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CAUGHT BY AN ALLIGATOR.

The Awful Fate that Overtook a Mexican While Crossing a River.

'Yes, I've shot my number of alligators. The swamp immediately in the rear of my quarters at Belize abounded with them, and I often popped off one in the early morning from my veranda. They proved uninteresting prey, however, always giving up the ghost at the first discharge; but still I can tell you quite a tragic incident connected with the brutes which occurred under my very eyes. You know that I was stationed at Orange Walk, British Honduras, for several months. The name of the place sounds pretty enough, but that's all there is pretty about it. It is, in fact, nothing but a wretched Spanish Indian village,' says a writer in the Globe-Democrat, 'so that we had no outside associates and no diversion except hunting and riding.

The connection with the latter pursuit, we were in the habit of riding occasionally to a village called San Estevan, situated some twenty miles distant on the New River, but on the far side from Orange Walk, so that we had to cross the river in order to get there. This we did sometimes at Orange Walk, sometimes at San Estevan, just as the whim seized us. There was no bridge or regular ferry at either place, so that our method of crossing was by means of a canoe, while our horses swam behind. As the canoe would not hold more than two at a time, the ferryman and passenger, this crossing was a work of time more especially when any of the horses elected to be fractious.

On the occasion of which I am about to speak we had decided to ride down on our own side of the river and cross over at San Estevan, as the rainy season was not long over and the track in question was decidedly the better of the two. After a few hours' enjoyable riding through the forest's pleasant shade, we arrived at the crossing and shouted for the negro to take us over. He soon put in an appearance and we all soon safely landed on the opposite shore, the horses seemingly enjoying their cold swim after the journey. We were saddling our horses preparatory to remounting, when we saw a native sugar planter, or rancharo, come trotting down to the opposite shore. He presented quite a contrast to us in his picturesque and splendid costume. It is needless to describe it. Every one knows the velvet garments trimmed with gold lace and buttons, the beautiful embroidered linen, huge silver spurs and broad sombrero of the typical Mexican. He was mounted on a spirited little white horse, which contrasted favorably with his black costume. The ferryman was about to put off to bring him over, when, with a careless wave of his hand he put his horse to the water, and the gallant little beast started on his journey bravely and resolutely.

'We all stood mechanically watching him, none of us I believe, apprehending any mishap, when the horse uttered a shrill scream of pain and terror, while he was perceptibly sinking lower and lower in the water. His rider, with blanched face and staring eyeballs, seemed to be struggling disengage himself from his sinking steed, but he too, suddenly gave a fearful scream and slowly sank from view. For a moment no one moved or spoke, but all stood gazing spell-bound at the spot where so lately had been a human being full of life and gaiety, while his sombrero floated slowly down the sullen stream. A moment later Coleman and I had sprung into the canoe, I peering anxiously over the prow while he wielded the paddle in frantic haste, neither of us however entertained any hopes of doing any good. For a few moments we paused in midstream, intently watching the water's surface, till a succession of dark crimson rings rising to the surface confirmed our worst fears and left no doubt as to the terrible fate of the Mexican.

Whether the surians were attracted by our crossing over, and arrived in time to make a meal of the unfortunate rancharo, I don't know, but we decided to recross at Orange Walk, and I swore that if my horse Jack got over safely he should never enter that accursed stream again. He never did.'

Have You Slept Twenty Years?

An average man of fifty has spent 6,000 days, or nearly twenty years, asleep, and has consumed about 17,000 pounds of bread and 16,000 pounds of meat, washed down with 7,000 gallons of liquids.

Stock Notes.

The results of a prosperous year among farmers is being felt in our business. Present indications are that the season of 1891 and 1892 will be better in the imported horse business than for several years. The inquiries are numerous and are of a better tone than formerly. Buyers are more particular in making selections, the horse must possess more than gross weight. Breeders have learned that a 1600 pound draft stallion of the right type will out breed one weighing 1800 or 2000 pounds but lacking quality. They realize that legs measuring 18 inches composed of round spongy bone and meat will not support as much weight or stand as much strain as one of smaller size, of finny bone and hard sinew. They have learned that side bones and rearing are inherited and transmittable defects and they don't want them.

The Shire is at the front to stay. I have letters from my patrons saying that they have everywhere given the highest satisfaction. This is, however, no more than expected, for when in 1874 I commenced introducing them into the United States I was confident, and so they could stamp their characteristics upon their offspring with remarkable certainty. I have at present the finest collection of the two breeds (about two hundred and fifty) that I ever owned at one time. Recently I have been making careful enquiry of my patrons as to how my stallions have proved as sires breeders and what they think of my plan of importing quite young and fully acclimated before sale. I am now receiving answers to my enquiries and they report from seventy to ninety per cent. of foals, and credit the result to the fact that the stock was fully acclimated before put to breeding. The stallions I am now offering have been on my farm two and three years, are fully acclimated, and without being crammed with drugs and grain they are all in splendid condition and nearly all have been tested as to their breeding capabilities. These points I consider of prime importance to the buyer.

Geo. E. Brown, Aurora, Illinois.

WATER AND A SANDWICH.

And Then Men Wonder Why They Look Old When Really Young. No living person, man or woman, likes the thought of showing the marks of fleeting years. It is all right to grow old; people do not mind that idea so much as they dislike the appearance of age. You can't keep the years from passing nor the grey hairs from coming, but you can by care in so every-day a matter as eating keep away other external marks of old Father Time. This is not a set of rules, but a very plain statement of a single fact or two.

Step into a down-town lunch room at the noon hour, and observe what they eat and how they eat it—a glass of ice water and a sandwich or two, with a piece of pie, five minutes in which to eat, then away again in the rush of business. Among men of sense this should not be. Eat slowly and eat good, substantial food.

It has been proved by a series of rigorously exact observations that by a succulent, delicate and choice regimen, the external appearances of age are kept away for a long time. It gives more brilliancy to the eye, more freshness to the skin, more spirit to the muscles; and, as it is certain in physiology that wrinkles, those formidable enemies of beauty, are caused by the depression of the muscle, it is equally true that other things being equal, those who understand eating are comparatively four years younger than those ignorant of that science. Painters and sculptors are deeply penetrated with this truth, for in representing those who practice abstinence by choice or duty, such as misers or anchorites, they always give them the pallor of disease, the leanness of misery, and the wrinkles of decrepitude.

The subject of cookery has received a large share of attention in all ages, of which memorials have been retained. Dr. Johnson thought the matter of writing a cook book was far above the capacity of the ordinary woman, and Boswell, with his accustomed modesty, says that the doctor seriously entertained the notion of writing one himself.

Ruskin, the greatest art critic of modern times, and who ranks rightly as one of the masters of the English language, in his work called 'Pretecton,' stops in his account of Italian sculptors and frescoes to note a remembrance of his father's house and kitchen and cook. 'I have never,' says he, 'seen a fillet of veal rightly roasted, nor a Yorkshire pudding rightly basted since Mary Stone left us to be married in 1836.'—New York Mail and Express.

Classical Item.

'Have you got a copy of Milton's Paradise Lost?' asked Gilhooley of Hostetter McGinnis, who is not one of the most educated men in the world. 'What in the world is that?' replied McGinnis. 'It's a book,' responded Gilhooley. 'No, sir, I have not got no such a book. Whenever I find anything that is lost I return it to the owner. When did Mr. Milton lose his book? What reward is he offering for its return?'—Texas Sittings.

A New Haven young lady died lately of typhoid fever, which her physician attributes to the eating of raw clams, infected, as he believes, with germs of the malady.

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A PRINCE'S BREAK.

Seed for Breach of Promise in an English Court—He Sues by the Sacred Cow.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—Miss Florence Nash, a pretty young girl only 17 years of age, has sued Ali Khan, the son of a distinguished Indian prince, for breach of promise of marriage. The case came up for hearing. The fascinating plaintiff took the stand and poured out her woes to the sympathetic court. Miss Nash said that Ali Khan had from the first time they met treated her with much attention and that he had taken her to many places of amusement. Finally she said he proposed marriage and was accepted. A dinner followed at the Cafe Royal, where champagne was freely indulged in. Ali Khan and the young lady referred to, according to the latter, then went to the Empire house, where Ali Khan, it is claimed, effected the young lady's ruin.

A few days later, Miss Nash says, Ali Khan told the plaintiff that he was to return to India and it was then she ascertained that he was already married. Ali Khan took the witness stand. He spoke English very slightly. He was understood to testify that all he said when he proposed to Florence was 'mine wife, Hindoo.' He denied that any promise of marriage was given. Witness declined to swear on the testament, refused to say 'so help me God,' and wanted to swear upon his honor or upon the sacred cow. His evidence was rejected by the court, but the jury, after a short deliberation brought in a verdict in his favor.

The Elder a Total Loss.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—It is now deemed probable that the steamship Elder will prove a total loss. Her propeller was carried away and the hole in her bottom has increased and the water gaining. Nearly all the mails have been taken off and tugs are lying alongside to take off the remainder of her crew. The vessel is valued at \$700,000 and together with cargo, is fully insured.

LONDON, Feb. 2.—The Santiago correspondent of The Times asserts that Minister Eggen did receive a safe conduct for the refugees at the United States legation and that he never informed his government of it.

OWED \$34 THIRTY YEARS.

Suit Began by an Iowa Woman to Collect an Actor's Board Bill.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Feb. 2.—A petition was filed in the district court in the case of Madame Degressiff against Charles W. Cannon. Plaintiff, a leading hotel keeper in 1863, seized the baggage of an actor named Ash Edwards, now of the Broadway theater, New York, to secure his board bill of \$34. This he released when Cannon, then an obscure merchant here, assumed responsibility for the payment of the bill.

Cannon in 1864 removed to Helena, Mont. He returned to Dubuque recently to buy a burial lot, and was served with notice of this suit for \$34, with interest from 1862. The plaintiff has since become quite poor, while Cannon is now a multi-millionaire.

The directors of the Ponca Driving and Fair association decided at their last meeting to hold their next races July 3, 5 and 6, at which time \$17,000 in purses will be offered. The next meeting will commence Oct. 3, at which \$25,000 will be hung up in purses.

The county board of Clay county passed an order at a recent meeting authorizing the supervisor of each township to attend to the burial of any honorably discharged soldier, sailor or marine who may die without leaving sufficient means for that purpose.

C. P. Robinson, a Johnson county farmer, has lost \$500 worth of hogs with cholera. He says that last year when corn was scarce the cholera was not around, thus demonstrating to a certain extent the evil effects of an exclusive corn diet for hogs.

Judge Dundy has granted the motion for a new trial in the case of D. S. Maltby vs. the Modern Woodmen of America, at Lincoln. The plaintiff brought suit against the order for money alleged to be due him on account of services as agent. He got a judgment for \$6,067.75.

The Gage county Agricultural society has elected officers for the ensuing year as follows: President, E. O. Webster; first vice president, C. E. A. Bartling; second vice president, T. B. Essex; secretary, A. V. S. Saunders; treasurer, A. W. Brandt; general superintendent, E. F. Davis.

Two farmers living near Elyria named Anderson and Meeks, became engaged in an altercation concerning the rent of some land which Meeks had leased to Anderson. A fight ensued in which Anderson stabbed Meeks in the left arm with a pocket knife, inflicting an ugly and painful, yet not fatal wound.

Deputy United States Marshal Charles E. Harris went to Pender and arrested E. John Smith, who is charged with selling whisky to the Indians. Whisky has been sold to the Indians there for some time, and though an Indian or any one known to be buying it for Indians could not get a drop for love or money at the saloons, yet every day Indians have been seen on the streets 'chuck full.'

J. W. McMullin and M. M. Harney, two Alliance candidates at the last election in Buffalo county, and who were defeated in a contest for the offices of county clerk and sheriff, have applied to their constituents in the district court. McMullin was defeated by four votes, and Harney tied with the Republican candidate, but was defeated by one. Sheriff Motrow, the successful candidate, is very ill and doubts are entertained of his recovery.

THE MARKETS.

Table with columns for Chicago Grain and Provisions, Kansas City Live Stock, Omaha Live Stock, and Chicago Live Stock. Includes prices for wheat, corn, oats, pork, ribs, and various types of cattle and hogs.

St. John in Texas.

CONROCK, TEX., Feb. 2.—The city hall here was densely packed to hear Governor St. John discuss the political issues of the day. He claimed that the prohibition of the saloon was the greatest question of the hour, and made an eloquent plea to sustain his position. He denounced the two parties for the subservience to the run power, monopolies and trusts, and declared that the only issue between the Democrats and the Republicans was the scramble for office. He said the whole tariff system was wrong in principle, because it levied its burdens upon the necessities instead of the wealth of the people, thus making the poor pay as much to defray the expenses of the government as is imposed upon the rich. He came out squarely for free coinage of silver, the election of United States senators and the president by a direct vote of the people, and the governmental control of railways, so that the poor man could have an equal chance in matters of fares and freights with the rich politician and speculator, just as he has today in the mail service. With great earnestness he declared that the protection of innocent, defenseless women and children from the murderous legalized saloons of the land was of greater importance than the question of war with Chili over a drunken saloon brawl. His address aroused great enthusiasm and was loudly applauded.

Hill's Friends Explain.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—The indignation of the New York Cleveland wing of the Democratic party over Senator Hill's calling an early convention, has forced the senator and his friends to make an explanation. They are justifying themselves by declaring that they are only practicing the tactics of the Cleveland wing of the party. They say they have planned, they say, by calling conventions in April in such states as Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, to start a Cleveland boom and set the pace for other states that hold conventions later. Missouri, for instance, holds its convention May 1. The Hill-Gorman faction concluded that if early conventions in Republican states to make propaganda for Cleveland was legitimate, it would prove so for their purpose if the New York convention could be held still earlier. They reason that New York is the most reasonable. Whoever captures the delegation is in a position to dictate terms. No matter what the so-called Mugwump states may do, with New York pledged to a candidate, they are not in it. Hill expects to get a majority of the New York delegates, and then they early enough to set the pace for all of the other states. He claims he is simply paying off his enemies in this own coin.

Nebraska Judicial Contest.

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 2.—Judge Crawford, of the Eighth district, comprising the counties of Cumming, Stanton, Dixon, Dakota, Cedar and Thurston, who was defeated at the last election by W. F. Norris, the Republican-Alliance candidate, began proceedings in the supreme court in the nature of quo warranto, alleging that though Norris had an apparent majority of 82, there were 32 illegal votes cast for him, to-wit: Those cast by the Omaha and Winnebago Indians on the reservations in Thurston county. The court has once passed upon this question and held that these Indians have not lost their tribal relations and are not, therefore, entitled to vote.

South Dakota Politics.

YANKTON, S. D., Feb. 2.—Otto Peemiller of this city, chairman of the Democratic state central committee, has called a meeting of that committee to occur in Haron Wednesday, Feb. 24, for the purpose of calling a state convention to elect delegates to the national convention to be held in Chicago. The state convention will probably be held in this city.

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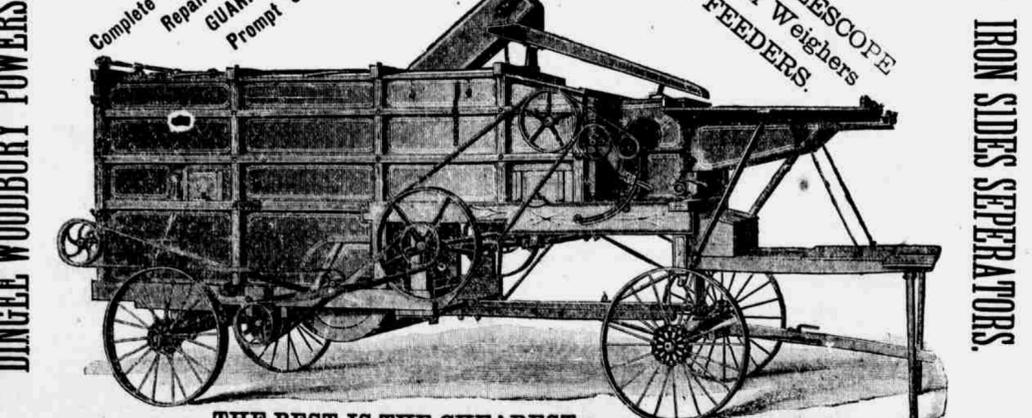
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