

THE EVENING NEWS.

Monday, August 26, 1872.

Frogs for Food.

[CONCLUDED.]
And science comes in to tell us that the biggest frogs of our time are the most pollywogs we have had with those of former days. Professor Huxley, in his "Fossil Frog which he calls by the modest name of "chirotherium," or "infraytherion," which is about five or three feet long with a body ten or twelve feet long with a tail. This fragile creature was of the carboniferous period, and many specimens are found in the Connecticut valley.

At the cooking of our friend there is little to be said. I only know you can have him stewed, mashed, broiled, fried, and on the no, not on the half shell—but on the bone.

Frogs are now worth in this market a dollar and a half a dozen; that is, the restaurants—keep them that sum to the customer. They charge the public fifty cents a plate, containing about five, and make no money on them then; they are only kept to accommodate special customers.

Just at this time the price of frogs is extravagant, the hot weather having dried up the brooks and driven them into deep water, or killed many.

The supply from Jersey has fallen entirely and the Connecticut bird is now worth, for the best size, \$1 a dozen. These sell for \$1 a plate to those who are willing to indulge in the expensive luxury.

In taking leave of our spotted and striped subject, let us hope no forever, let me recall some more touching poems from the tender compositions of our light-keeping friend who excited in the fair bosoms of most illustrious writers. It is from the pen of the distinguished Mrs. Lee Hunter, of world-wide fame, and is entitled:

An Ode to an EXPIRING FROG.

Can I view these panting, living
On thy stupor?—I am moved,
To move, to move, see thee dying
On a log,

Say, did frogs in shape of boys,
With wild halos and bright noise,
Hunt them?—No, but may they
Hunt a dog.

Expiring frog.

For the complete see *Pickwick Papers*, p. Dickens, Ch. 11, page 114.—*New York Mail.*

COLFAX INTERVIEWED.—The St. Paul Tribune reports that Mr. Colfax tells all of an incident occurring at the Nicolet Hotel as follows:

He (Colfax) has at last got bad health, and is confined in the morning and taking a walk before breakfast. Yesterday morning, on appearing in the office of the Nicolet hotel at six o'clock, he was accosted by a gentleman about as follows:

"Stranger—'Good morning, Mr. Colfax. I used to meet you often in Indianola.' 'Good morning, sir. I must get to see you.'

"Stranger—'Nice morning, Mr. Colfax—have a cigar?'

"Mr. Colfax—'Thank you; I quit smoking two years ago.'

"Stranger—'Sorry to hear it! But have you had your morning's morning this morning? Come to my room and I'll give you an eye opening—that'll make your hair stand!'

"Mr. Colfax—'Excuse me, I don't drink; I am one of those varmints you call teetotumers.'

"Stranger—'Whew! you say you don't smoke?'

"Mr. Colfax—'No, I don't smoke.'

"Stranger—'And you don't drink.'

"Mr. Colfax—'No, I don't drink.'

"Stranger—'Then what in the devil are you doing up in this country?'

Mr. Colfax not having an immediate reply ready, the stranger abruptly left him in disgust.

BROTHER HIGGINS.—It was about two years ago, at a camp meeting, says Max Adeler, that Brother Higgins, a good man, but not a man of much education, got so ill as to become lame by a fall and an hour. Somebody asked him to address the congregation, and he mounted the stand for that purpose, while his dog sat down at his feet, and immediately died from looking at his master. In the midst of the discourse which entertained us much, another dog came up and, after a few seconds of barking, lay down at Higgins' feet, began to examine the hind legs of the latter with his teeth, apparently for the purpose of ascertaining if it was tender. An animal contest ensued, and, on the purpose of separating the animals. Strangers were not wholly successful. He would scratch at the leg of Higgins' dog, and Higgins' dog would scratch at that side, and would probably take an incidental and cursory bite at the deacon's hand. Brother Higgins passed his discourse and watched the dogs. Then he exclaimed, "Salt in his eye." Brother Thompson, apt in the hound's eye! Brother Thompson and the fight ended. But I just now heard from Mr. Higgins, "that outside of the sanctuary that dog of mine can eat up any salmon-colored animal in the state, and that he is the ancestor of the best hounds for four generations, without hunting me. You understand me?" The services pro-

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The following is an extract from a private letter, written at sea, on the voyage from San Francisco to Sydney, Japan, June 1, 1872.

We have two ministers on board, and the ship still tows. We have Dr. Newman, the chaplain of the United States and the pastor of the Presbyterians. He is a well-known member of Congress in China and Japan, and go around the world at government expense. His arduous duties are to visit each consulate of his country, and drink a glass of wine, which each, then pay on—thus saving all hotel bills. For these trying services he receives \$8,000 a year and traveling expenses. His wife, who is with him, has a large salary, and the right ended. But I just now heard from Mr. Higgins,

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He was organized a week ago.

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