and the eloquent dramatic claimed, as he knelt on the floor and North Broad st., Philadelphia, Pa. "Did, eh! Say, John, can't you rake

> see about the whitewashing?" when all Europe is convulsed with war?" he fiercely demanded, as he shook the BY;" it has cured, during the last half of a cen-

other four maps at her. out to-day," she replied, as she hunted | Sold by all druggists. through the work-basket for a button

with an eye on it. "Onion beds marked out, when this very copy of the London Times editorito which his remains were exposed toin less than sixty days!"

were lying on my breast—where they had no doubt crept for warmtb—twined time ago hawked about the country by was a dead silence until his finger approach to have been some was a dead silence until his finger approach to have been some of his maps. There deformity, than any similar institution is the world.

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be reshingled this Spring?"

says he tore the five war maps into five | tion she commenced the use of the Syrup, the Times against the wall with an awful -to wriggle from each other. I am Shepherds' Hunting" and the "Matchless Orinta," were buried, is swept and

> memories, neglect has realiced its cli-And the proprietor raked the cheeseknife on the edge of the counter to clean it, and replied: "Seems like I haf to kill doze poys

who cut soap mit dis knife." warrior to feel as warriors do? - Detroit Free Press.

OFF FOR EUROPE.—George Carlysle, a prisoner with a black eye and a desolate look, mounted a barrel on Jefferson avenue at midnight, Friday night, and good business suits at from \$40 to \$55, a reducharangued a crowd. The crowd was means of all who study economy intelligently looking for a soft bed in some doorway. precisely as heretofore. Mr. Carlysle didn't ask the old man to

struggle for freedom, truth, religion duced prices. and-and sunthin' to drink. Who will join me?"

The lone old man sat on the curbstone and looked around as if he wanted to join a square meal.

he looked down upon the crowd. The old man stared across the street

"I'll begin the war right here!" shouted the orator, as he fell off the barrel. "Square off, old man, and look out for

vour nose. The lone crowd dusted down the street, yelling "Murder!" at the top of his voice, and Carlysle was arrested as he

as he looked down upon the drunkard. "Fell agin a house," was the mourn-

"Do you want to go to Europe?" "I'd like to be counted in when war

you wash last?"

rages, your Honor." "You are a nice specimen to be around hollering for freedom!" sneered the Court. "You'd better holler for soap and water and a clean shirt. When did

long disappeared, but it is probably not | war?" protested the prisoner. "I'm just DINNER ETIQUETTE.—English eti- too late to identify the spot where the aching to be on the skirmish line along the Dan-u-be.' "You'll be aching to get out of the

tence expires. I am going to make it sixty days. 'Very well," replied the man. "I shall stay up there just seven minutes

by the watch, and then run the guard "Write me from Kalafat or Erzeroum, and don't give me any more informa-

"And above all, Nellie, my love," were the parting words of a West Adams street woman to her daughter as the back to convey the newly-wedded pair to Fort Wayne depot drew up at

Here's another warning. A man It is all very fine to laugh at a wodown town refused to stay home after man's tentrums when a mouse makes its gloves until they are seated, putting them on again before leaving the diningreem hair turned white in less than a minute. man who plays circus while a June bug THE man who puts on a spring coat with the most satisfaction is the house the whitewash brush caused the sudden with the slow and measured step of a day laborer. - Turner Falls Reporter. CLURE. PRINCIPAL, Oakland, Cal.

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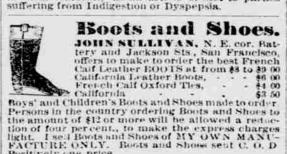
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