NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The famous Tutarch Tumers of Elizabeth, N. J., are stopping at Chattanooga, Tenn., on their way to New Orleans.

The Workingmen's League of Haverhill, Mass., is trying to affect an affiliation with the Farmers' organization.

A fire occurred at Danville, Va., during the morning which destroyed the plant and cars of the Danville Electric Street Car Company. Loss, about $16,000.

Several of the principal business houses of Caledonia, Livingstone County, N. Y., were burned yesterday. Many families barely escaped with their lives. Loss, at least $75,000.

The National line steamship Denmark which left London January 16, and was spoken at sea with her engines stopped, has arrived at New York under her own steam. She was delayed by an accident to her machinery and heavy seas.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 9.—Rose Ann Henderson, aged 60, has sued Alexander Johnston, aged 70, for $10,000 for breach of promise to marry. Johnston, she claims, has transferred his affections to a lady of 50 summers.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Feb. 9.—The American Spool, Bobbin and Shuttle Company, an American syndicate, has purchased the Woonsocket Shuttle Company's Works. This concern is said to control all the important works of this kind in New England.

HACKETTSTOWN, N. J., Feb. 9.—Isaac S. Dill, treasurer of the Farmers' Insurance Company, and one of the wealthiest and best known citizens of Hackettstown, dropped dead on the depot platform of Manunkachunk. He was about 60 years of age.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Feb. 9.—The New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad is soon to build a business block in this city, 325 feet long, in the rear of the depot. It is to be erected by the railroad company to accommodate New Britain business men, and will surpass anything in the city.

WILKESBARRE, Feb. 9.—Nat Kane and Charles Kirk, both married men, were killed by an explosion of gas in the new shaft at Simpson & Watkins' mine at Wyoming. William Ross and Luther Michael were fatally injured. The men were engaged in sinking when a feeder in the side of the shaft was ignited from the naked lamp of one of the workmen.

RAID ON WIRE TAPPERS.

The Men Escape, but Their Outfit Secured by the Police.

GLOUCESTER, N. J., Feb. 9.—Chief of Police Boylen and Officer Owens, of this city, were informed by a lineman of the Western Union Telegraph Company that the wire leading into the grand stand of the South Jersey Jockey Club had been tapped.

The lineman located the point at an old slaughter house on the premises of John Galena, a saloonkeeper, about a quarter of a mile from the track. On investigation it was found that the connection was made where the wires run over the roof. The old building was entered, but the gang escaped, having some how gotten wind of the raid, though they were in operation a few minutes before the officers arrived. They were seen scaling the fence and making their way toward Westville. The entire outfit was secured by the police, consisting of a new Morse set, wire and battery.

The saloonkeeper, John Galena, on whose premises all this occurred, was regarded with suspicion in the affair. He was sought for, but could not be found, his family saying that they did not where he was. Chief Boylen and officers decided to inspect the premises, and went up stairs and located him in bed. He refused to open the door and it was broken open and Galena arrested. The prisoner will be given a hearing before Mayor Jackson.

CHARGED WITH FORGERY.

A Minister Who Was About to be Married in Trouble.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 9.—The Rev. Peter Cooper, who for many years has preached to the members of the Evangelical Church at Wapwallopen, a small mining town, 18 miles south of here, is in trouble.

He was always looked upon as a model man. About six months ago, he told some of the leading members of his congregation that he thought of marrying. The deacons thought it was one of the best things the minister could do. Last Sunday the engagement of the minister and a highly esteemed young lady of Wilkesbarre was announced. To-day was the day appointed for the wedding. All the arrangements were completed. Two ministers were engaged to tie the knot.

Saturday afternoon, just as the minister was stepping from a Lehigh Valley Railroad train, Policeman McGovern tapped him on the shoulder and said: "You are my prisoner." The charge was forging two notes for $500. The prisoner dropped his head and said: "A great injustice has been done me. Everything would have been made right in time. I am not guilty, but my future life is a desolate one. I have been robbed of my love." It is understood the marriage engagement has been broken.

The Potters' Troubles.

TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 9.—The sanitary ware pressers issued a statement in reply to that of the manufacturers in regard to the lockout of the potters. The pressers claim that there has been no advance in prices charged by workmen for making certain goods. They also claim that an increase in wages is not a disadvantage to the employers. The pressers ask that the trouble be settled by arbitration.

RINGLEADERS JAILED.

Discovery of a Society Organized to Avenge Wrongs Done Its Members.

SHENANDOAH, Pa., Feb. 9.—William and George Butsairage, Matt Moldazey and John Laturnikus, four Polanders, have been committed to the county jail in default of $2,500 bail each, for murderously clubbing and stabbing five of their fellow countrymen, who were instrumental in having a friend of one of the accused sent to jail for assault and highway robbery.

The men named are ringleaders of a society which has for its object the avenging of wrongs done its members, and the payment of all expenses of members who get into trouble before the courts.

The discovery of the society's existence is of great importance. Of late, it has been almost impossible for the Commonwealth to convict Poles charged with crimes, on account of the vast amount of testimony put up in favor of the accused. This kind of testimony is now believed to have been supplied by professional witnesses, members of the society.

CONFESSED A MURDER.

A Young Insurance Agent Says He Killed His Sweetheart in Pennsylvania.

OMAHA, Neb., Feb. 9.—A young insurance agent, H. M. Rodgers, who came here from Chicago last week attempted suicide yesterday after writing a letter addressed to the United States Mutual Life Insurance of New York, confessing the murder of his sweetheart last summer near Mercer, Pa.

He did not mention names, but admitted having assumed the name by which he was known. When he realized that he would live he made an effort to secure the letter, but the authorities had been apprised and took charge of the confession and made Rogers a prisoner. Mercer authorities have been wired. Rogers is intelligent and of good address.

FLOODING A MINE.

Six Hundred Miners in Enforced Idleness Through Another Disaster.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Feb. 7—Following closely upon the heels of the drowning of the 17 men at Jeanesville and three at Nanticoke, comes another mining disaster, which, although unattended by loss of life, means enforced idleness and consequent privation to 600 or 700 miners in Nanticoke.

A gas feeder in No. 7 lift of No. 4 slope of the Susquehanna Coal Company at that place was ignited by men who were driving new openings. The feeder rapidly increased until the flames spread along the face of the workings, setting fire to the coal and driving the men to the surface. In a short time the inside of the mine was a mass of flames, roaring like a furnace, and threatening total destruction to the entire underground workings. Preparations were made as soon as possible to flood the workings, and a trough 2,700 feet long was thrown down the slope to carry the water into the mine. The trough was soon completed, and a large volume of water is now pouring down the slope. Whether this will extinguish the flames is a question no one can answer as yet.

In any case, the work of flooding the mine, which is a large one, may require months, and in the meantime hundreds of miners will be thrown into idleness at a season of the year when work is most needed.

WAYLAID BY MASKED MEN.

The Mollie Maguires at Work Again in the Coal Regions.

GIRARDVILLE, Pa., Feb. 7.—For several weeks past a number of mine bosses and prominent citizens have received anonymous communications decorated with a coffin, cross-bones and a skull similar to those received during the reign of the Mollie Maguires.

Little or no attention has been paid to these missives, but last night as John Williams, who received a missive of this kind, was on his way from Raven Run to Shenandoah, several masked men waylaid him, and amid a volley of bullets his horse succeeded in carrying him safely over the mountains in the darkness.

Others, who have received like notices, are fearful of meeting a like, or even worse, fate.

Meeting of Bankers.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 7.—The Bankers' Association, of Buffalo, held a meeting for the purpose of considering the Free Coinage bill. A resolution was adopted requesting the Merchants' Exchange to hold a public meeting Monday to take action against the bill. A committee was appointed to draw up resolutions to the public meeting as the expression of the association against the Silver bill. The resolutions were drawn up in the shape of a protest from the association, and were ordered to be forwarded immediately to the House Coinage Committee at Washington.

Senator Ingalls' Speech.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 7.—It is said that Senator Ingalls is busy preparing a long speech which he intends to deliver just before Congress adjourns. It will take a wide range, but just how he will work it into the proceedings of the Senate is not known. It is not likely that any bill will be before the Senate of a nature to afford it itself a good subject for the Kansas orator. However, it will be a speech that will keep people talking for a time, and also one that will aid the Senator in whatever new career he selects.

Big Judgment Against a Firm.

CHAMBERSBURG, Pa., Feb. 7.—A judgment was entered against the Taylor Manufacturing Company by the National Bank of Chambersburg for $141,500. The sheriff has taken possession of the shops. Other judgments and suits aggregating $30,000 were also entered. A receiver will be appointed. It is likely that the company will be reorganized and resume business in a short time. The works employ over 900 hands.

RAN UPON THE ROCKS

Very Close Call for the Steamboat John H. Starin.

TOWED INTO PORT BY FOUR TUGS

The Passengers Taken Off and Sent to New Haven.

The Captain's Coolness Saved the Vessel from Going Down—A Large Hole Cut in Her "Forefoot"—Water Rushes in by Barrels!ul While the Passengers Were Ignorant of Their Danger.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—The steamboat John H. Starin, which plies between this city and New Haven, Conn., was towed to Jersey City yesterday afternoon in a sinking condition, after lying since Friday night stranded on the rocks off North Brother's Island.

The steamboat left Pier 18, North river, as usual at 9 o'clock Friday night for New Haven. She was in command of Captain McAllister and was loaded with freight. She carried nine passengers.

It was foggy when she left her pier and she proceeded carefully up the East river. The fog grew thicker and at 9:20 o'clock it was so dense that the lookout could not see ten feet in advance.

Suddenly there was a shock, and the vessel came to a stop.

The captain dropped the lead, and then discovered that he had run on the rocks that abound in the vicinity of North Brother's Island.

All the passengers were asleep at the time, and they did not know of their whereabouts until the following morning, when they awoke expecting to find themselves in New Haven, but were surprised to see that they were high and dry on the rocks.

In the meantime, Captain McAllister had made an investigation of the damage, and discovered a big hole under the forefoot, through which the water was rushing.

The pumps were got to work. The captain did not care to take chances of backing off the rocks, and all Friday night the crew were kept at work pumping out the vessel.

On Saturday morning word was sent to the offices of the Starin Transportation Company in this city, and the steamboat Lenox was sent up Saturday night accompanied by four tugs.

The steamer took the passengers off and carried them to New Haven, while the tugs proceeded to pull the Starin off.

They succeeded after much difficulty, but she made water so fast that in order to keep her from sinking she was grounded in the mud off Riker's Island.

Yesterday morning two more tugs and a lighter were sent up to her. She was towed to this city and to Cosgrove's dry-dock, in Jersey City, where she is laid up.

On the way to the city Starin's pumps and those of the tugs had to be kept going, as the water kept gaining, and once or twice the tugs stopped in order that she would not sink.

Colored Men Want a Cabinet Position.

BOSTON, Feb. 7.—The Boston Courant, the organ of the colored people in this city, contains this week an editorial urging the President to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Secretary Windom by the appointment of a colored man as Secretary of the Treasury. Hon. B. K. Bruce, John M. Langston, ex-Congressman Lynch, Hon. Frederick Douglass and Recorder James M. Townsend are colored men named as amply qualified to fill the position. The editorial says: "Was not the Hon. Benjamin Harrison elected solely by the votes of the black men? It is conceded on all sides that he was. Even the President himself admits it. In view of these indisputable facts, a Cabinet position is not at all too large a gift to bestow upon the faithful colored Republicans who made him the head of the nation."

A Wealthy Farmer's Troubles.

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 9.—Charles Tuttle, an East Hartford farmer, made an arrangement with his wife a few months ago by which he permitted her to go to California with a young man named Samuel Warner. Soon after, Tuttle secured as his housekeeper a married woman whose husband had been absent two or three years, and Tuttle again seemed contented. It seems, however, that Mrs. Tuttle became tired of her young man, and last week she returned to her old home. Tuttle at first declined to see her, but finally she prevailed, and the new housekeeper was set adrift. It was the latter's turn next, and she has brought suit against Tuttle for betrayal. A writ of attachment against his property has just been served. Tuttle is one of the wealthiest farmers in the county. He is at present critically ill with pneumonia.

Death of an Old Engineer.

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Feb. 9.—Jacob Myers, one of the oldest locomotive engineers in America, died here yesterday, aged 72. He began running an engine on the Rensselaer & Saratoga Railroad, now the Delaware & Hudson, 46 years ago, and continued uninterruptedly up to last summer. He was known to railroaders all over the country and was a prominent Knight Templar. He has never had an accident during his long term of service.

Rev. Sam Jones' Brother Acquitted.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., Feb. 9.—Charlie Jones, brother of Rev. Sam Jones, was acquitted of murder at Cartersville, Ga., the family home of the evangelist when off the road. Some months ago Charlie Jones shot and killed one of the most prominent negroes in the town, and for several days past has been on trial. The jury was out but a short time. It was proven that the negro was advancing on Jones with a knife in his hand.

MARKET PRICES.

Latest New York Quotations—Cattle Market.

BUTTER.—State Dairy, h.t., new, fancy	28
State Dairy, h.f., new, good to choice, lb	25
Western Dairy, fancy, per lb	19
Western Dairy, good to choice, per lb.	18
Eastern Creamery, fancy, per lb	28½
Eastern Creamery, good to choice, lb	26½
Imitation Creamery, fancy, per lb	22
Imitation Creamery, good to choice, lb	21
Western Creamery, fancy, per lb	27
Western Creamery, good to choice, lb	26
Factory, fresh, per lb	21
BEANS AND PEAS.—Beans, Mar., choice	2.75
Beans, medium, choice, new	2.25
Beans, Red Kidney, choice, new	3.40
Beans, foreign, Pea, new	2.25
Beans, Pea, choice	2.25
Green Peas, bbls, per bushel	1.00½
Beans, Lima, Cali ornia, per bag	3.00
CHEESE.—State Factory, fanc	10½
State Factory, full cream, choice, lb	9½
State Factory, part skim, per lb	5½
State Factory, full skims, per lb	2½
DRIED FRUITS.—Apples, evaporat'd, f'cy	16
Apples, sun-dried, fair to choice, per lb	11½
Raspberries, evaporated, per lb	30
Raspberries, sun-dried, per lb	28
Cherries, per lb	30
Blackberries, per lb	9
Huckleberries, per lb	10
Peaches, per lb	4¾
Pecans, per lb	11½
Hickory Nuts, per bushel	1.75
EGGS.—Eastern, choice, doz	25½
Western, choice, per doz	25½
Southern, per doz	24
FRUITS.—Apples, Ben Davis, per bbl	5.00
Apples, Wine Sap, per bbl	5.00
Apples, Greening, per bbl	5.00
Apples, Northern Spy, per bbl	5.00
Apples, Baldwin, per bbl	5.00
Cranberries, Cape Cod, per bbl	12.00
Grapes, Western N. Y., 5-lb. basket	16
Oranges, Fla., Mandarins, per box	2.50
Oranges, Fla., fancy, per box	2.75
Oranges, Fla., Tangarines, per box	3.00
HAY AND STRAW.—Hay, No. 1, per 100 lb	70
Hay, Clover mixed	55
Hay, Salt	50
Hay, shipping	50
Long Rye Straw	85
Short Rye Straw	70
Oat straw	55
Wheat Straw	50
POULTRY, ETC.—Live Western Geese	1.50
Chickens, near-by, choice, lb	20½
Ducks, near-by, per pair	90
Fowl, State, N. J. and Pa., per lb	11½
Fowls, Western, per lb	11
Roosters, per lb	6½
Turkeys, per lb	13
Chickens, Philadelphia, choice, per lb	15
Chickens, New Jersey, prime, per lb	13
Ducks, New Jersey, per lb	16
Ducks, State and Phila., per lb	15
Turkeys, choice, per lb	15
Turkeys, medium, per lb	14
Tame squabs, white, per doz	3.50
Tame Squab, dark, per doz	2.50
Golden Plover, per doz	2.00
English Snipe, per doz	2.00
Quail, choice, frame, per doz	1.50
Rabbits, Jack, per pair	90
Live Pigeons, per pair	45
VEGETABLES.—Potatoes, L. I., per bbl	3.50
Potatoes, N. J., Prolifics, per bbl	3.50
Potatoes, N. J., Blush, per bbl	3.25
Potatoes, New Jersey, Queen, per bbl	3.25
Sweet Potatoes, Virginia, per bbl	3.25
Sweet Potatoes, N. J., per bbl	2.25
Onions, Conn., white, per bbl	6.00
Onions, Conn., red, per bbl	4.00
Onions, Orange Co., red, per bbl	6.00
Cabbage, Long Island, per 100	6.00
Egg Plant, Southern, per bbl	7.00
Lettuce, New Orleans, per bbl	7.00
Turnips, Russia, Long Island, per bbl	50
Tomatoes, Key West, per box	50
Beets, per crate	1.75
CATTLE.—Choice to extra	5.50
Good to prime	4.90
Fair to good	4.55
Sheep, per lb	5½
Lambs, per lb	7

NEVER TO LATE TO MARRY.

A Groom of Eighty-four Takes a Bride of Ninety-seven.

SOUTH COLCHESTER, Ont., Feb. 9.—Milton Brown, aged 84 years, of Annerton, will to-morrow lead to the altar a bride in the person of Mrs. Margaret Clickert, aged 97 years.

The groom has buried four wives, and the bride mourns the loss of five husbands. Her last husband died two years ago at the advanced age of 105 years.

The bride and groom elect are colored, and were slaves in Virginia.

The Engineer Was Asleep.

WELLAND, Ont., Feb. 7.—A rear end collision occurred on the Michigan Central here at midnight. A freight train standing at the depot was run into by another freight, and seven cars with their contents were wrecked. It is stated that Engineer Warren of the colliding train had been many hours on duty and had fallen asleep at his post. No one was seriously injured.

Big Salary for a Pugilist.

CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—A syndicate in this city has arranged to have Pugilist Fitzsimmons go on the road to travel with a combination at $500 a week and all hotel and traveling expenses for himself, wife and child. Fitzsimmons will not go on a knocking-out tour, but simply spar three rounds with some boxer, who will be engaged to appear with him.

Held for Murder.

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 7.—John Daly and Felix McCabe and John Dougherty charged with the murder of Henry Derwent at Columbia, were given a hearing here. Daly was positively identified as having struck the blow which killed Derwent and was committed for trial. McCabe was held as accessory to the crime and Dougherty as a witness.

Guilty of Murder in the First Degree.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Feb. 9.—The jury in the cases of George Rusnok, Andrew Todt, and Michael Sobol, the three Hungarians on trial for killing Michael Quinn at the Edgar Thompson Steel Works' riot at Braddock on New Year's Day, brought in a verdict finding the defendants guilty of murder in the first degree. An application for a new trial will be made at once, and if it is refused the case will be taken to the Supreme Court.

An Old Lady Drinks Embalming Fluid.

LANCASTER, Pa., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Margaret Snyder, aged 71, while at a funeral yesterday, became faint and took a drink of what she supposed was whisky. It was the undertaker's embalming fluid, however, and the services of a physician were required. He left her apparently out of danger, but the excitement consequent upon the affair brought on an attack of heart disease, which caused her death in a short time.

WASHINGTON TOPICS

The Eight-Hour and Copyright Bills in the Senate.

WORK IN THE HOUSE THIS WEEK.

Considering the Legislative, Indian and Postoffice Appropriation Bills.

Rumors that Consul-General New Will Succeed Secretary Windom—Mr. Cannon's Name Again Brought In—Senator Voorhees Very Ill—Congressman Phelan's Remains Arrive at the Capital.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The Senate was called to order this forenoon at 11 o'clock and will continue in session, with the exception of two hours until late at night. The long sittings will give opportunity for disposing of a large amount of business.

Mr. Blair, under authority of notice given Saturday, will, early in the week, move to reconsider the vote by which the Eight-Hour Government Employes' bill was recommitted to the Labor Committee. According to the programme adopted by the Republican caucus, the Copyright bill is next on the order of consideration and it will be disposed of early in the week.

The Naval Appropriations bill and the District of Columbia Appropriations bill will be passed, and the Diplomatic and Consular Appropriations bill will be reported from committee and placed on the calendar, ready for action on it.

It is probable that the Indian Depredations Claims bill and the Nicaragua Canal bill will be acted on the order named, and Senator Paddock believes that he can secure action on the Pure Food bill before the end of the week.

The time of the House during the week will be devoted chiefly to the consideration of the legislative, Indian and postoffice appropriation bills.

HAS NEW BEEN CHOSEN?

Rumors that the Ex-Treasurer Will Succeed Secretary Windom.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Politicians to-day have been eagerly scanning cable dispatches to discover if John C. New, Consul-General to London, has made arrangements for embarkation or has actually sailed for this country.

Their anxiety has been aroused by a report in circulation that the President, within the past three days, has summoned him to Washington. If he boards an ocean racer within the next seven days the chances are 100 to 1 that he will be the next Secretary of the Treasury.

The rumor that Mr. New received a communication from the President, requesting his presence in Washington, has been discussed to-day with great earnestness in political resorts. Private Secretary Halford disclaimed any knowledge of it. He smilingly and good naturedly remarked: "Better say, on investigation in official circles, that you secured no confirmation."

Those who expect to see Mr. New here soon, argue that his coming can have but one object, and that is to enter the President's Cabinet and fill the portfolio made vacant by the death of Secretary Windom.

Will Cannon Get the Portfolio?

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The report is current here that Representative Cannon is going to be Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Cannon has not been informed of it as yet, and as a matter of fact the President has not got to the point where a choice can be made. The Illinois Representative, however, is much more of a probability for Secretary Windom's successor than is generally supposed.

Congressman Phelan's Remains.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—The remains of Congressman Phelan of Tennessee were brought here last night from New York and this afternoon will be placed temporarily in a receiving vault in Oak Hill cemetery. Mrs. Phelan, who was very ill at the time of Mr. Phelan's death in Nassau, is expected here in about two weeks time, when she will determine upon the final resting place of her husband's remains—whether here in the Congressional Cemetery or at Memphis.

Senator Voorhees' Illness.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Senator Voorhees is ill from a complication of diseases, rheumatism and heart disease being the most serious. It is not probable that he will be in the Senate for the rest of the session.

The Rumored Extra Session.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—Inquiry in official circles here in regard to the reported intention to call an extra session of the Senate March 4, fails to confirm or deny the report.

Money Wanted for Canal Improvements.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 9.—The Canal Union, O. B. Potter president, and others, have conferred with Mr. Hannan, Superintendent of Public Works, and produced a bill which will be introduced in the Legislature next week. It appropriates $500,000 as follows: Erie, $240,000; Oswego, $50,000; Champlain, $30,000; Cayuga and Seneca, $30,000; Black River, $30,000. The amount for the Erie canal will be used partly in lengthening three or four locks and the rest in bottoming out the canal.

A Russian Outrage.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—One of the greatest outrages ever inflicted upon American citizens by the decree of a foreign power has been the imprisonment of four New England sailors for two years and ten months in a Siberian coal mine. They were captured in Behring Sea by a Russian man-of-war. Captain Morris, the only known survivor, who has just returned, says he worked for days in the mine while chained to the corpse of his companion.

FACTS ABOUT SNAKES.

Funniest Serpent in the World—How Snake Skeletons Are Prepared.

"The funniest snake I know anything about is one found in Africa, which lives upon eggs," said Osteologist Lucas to a Washington Star reporter. "It has a curious projection downward from its back bone, just behind the head, which is like a tooth, the extremity being actually tipped with enamel. This tooth-like appendage has a most important function with relation to the creature's method of getting a living, and it would be difficult to find a more astonishing illustration in nature of the adaptation of structure to necessity.

"When this snake swallows an egg the latter is passed down through the gullet until it encounters the sharp tooth I have spoken of, which breaks the shell. Thus, not only is the food rendered ready for immediate digestion, but no portion of the fluid contents is lost, as would be the case if the snake were obliged to bite into the egg with its mouth fangs.

"It seems surprising how many snakes are able to swallow animals bigger than their own diameter until it is considered how particularly well nature has adapted to the purpose the structure of their jaws. The lower jawbone instead of being in a single piece, is merely connected in front by an elastic ligament, so that the two halves are capable of great extension. Again, the halves of the lower jawbone are attached to the skull very far back, so that the animal can make an enormous gap.

"To properly prepare the skeleton of a snake is one of the most difficult pieces of work in my line of business. Serpents of all sorts come to the Smithsonian in two shapes. The smaller ones are usually in alcohol, while the big fellows are apt to be simply dried and poisoned by soaking in an arsenical solution. In the preparation of a specimen very sharp and delicate scissors are employed, with forceps to supplement them, the flesh being carefully removed so far as is practicable with these instruments. Then recourse must be had to the scraping of the bones until they are perfectly clean. Sometimes the skeleton is soaked in an acid preparation for the purpose, but this destroys the ligaments, and it is not easy to put all the parts together again rightly. In the preparation of delicate skeletons the great thing is patience. There are two very finely prepared skeletons of big snakes in the National Museum, and in the next Secretary of the Treasury.

"The rumor that Mr. New received a communication from the President, requesting his presence in Washington, has been discussed to-day with great earnestness in political resorts. Private Secretary Halford disclaimed any knowledge of it. Pythons, you know, are constrictors, crushing their prey in their folds. They have no poison glands, but they can bite terrifically with their many teeth, which turn inward like hooks, so that a person once seized would have little chance of disengaging himself save by chopping off the head of the animal."

Schoolboys of Mexico.

A public school in Mexico sounds like a large beehive. During one-half the day the children all study aloud, each one trying to make as much noise as possible. The rivalry thus stirred up is relied upon to make each one look at his book and learn something, whether he wants to or not.

The young children generally are quite as bright as those of the United States, and many a little Indian boy whose father can give him nothing to eat but plain cakes of corn or wheat with a few beans and peppers can read, write and spell as well as the boys of our own country.

One of the most interesting things to a stranger boy in Mexico is the regiment of the School of Correction at the City of Mexico. This is composed of nearly a thousand naughty boys who, instead of being sent to jail or allowed to run the streets, are sent to school and trained to be soldiers.

They have a full field uniform with little knapsacks and little rifles, and a brass band of some twenty pieces, which plays pretty good music, although none of the players are over fourteen years old, and few of them over twelve.

The regiment is divided into companies according to the size of the boys, the largest being made up of boys from twelve to fourteen, and the smallest of boys from seven to eight.

All the officers except the colonel and the leader of the band are small boys, and some of the officers are not more than ten years old. Besides these there is a battalion of boys too small to carry guns. These, too, are all in uniform, and have a band of little buglers.

Every week or two all these little soldiers have a parade in the streets in which these, when they go through their marching and countermarching, imitate all the military movements, and private soldiers and officers looking earnest and proud as those of an army just returned from victory. [Youth's Companion.

An Old Paint Revived.

Chemists have triumphed in the matter of the ancient "Alexandrian blue." This is the ideal of painters and decorators. It is peculiar and remarkably durable. The chemists are said to have made a successful analysis of the colors in the Pompeiian frescoes, and to have discovered the paint, which, after being lost sight of for ages, is now being restored to its original coloring in every particular.

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