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SLEEPING WITH SERPENTS.

Professor Bell, the Smithsonian Institution's agent, shipped his surprising how rapidly they beboys; be easy, boys."

the warm legs of the professor. The professor made a violent re-

mark. He sat up in bed, gathered a handful of snakes in each hand, depositing them carefully on the floor, then throwing back the bedclothes he administered a kick that sent the coach whip flying through the dark to the other end of the room, encountering the lamp in its aerial flight and knocking from its bracket on the wall the fragile skull of an ancient eleven were found to be pure, Florida mound builder.

"Freeze and be hanged!" exclaimed the irate professor. "I'll lutely bad; of thirty-two samples share my bed with you, but you of flour only eighteen were unshan't drive me out." He drew adulterated; and pure ground cof-

The Rev. J. Jessop tells the fol-

What is an Architect.

lowing anecdote: The late Mr. from a single pair for 5,000 years last collection of snakes to the Alexander, the eminent architect, each husband and wife had marnorth two weeks ago, and already was under cross-examination at ried at 21 years of age and there has his museum full again. It is Maidstone, by Sergeant, afterward had been no deaths, the popula-Baron, Garrow, who wished to de- tion of the earth would Be 2,199,come domesticated under his treat- tract from the weight of his testi- 915 followed by 141 ciphers. It ment. During the recent cold timony, and, after asking him what would require to hold this populasnap some of them that he turned was his name, proceeded: "You tion a number of worlds equal to loose in his room at night climbed are a builder, I believe?" "No, 3,156,526 followed by 125 ciphers. up the bedposts and coiled them. sir, I am not a builder; I am an A single globe sufficient to give selves up in his blankets. He architect." "They are much the standing room to this population, felt them hunting for cosy spots same, I suppose?" "I ber your ten to the square yard, would about his legs, and knew that he pardon, sir, I cannot admit that; have a diameter in proportion to ought to get up and provide them I consider them to be totally dif- that of the earth as seven followed with some loose straw, but a ferent." "Oh, indeed, perhaps you by forty-three ciphers to one. sleepy man in a warm bed on a will state wherein this difference Supposing the furthest star visible cold night is not over-obliging, exists?" "An architect, sir," re- in the great Rosse telescope to be and the prfossor snored on musi- plied Mr. Alexander, "conceives some thirteen or fourteen millions cally, as is his custom. The rep- the design, prepares the plan, of miles further from us than the tiles crowded upon one another, draws out the specifications-in nearest, which lie about 70,000 quarrelied, fought a little, hissed, short, supplies the mind, the build- times further than Neptune, the but the professor did not budge; er is merely the bricklayer or the distance from that star, to travel only now and then he would wake carpenter. The builder, in fact, from which light would require slightly and cry softly: "Whist, is the machine, the architect the about 40,000,000 years, would be power that puts the machine to- but the 100,000,000,000,000,000,-At last a big coachwip snake gether and sets it going." "Oh, 000,000,000th part of the radius of found an opening near the edge of very well, Mr. Architect, that will such a globe as would be required the blankets and slowly glided in. do. And now, after your very in- to hold the population we are con-There was a gentle waving up genious distinction without a dif- sidering. A sphere having a raand down of the bedclothes as the ference, perhaps you can inform dius equal to 100,000,000 of years big claybank serpent moved about, the court who was the architect of of light journey would not suffice getting himself comfortable, when the Tower of Babel?" The reply to hold so many human beings. At suddenly he slapped about two for promptness and wit is not to this rate the universe itself would thirds of his frigid length against be rivaled in the whole history of begin to get crowded without rejoinder. "There was no archi- even the service of a commission tect, sir, and hence the confusion." of immigration.

> Just at this time there is a commotion in Paris over the discovery that nearly every article of food that will admit of doctoring is adulterated. A series of analyses was made at the municipal laboradrew attention to the matter. Of sixty two samples of butter only twenty-five being described as "passable," and twenty-six as absoattention of congress.





the blankets over him. A few moments later several pairs of little red eyes moved up the bedposts on either side, and soon snake herder and snakes, in one couch, were lost in peaceful sleep. Jacksonville, Fla., Times.

A French Republican journal draws attention to the fact that the food prevails in this country also. Republic has lately entered on the thirteenth year of its existence -the number thirteen being, as every one knows, the most unlucky in the whole arithmetical series. to drop a spoonful of the so-called The thirteenth year has been, in fact, a more or less fatal epoch in the career of every government which the present century has witnessed in France. It was just thirteen years after his elevation to power that Napoleon entered

on the disastrous Russian campaign of 1812, which caused his downfall. Again in 1827, exactly thirteen years from the restoration, occurred the first reactionary coup d'etat, which led the latter on to the formation of the Polignac Ministry and the revolution in July. The thirteenth year of Louis Phillippe's reign, 1842, was marked by the tragic death of the Duke of Orleans, an event hardly less fatal to the dynasty. The thirteenth year of the reign of Napoleon III witnessed the unfortunate Mexican expedition, the "beginning of the end" of the second empire.

A log cut on the Skagit last week measured nine feet across at less than five years, one enthusiast the stump. The first cut was over in the market. twenty-four feet in length, and measured eighty-four inches; the next log thirty-two feet, and seventy-six inches at the top; and the third log was thirty-six feet long and measured sixty-three inches. and Seminole counties who have Ninety-two feet of saw-logs was out from the tree, the average dia long time, and occasionally ameter being seventy-four inches. intermarried. Secretary Teller This tree would probably scale has the matter under advisement 12,000 feet. If removed they may make

trouble. An amateur dramatic company, at Mackanday, Ill., rehearsed a border play on Monday evening. John Perl took a rifle to send a bullet whistling past the head of his brother James, but placed it in his rheumatism of the ankles. St. Jabrain. The coroner's jury declared cobs Oil caused the pain to disapit accidental. pear in a few hours.

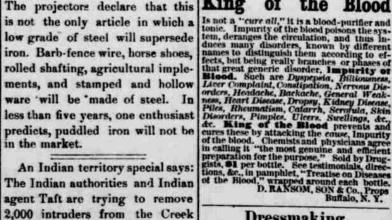
fee was the exception, not the rule. Pepper showed the vilest adulteration, "the sweepings of the large shops" being a frequent ingredient, and only one sample in three being what it pretended to be. This is bad enough on the

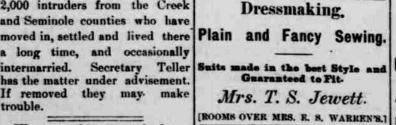
Parisians, but it is well known that the system of adulterating The article of powdered sugar is mixed with flour. To obtain the proof of this-which is familiar to housekeepers-it is only necessary sugar into a glass of water, which it will soon whiten to the color of milk. But flour is a harmless ingredient. 1f nothing worse were put into our food we would at least escape the chances of being injured in health.

A revolution in industry as great as that when cast iron nails superseded wrought iron ones is impending, if the Bessemer steel works.

bout being established at Wheeling, prove a success. The project contemplates the manufacture of a low grade of steel for the manfacture of steel nails, which will not only be produced cheaper than iron nails, but will be far lighter, stronger, and more serviceable. The projectors declare that this is not the only article in which a low grade of steel will supersede iron. Barb-fence wire, horse shoes, rolled shafting, agricultural implements, and stamped and hollow ware will be made of steel. In

We are neither surprised nor





Notice. startled at such well attested facts HEREBY GIVE NOTICE OF MY INTEN-tion to apply for a Patent for curing and atting up salmon trout, commonly called teel-heads, under the name and style of Borchers' Sugar Cured, Smoked, Boncless almon Trout.," which process has been at-ached and is now made use of by Mesara, towiby, Berry, and Colland in Astoria, Or. J. T. BORCHERS, Astoria, Orsens, Nov. 16, 100 as the following: Mr. C. S. Mayo, manager of the Merrimac Paper Co, Lawrence, Mass., suffered with Astoria, Oregon, Nov. 18, 1882.

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