

HUGGED TO DEATH.

A Little Boy Crushed by a Huge Snake Near His Home.

Tobe Wesley, of Twiggs county, went to Mason a few days ago to buy a coffin for his 7-year-old son, who was crushed to death by a huge snake. The boy had gone to the field with his father, and while the father was at work wandered off a short distance and climbed a muscadine vine, as was his habit. On being unable to find the boy when he had finished work about sundown, the father went to the house, expecting to find him there, says the Augusta Chronicle, but he was informed by his wife that the boy had not been home since he left the house with his father. Feeling no unbusiness, Wesley, knowing the habit of the boy, went back to the field, which was on the edge of a dense swamp, bordered with muscadine vines, and began searching the vines where he had last seen the boy. By looking up the vines he was not long in finding him, but when he called the boy failed to answer.

After calling two or three times and receiving no answer, the father shook the vine, and, to his horror, saw what he supposed to be one of the branches of the vine that was supporting his son, begin to uncoil. Realizing that his son was in the coil of a huge snake, Wesley stood rooted to the spot, and before he could recover his senses the snake completely uncoiled and the boy fell to the ground. Wesley picked the boy up and ran from under the vines to the clearing. There his worst fears were realized. The child was dead. On being carried to the house and further examination made, it was found that the child's breast had been crushed and that his tongue and eyes were protruding as though he had been choked to death. Wesley is of the opinion that the boy was asleep when the snake coiled about him and gradually crushed his life out. Wesley does not know what kind of a snake it was, as he did not see it after his son fell.

Unrecognized Languages.

Young people are prone to form languages for their own use; and of 150 specimens of the kind published by the "Am Ur-quell," a German folk lore journal, a large proportion are those of boys and girls; while others were collected from thieves, peasants and secret societies. For example, there is "medical Greek," used by medical students; "dog latin," or the speech of a baby learning to talk; "crano language," used in Denmark; "sala language," used in China; "robber language;" "B-language;" "language of the cat's elbow;" and so on. Many of them are the ordinary language of the neighborhood, modified by the insertion of syllables, a plan which school-boys often follow. A case in point is the "gibberish, or hog latin of American children;" for instance, "Willus yovvus govus with meovus?" for "Will you go with me?" Others again are formed by replacing the letters of a word by others, as in the "cut language" of Texas, and the "guitar language" of Hungary.

Victor Emmanuel's Pratty Wit.

King Victor Emmanuel used often to tire before the termination of a day's sport, and mules and horses being out of the question in the precipitous mountain paths, he would mount on the back of his chief huntsman, an Alpine Hercules, named Borretta. One day Borretta, having the king on his back, was crossing a torrent. The king having raised his foot to avoid his gaiter being wetted, the sudden movement almost capsized Borretta. Unmindful for a moment of the rank of his burden, he growled out: "Tente au, bourin!" ("Hold steady, you jackass"). Without manifesting the least irritation or surprise, the king replied: "You apparently ignore, friend Borretta, that the jackass is the one who carries the load," and nothing more was said about the matter.—Argonaut.

An Effective Fence.

An effective and simple fence protects the riverside roadways along certain parts of the Housatonic in Western Massachusetts. Posts are sunk as in making an ordinary fence; along the tops of these are placed whole trunks of trees, varying in length from thirty to fifty feet, the butts being from six to ten inches in diameter. In each butt a longitudinal hole is bored, into which the tip of the next tree is driven. Thus a fence is soon built, as long or as short as is needed, practically without any break, with very few joints and as strong as necessary.

Railroad Mileage.

The total railway mileage was at the end of the year 1892 406,416. The American continent has more than one-half of the railway mileage of the world, and the United States comes pretty near equalling Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia combined. The total capital invested in railroads at the beginning of the year 1893 was, in round numbers, \$32,150,000,000 an average cost a mile for the entire world of a little more than \$79,000.

A Logical Inference.

Kitty Winslow—I wonder who heaved up those curtain-strings. Tom DeWitt—A woman, probably. Kitty Winslow—Why a woman? Tom DeWitt—They are generally skillful in upbraiding.

Treatment.

"This," remarked the poet blithely. "I consider a gem." "Uncut," muttered the editor, after a cursory glance, and reached for his blue pencil.—Detroit Tribune.

Telling Too Much.

New Minister—Does your father go to church regularly? Little Girl—Yes, indeed. Ma'ma would give him fits if he didn't.

JUST PEGGED ON.

An Old Man Who Found It Hard Work to Die in Kansas.

There died down in the Neosho valley not long ago a man known for miles and miles around as Old Joe Kimpton, says the Kansas City Journal. Old Joe came to Kansas in 1856. He brought weak lungs, with him from the "ager" swamps of Indiana, but he plugged along and was ailing off and on for a number of years when he was "took down" with lung fever. It went into quick consumption, and one of his lungs was gone before he knew it. The doctors gave him up and didn't think he could live through the winter. But he just plugged along and allowed he'd pull through somehow.

The children were little tots then, and Joe bought a bunch of calves that spring and said he guessed he'd have them anyhow for the children to go to school on. The doctor told him he couldn't possibly get through the next winter, and he made his will. He hung around in the house and coughed most of the time, and the children helped him about the chores in cold weather. He had his spells, and everybody thought he would die, but Joe he just plugged along and allowed he'd pull through somehow.

The next year and the next and the next he bought calves and steers and pulled through somehow. Summer afternoons he used to sit in front of the long, low farm house built of addition on addition, thinking and coughing absent-mindedly. He was a Democrat and his chief disputation was his attendance on the county conventions every year and the state conventions when they came. He got to be known as a large cattle buyer, and strangers who saw him would look and wonder which undertaker would get him. But old Joe used to take grim delight in counting up the doctors who had given him up and who had since died of natural causes themselves. Every winter he would have his spells and every winter he would tell the doctors between his coughs that he would just plug along and pull through somehow.

He had attended the funerals of ten doctors whose bills he had paid for pronouncing him beyond hope and for tiptoeing into the room to tell him they feared the worst. He had a bad spell the last winter. They said it was the grip combined with the old cough, but old Joe Kimpton didn't say anything though he took their medicine with the old, reproachful look, as if to say the old words. Old Joe was 62 years old when he died. He was 62, and most of the time enduring constant physical suffering. Yet he seldom complained. All over Lyra county and Morris county, where the old man was known and lived, he is missed. His peculiar case may pass into tradition, and child stories may grow from it about the kind, grim old man who couldn't die.

BY A HAIR'S PHOTOGRAPH.

One Man Liberated and Another Convicted of Murder. In Chambers' Journal T. C. Hepworth writes an interesting paper upon the detection of crime by the aid of photography, as exemplified in the experiences of Dr. Paul Jeserich of Berlin.

The first case mentioned is one in which the liberty of the suspected man literally "hung upon a hair," for by a single hair was he tracked. The case was one of assault and two men were suspected of the deed.

A single hair was found on the clothing of the victim, and this hair was duly pictured in the form of a photo-micrograph.

One of the suspected men, had a gray beard, and a hair from his chin was photographed and compared with the first picture taken. The difference in structure, tint and general appearance was so marked that the man was at once liberated.

The hair of the other man, B, was also examined, and bore little resemblance to that found on the victim. The photograph of the latter clearly showed for one thing that the hair was pointed. It had never been cut. Gradually the conclusion was arrived at that it belonged to a dog, "an old, yellow, smooth-haired and comparatively short-haired dog."

Further inquiry revealed the fact that B owned such a dog, a fresh hair from which agreed in every detail with the original photograph, and the man was convicted. He subsequently confessed that he alone had committed the crime.

The Time Fixed.

"Miss Twilling," said Mr. Calloway, glancing down at his polished boots with a self-satisfied air, "don't you like to see a man looking as if he had stepped out of a band box, his clothes nicely brushed and everything about him indicating refinement?"

"Yes, Mr. Calloway, I do," replied Miss Twilling, glancing at him significantly. "I like to see such a man as you have described about once a year."—Clothier and Furnisher.

Oh, It's Not Difficult!

Yabley—Now, Mudge, you know I am your friend, or else I should not speak so plainly to you of your faults.

Mudge—But if what you have been saying to me is true, I can not see how you can be my friend and retain your self-respect.—Indianapolis Journal.

How She Spends Pocket Money.

A New York lady has a weakness for murderers. She spends all her pocket money on bouquets which she carries to the cells of the condemned and presents them to the occupants.

A Half-Hearted Effort.

Daughter—Yes, I know Mr. Staylate comes very often, but it isn't my fault. I do everything I can to drive him away. Old Gentleman—Fudge! I haven't heard you sing to him once.—New York Weekly.

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W. A. SAUNDERS, Attorney, Merchants National Bank.

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Lots four (4) in block 134, and lot five (5) in block 134 of the Original Plat of the city of Omaha, as surveyed, platted and recorded, all situated in Douglas county, state of Nebraska. Said property to be sold to satisfy Walter E. Keeler, plaintiff herein, the sums as follows: On lot 4 in block 134, above described, the sum of \$1,977.00, together with an attorney's fee of \$150.00; On lot 5 in block 134, above described, the sum of \$275.00, together with an attorney's fee of \$75.00.

To satisfy the further sum of three hundred and nineteen and 12-100 (\$319.12) dollars costs herein, together with accruing costs according to a judgment rendered by the district court of said Douglas county, at its September term, A. D. 1896, in a certain action then and there pending, wherein Walter E. Keeler is plaintiff and Phoebe Rebecca Elizabeth Elvise Linton and Adolphus Frederick Linton, her husband, John Morris, William Morris and Frank Crisp, co-partners doing business as Ashurst, Morris, Crisp & Company, John Whitaker, Cooper and William Isaac Shard are defendants. JOHN W. McDONALD, Sheriff of Douglas County, Nebraska. W. A. Saunders, Attorney, Keeler vs. Linton, et al. Doc. 15, No. 19. Et., Dec. 1, Page 26. 2-11-8

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