

A Remarkable Toad.

The toad of Surinam, Dutch Guiana, is very remarkable in one respect. It first awakes to life while on its mother's back. When the eggs are laid the male takes them in his broad paws and contrives to place them on the back of its mate, where they adhere by means of glutinous secretion and by degrees become embedded in a series of curious cells formed for them in the skin. When the process is completed the cells are closed by a kind of membrane, and the back of the female toad bears a strong resemblance to a piece of dark honeycomb when the cells are filled and closed. Here the eggs are hatched, and in these strange receptacles the young pass through their first stages of life, not emerging until they have attained their limbs and can move about on the ground. Over 120 eggs have been counted upon the back of a single Surinam toad.

She Knew Boys.

The Employer—If my wife calls up say that I've just gone out.

The Office Boy—Yes, sir; I'll say it every time she calls up.

The Employer—You mustn't do that. My wife would have a poor opinion of your truthfulness.

The Boy—Yes, sir; she has it now.

The Employer—What do you mean?

The Boy—Why, she called you this morning and asked me if I was the new boy, and I said, "Yes, ma'am." And she said it was no place for a truthful boy. She said you had no use for a truthful boy. Then she said, "Did you ever tell a lie?" And I said, "No, ma'am."

"And what did she say?"

"She said, 'You'll do!'"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Don't Be Conceited.

If you make yourself the center of the universe all your perspective is skewed. There is only one moral center of the universe, and that is God.—Woodrow Wilson.

Scared Her.

Nora—Why did you accept him the third time he proposed? Dora—Because he said it would be the last time.—Judge.

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