THE OCTOPUS.

Its Terrible Army of Suckers and Its Powerful Jaws.

Both the octopus and the cuttlefish have arms that are clothed with a wonderful pieces of mechanism. When ly fill the cavity of the sucker, is at once withdrawn and a perfect vac-

pus has a powerful pair of jaws, shaped like the beak of a parrot, behind which is a formidable armor plated tongue used as a rasping organ. The octopus will attack and kill crabs and lobsters of considerable size, ripping open the body by means of its powerful jaws and devouring the contents. In spite of being a creature of such awe inspiring looks the octopus has several enemies in various species of whales, sharks and conger cels. In fact, the latter are particularly fond of devouring the smaller octopu

Conger eels hunt for the octopus and, when found, proceed to browse on its limbs. The octopus tries to hug the slippery, slimy conger tight, but in vain, and, finding its limbs growing less, discharges its ink in the face of the foe and under cover of the turbid water beats a hasty retreat. It is to escape the too pressing attention of its foes that the octopus possesses the power of changing its color to correspond with that of its surroundings.

WHEN WE STAND UPRIGHT.

A Special Complex Mechanism Ena bles Us to Do It. We are so accustomed to standing upright as a natural attitude that few of us think what a special complex mechanism is required for this purpose. A moment's consideration will

show that the ordinary explanation of the erect position (the center of gravi-ty to be directly above the feet) is insufficient. When a man is suddenly shot, whether from the front or behind, he drops on his face, for the truth is that there is much more weight in the front of the spinal column than be-

The fact is that when we are standing a large number of powerful muscles (both front and back) are simultaneously at work, the effects of their action being to neutralize each other. Thus the legs would fall forward were it not that they are kept vertical on the feet by the strong tendon (the "Achilles") at the back of the heel At the same time the muscles of the thigh are tightened so as to prevent us taking a sitting position, and the muscles of the back are pulled tense so that the trunk does not stoop forward. The

ward by its own weight, only to be pulled back into position again with a jerk when the brain becomes suddenly aware of an unusual attitude.

British Contrasts.

Their wealth, their luxury, their cultivation of arts which we have not yet had time to seriously contemplate, their civilisation, their strange class distinctions, but above all the great wealth and the great poverty of their people, atir our wondering faculties more than any other things can ever do. When we behold their wealth we are as poor children brought suddenly into a rich child's nursery and lost in astonishment at the number and profusion of toys strange to us. When we see their poverty we are Pharisees who thank God that we are not as these others. But in either case are we beset with a great amasement.—From "An Outland-er In England."

His Excuse.

A Scottish parish minister met the laird's gamekeeper one day and said to him, "I say, Davidson, why is it I never see you in church?"
"Well, sir," replied Davidson,

don't want to hurt the attendance. "Hurt the attendance! What do you mean?" asked the minister in surprise. "Well, sir, you see," replied the gamekeeper, "there are about a dozen men in the parish that go to church when I'm not there, and they would go peaching if I went to church."

"Why is it," said the young man with long hair, "that the average woman would rather marry money than

"She takes less chance," answered Miss Cayenne. "The average woman is a better judge of money than she is of brains."-Washington Star,

Ilis Luck. Friend of the Family-You are very lucky, my boy, to be the seventh son. It will bring you everlasting fortune. Son No. 7-It hasn't so far. All it's ought yet is the old clothes of my six

prothers.—Illustrated Bits. Nothing but Praise "I have nothing but praise for our new minister,"
So I noticed when the plate came

round/"-Chicago Journal.

If we neglect to exercise any talent, power or quality it soon falls from us.

The Pastime Card club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
D. G. Jackson Thursday evening. Besides the members of the club there
were several guests. The incentive of
the gathering was as usual whist, strenghens the mucous membranes of
the Pastime Card club was entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs.
acts as a mild cathartic on the bowels
White Saimon. Ten-acre or smaller
tracts just the thing for berries and
vegetables.

After you have looked. the gathering was as usual whist, strenghens the mucous membranes of Mrs. E. A. Franz took the first prize the brouchital tubes, and relieves croup, and J. E. Rand won the second. After the game an appetizing lunch was and J. E. Rand won the second. After the game an appetizing lunch was served and the guests departed after thanking their host and hostess for a very pleasant evening.

TAMMANY SOCIETY.

The Origin of the Organization In the Time of Jefferson.

Tammany was the heir of the spirit of the Sons of Liberty of the Revolu formidable array of suckers which are tionary war. It was kin in some of its purposes at least to those who were port and approval of that revolution. Indeed a misty legend has been handed down from generation to generation in sum produced, explaining the great tenacity with which the suckers cling. They number upward of 100 pairs to each arm of the octopus, and once they obtain a grip on the victim, unless the arm is actually torn away from the body of the octopus, it is practically impossible for its prey to disentangle itself.

In addition to these suckers the octorial and its sword.

the hall that the suggestion came from as far away as the town of Dee. They as far away as the town of Dee. They as far away as the town of Dee. They all felt amply repaid for the trip in the enjoyemnt of the excellent program which was rendered. Every number was good. Especial notice should be given to the doll drill by the little girls and boys and the "Eastern Band." The little comedy, "An Economical Boomerang," was should be given to the doll drill by the little girls and boys and the "Eastern Band." The little comedy, with its tomahawk, stood facing the Dabbieton showed quite an experience in domestic affairs, and the troubles Cincinnati and its sword.

like many of the mechanics of that day, keenly interested in politics, suggetted that there be brought together in an association those who dreaded the aristocracy and who suspected that the purpose of Hamilton was to force the government into something like a limited monarchy. Mooney found a good many mechanics and merchanis who thought as he did, and so a common purpose, the grouping impulse rather and gave a very entertaining little. than any cunning planning of one man for personal advancement, brought some of the ablest political and personal foes of Hamilton and Jay together, and with some mystery of oaths and ritual, the pipe of peace, the feathered headdress, even the painted face and leathern costume, with wampum for its ornament, these men were bound in one association as the Tammany society, or Columbian order.

BURIED LIVING PERSONS.

Horrible Custom of Japanese Prior to Year 646 A. D.

Prior to the year 646 A. D. the Japa nese had one of the most horrible burial customs that can be imaginedthat of burying all the immediate friends and retainers of a prince or other person of note in a standing position around the potentate's grave and leaving them in the earth up to their necks to perish of thirst and bunger.

The custom cannot be said to have een general as late as the date given, for the Japanese records prove that in the time of the Emperor Suinin (97-30 B, C.) the burial rites of royal personages were so modified as to partially abolish former crueities. Speaking of a young brother of Suinin, who died and had his retinue buried standing around his grave, the old record says; "For many days they died not, but wept and cried aloud. At last they died. Dogs and crows assembled and ate off their heads. The emperor's compassion was aroused, and he deaired to change the manner of burial. When the empress died, soon after, the mikado inquired of his officers if some-

the trunk does not stoop forward. The head is prevented from dropping on the chest by the ligaments in the nape of the neck.

That this did not entirely do away with the former custom is proved by an edict issued in the year 646 A. D., the date given first above, which forbid the burial of living persons and provided a penalty for further adherence to the awful rite.—St. Louis Republic.

In did dead of the consumptive, can be prevented or stopped by taking German Syrup liberally and regularly. Should you be able to go to a warmer clime, you will find that of the thurshall the burial of living persons and provided a penalty for further adherence to the awful rite.—St. Louis Republic.

Carlyle's Bluntness Thomas Carlyle once took Lord Houghton (Richard Milnes) to task in regard to the proposed pension for Lord Tennyson, "Richard Milnes," said Carlyle, taking his pipe out of his mouth, "when are ye gaun to get that pension for Alfred Tennyson?" Milnes tried to explain that there were difficulties in the way and that possibly his constituents, who knew nothing about Tennyson, would accuse him of being concerned in a job were he to succeed in getting the desired pension for the poet. "Richard Milnes," replied the sage, "on the day of judgment, when the Lord asks ye why ye didna get that pension for Alfred Tennyson, it'll no do to lay the blame on your constituents. It's you that'll be damned."

A Careful Patient.

A woman whose throat had troubled her for a long time, says a writer in the Philadelphia Ledger, grew impa-tient at the slow progress she was making and made complaint to her doctor, who said:

"Madam, I can never cure you of this throat trouble unless you stop talking and give your throat a complete

"But, doctor," objected his patient "I'm very careful what I say. I never use harsh language or anything of that

What Noah Did.

The story is told of a congressman that he once declared in an address to the house, "As Daniel Webster says in his dictionary."

"It was Noah who wrote the die tionary," whispered a colleague who sat at the next desk. "Noah nothing," replied the speaker 'Noah built the ark."

"Apparently you don't admire Mi

Skreech." "No. I don't like her airs." "What airs?" "Those she sings and those

wears."-Exchange.

terday in the street.

Gaggs-I don't see why everybody calls Miss Keen clever. I think she is very dull. Waggs-That is very strange, for I heard she cut you yes

industry.-Goldsmith.

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Special Correspondence. The entertainment held at the the sucker comes into contact with an object the central piston, having pre-viously been raised so as to complete port and approval of that revolution.

Mount Hood hall Friday evening, January 26, was pronounced a decided success by the large audience which was present. The roads were bad, and the night was dark, but all who possibly could turned out, even from as far away as the town of Dec. They

Cincinnati and its sword.

William Mooney, an upholsterer, but, of married life should have no terrors like many of the mechanics of that day, for him, after the experience he had

purpose, the grouping impulse rather and gave a very entertaining little

The lunch and candy counters were well patronized and seemed much ap-

After the entertainment was over a few hours were spent in social enjoy-ment, all wishing as they departed that such affairs would happen often. The program was as follows: PART I.

Instrumental duet,
Mac Cooper and Erney Noble
Recitation,
Cecil Lafferty
Doll song,
Eight little girls
Eight boys Recitaton. "The Pride of Bat-tery B," Laura Miller Duet, "Those Evening Bells," Mae and Hattie Cooper

Eastern Band
o, "Where the Silver Colorado
Winds Its Way," Chester Mouroe
PART II. "The Economical Boomerang"

Characters: Mrs. Dabbleton, Mrs. W. M. Cooper Mr. Bird Flover, Che 'er Monroe! A. o C oper Mrs. Bird Plover, Mrs. l'aldwin,

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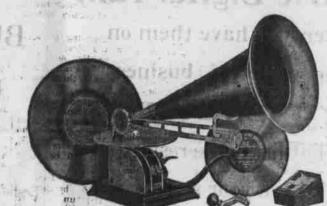
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