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Saw a Dog Bitten Serpent.

For over a year there have been rumors regarding the existence of a large serpent at Lake Umbagog, three miles west of Danbury, but every one who heard the story received it with incredulity. But the rumor grew in spite of skepticism, and the thoughtless were forced finally to admit that perhaps there was something in it.

Friday, Edward M. Baldwin and George Downs were fishing in the lake. Both are elderly business men and opposed to notoriety in every way. They were engaged in handling fish, when suddenly to the west of them a huge head poked itself out of the water and contemplated the fishermen. This was thirty feet away from their boat. One of the men said it was not unlike the head of a pug dog but dark brown or black in color. Both the fishermen lost interest in their fishing and fastened their attention on the serpent.

After viewing the fishermen for a few minutes the serpent moved toward them some ten feet, and his entire body was seen on the surface of the water. It was from fifteen to twenty feet long and moved slowly and easily, in the manner of a huge snake. It took a second view of the fishermen for a few seconds and then dived.

The slight unnerved the fishermen at first, but they resolved to get a nearer look. They saw the serpent perhaps half a dozen times, but were unable to secure a closer inspection of it. The story has been corroborated with more particulars by John Clark, a hotel proprietor, Theodore Clark, the big box manufacturer, and many others who have seen the serpent. These men say the serpent is as thick as a dog's body. — Cor. Hartford Courant.

Game Galore in Maine.

Moose are so very plentiful in northern Maine that, as a sportsman can legally kill but one in a season, it is something of a disappointment to throw away the only chance on an under-sized or lean animal, or one with poor antlers. The boss hunter of Medway, Lowellyn Powers, is a man who wastes no powder on inferior game, and when he started out after his annual moose the other day he was determined to get a good one. He rolled his old slouch hat into a horn and called a moose to the water at Poek-wachamus lake, but the bull did not suit, being too lean and carrying small antlers.

Another and another came in response of the hunter's call, and finally the ideal monarch of the woods appeared. This bull fell before Powers' rifle. He weighed over a thousand pounds and carried a perfect set of antlers that spread five feet. No fault can be found with a hunting ground which affords such opportunities as this for taking one's pick of big game. All most anybody can get a moose in the upper Penobscot region. The other day a two-year-old boy named Hathaway went into the woods alone, called a big moose and dropped him at the first shot. — Louisville Courier Journal.

A Public Duel.

In the case of the trial for murder which is going on at Naples the deceased some time before his death fought a duel with a man who is now one of the prisoners. At the hearing the other day one of the witnesses, a government official, said that on the day of the duel he went with others to meet the carriage coming back, for "at Palermo every one knows everything, and the carriage returned as if from a festival, and the people waited to see them."

The public minister asked the witness how the news of the duel being about to take place was known to the public. Witness: "First by the Mafia in fixing on the place and hour. I have never seen such a duel; people went as if to a feast, and every one knew of it. Perhaps the circumstance that an officer was fighting had some influence, and that therefore the authorities did not prevent it." — London News.

A Lawyer's Harvest.

It is the man with the idea who develops his opulence today. A lawyer of this city not long since in three months persuaded all the manufacturers of a certain staple product in the eastern states to form a combine. He visited all of them and finally got them together and drew the articles of agreement. He joined about twenty-five concerns into a combination, with a capitalization of over a million. At the outset he claimed 2 per cent, and his realization for his three months' work was \$30,000. This is a fact. Two New Haven concerns are in the combination. — New Haven Palladium.

To Investigate the South Pole.

Professor Nordenskiold, of arctic fame, will soon start from Australia in two small sailing vessels, having auxiliary steam power, for an exploration of the antarctic ocean. The vessels will be thoroughly equipped with every device found useful in ice navigation. The locality has not been visited since James Ross' expedition in 1841, although the English ship Challenger went as far south as latitude 65 degs. 43 min. in 1874. — Exchange.

The Bear Scares the Ranchers.

There is a bear roaming the river bottoms in the vicinity of Lufts that, when it sees a man, rises on its hind legs and begins to dance. It is thought the creature must have escaped from some gymnast who recently passed through the town. Many of the ranchers living near there are so frightened that they sleep in their windmills at night. — San Francisco Call.

The vote of a Riley county (Kan.) man was challenged because he had been in the penitentiary seven times. He was, however, equal to the emergency. He produced the pardoning papers for each offense.

Several days ago a child was bitten in the finger by a black spider at Madison, Ind. A few hours later the little one's arm began to swell, and death ensued on the following day.

BY MOOSE

As the small boat... and made a halt. In the coolest nerve I... Colonel A. E. Saifer, who... in a reminiscent mood, "was Colonel John S. Mosby. I was a high private at Harper's Ferry when that place was captured by Stonewall Jackson in 1862. After waiting for some time for our exchange we were ordered down to Fairfax Court House, Va., where we were on the lookout for Mosby.

"One cold, clear night in February, 1863, I was on picket duty on the Warrenton road. I had post two. I was walking my post almost on the double quick, trying to keep warm, when I heard a troop of cavalry coming down the Warrenton road at a quick trot. They were stopped by the man on post one all right, and then came down on my post. When they came close enough to me I halted them.

"Friends with the counterign," was the answer to my challenge. "One man dismount and advance with the counterign," was my next command. "A well dressed officer dismounted and advanced to the point of my bayonet and gave the counterign 'Jamaica.' "Counterign correct," I shouted. "Pass on."

"There were about three hundred of them; a motley crew in appearance, but they were a jolly lot, singing, talking and laughing. They passed on, and in due time I was relieved and soon was sound asleep.

"Early the next morning the sergeant of the guard roused me up and told me I was wanted at headquarters. In charge of an orderly I went. When I got there the man who was on post one was ahead of me. He was ushered into the presence of General Alexander Hayes, our commanding officer, and when he came out I went in.

"You had post two at — last night?" demanded the general. "I had, sir." "Tell me about the troop of cavalry that passed your post." "I told him what had happened. "Well," he said grimly, "you did it," and he dismissed me.

"I discovered pretty soon that the men I had passed were Mosby's command, with Mosby at their head. They had ridden through the entire camp, taken the tent of one of the general officers, mounted it on a mule and escaped with it to the Confederate lines.

"How did he get the password? We found out that afterward. At one of the outposts was the rawest kind of a raw recruit. While he was on picket duty a man dressed in a captain's uniform, with the red sash of the officer of the day across his breast, approached him. He challenged and the officer responded.

"Officer of the day with the counterign." "Advance and give the counterign." "The officer advanced and gave a word which was not the correct one. "That's not right," said the sentinel, and you can't pass."

"After considerable wrangling, the officer insisted that his word was right, he exclaimed angrily, 'What word have you got?' The man said, 'The sergeant of the guard gave me the word, 'Jamaica,' and nobody can pass without it.' "The officer was no other than Mosby himself. He had all he wanted, and, waiting for sight, got his men together and made the successful raid.

"For cool nerve it beat anything I ever heard of." — New York Herald.

The Best Jobs.

As I was leaving Pittsburg I was approached by a young man who, after giving me his card, thanked me most earnestly for my lecture of last night; in fact, he nearly embraced me. "I never enjoyed myself so much to my life," he said.

I grasped his hand. "I am glad," I replied, "that my humble effort pleased you so much. Nothing is more gratifying to a lecturer than to know he has afforded pleasure to his audience."

"Yes," he said, "it gave me immense pleasure. You see, I am engaged to be married to a girl in town. All her family want is your show, and I had the girl at home all to myself. Oh! I had such a good time! Thank you so much! Do lecture here again soon."

And after wishing me a pleasant journey he left. I was glad to know I left at least one friend and admirer behind me in Pittsburg. — Max O'Rell.

A Little Like an Owl.

"See many of my paragraphs or stories in the exchange?" asked the funny man of the exchange editor. "Haven't noticed," returned the exchange editor. "I've seen a good many things credited to the paper, but haven't looked to see whether they were dog fight, weather items or some of your game. Want me to end game out and lay 'em aside for you?"

"Oh, no; I wouldn't put you to so much trouble," said the funny man. "No trouble at all," asserted the exchange editor. The funny man went back to his desk, thought over the matter for a minute and then threw a paperweight at the exchange editor. — Chicago Tribune.

Stores Not Made of Rat Skins.

It has often been said that the glove-makers of Paris make use in their trade of the skins of rats which are caught in the sewers, but this is denied. Certainly the material would not be strong enough to successfully counterfeit the kid, unless it were for the thumb parts only, which are generally of a thinner and different kind of leather from the rest. Suggestion has been made that a trade might be opened with the Chinese for the skins of the rats which they eat. — Washington Star.

Smoke is finding its champions in England, notwithstanding the efforts made to prevent its diffusion in the atmosphere. It is claimed that the carbon in the smoke is a powerful deodorizer, and as such is a blessing rather than a nuisance.

Wonderful.
E. W. Sawyer, of Rochester, Wis., a prominent dealer in general merchandise, and who runs several peddling wagons, had one of his horses badly cut and burned with a lariat. The wound refused to heal. The horse became lame and stiff notwithstanding careful attention and the application of remedies. A friend handed Sawyer some of Haller's Barb Wire Linctment, the most wonderful thing ever saw to heal such wounds. He applied it only three times and the sore was completely healed. Equally good for all sores, cuts, bruises, and wounds. For sale by all druggists.

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