AFTER A RIVER HORSE

A DAY'S SPORT ON 'ME RIVER NILE.

Wilmot E. Chapman, Who Recently Returned from Egypt, Tells of an Adwith a Harpoon.



returned a few went as a newspaper correspondent, has had some interesting experience withtheriver-

John D. Horton in that delightful pa- youd their reach. per, Cheerful Moments. Chapman found a skilled and trustworthy guide, mus at the earliest practical moment.

"They are not so plenty as they used | time before. to be," said Charbt, who spoke English I will take you to a place where I have agreed to join a party of hunters."

felt on the instant he was some personage of more than ordinary authority even in a hippopotamus hunt.

According to promise, Charbi intro- raft continued drifting with the cur-

what it meant, he observed the outline of the gigantic creature.

Just as the American called to Charbl, the river-horse opened his enorgave one tremendous wrench, and then sank out of sight.

The hippopotamus had not done anyventure on the Dark Continent-Done thing in anger or malice. He simply found some choice food floating over his head, and came up and stole a Y friend, Wilmot mouthful. But that mouthful was pro-E. Chapman, who digious. It seemed to Chapman that he had wrenched off a fourth of the weeks ago from raft. As he was almost over the spot Egypt, where he from which it was taken, and he felt a distinct collapse beneath him, he friend when they met again. scrambled over to his friends with

before. Several of the natives, divining what horse, which it meant, hurrled back with their forabounds in many midable spears; but the hippopotamus parts of the Upper Nile, writes Captain | had sunk so quickly that he was be-

greater ardor than he had ever shown

As the river horse cannot stay more than ten or twelve minutes under watwho had been recommended to him in er without coming to the surface, Char-Cairo, and who cheerfully took charge bi and the others were astonished; for of the traveler, promising him that he they could not understand how it was should gain a sight of the hippopota- they had failed to see him, when he must have been in sight only a short

As it was equally certain that he as well as his native Arabic; "the ani- would reappear, three of the natives mals keep away from civilization, but were in favor of launching the canoe and making ready for him; it was decided, however, to wait, in the hope May I form one of your company?" of coming upon a school of them "You shall," replied Charbi, in such further below, inasmuch as the hipa positive manner that the American popotami are accustomed to go in groups or families.

Accordingly, the canoe was allowed to remain where it was, and the bulky



THE WEAPON SANK INTO THE CHOCOLATE COLORED BODY.

duced his young friend to a party of rent. Chapman lay down again on his six, who had just completed their prep- face, and, still smoking his cigar, arations for a hunt of the river-horse, which, as may well be understood, is monster. It was not long before he one of the most formidable animals descried its head floating a short disthat the experienced sportsman ven- tance away, like a short, thick log; but,

tures to attack. on the Nile in a canoe, had constructed | began moving around the bend of the a raft. Chapman was disposed to river, a few minutes later, the crew question the wisdom of this, for the gave their attention to what was exstructure was unwieldy, and must nec- pected in front. essarily float with the current; but his native friend explained that that was a state of excitement and pleasure, the principal reason why it was shortly after, by the discovery that

adopted. The hippopotamus is wonderful of hippopotami. acute of hearing, and the most careful boatman cannot propel his canoe through the water without his approach being discovered by the suspicious animal, who immediately drops to the bottom like a load of coal, and easily baffies all efforts to get close enough to bury the harpoon in his back.

The raft was made of a species of river-grass, which abounds along the Upper Nile, it being cut off above the water, so as to secure the most buoyant portion. Great masses of this were flung together until it was buoyant enough to float twenty men, who were supported high above the water. A single canoe was drawn against, and partly upon, the raft, to be used when needed. * * * Charbi pointed out a section toward which they were drifting, that abounded with the species of grass of which the raft was composed, the tops pointing only a few inches above the surface. Just below, the river made a sweeping bend, and the native said if nothing was seen of the animals before passing that point, he

them immediately below. As the raft was not floating more rapidly than two miles an hour, Chapman saw that he had still a good long time to wait, and he stretched out once more on his face, and looked at the dark water which was bearing him and his

was confident they would come upon

companions so slowly down stream. He had no expectation of seeing anything unusual, but he could gaze only a few minutes, when, to his amazement, an immense hippopotamus ap-

watched for the reappearance of the after one or two ponderous whiffs, he The party, instead of venturing out dropped out of sight again. As the raft

> The entire party were thrown into they were approaching a regular colony

The structure drifted very slowly, attracting no notice at all from the hippopotami. The natives looked like so many bushwhackers or pirates, who were thus floating down in ambush upon their unsuspicious prey,

Suddenly Charbi touched the shoulder of Chapman, and pointed to one of the monsters.

"What about him?" asked the Amerlean. "He's going to get himself into

trouble." "In what way?"

"You will see; he will soon be in our path."

The animal alluded to by Charbi, was blowing water through his nostrils most of the time, moving hither and thither quite awkwardly, but with considerable swiftness. Suddenly he sank, and a minute after came up so close to the raft that his vast back brushed against the grass.

Instantly the leader of the party rose noiselessly to his feet, holding his terrible harpoon over his head. The next moment he drove it forward with the skill and terrific force of a veteran whaler. The weapon sank into the shocolate colored body as though the latter were so much lard; the wounded animal emitted a wheezing sniff and cry, which put all the others to flight at tails. Dr. Lens-Yes? Have you tried once, and he dropped to the bottom of

the Nile like an auchor from a ship. By-and-by, the half-exhausted monster rose to the top for a mouthful of ruin my dramatic future!" "How do fresh air. The instant he appeared, you mean?" "I've just brought an acpeared. It came up like the hull of a three more spears were buried in his tion for divorce and the papers refuse vessel, floating to the surface. First body, and down he went again, the to publish the details." - Washington there was a darkening of a portion of water immediately surrounding the Star.

the stream, and before he discovered spot being deeply stained with the blood of the poor fellow.

The cance followed the float hither and yon, on the watch for the behemoth when he should reappear, as he must mous mouth, caught hold of the raft, do at intervals. On such occasions, the men, who were plentifully provided with the ordinary spears, launched one apiece into his body, so that after a while he came to look like a gigantic pincushion.

Finally, after going down he failed to come up again; he was dead.

The natives in the canoe slowly paddled to land, where they made the rope fast to a tree. "Why is that?" asked Chapman of his

"After awhile the river will give up the body; it will float, and we do not

THE TOW LINEN SUIT.

wish to lose it."

Patronized by Eminent Statesmen It Is

as Unreliable as Their Records. The tow-linen suit seems to be affected far more in Washington than in any other city in the United States, says the Post. Although the most serviceable clothes for hot summer weather that a man can wear, combining with comparative cheapness great advantages over flannels suits as regards coolness and adaptability to the laundry process, there are still many prejudices against it which have been gradually overcome in the capital by such men as ex-Speaker Reed, Congressman Hitt, Congressman Hatch and other statesmen, who have pioneered the tow suit to popularity. A good tow suit can be purchased for about \$20 and some tailors make them for \$15, but they can be bought for \$10 and as low as \$5. One young man sent to Kentucky last year for one of those \$5 tow suits. It proved a perfect fit, even if it did look suspiciously like sacking, but he wore it until it was solled and then sent it to the laundry. He never discovered the full extent of his purchase until he put it on after its first washing. Instead of shrinking the trousers had stretched six inches and the coat nearly reached to his knees. He carried it to the tailor and had the surplus trimmed off, until once more it fitted him perfectly. After wearing it a week or ten days he sent it again to the laundry and when it came back he opened the package with a feeling of wonder what idiosyncrasy the suit had developed in the meantime. This time it had stretched only about four inches, but had shrunk correspondingly in breadth, forming a very close fit about the hips and shoulders. Once more it was rehabilitated by the tailor and worn until soiled. When it came back from the laundry the third time it was still long enough in the legs to fit the original possessor, while in every other direction it had shrunk into a fading remembrance of its former self and this

Life-Saving Sleeves.

season adorns the shrinking figure of a

modest boot-black.

A new use has been found for balloon sleeves, through the ingenuity of an enterprising inventor, which promises

great results. "The 'bustle' inside the sleeves has up to date been adopted somewhat warily, as wardly filling a long-felt want. But now a silk life-preserver is to take its place, which can be inflated at will, and enables the wearer to float in perfect ease on the water,

Sailing parties made up largely of ladies will leave the man at the helm very much at ease, with each female member of the company transformed into an animated life-preserver; for if ones moves carelessly on the deck and gets blown overboard there is no danger of a tragedy. The balloons will also add no little to the sail area in fair winds. The life-saving sleeve will doubtless prove a big thing, and all that it is puffed up to be.

WITH THE WITS.

Tough-I tried the bunco game on a Kansas farmer yesterday. Another Tough - How did you come out? Tough-He got my dollar and a half .--Judge.

"Are you the minister?" The person addressed turned up his nose, and, casting a contemptuous glance upon his interlocutor, replied: "No, I'm the leader of the choir.'

"Cousin Ethel, is Col. Blazer a brave soldier?" "Oh, I don't think he's afraid of powder." "No. 1 don't think he is, for I saw his nose against your

face last night."-Minneapolis Tribune. "Do you stay up to receive him when your husband stays out late at night?" 'No, indeed. I go to bed very early, so I can scold him the rest of the night, after he has come in, without loss of

sleep."-Ex. Willis: "Hello, old man! Had you much luck on your vacation? Did the bass rise to the files all right?" Wallace: "No, the bass didn't, but I didevery morning at daylight." - Cincinnati Enquirer.

"I can't understand why you haven't as amiable a temper as James," said the proprietor to an office boy, referring to another. "James never has to answer the telephone," replied the abused young man .- Detroit Free Press.

Jumpuppe-Confound these theosophists. Jasper-Why? Jumpuppe-They convinced my wife that she has seven bodies, and she went off and bought a dress for each one. - Tid-Bits,

Vinley-Doctor, I believe I need a pair of eyeglasses. I see everything double. Last night I looked at my wife's dog, and he seemed to have two the gold cure?-Judge.

"It's a conspiracy," she said with agitation, to the reporter. "It is a plot to

CHINA HAS HEROES.

BRIGHT SIDE OF THE PICTURE OF OUTRAGES

American Women Many Christian Missionaries Are Yet in Danger.



ORRESPONDENCE just received at San Francisco by Tokio steamer gives fuller particulars of the antimissionary rages in Sze Chuen. The story does not present a page altogether black and forbidding. for

there are some spots of light upon the

record. Miss Hol, of the China inland mission, describes how, when the house in which she and two other women resided was attacked by the mob, a man with a drawn sword appeared at the door and while engaged in sharpening his weapon on a stone warned the rioters that the women were good folk. and that he meant to defend them.

The crowd fell back and one of the wo women, attended by a Chinese maid, effected her escape to the yamen, only to be refused admittance. But the Chinese attendant raised a loud outcry, wailing that unless the officials gave them refuge they would die at the The officials, however, were too terrorized to send succor to the other two cured chairs for them and got them to the yamen. He appears to have remained incognito.

Another missionary, escaping from his burning home, entered the house of a Chinese doctor, who swathed him in bandages, covered his head with a Chinese hood, and in the guise of a moribund Chinaman placed him on the shoulders of coolies and sent him to the yamen. Another missionary reached the out-station, where his wife awaited him, by disguising himself as an official en route to meet the incoming viceroy, the real officials making him up with blue glasses, long boots, uniform, cap, etc.

But against the comfort inspired by the evidences of native good-will has to be placed the fact that, although a month and a half has elapsed since the riots took place, many missionaries at out-stations in Sze Chuen still remain without protection and exposed to mob violence at any moment.

From all parts of China comes intelligence that the war has not produced the smallest perceptible effect on the nation. Some know nothing about it; others believed their country was victorious. The much-predicted awakening of China is a myth; she sleeps as soundly as ever.

THE LAST OF HIS RACE.

The Great Buffalo of the West Meets His Untimely Fate.

Scarred by arrows, wounded by bul-He has skulked like a wounded wolf: above had made him tremble-he, who one Indian pony to his death! Ah! But the cries of the coyote have brought company! They come sneak- mond dust? ing out of thicket and grass and crevice until there are a dozen. The youngest calf of a herd would not fear them. and yet their angry snarls make the old monarch tremble! The sun seems to drop into a lower notch as the old monarch moves softly about to snatch a bite here and there, but riwhys keeping his eye on the pack. As the craving of hunger becomes partly satisfied. the fire comes back to his eyes, and he even gives his head a deliant toss. If their howling brings the savage wall, he will die fighting-he will die game. He has fought them a hundred battles, and never suffered defeat. Here they come! He looks up to find himself a !most encircled. They are hungry and gaunt. Their eyes blaze, and foam falls from their lips as they close in an him. Now, watch him! He is no longer the fugitive-the craven, trembling at every sound. His head is held high; there is a royal fire in his great eyes. and he utters a low bellow of deliance and paws the earth as a challenge for them to come on. Crack! Crash! Hurrah! The bull totters, sways to and fro, and fails to the earth, sho: through the heart. A man leaps out of the thicket, waves als hat and gun. and cheers the success of his shot. while the wolves sneak away into the twilight and growl and snap at each

The last of his race is dead. He would have died fighting as a monarch should, but man prevented. It is the last hide the last feast for wolves and vultures-the last monument to mark hog, or die," sound allmost like revulaman's savagery when stirred by cupid- shun. ity and selfishness.-M. Quad in Detroit Free Press.

Not Altogether Astray.

Fogg says he received a letter the other day, and he had a strong presentiment that he would find a ten dollar a bill for ten dollars, which, he says, ogether astray.- Ex.

BELLOWS HOLD THEIR OWN.

Blacksmiths Stick to Them Notwithstanding the Newer Power Mowers.

The blacksmith's bellows has three boards. When the bellows is set up in position the middle board is fixed; Several Missionaries Smuggled to Safety the upper and lower boards are mov--Brave Native with a Sword Defends | able. There is a valve in the middle board and one in the lower board. When the bellows is not in use the lower board falls as far as the leather will permit it, and that compartment is then filled with air. With the working of the lever and the raising of the lower board the air in the lower compartment is forcer through the valve in the middle board into the upper compartment, which is the reservoir, whence it blows through the nozzle of the bellows into the fire. When the pressure from below ceases the valve in the middle board closes, and the air is then forced out from the upper compartment or reservoir of the bellows by the weight of the upper board; sometimes this board is weighted to make it expel the air more rapidly and forcibly. The continuance of the blast without the working of the lever, caused by the gradually sinking upper board of the bellows, may last for a quarter of a minute; it is a highly prized characteristic of the beliews. The blacksmith who is alone is thus enabled, if he should so desire, to use both hands at the fire; or he might go across the shop and be back, swaying the lever once more before the blast had ceased. A good bellows will last many years without repairs. Blacksmiths' bellows are made in various sizes, from 24-inch to 60-inch. The 36-inch is the size most gates, and at length they gained entry. commonly sold. The size is the width at the widest point. Bellows are longer than they are wide, and they are made women. They also owed their safety of different lengths in the same width, to the man with the swo: I, who pro- ordinary, and long. There are about fifteen bellows manufacturers in the country, including three in New York and one in Brooklyn, says New York Sun. Manufacturing and other establishments supplied with power forges are nowadays equipped with power blowers; and there are also various hand blowers, some operated with a crank and some with a lever, and there are now used many portable forges and blowers combined. The sale of modern appliances for blowing forge fires has increased greatly in recent years, while the sale of bellows has not; but there are shipsmiths and boiler makers, wheelwrights, carriage and wagon makers, and others who still use bellows, and prefer it to any other means of blowing his fire, so that there are still sold thousands of bellows annually.

Some Queer Polsons.

The Bombay Government's analyst has been investigating the various polsons that are used in India, and in the course of his report he disposes of the old notion that pounded glass is the most deadly kind of substance you can mix with the food of any one against whom you entertain a particular was reached, when Tom made a dive grudge. "Pounded glass," he says, "is for the office, but was headed off and at of course, mean by this that it assists digestion or can safely be recommended as a pick-me-up after a hard day's work, but that it is useful in the sense of not doing very much harm to the person whose life is aimed at and leading very easily to the detection of lets, pursued by foes from valley to the would-be murderer. If it is valley and from river to river, the pounded until it becomes very fine, it whilom monarch has at last found a causes merely slight discomfort and covert and a breathing spell for a day. can be detected in the first mouthful of the food with which it is mixed. The he has crouched like a fox in his lair. same may be said, it appears, of di-The cry of a vulture hovering high mond dust, tiger's whiskers, chopped hair, and such like. After all, two had driven the dreaded grizzly out of penn'orth of blackbeetle-killer is as his path more than once, and whose good-or as bad-as anything, and you sharp, stout horns had sent more than can get this at the nearest grocer's, Where, I wonder, would you have to go in search of tiger's whiskers or dia-

JOSH BILLINGS' PHILOSOPHY.

Betting on a sure thing iz no better than stealing it.

If it waz aginst the law to guess at things, we wouldn't kno mutch.

The phools hav made more trouble in this world than the razkalls hav. We all ov us owe to our vanity more

than we would like to be told ov. Mi friend if yu just give other people the same privileges that yu klaim for yourself, you will be surprized to see how smoothe and still the old masheen

I hav often found it a good plan to cum up on the rear side ov things and work toward the front; then, if we hav made a mistake, we kan bak out eazier. I want it distinktly understood that

i luv and respekt woman, not so mutch for the hed that iz on her az for the heart that ix in her.

If there waza't enay phools this world would be a dredful desolate place to liv in; it wouldn't pay to be wise, or even cunning.

One ov the strongest points in the devil's karakter iz, never to konsider enny thing out av hiz reach. Whenever i hav undertaken to plan a

gratuitous amusement for others, I hav allways failed. The best way iz to let every one pay his munny, and then pik out his own game.

Kind Heaven knu that lazyness waz the strongest habit ov the heart. This makes that plaintive refrain, "Root,

Sum ov the most modest and humble men i hav ever run aginst hav been thoze who had matched themselfs agin the devil, and got badly beat.

I hav giv up all kinds ov kreeds long ago, even in religion, philosophy and horseflesh. When a man informs me bill in it. When he opened it, he found that a certain barell has got good cider in it, i smile and say, "Jess so," but he though not exactly the same thing, kant prove it to me unless the barrel iz shows that his impression was not al- tapt, and I hav inhaled a quart ov the juice.

TAURUS ON GUARL

Scheme of a New York Farmer to Pre that Ble Premises.

Farmer Jackson, of the town of Thompson, N. Y., has adopted a novel mode of keeping trout fishermen off his premises. The old farmer has a splendid trout stream of pure spring water running through his farm, and for years has been bothered with boys and "city fellers," who, with rod and line, would traverse his fields and tramp down the growing grass and grain, says the Pittsburg Telegraph. He put up warning notices for trespassers, but the bad boys of the neighborhood would tear them down and the fishermen persisted in fishing in the brook, causing the old man to commit much sin thereby. As his house was half mile away, he could not afford to spend the time watching the preserve with a shotgum. At last he hit upon a happy expedient, and it works like a charm. This season his premises have been free from intruders. Jackson last year became the possessor of a fine blooded Jersey bull. It carries a splendld pair of horns, and is as vicious and ugly as any of the bulls used in the bullfights of Spain. In the field through which the brook flows the bull has been allowed to roam free. Whenever a stranger enters the forbidden inclosure his "royal nibs" scents him from afar, and with tall erect and lowering head he charges on the introder, who takes leg bail and makes haste to get out of the lot. A few days ago one of the city guests at Monticello, who was ignorant of the bull's presence, had just cast his fly in the stream when he heard a loud bellow and saw an angry bull making rapidly toward him. Without taking the trouble to reel his line he made for the nearest ferce, which happened to be made of par bed wire. He landed on the other side just as the bull came up to him, but left a portion of the seat of his trousers clinging to the fence. The hay crop is short in Sullivan county, but the farmer refuses to sell the bull and says he will keep the animal as long as his horns are good and he retains his hatred of fishermen.

THEY WHIPPED TOMMY.

He Wanted Sparrow, but Didn't Want

ull There Was in Anderson. "Tom" is a maltese cat living in Anderson, Ind. He took a young sparrow from its nest the other day and dozens of the birds attacked him. The sparrows swarmed about the despoiler of the nest, pecked at his head, ears and back, and then darting away before he had a chance to claw them. Occasionally Tom would rise on his hind legs, make a wicked lunge at the birds, and several were sent to the earth as the result of his sharp claws. The air was filled with the little excited birds and their chatter could be heard a block away. By this time Tom was squalling at the top of his voice and his eyes glowed like coals of fire. The fight continued up the street until the hotel a most useful poison." He does not, last found refuge under a cab that stood in front of the door, A large crowd gathered and saw the fight waged by the birds on their common enemy. Under the cab the birds could not reach Tom without subjecting themselves to great danger from his sharp claws, and soon flew back to the barn chartering and making every possible manifestation of delight. When the noise was stilled the thoroughly whipped Tom. crawled from under his retreat and senrried down the alley.

The commonest name in the new British Parliament is Wilson. No fewer than eight gentlemen of that name have secured election to St. Stephen's. The task of distinguishing between them will be somewhat difficult, especially an five have the same Christian name of John. Next to Wilson the most common name is Smith. There are five Smiths in the House, not reckoning Mr. Smith-Barry. There is only one Brown. and but two Joneses, and a solitary Robinson.

MISSING LINKS.

A copperhead snake, seven feet long, was killed in a cigar store in Franklin, N. J., Monday,

Microbes killed a bank clerk lately who, in counting a pile of bank notes, moistened his fingers with his lips. A Maine physician prescribes for neryous exhaustion tomcod chowder, and

the patient must catch his own cod. Atlanta, Ga., is the only city in the United States that has a house constructed wholly of paper from foundation to chimney.

A child born in the northern suburbs of Omaha last week has finger nails an inch long and a thick growth of hair over his body.

A patrified frog found in an Elmira, N. Y., stone quarry in 1886 was two feet and eight inches in length and weighed over 100 pounds.

Tin is said to have been discovered in Huerfano county, Colorado, in better paying quantities than any other place

in the United States. B. H. Freeman of Toomsboro, Ga., once kept a moccasin snake, tightly sealed up in a bottle, for two years without food or water, "yet it lived

and grew tat." In 1892 the cost of the election im England was £958,522, an average of a little over 4 shillings a vote. In 1874 each vote cost 14 to 15 shillings, and

in 1859 over £1. The amount of New England rum sent from Boston to Africa has decreased in the last two years from 1-025,226 gallons to 561,265. The cause

of this decrease is not given. The very latest "standpipe" in the United States is at the corner of Seventeenth and Crocker streets, Des Moines, Iowa. It is 135 feet high and tweaty odd feet in diameter, and holds bee