Lassoing a Mountain Lion.

An Exciting Fight for Life Between Man

and Beast.

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"Jack, our mules are gone," said my partner."We are in for it now. Not a donkey is in sight." "Is that so!" said I, throwing aside the

vessels with which I was preparing the morning meal. "Yes, that's so; and if we hope to see them again soon, we must be after them in a liffy. They will probably make for some other camp or go direct to the road and follow that back to the states. You pull out for the highway and I'll go over to Henderson's."



I searched carefully for footprints. expecting, at every rise in the ground or turn

It was 6 o'clock before I abandoned the

chase and started on the return trip.

The moon was at its full, and would afford all the light I needed, yet I was feeling anything but light-hearted at the prospect of the long tramp before me. The country was wild; the sneaking coyotes were begin-ning to howl on every side, and worse still. I ad to pass through the long, dark canon.
I was not afraid—no. No man wil acknowledge to fear, under any circumstances. To say the least I was uneasy, and now regretted

cut a large cudgel from a green mesquite bush, to aid me in walking, and for any

having come so far.

emergency that might arise. Ere I arrived at the canon the twilight had faded and the moon was casting long dark shadows from stunted trees and brush along the roadside. I made good time, but with every step I grew more uneasy—more awake to the dangers to which I was exposed. The mountains were full of wild animals—catamounts and panthers, and the dreaded mountain lion had been a number of times seen prowling about some of the grad-

some of the states, is a terror to the in or traveler through his territory. Larger and more powerful than the panther.
It is more daring and dangerous, and will not hesitate to assack a man by day or night, if

One of these animals, a large old male, had for two or three months past been giving the graders much trouble and uneasiness. hanging around their camps, waiting and watching for the coveted optortunity to leap down upon some unsuspecting man or mule. A number of futile shots had been taken at him, and once a trap set for his benefit had come near doing its work. As is was the willy beast tore itself free at the cost of a portion of one of its great paws.

III.

I had about made up my mind, when the forbidding looking canon loomed in sight, to go no farther, but to gather a quantity of wood, strike a fire and remain by it until morning. At this moment a slight noise in the direction of the cut, a noise as of small stones and gravel rolling down a declivity startled me violently. I halted suddenly and peered nervously along the big road. At first I could see nothing. Then, looking long and steadily, a dark object in the road, long and steadily, a dark object in the road, a mere shadow at the distance, seemed to move. Could it be only a shadow cast from some elevated rock or cliff point which my imagination had conjured into something terrible? It required only the fraction of a second longer to decide the question. It was the long, dark body of some kind of animal, some monster of the mountains, and it was coming toward me. I could see it now distinctly in the moonlit road.

My first thought was to turn and run for life, but I reflected that if I did so, if I turned my back to retreat the terrible creature would instantly chase me.

ture would instantly chase me.

I walked backward several steps, all the time looking straight at the lion, for such it

The cunning beast was out for his supper, evidently, and was not disposed to allow me to walk away from him, for he at once quickened his steps. Then it was I who put on a bold front, summoned all the courage I could command, and made a desperate effort to frighten the animal away. I ran toward it, swinging the club threateningly and

screaming and yelling frantically at every Jump.

I hoped to see the ugly thing tuck its tail between its legs and be off, but it did nothing of the kind, and I came near precipitating and the kind, and but one ending—a a combat that could have but one ending—a fatal one to me. The beast merely crouched as for a powerful spring, its great, flerce eyes fairly dancing in its head the closer I

There was no chance now to retreat. was within thirty feet of the foc, and ex-pected, at every breath, to be pounced upon pected, at every breath, to be pounced upon and torn to pieces.

For a wonder, my wits did not leave me. In fact, I don't believe I realized the fullness of my danger. I snatched the coat from my back, and hurriedly struck a match and set it on fire. Being of light material it fismed up readily. Swinging the burning toat I ran at the lion again, yelling and screaming as before.

This act saved me. With a savage growi or snarl the beast bounded off up the road for fifty yards or more, and stopped.

The coat roon burned out and left me in practically the same condition as at first sight of the flow.

where I would, not a stick or dry brush could be found.

All the while I could see the lion, his head levated, watching every move I made. I move what soon to expect. It wasn't long intil he began moving slowly toward me.

I took off another garment, a shirt, and prepared to repeat the fire performance. When it came near as I dared allow, I did as before, with like result, only that the flame was not so bright, and the beast moved off more slowly and not so far.

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My companion and I had taken a subcontract for grading on the Mexican National railway, south of the city of Monterey. We had arrived at our section, put up our tents, and built a kind of stockade or pen, of posts and brush, for our eight mules. We were well pleased with our new quarters; the lay of the land was satisfactory, and we sat and taked late into the night—of our prospects and plans, and the length of time it would require to complete the contract. The consequence was, we slept soundly and beyond our usual time of rising.

"If you make for the road, bear to the

crevice or hole in the rocks.
Seeing the beast again approaching, I was of rising.

"If you make for the road, bear to the south," said my companion. "You will cut off a mile. And take along one of the lartats. If you overtake ithei mules you will have no difficulty in handling Beck, and can ride her back home."

So we paried. In addition to the long rope, which I wound around my holdy to an around which I wound around my holdy to an around a deep guile split the bluff in twain.

I ran to the spot, resolved to make one more effort, and found that the rocky ledge abruptly terminated at the brink of a narrow, which I wound around my holdy to an around which had been guilty terminated at the brink of a narrow, which I wound around my holdy to an around which had been guilty terminated at the brink of a narrow.

which I wound around my body so as not to tire me. I filled my pockets with cold bicut and a slice or two of cold meat.

My course led toward the mountains. The country was rough and covered with thick growths of scrubby timber and brush, with here and there small, clear patches of sand These I searched carefully for footprints of the runaways. But not until I had travelet for several miles did I strike the trail, finsilly coming across the tracks of the well-shad

for several miles did I strike the trail, finally coming across the tracks of the well-shid mules. It was in a large sand patch near the government road. They were trayeling—not grazing—following the leaser, and heading northward. I redoubled my efforts to come up with them before nightfall.

I sped along the wile road at a lively clip, toward the great canon through which the highway crosses the mountain, thinking of nothing but the object of my tramp, and the changed its mind and stood erect. It must have taken a mental measure of the distance separating us and decided the leap was beyond its ability to accomplish. usstance separating us and decided the leap was beyond its ability to accomplish.

I was safe now; beyond the reach of the hungry creature; the rocky walls on either side and above me were perpendicular and shielded me completely. Only the prospect, fact rather, of having to pass the night on the narrow, nest-like rock, less than three leet wide attitudes. ieet wide, attired as I was, made the situa-tion unpleasant: a situation, which, under other circumstances, would have been most disagreeable, but I was thankful for the means of escape, too thankful to curse the predicament into which I was thereby thrown.

> It was a night to be remembered. The lion never left me, but alternately moved about restlessly, then stretched its long body out on the flat rocks for a few minutes at a ime. Nor did I close my eyes in sleep; a fall from the rock would have been the end

> The lion will skulk off with the coming of day, thought I, and leave me free to go my way. But in this I was mistaken. When daylight at last came the persistent beast was still there and showing no intention of raising the siege. I began pelting the brute with the few

loose stones I could find, and then with the end of the long rope. This served only to infuriate the hungry creature and draw it nearer. Instantly the thought flashed into expecting, at every rise in the ground or turn in the road, to get a glimpse of the fleeing animals.

All day long I tramped, tramped, Jogging along at a dog-trot, sto pling now and then only for a breath. But nothing was ever the state of the steepless of the ground or turn my mind, why not lasso the gentleman? Why not rope him? I can do it. The very thought, so tardy in coming, made me half delirious with excitement. What a change? Who shall say that the hour's sport which followed did not repay me for the steepless. followed did not repay me for the sleepless

The sun coming up soon thawed me out and I entered into the project of roping the lion with the enthusiasm of an old hunter

after big game.
One end of the lariat I made fast by a One end of the lariat I made fast by a double turn around the great rock, so arranged that I could draw in the slack as I desired. At the other end I made a small, running noose, that is, smaller than one would use for lassoing cattle or horses. This done, I coiled the strong rope in regulation style and let fly with the loop end at the lion's head. The cramped position in which I stood prevented accurate throwing and I missed the mark, the rope falling and I missed the mark, the rope falling across the animal's back. This infuriated the already angry beast still more. With a snort and growl and one of those harsh cries peculiar to the mountain lion it bounded to the brink of the gulley, where it stood growling and clawing and otherwise exhibiting its anger, while I prepared for another

For an hour I kept up the exciting and For an hour I kept up the exciting and to me unique sport; coiling and throwing the rope; sometimes landing the noise at the proper place, to see it deftiy thrown off ere it could be drawn; at others, when I fancied the lion about to leave me, I would swing down on the rope. This ruse, not without some danger, never failed to bring the beast back with a rush, when I would again mount the rock and resume the throwing.

Finally the rope fell true; the lion made frantic lunge and in such a manner as to ffectually draw the noose. He was caught.

Never have I, before or since, seen such a display of violent madness combined with enormous strength as that which followed. The rolld rocks seemed to vibrate when the horrible cries rent the air; it leaped and tumbled, and bellowed, and fought and frothed at the thouth; rolled up near the edge of the gully and ere I could pull in the slack, bounded off to the end of the rope, to be thrown a double somersault recoil; rising to repeat the mad efforts to free itself.

I began hauling in the slack of the rope as each inward movement gave me oppor-tunity, sometimes a yard, then a foot, al-ways keeping the rope drawn taut and al-

one more leap would swing him into the air.

With all my strength, pulling on the rope, I could not force him to make the leap. I knew it was only a question of time of how long he could withstand the strangling process, but I was growing impatient to finish the job.

I managed to get a half-hitch in the taut-drawn rope with the long club, and placing one end against the rock, formed a lever of considerable power. Then throwing my weight against it I could feel the rope clowly

giving. Seeing that he could hold his position no longer the lion gave an awful cry and sprung for the rock on which I stood, to fall I waited on the rock until the beast's struggles subsided or partially so, when I came down and with my knife made sure of

The beast proved to be our old enemy and I found myself a kind of hero in the camps for several days thereafter.

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his life for her sake. The small dogs are specially suited for pets for little girls who have the misfortune to live in the city. The fox terrier, the black and tan, the Yorkshire and Scotch terrier, the dachshunde, the spaniels and the French poodle are all good. The pug is a dog with very little to recommend it. It is hideously ugly, stupid and not at all neat in its habits greedy and selfish, and no sensible little gir ought to own one. The spitz or Pomeranian is little seen now, but it is about the worst dog we have and specially ill-tempered rough terriers are all very intelligent, faithful and affectionate. They possess many of the dogs' best qualities. The Yorkshire is perhaps the prettiest, but a Yorkshire in perfect condition, whose silky coat sweeps the ground on either side, is an animal who needs a great deal of care. His poor little feet are often kept tied up in rags to prevent his scratching himself and so injuring his coat. The skye and Scotch terriers are very hardy and only need an occasional bath and a good brushing every day. The objection to these dogs is that no washing or care will rid them of a very disagreeable odor, they will have it, and their faces are very difficult to keep clean, because they have so much hair in their eyes and around their mouths. The their eyes and around their mouths. The fox terriers and black and tans have all the good qualities of the others and they have smooth, clean faces. They are nice dogs to kiss and their coats do not take the dirt.
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looking dog, with his short, crooked legs and long body, but he is very handsome to people who understand him and a thoroughly good, faithful, intelligent dog.

I do not think any little girl ought to try to choose a dog for herself. You can decide what kind you prefer and then get some one

who understands about dogs to pick you out a nice one. PRATTLE OF THE YOUNGSTERS. Mother-Frank, what is baby crying about?

Frank-I guess because I took his cake and showed him how to eat it. "If I'm good, mamma," said 4-year-old Lucy, "what'll you do with the whippin' you was goin' to give me if I was bad?"

The Teacher-Now, who can tell me which travels the faster—heat or cold? Johnnie Bright (promptly)—Heat of course. Anybody

Teacher-How did sin come into the world? The New Boy-The preachers picked out all the week and work on the first day, acthe things people liked to do and said they cording to the law of Moses, they are clapped

would send you a kiss, papa," wrote little Lucy, who was away on a visit, "but I have been eating onlons."

"What has become of your club, Harry!

"Oh, it's broken up." said Harry. "We made a rule that no boy could be president twice, and after we'd been president once we couldn't go on with it."

An automatic naildriver is a late invention It is arranged with slides and runaways, into which the nails drop through fitted courses A little girl's dog should be gentle and easy to manage, yelling and as before.

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RELIGIOUS.

Three prime factors of a prosperous congregation are an earnest, sensible pastor, good congregational singing and liberal givng to the Lord's cause.

If the Methodist Episcopal church and the Methodist Episcopal church, South, are not careful the Epworth leaguers will have the two bodies united again in one before they The right of women to vote in parish meet-

church is still withheld. Dr. H. B. Silliman of Cohoes, N. Y., ha given to the Presbyterian church of that own the sum of \$50,000 for the erection of a new church. The Seventh Day Adventists in Canada

are prosecuted—they would say persecuted—just as they are in some states in this country. If they rest on the seventh day of into fall.
Dr. S. J. McPherson of Chicago, who has

been appointed one of the preachers at Harvard for next year, is almost as good an He is a graduate of Princeton and has been pastor of the Second Presbyterian church Chicago for about twelve years.

Among the treasures of the Austrian crown are some religious relics that would make the fortune of a church. They include a nati from the cross, a fragment of the cross itself, a piece of wood from the manger at Bethiehem, fragments of the apron worn by the Virgin and a tooth of John the Bap-

Rev. Father Field, a young Oxford-bred, ritualistic, Episcopalian clergyman, is de-

ritualistic, Episcopalian clergyman, is devoting his life to work in the negro slums of Boston. He is going to celebrate his birthday, July 10, by giving a gigantic plenic to the ceiored children of Boston.

Most Rev. Archbishop Corrigan, assisted by Rt. Rev. Mgr. Farley, administered confirmation at the Church of the Transfiguration, New York City, recently. As a matter of general Catholic interest this would be of small moment were it not for the fact that among the large class of children were several young descendants of the

Celestial kingdom, the Church of the Transfiguration being in Chinatown-in fact, directly opposite to the pagoda. President Felix Faure's namesake, Don

Felix Faure, who, though bearing the same name, is of no kin to the French chief executive, was recently ordained a priest at Grenoble. An interesting fact about him is that he is the son of a peer of France and entered the monastery of La Chartreuse some years ago after resigning his appoint-ment in the council of state. He is 73 years ings in Maine was granted at the diocesan convention held in Portland by a vote of 16 to 14. The right to hold office in the president of the republic. president of the republic.

CURIOUS CONDENSATIONS.

There are said to be forty-one grammars of the ancient Mexican language and twentythree dictionaries. The skin of the Indian is thinner than that of either the white or the negro, and more easily torn. Xantippe, the redoubtable wife of Socrates, if her contemporaries are to be believed, was as ugly as her famous husband. For staving off the hungry craving when a meal is unavoidably delayed it is difficult to

find anything better than an apple.

Snow melted and impregnated with flavor of smoke from the fire on which it is placed is practically the only drink of the Lapp.

Margaret, the queen and patron saint of
Scotland, had a gypsy style of countenance.
She was a Hungarian by birth, though of
Norman-Saxon origin. Rosa Bonheur looks more like a man than like a woman. Her face is strong, and the impression of masculinity is heightened by her closely cut hair.
One of the most curious packs of cards

over seen was made by a convict out of the beef bones collected from the convict's soup and spit to a delicate thinness.

level of the sea.

Among birds there is some trace of family life. The males of certain species undertake the whole duties of incubation. Male pigeons as well as the females feed their young, and trueting to the principle of imi-tation, in some manner educate them.

If the whole sea were formed into a round the whole sea were formed into a rounce column reaching to the sun the diameter of the column would be nearly two and one-half miles, while the Pacific would form 53,000,000 miles of its total length of 93,000,000 miles of the total length of 93,000 miles of the total length of 93,000 miles of the total length of 93,000 mile 000 miles, and the Atlantic 18,000,000 miles There is a curious freak of nature to be seen along the road leading from Atgein to Cochranville, Patagonia. Two good sized streams of water meet at right angles on almost level ground, each having a heavy

fall in reaching the point. The waters of both streams meet, but neither is impeded in its course. They cross like two roads and continue in their respective beds one above the other.

New York Recorder.

Won't you tell us of your plans,
Fair July?
Is it overcoats or fans,
Fair July?
Is it rain that floods and washes,
Or umbrellas and goloshes?
Must we "star" our mackintoshes,
O, July?

Come—we ask you altogether,
Fair July!
Can't we have the proper weather,
Fair July?
We're prepared for perspiration,
And we'll find a compensation
In aquatic recreation,
O, July!

Don't do funny tricks, as June did,
Fair July!
Our feelings will be wounded,
Fair July!
Hetter give us heat oppressing,
Though it bothers us in dressing,
Than to so and keep us guessing,
O, July!