

dlesex villages and farms, and faced the deadly dangers of barking dogs and crowing cocks. Longfellow has sung him in thyme that school children are west men rate heroism by a different standard. sing the song of Jun Lell, for he is a hero, a fine, grizzed hero. There was a western matter of fact sort of tinge to

> knightly heroism of other days. In one of the anterooms of General each boy held an arm." Miles' offices in the Pullman building sits a grim, young old man with grizzled, close cut hair, a brown, luxuriant musplease. A little chap in a blue sailor on his knee, said youth of seven being wearing worthily the patriotic name of Sherman Miles.

Revere, who took a famous ride in days

gone by. He went skurrying past Mid-

There the little chip sat securely and tugged at the old soldier's mustaches, while a reporter put questions and got answers.

"You want to hear the story of my ride?" continued the old scout. Then he told the story of his epic ride, bearing dispatches from General Terry to General Crook. This was in 1876. Custer had just been slain; it was absolutely necessary to get the two generals in touch. Terry was on the Big Horn; Crook was at the headwaters of the Great Goose creek. In the tangled interland the Indians swarmed. Bands of reds were lurking here and there curled about General Terry's camp. Scouts had been sent out. One after another drifted back to camp; they had met Indians; they had lost their horses in

swimming the Yellowstone. June 9 Colonel Gibbons, of the Seventh infantry, posted a call for volunteers to run the desperate race from the Big Horn to the camp on the Great Goose. There was a momentary holding back. Then three men stepped forward and answered the call.

James Bell, private. Benjamin F. Stewart, private. Evans, private.

Evans is still in the service and has won his stripes. He is stationed in the west.

They expected to have Indian ponies, but the proved an impossibility. So at 5 o'clock in the afternoon they set off mounted on cavalry horses. Each was in full uniform: each of the three carried an infantry rifle; no other arms were worn. Captain Hamilton, of the Second cavairy, who is now in the recruit

somewhat ith rosv r not having his book and as reaso with him says, "Two big boys pinioned my arms and marched me home on a double quickstep. I couldn't carry my book and so it was lost," his fond and given to recite. Perhaps it was a brave judicious mamma suspends all criticism and noteworthy thing. But out in the until after investigation. She knows there is a grain of truth somewhere, and expects to find it lodged at the bottom

Some day or other a western poet shall of a pretty big well. A note to the teacher elicits the information that Courlie's reader is in his desk, and Charlie, with big, angelic eyes and his daring act, but if one goes deep scraphic innocence says, "Sure enough, enough one shall find a touch of the old I forgot to take it home; but you know if I had it must have been lost, because

The other day considerable pains were taken to send him to the circus. An older brother kindly gave up a Saturday tache, and hard braced military shoul- afternoon on his bicycle to act as his ders. Messenger James Eell, if you please. A little chap in a blue sailor best part of the house. Now Charlie had suit, reefer and cap complete, is perched never been to a circus. He had, however, seen considerable circus literature the son and heir of General Miles, and as displayed on posters, and was familiar with the beautiful fairy in ballet attire who rides three horses at once while she drives a tandem with her left hand and with her right fires off a gun on which are perched a happy family of cats, mice and birds. He knew just how gracefully the elephants could dance the german and horses play seesaw.

Great enthusiasm was felt by the whole family regarding Charlie's introduction to that delight of every boy's heart, the circus. Papa on the eventful morning was heard to wish that office cares and duties would permit him to live over again his youthful days by witnessing the impressions that would be made on the virgin mind of his little

Our blase young American, however, afforded an instructive and beautiful illustration of the development of the genus "boy" in a single generation. The grand athletic tournament and the wonderful equestrian baboon failed to elicit a single spark of enthusiasm. The performances of the clowns were beneath his contempt.

During some marvelous bareback riding acts he asked when the horses would come out.

"They are out; don't you see them?" said his brother.

"Yes, but when are they going to come out of the ring? I don't care for this part."

The trapeze performances and the bicycle riding met with a limited amount of approval, although he would "just as lief see Hal ride his wheel," and "the fellows at the gymnasium were pretty good on the trapeze." While Rome was falling he wanted to go home and play hopscotch.

When mamma questioned him as to what kind of a time he had, he said: "Oh, the circus isn't as good as it used to be.' "Why, Charlie," said mamma, "you never were at a circus before." "Is that so?" said Master Charlie; "I thought I had been every year from four years up."-New York Herald.

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For a boilerful of clothes use twothirds of a cake of soap and four tablespoonfuls of kerosene. Lessen the quantity both of soap and kerosene for a small washing. Put cold rain waterkerosene cannot be used with any but rain water-in the boiler, to the depth of three or four inches; shave up the soap, measure the kerosene, and add

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Bugs as Medicine. Chinese drug stores, which may be numbered by the score in the Mongolian quarter, are in themselves complete and unabridged museums of insects. In the hundreds of neat drawers which line the wails and in the numerous jars of fantastic design and barbaric form which ornament these establishments are to be found preserved flies, beetles, bees and every other species of insect life, not to mention every variety of toad, snake and lizard. Every box is carefully labeled

with Chinese signs, and the contents are carefully dried before being stored away for medical use.—San Francisco Chroni-

ing service in New York, commanded an escort that led the adventurous three to the lines. By this time it had gone dark, so the three chaps turned their horses' heads up hill and journeyed on

"It was the meanest country ever white man put foot on," explained Jim Bell: "a mountainous, gullied, hill country, with scrubby bushes and sinking bogs. We had a watch horse ahead all the time to try the ground, and far ahead of him we sent one of the gang to keep a weather eye out for Indians. The red dogs were cringing in the bushes to right and left, and lurking in the gulches and the broken ground. There was no chance for a fight. It was simply a case of dodge and hedge all night."

So this night wore away, a scout ahead piercing from the high peaks, the other two following with the blundering, jaded cavalry horses. The night drifted by, and the next day there was nothing of importance. No fire was lighted. In those days and in those places the raising of fire smoke might have meant the raising of a scalp.

So the second night darkened down. The three thought of camping for the night at the Rosebud. It was after midnight; the horses were "staked out;" the three men fell asleep under the equine feet. Of a sudden there was a stampede, does not foam over on the stove. Then and the horses were out in the brush, mad with terror.

Here the infantile General Sherman Miles broke in, as he tugged at the old soldier's mustaches: "But didn't you sleep?"

"Not just then," Jim Bell laughed; "we chased the horses."

"Indians," suggested young General

Miles. "No, bear-a bear had stampeded our horses, and after we caught them we decided that sleep was a luxury. So we rode on again." Little Master Miles was grievously

disappointed that it was not Indians, but finally agreed to accept bear. Then the square shouldered scout went on:

"Three nights and two days, and the last night was the worst of all. We sighted a blue column of smoke spindling up into the air. This was shortly after midnight, when we caught the dawn glimmer from the hills.

"Indians? "Friends or foes?

"We lay there, with the horses thrown and blindfolded, crouched in the grass. The hours went by, but it seemed that every hour was a generation long. Should we succeed in our mission and put the two armies in connection, or die at the red and tortured stake?

"The hours crept on until the dawn brightened and broadened. Five o'clock! Then of a sudden we heard the bugles blowing-the falling in-the roll calland, thank God, the word from Terry to Crook was delivered.'

Now that was a good bit of work. Jim Bell gave General Terry his first authentic news of the Custer massacre; Jim Bell put Terry in touch with Crook: Jim Bell ended the war.

You don't think much of it? The west is waiting for the poet who shall sing that ride.-Chicago Tribune.

Two Kinds of Tarantulas.

It is a fact not generally known that there are two varieties of tarantulas in Arizona and New Mexico. This probably accounts for the conflicting reports about the deadly nature of the tarantula poison. The so-called Texas tarantula is by no means an agreeable bedfellow, but his bite is by no means fatal. The venomous Texan tarantula, in spite of all discussions to the contrary, does build and live in the trapdoor spider nest. There seems to be a current idea that the trapdoor spider is harmless, which is certainly erroneous. It uses no web nest, easily capturing its prey by extraordinary springs.

Those who have seen this arachnidan by daylight can have little idea of its power and fleetness. During the day it moves slowly and clumsily in dazzling light, but when darkness comes it ca move with ease and certainty. Credib. accounts have appeared stating that the tarantula can leap sixteen feet. Repeated statements have credited it with leaps of three feet or more. In the year 1870, or near that date, three men disturbed several tarantula nests in San Diego. They were immediately attacked by the huge spiders and had to run for their lives, taking refuge in the waters of the bay .- Florence Companion.

Do Deer Ever Weep? In most species of deer a hollow which is known to scientists as the lachrymal sinus, or tear pit, is found. It is a cavity beneath each eye, capable of being opened at pleasure, in which a waxy substance of a peculiar disagreeable odor is secreted. This pit is sometimes very small, but often of considerable size. Poets speak of the deer weeping, but it has not been shown this is not by poetic license solely. In the case of the wounded stag, which the contemplative Jacques watched and moralized upon, it is said:

The big round tears Coursed one another down his innocent nose In piteous chase.

But this is Shakespeare's poetical interpretation of the appearance presented by the motion of the glistening edges of the folds of skin which inclose the so called "tear pits." These cavities are very marked in species of deer found in Asia and the islands of the Indian ocean. and in the common deer of America and Europe. In some varieties in South America and northern Asia they are less developed .- St. Louis Republic.

Fly Tastes.

First Fly-They are painting the house outside. Let's go out and get stuck in the paint.

Second Fly-I'd rather stay here and get stuck in the butter.-Good News.



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