

Miscellaneous.

THE CROCODILE.

[A Fable for little folks and great ones too.]

BY MRS. J. L. GRAY.

On the banks of the fertile and many-mouthed Nile, A long time ago lived a fierce crocodile...

Who would have thought that the crocodile should be so tame? It was easy to be tamed...

"Grave sirs," said he, bowing, "I see your distress, and your griefs are, I fear me, past present redress..."

to give it a saleable color, is a very bad plan, as it makes it more difficult to keep sweet. When butter is to be kept any length of time...

THUNDER AND LIGHTNING.

These sublime and terrific phenomena are well known to every individual, and are occasionally displayed in every region of the globe...

And now that my fable is pretty near ended, I think there should be a brief moral appended...

From the Genevee Farmer. CHEMICAL PROPERTIES OF BUTTER. Butter is nothing more than the substance formed by the union of the oily particles contained in milk...

completely drenched, than otherwise. When in a house, persons should avoid sitting near the fire place, as it brings us in connection with the highest part of the building...

TRANSPLANTING.

All the different parts of this work come under one general requisite for success— which is to take the tree up and set it out again just as it previously stood...

1. One of the most obvious points, is to take up the roots as nearly whole or unimpaired as may be done. Instead of cutting off the roots close to the tree, the spade must be set far back from it...

The subsequent success and vigorous growth of the tree, depend on three requisites. 1. First and most important, is a fertile soil...

HANDLING METALS.

In Stillman's American Journal of Science is an interesting article on the possibility of handling melted metals...

"I divided or cut with my hand a jet of melted metal of five or six centimetres, which escaped by the tap; then I immediately plunged the other hand in a pot filled with incandescent metal..."

FRANKLIN'S MODE OF LENDING MONEY.—"I send you, herewith, a bill of ten louis d'ors. I do not pretend to give much, I only lend it to you..."

THE "CRAZY ANGEL." We notice by the Southern papers, that Miss Dix is still persevering in her work of true philanthropy, in waking up the minds of the public in behalf of the insane...

Nine years ago we had the pleasure of spending an evening with her. She then said if her life was spared, she intended to beseech every State where there is no asylum for the insane...

Nicholas Brown, of Providence, R. I., was a great friend to all charitable institutions. There was no Insane Hospital in that State. Miss Dix visited him for the purpose of getting him enlisted for the erection of one...

Miss Dix repeatedly called on Mr. Butler but he kept constantly putting her off, without using his pen. She had learned his character and determined to importune the old bachelor until she obtained a noble sum...

SEEKING EMPLOYMENT IN THE CITY. Among the mass of correspondence we receive, are occasional letters from young men in the country, seeking advice about coming to the city...

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CURIOUS FACT. The Washington correspondent of the Charleston News says:—The second part of Mr. Ewbank's Patent Office Report contains much valuable matter...

Professor Rodgers has commenced his Geological Lectures at the Smithsonian Institute. In the course of his remarks he states some very interesting facts relative to our great rivers...

DEATH OF THE EMPRESS DOWAGER OF CHINA.—By a remarkable coincidence—sufficiently so, at least, to be worth recording—the news of the decease of the Queen Dowager of Great Britain arrived at Canton on the same day with an express from the Board of War at Peking...

SELF-MADE MEN.—Columbus was a weaver. Franklin was a journeyman printer. Sixtus V. was employed in hearing swine. Ferguson and Burns were ploughmen...

They have it from the best authority, that the mines of Mexico produced fifty millions in gold and silver during the last year...

The Michigan Farmer states that Elijah Buck, a successful cultivator, has met with uniform failure in raising grapes from cuttings in the usual way...

The Journal of Health says, If a child is taken with croup, instantly apply cold water, if possible, suddenly and freely to the neck and chest, with a sponge...

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Mr. Asa D. Butman, the Boston police officer who arrested, in England, Bullock, the robber of the Savannah Bank, has returned to Boston from Savannah...

Captain Moseman, of schooner Lucretia, 18 days from Capeachy, says that the citizens of that place were assembling in force to march against the Indians, who were within 30 to 40 miles of Capeachy...

Littell's Living Age. PROSPECTUS.—This work is conducted in the spirit of Littell's Museum of Foreign Literature, which was favorably received by the public for twenty years...

The elaborate and stately Essays of the Edinburgh Quarterly, and other Reviews; and Blackwood's noble criticisms on Poetry, his keen political Commentaries, highly wrought Tales, and vivid descriptions of rural and mountain scenery...

Geographical Discoveries, the progress of Colonization, (which is extending over the whole world,) and Voyages and Travels, will be favorite matter for our selections; and, in general, we shall systematically and fully acquaint our readers with the great department of foreign affairs, without entirely neglecting our own.

We hope that by "winnowing the wheat from the chaff," by providing abundantly for the imagination; and by a large collection of Biography, Voyages and Travels, History, and more solid matter, we may produce a work which shall be popular, while at the same time it will aspire to raise the standard of public taste...

Dr. Harrison, of Edinburg, prefers dandelion coffee to that of Mocha, and many persons, all over the continent, a mixture of chicory and coffee to coffee alone. Dig up the roots of a dandelion, wash them well, but do not scrape them, dry them, cut them into the size of peas, and then roast them in an earthen pot, or coffee roaster of any kind...

The debt of the city of Boston has nearly doubled within four years. It now considerably exceeds two millions of dollars. The tax necessary to be assessed this year will be \$300,000, besides which it will be necessary to raise \$300,000 by a loan for the continuation of the construction of the Jail, and for the completion of the Alms House on Deer Island...

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