

LARGE SPIDERS.—It is said that
are no venomous creatures of any

ermidada, but, perhaps, a greater of insects than in any of our rooms in proportion to their size. At these the spiders are very reliable for their extraordinary size and length of their webs. Their bodies are of two parts, one flat, and the round, and both together, with the stretched out, are large enough to fill a man's hand. This monstrous makes them look frightful, but the and variety of their colours in measure take off the distaste. The art of their body is shaped much like a hen's egg, and under the flat part their legs, five on each side,

at joints, and claws at the end. They have a little hole in their backs, and their mouths are covered with greyish bristles, intermixed with red, and have a sharp tooth on each side, of a hard and brittle substance, and of a bright black; so that they are often used for gold or silver, to serve for tooth-plates.

When these creatures grow old they are covered with a sort of down, of a blackish color, very smooth and shining like velvet; and it is said that they cast their downy skins every year.

As two teeth just mentioned, they also show a wonderful skill and industry in ascending their webs from tree

which are so very large, and extend seven or eight fathoms, then finished will ensnare a bird as a thrush.

IN AFRICAN REPTILES.—I was to bed one evening, wearied by a day's hunting, when, close to my bed by my bedside, some glittering object caught my eye. I stopped to look; but, ere my hand reached it, it flashed across me—it was a snake.

Had I followed my first natural impulse, I should have sprung away; being able clearly to see in what position the reptile was lying, or which

head was pointed, I controlled and remained rooted, breathless, spot. Straining my eyes, but not an inch, I at length clearly distinguished a huge puff-adder, the most snake in the colony, whose bite have sent me to the other world in or two. I watched him in silent as his head was from me—so much free for this snake, unlike any always rises and strikes back. Not move; he was asleep. Not to shuffle my feet, lest he should and spring at me. I took a jump that would have done honour monastic master, and thus darted

the door of the room. With a tick I then returned and settled ship. Some parts of South Africa with snakes; none are free from I have known three men killed in one harvest on a farm in that's Hook. There is an immense of the deadliest being the der, a thick and comparatively snake. Its bite will kill occasionally in an hour. One of my friends favorite and valuable horse by its less than two hours after the It is a sluggish reptile, and, ere, more dangerous; for, instead

ing away, like its fellows, at the
of approaching footsteps, it halt
its head and hisses. Often have I
a sudden pull-up on foot and on
back, on hearing their dreaded
! There is also the cobra capello,
as dangerous, several black
and the brown-slang, or tree
less deadly, one of which I once
very few feet long. The Cape is also
by scorpions, whose sting is
less virulent than a snake bite; and
a spider called the tarantula, which
emeraldly drenched.—*The Cape, by A.*
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ASSENT INCIDENTS OF INDIAN LIFE.

and I were sitting after tea playing back-gammon, and enjoying the breeze that came through the open windows, when suddenly it began to rain. In an instant the room swarmed with insects of all sorts. There was a full large green mantis; and as we were watching his almost human motion, a grasshopper and a large brown fly flew against my face, while a cockroach, fully three inches long, crawled on my wife's neck, and began talking about her face and dress, the mantis, which emits a most nauseous odor; and the flying bug, black, and

if you crush him, will make you very small most dreadfully for many years; and with these our clothes were soiled, and we were obliged to keep them away from our faces, but very gentle handling; and then two or three hornets, which sent me to bed, to get under thequito curtains, where none of the horrid creatures can get at her. I am trying to read, but buzz came on the side of my face, up my hand with a tremendous slap on the cheek to kill the tormentor, and he went on again. Then I felt

him bawling himself in my hair, when came buzz on the other side when all round. Presently, with a boom, a great rhinoceros beetle dashed to my face. I now began to take notice of the animals out of my hair; and the first I touched was a flying bug; the next was a spider. I was so terrified that I was dreadful. I rushed out of the room brushing the horrible creatures from my hair with both hands. I nearly killed a toad, on which I trod, and I turned my bed-room to find eighteen or twenty great toads, crouched in different parts of the room, and five large bats hanging round and round the bed. Having washed my hands in eau-de-cologne,

kindly undressed and fell asleep. In course of the night a troop of Jackals surrounded the house, and by their full yells soon drove away all idea of sleep, and then about four o'clock, as we just dozed off again, comes the roll of drum, the loud voice of the trumpet, the tramp of the soldiers, the firing, all the bustle of the parade; and as this is over, comes the changing of the guard, the "shoulder arms," and the "quick march," near our houses, so we got up.—*Rev. W. Wilson.*

ther Point, Nov. 28—Cloudy and light air from south. A little ice on the river.

The SS. Phonician arrived at Glasgow and ship Glenbervie at Liverpool today.

Brookhaven, Nov. 10—The Marion, Robertson, from Quebec for Green timber, has arrived with part of cargo bulwark, decked, and caulked away in a gale of N. E. wind, in N. long 20 W. Oct. 31; ship was lost at the time, but lost no sail.

Weymouth, Nov. 9—The Bellerophon,

new iron ship, armor-plated, Capwells, the flagship of Vice Admiral Lesley, Commander-in-Chief on the American and West India Station, entered the Sound during Friday night. She arrived from the harbor of Portsmouth. She embarked stores and, and proceeded in the evening for North American and West India.

The brig Sultan, which vessel was light in here on Friday evening by a crew of the steamer City of Brunswick has been surveyed and ordered to be charged.

nt of the process adopted by Messrs. J. J. & Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at works in the Euston Road, London.—See article *Self's Household Guide*.
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