

MISSION SANTA CRUZ.

How swiftly here oblivion set her seal... What has the vanished century left of each-

The People Who Like Shakespears. Says Minna Gale-Haynes: "In the engagement I have played in New York I have noticed that the public no longer care for the legitimate."

Punishing an Eskimo Dog. The worst punishment that can be inflicted upon a conscientious leader Eskimo dog is to reduce him to the ranks, and his subject demeanor as he sorrowfully alinks along with his tail between his legs is almost heart-rending.

Narrowing the Bedsteads. Narrow houses and small rooms in flats are necessitating many modifications of life in New York. One result of present conditions is the narrowing of the bedstead.

A Costly Bit of Rope. A man who was arrested and jailed in New Orleans told a pitiful tale of injustice to a visitor who talked to him through the cell door.

Practice Burglars Do Not Approve. Another burglar has fallen a victim to the womanly habit of looking under the bed before retiring.

The Value of a Coconut Tree. The native proverb says, "A coconut tree is a bride's dowry," and really the many uses to which the palm and its products are put are wonderful.

Got Rid of Him. De Smile—Why don't you go to see the De Pinkie girls any more?

A certain amount of opposition is a great help to a man; it is what he wants and must have to be good for anything.

No man has ever achieved a great fortune through his own efforts alone, have perhaps musicians, artists, victors or authors.

Education of Japanese Children. The moral education of Japanese children is conducted partly at home and partly in school and is based largely upon the teachings of the history of the country.

The American woman knows that her feminine attire is a veritable drift of night for respect and courtesy which the American man rarely fails to honor.

THE FEAR OF SNAKES.

Why Many Children and Some Grown Persons Dabble Them.

There are many authenticated instances of children becoming attached to snakes and making pets of them. The solution of a question of this kind is sometimes to be found in the child mind.

The experiment of presenting a caged monkey with a serpent carefully wrapped up in a newspaper and watching his behavior when he gravely opens the parcel, expecting to find nothing more wonderful than the familiar sponge-cake or succulent banana—well, such an experiment has been recorded in half a hundred important scientific works.

It might be objected that in Europe, where animosity to the serpent is greatest, death from snake bite is hardly to be feared; that Fontana's 6,000 experiments with the viper, showing how small is the amount of venom possessed by this species, how rarely it has the power to destroy human life, have been before the world for a century.

This leads to the following question: Is it not at least probable that our excessive fear of the serpent, so unworthy of us as rational beings, and the cause of so much unnecessary cruelty, is partly at all events, a result of our superstitious fear of sudden death? For there exists, we know, an exceedingly widespread delusion that the bite of a venomous serpent must kill and kill quickly.

Hawthorne as a Visitor. On one occasion after my return from an African and European cruise I was ordered to the Portsmouth station, where we were hardly settled at housekeeping when Hawthorne came to see us.

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