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 piquant little story:

A prominent business man appeared at the
 office of his family physician and communi-
 cated to him with great concern that his son,
 the joy and hope of the family, to all appear-
 ances was suffering from diphtheria.

The doctor shrugged his shoulders in a
 sympathetic way: "Very sorry to hear it.
 No mother's soul is safe when that sneaking
 disease comes around."

"But," continued the man, "the dear
 young lad has confessed that he caught the
 disease from the housemaid, whom he had
 kissed."

"Well, what in the world shall one say to
 that? Young people are very thoughtless,"
 remarked the doctor, discreetly.

"But, don't you see, doctor—how—to be
 plain—between you and me—I have also
 kissed the girl (the horrid thing); perhaps I,
 too, will be down with the disease."

"Yes, by thunder, that is the next thing
 to expect—"

"And I kiss my dear wife every morning
 and evening, so we risk having her—"

"Gracious goodness," exclaimed the doc-
 tor, bringing his fist down with emphasis,
 "then I, too, will have it!"

Tableau.—Texas "Medical Journal."

Told of Mark Twain.

Mark Twain and W. D. Howells were one
 day lunching in a cafe in New York.

Two overdressed young men entered, and
 the first said in a loud voice:

"Waiter, bring me some bisque of lobster,
 a bottle of white wine and a chop. Just men-
 tion my name to the cook, too, so that every-
 thing will be done to my liking."

The second young man said:
 "Bring me some sole with peas, and tel
 the cook who it's for."

Mr. Twain gave his order a moment later.
 He said, with a wink at his companion,

"Bring me half a dozen oysters, and men-
 tion my name to each of them."—New York
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Not Committing Himself.

A man who is noted for the reluctance with
 which he declares definite and positive judg-
 ments was talking to some friends in his
 office.

A flock of sheep, newly sheared, passed by.
 "Those sheep have just been sheared," ob-
 served one of the visitors.

The non-committal proprietor of the office
 gazed out the window while his guests waited.
 Finally after the last sheep had passed, he
 said:

"It looks like it, on this side."

WOODSTOCK, N. B., MARCH 30, 1904.

Sea Serpent History.

Prof. Charles L. Edwards of Trinity Col-
 lege told the Hartford Scientific Society re-
 cently a lot about the sea serpent and had
 shown on a screen pictures of the monsters
 calculated to scare an innocent youngster out
 of a year's growth. Unfortunately, none of
 the pictures was an actual photograph, but
 the lecturer seemed to tend to the belief that
 there was something doing in the monster
 line, and the Rev. James Goodwin, the pres-
 ident of the society, allowed at the close of
 the lecture that he for one believed more in
 the thing than he had before. As to how
 great that previous belief had been he did
 not say.

Professor Edwards in the first part of his
 lecture had thrown on the screen pictures of
 sea monsters as represented in years past.
 He explained in his talk that while he spoke
 of "sea serpent," the so-called and oft-re-
 peated sea serpent could not be a big snake,
 but some other kind of a monster (if it was
 anything). As back as far as Job mention is
 made of a great leviathan, and accounts of
 some great things are found in all early his-
 tories. One myth seems to have come from
 a sperm whale, and another from the squid.
 Even the Indians had a belief in a monster
 serpent, and thought one lived in the great
 lakes and broke up the ice in the winter
 when it became irritated.

Professor Edwards gave a long list of dates
 when the great sea serpent has been report-
 ed, and related some of the circumstances.
 They stretch from 1639 down into 1903. A
 bishop, Commodore Preble, crews of British
 warships, and many persons have made the
 reports. A noted appearance was at Glou-
 cester and Nahant, Mass., in 1817, when
 hundreds of reputable citizens saw something
 and testified to it. It is estimated that from
 600 to 700 persons saw it, and people even
 drove along the beach in crowds, keeping up
 with it as it swam along off shore. Professor
 Edwards said there was no doubt that some-
 thing was seen at that time.

Another case was in 1848, when the whole
 crew of a British warship saw one and report-
 ed a sober and scientific account of it. The
 neighborhood of Nahant, Gloucester, and
 Swampscot seems to be the most favored, for
 several reports from each have been made.

In 1899, 300 passengers of the steamer
 New England declared that when two days
 out of Boston they saw the sea serpent, de-
 scribing it as forty to fifty feet long, eight
 feet in diameter, and snorting out spray.
 The latest report of it was May 30, 1903. It
 is noteworthy, said Professor Edwards, that
 the thing has been reported nearly always in
 the summer or fall, and practically always in
 the northern waters, one year between Hal-
 ifax and Gloucester, the next time off Norway,
 perhaps.

It is always described as black or brownish,
 with eyes in the upper part of the head,
 swimming at a speed of five or six knots,
 carrying its head out of water, generally with
 a mane, and proceeding with a humping
 motion like a caterpillar. A curious appear-
 ance was once reported in 1898 and 1899 in
 a Swedish lake, where, it was declared, a huge
 animal had been seen a number of times and
 had been watched through glasses for long
 periods. Finally, a newspaper sent an emi-
 nent naturalist to investigate, and he report-
 ed as his conclusion that several monsters,
 from six to forty five feet long, had certainly
 been seen in the lake.

Professor Edwards said that probably in
 all the many cases reported something had
 been seen, for it is impossible to believe that
 all these people were liars. The universal
 declaration that the thing proceeded with an
 undulating motion does away with the theory
 of its actually being a big snake. He showed
 that the stories might arise from the appear-
 ance of a manatee, a big stingray, a gigantic
 squid (one was caught with arms and body
 100 feet long) a basking shark, whales or
 school of porpoises. A few years ago what
 was called the Florida monster was found
 near St. Augustine, with arms nearly 100
 feet long. The basking shark grows to forty
 feet long certainly. There is no known limit
 to the growth of fishes, and Professor Ed-
 wards said there was no reason why enor-
 mous ones might not be living somewhere at
 the bottom of the sea.

It was even possible that some monster of
 the ages past had been left over to amaze us.
 The facts that exploring expeditions had
 never found the great sea serpent and that
 no remains of anything of the kind had even
 been washed ashore were worthy of note at
 the same time.—Hartford Courant.

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The Root Of It.

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 and declared that political corruption and
 dishonesty in public places are responsible
 for a large proportion of the crime and crimi-
 nals. In his address, Mr. Pinkerton said:
 "As long as the majority of our public ser-
 vants are thieves and blackguards, efforts to
 suppress crime will prove a dismal failure.
 One thieving alderman or official can corrupt
 hundreds. The downfall and punishment of
 one man known to thousands will have a
 more salutary effect than the conviction of a
 hundred petty thieves. He who resorts to
 knavery to secure a public office and uses it
 for fraud and theft is far more culpable than
 the unlettered, half-civilized gamin who picks
 a pocket or snatches a loaf of bread to satisfy
 the cravings of hunger. Aldermen of large
 cities generally purchase, and at a consider-
 able cost, their political positions. They
 corrupt many of their constituents and start
 thousands upon a course of crime. The tran-
 sition from stuffing a ballot box or falsifying
 an election return to picking a pocket and
 sandbagging a pedestrian is not difficult. Our
 modern politician employs those already cor-
 rupted, but many join the criminal classes by
 way of the political route. In large cities,
 like New York and Chicago, thousands of
 criminals owe their existence to political
 corruption."

Cooler than Cool.

Sydney Smith's name for Moncton Milnes
 (afterward Lord Houghton) was "Cool of the
 evening, and the reason for his choice is par-
 tly revealed in the anecdote below, which is
 taken from the "Reminiscences of a Royal
 Academician."

At a London dinner given by a distinguis-
 hed man, Sydney Smith had the place of
 honor, and Milnes was among the othe-
 r guests.

Milnes manner to the great wit and divine
 was lacking in the respect due to age and
 position. He calmly addressed him as
 "Smith," which every time made those who
 felt what was proper wince as at a personal
 affront.

Finally Milnes said with something of an
 air:

"I'm going on to the archbishop's recep-
 tion at Lambeth Palace."

"Oh, are you? So am I," said Sydney
 Smith. "May I ask if you have a carriage
 here?"

"No," said the "Cool of the evening."

"Well, I have, and I shall be happy to give
 you a seat in it, but you must do me a favor.
 Don't call the archbishop Howley!"

The voice and manner of piteous entreaty
 convulsed the company and crushed Milnes,
 who retired as soon as possible from the
 table.

Doubters Convinced.

James I. Buchanan, bank president and
 president of the Pittsburg orchestra, is a
 teacher of the largest Sunday school class in
 the East Liberty Presbyterian church at
 Pittsburg. He effectively silenced a doubter
 who disbelieved the story of Jonah and the
 whale.

Mr. Buchanan told the story as follows:

"About eight years ago I read in a New
 Zealand newspaper of a whale swallowing
 a man, and safely delivering him to light
 again. I clipped the story and pasted it in
 the back of my Bible.

"George Jarvie, a cousin of mine in the
 merchant marine, who had cruised about
 New Zealand waters, declared the story true.

"The Sunday for the Jonah story rolled
 around. A new acquisition to my class po-
 litely asked if the whale story was generally
 accepted as true or as a lesson metaphorically
 expressed. I calmly read the newspaper
 clipping and told of the corroboration of my
 cousin.

"The argument was so conclusive it won
 over the whale disbelieving members of my
 class."

Japanese Courage.

The little men of Japan who have dared to
 face the Russian bear can give the world
 many thrilling stories of courage, says V. C.,
 and many of clever stratagem as well.

One of the powerful nobles of the olden
 time was forced to flee from his enemy in
 haste. He hid in a barrel and was borne
 away by servants, who, meeting the enemy,
 declared that the barrel contained food.

"If there is anything living in it there will
 be blood on my sword," said the nobleman's
 enemy, and thrust his weapon into the barrel.
 It went through the hidden man's legs and
 made a terrible wound. But he, with quick
 thought, wiped the blade on the hem of his
 garment as it was drawn out, so that it went
 out clean and he was not discovered.

The Latest of the Emperor.

The latest story of the Kaiser's self absorp-
 tion ought to amuse him. There was a con-
 versation about the cares of monarchs, and
 somebody put the inevitable quotation, "As
 the immortal William says, 'Uneasy lies the
 head that wears a crown.'" "Dear me," re-
 marked the Kaiser, "I don't remember say-
 ing that!" German papers please copy—un-
 less it is lese-majeste.



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