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A BRAVE RUN FOR LIFE.

How John Colter Escaped a Terrible Death.

He Travels Naked for Seven Days Pur ed by a Bloody and Releat less Foe and at Last Reaches a Place of Safety.

What is known as Lewis and Clarke's expedition to explore the Missouri river took place in the year 1805. It every instant expected to feel the was manned by Captain Merriwether spear of his pursuer. He again Clarke, three sergeants and seven sol- turned his head and saw the savage diers of the United States army, ac- not twenty yards behind him. Indian country on their own hook. clouded in doubt, although their en- flightcounter is fully authenticated. They fluence of the Madison river with the Jefferson fork. The Blackfeet Indians were in that region and one of them had been killed by Lewis. Aware of ter and Potts set their traps at night. drew them in each morning and lay

concealed during the day. They were examining their traps early one morning, in a creek which they were ascending in a canoe, when they suddenly heard a great noise. resembling the trampling of animals. But they could not ascertain the fact, as the high, perpendicular banks on each side of the river impeded their view. Colter immediately pronounced it to be occasioned by Indians, and advised an instant retreat, but was accused of cowardice by Potts, who insisted the noise was occasioned by buffaloes, and they proceeded on. In a few minutes afterwards their doubts were removed by the appearance of about five or six hundred Indians on both sides of the creek, who beckoned them to come ashore. As retreat was now impossible. Colter turned the head of the cance to the shore. At the moment of its touching an Indian seized the rifle belonging to Potts. But Colter, who was a remarkably strong man, immediately retook it and handed it to Potts, who remained in the cance, and upon receiving it, pushed off into the river. He had scarcely quitted the shore when an arrow was shot at him, and he cried remonstrated with him on the folly of attempting to escape and urged him to come ashore. Instead of complying, he instantly leveled his rifle at an Indian, and shot him dead on the

This conduct, situated as he was, may appear to have been an act of madness; but it was doubtless the effect of sudden but sound enough rea- Big Horn branch of the Yellowstone soning; for if taken alive he must have | river. - N. Y. Graphic. expected to have been tortured to Cloaks and Shawls, death, according to the Indian custom.

And in this respect the Indians of this region excelled all others in the ingenuity they displayed in torturing their prisoners.

He was instantly pierced with arrows, so numerous that, to use the language of Colter, "he was made a riddle of."

They now seized Colter, stripped him entirely naked and began to censult on the manner in which he should be put to death. They were first inat; but the chief interfered, and, seising him by the shoulder, asked him if

been some time among the Kee Kates, or Crow Indians, had in a considerable degree, acquired the Blackfoot profits were double this sum. The dollars a night when under engage language, and was also well acquainted with Indian customs. He knew that he had now to run for his life, with the dreadful odds of five or six hundred against him, and these armed Indians He therefore cunningly replied that he was a very bad runner, although, in high stakes is not so frequent. Men truth, he was considered by the hunremarkably swift.

to remain stationary, and led Colter out to the prairie three or four hundred yards and released him to save himself if he could. At that instant the war-whoop sounded in the ears of poor Colter, who, urged with the hope of preserving life, ran with a speed at which he himself was surprised. He proceeded towards Jefferson Fork, having to traverse a plain six miles in breadth, abounding with the prickly pear, on which he every instant was treading with his naked feet. He ran nearly half way across the plain before he ventured to look over his shoulder, when he perceived that the Indians were very much scattered and that he had gained ground to a considerable distance from the main body; but one Indian, who carried a spear, was much before all the rest, and not more than a hundred yards from him.

A faint gleam of hope now cheered the heart of Colter. He derived confidence from the belief that escape was within the bounds of possibility. But the confidence was nearly fatal to him, for he exerted himself to such a degree that the blood gushed from his nostrils, and soon almost covered the fore part of his body. He had now arrived within a mile of the river, when he distinctly heard the appalling sound of footsteps behind him, and

companied by twenty-six other per- Determined, if possible, to avoid the sons, among whom were a number of expected blow, he suddenly stopped, Frenchmen. Their adventures and turned around and spread out his discoveries are not of so much impor- arms. The Indian, surprised at the tance as the fact that John Colter and suddenness of the action and perhaps John Potts were members of the expe- at the bloody appearance of Colter, dition. These two men were either also attempted to stop, but, exhausted discharged from the command, or with running, he fell while attempting after the expedition had returned to to throw his spear, which stuck in the its starting place, went back into the ground and broke in his hand. Colter instantly snatched up the pointed part, This point, as well as the exact loca- with which he pinned the Indian to tion of their adventures, appears to be the earth, and then continued his

The foremost of the Indians, on arwere trapping beaver near the con- riving at the place, stopped until others came up to join them, and then gave a hideous yell. Every mement of this time was improved by Colter, who, although fainting and exhausted, the bitterness of Indian hostility Col- succeeded in gaining the skirting of cottonwood trees on the borders of the fork, to which he ran and plunged into the river. Fortunately for him a little below this place was an island, against the upper point of which a raft of drift timber had lodged. He dived under the raft, and after several efforts got his head above water. among the trunks of trees covered over with smaller wood to the depth rived on the river, screeching and burg-Dispatch. yelling, as Colter expressed it, "like

so many devils.' They were frequently on the raft during the day and were seen through the chinks by Colter, who was congratulating himself on his escape, until the idea arose that they might set the raft on fire. In horrible suspense he remained until night, when hearing no more from the Indians, he dived from under the raft and swam instantly down the river to a considerable distance, when he landed and traveled all night. Although happy in having escaped from the Indians, his situstion was still dreadful. He was completely naked under a burning sun, the soles of his feet were filled with the thorns of the prickly pear; he was hungry and had no means of killing game, although he saw abundance around him and was at a great distance from the nearest settlement. Almost any man but an American hunter would have despaired under such circumstances. The fortitude of Colter remained unshaken. After seven days of sore travel, during which he had no other sustenance than roots, he at length arrived at Lisa's Fort on the

MONTE CARLO SUICIDES.

An American who has just returned from France says that the day he visited Monte Carlo happened to be the day on which the annual meeting of After paying the expenses of the co-

tabilebment only £250.000, or \$1,250,-000 were left for those who held stock in the company. A few years ago the Many of them ears from ten to any change is owing, so it is said, to a growing conservatism among the gamblers, both men and women, who frequent this famous resort. There is just as much gambling as there ever was, but the gumbling for enormously and women now wager five-france pieces instead of louis and bank-notes. One interesting her is that the mi- Marphon II

used to be. There were nineteen sul cides during the past year, men and women both driven to the taking away of their own lives because of despair over losing various divisions of the £250,000 profits of Monte Carlo. The previous year when the profits were £300,000 the suicides numbered twenty-five. The number of suicides and the profits of the establishment maintain a ratio, or seem to do so, from year to year. The proportion is about one suicide to every £12,000 profit to the gambling establishment, which means, of course, a corresponding amount of loss to the patrons.

A study of the interesting fluctuation of these suicides to correspond with the gambling-house profits would certainly have delighted Mr. Buckle. N. Y. Mail and Express.

-She-"Mamma has given \$25,000 to establish an old man's home. Isn't that nice, Charlie?" He (yearnfully) -"Very nice, but not so nice as if she would give that much to establish a young man's home, Fannie."-Washington Post.

-Gray's immortal "Elegy" occu pied him for seven years.

a sharp watch or a vigorous community of young roaches would soon spring into being to take the place of the old ones I killed off.

"Roaches, although universally dehabits than house flies. Give me my Lowest Figures. choice of food that roaches have pished meals to the flies, and I will choose the stuff the reaches have trampled on every time. They like paste and any thing that is moist, and are always more numerous where water is frequently slopped around. Hence they are a common nuisance in hotels, saloons and restaurants. But they always prefer cleanly places rather than dirty ones."

"How is it that they so quickly find their way into new houses?"

"Quite often they move in before the people do, or rather are carried in. When old furniture, such as bookcases, desks, or similar articles are taken to a new house enough roaches ride along to start a village of their along in packing cases from the grocery stores and other establishments. I once offered to bet a man I could find roaches in a brand new, elegant hotel on the day that it was opened to the he knew that I knew what I was talking about. There are three kinds of roach and the big black roach. The of several feet. Scarcely had he se- croton bug, as they call it in New cured himself when the Indians ar- York, is nothing but a reach."-Pitte-

DRAWING ROOM ART.

Men and Women Who Make a Living by

There is a considerable class of artistic people in this city, as in other large places, who make their livingall or in part-through the exhibition of their taient in private entertainments, receptions, musicales, parties, ball and even at funerals. They are mostly persons of both sexes with musical talent, either vocal or instrumental, and since they are usually quite young we may not be amiss in prophesying that from their midst will spring the future Nilssons, Capouls, Rubinsteins, Gottschalks, Mozarte, Paganinia, Ole Bulls and like representatives of the divine art. I know of two ladies who are frequently engaged to play their great harps at select gatherings;of several young men, one or two of whom are mere boys. who play the violin in choice social circles; of numerous pianists in regular demand for such work during the long winter evenings. Then I know of vocaliste-men and women and youthe -who serve to delight the cultured listeners who are invited to the homes of the wealthy. In addition to these in the musical line are a few of the new school of female whistiers, our city having two or three youthful beauties whose warblings are little short of wonderful to such of us who have never before realized the bird-like qualities of a girl's throat. In addition to those artists are the experts in the shareholders occurred, and that other lines, such as readers, story-telafter the meeting general gloom per- lers, monologue artists, sleight-of-hand vaded the entire surrounding atmo- performers, palmists, after-dinne met-Chicago Journal

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