HE IS "ONLY A BOY."

LOUIS LEWARK IS A SIZABLE YOUTH, HOWEVER.

He Is 17 Years Old and Weighs 649 Pounds—His Strength Equals That of Seven Men — Stronger than His Father at 12.

Quite the most remarkable feature at the recent meeting and exhibition of the Surfmen's Mutual Benefit Association, held in Elizabeth City, N. J., was the appearance of Lewis Lewark, the "strong boy" from Currituck county. Six feet two inches tall, weighing 649 pounds and strong in proportion, Lewis attracted universal attention and vied with the life-saving drills as an attraction.

Young Lewark is being exhibited by his brother, St. Clair, or "Buggins," as he is locally known throughout the eastern coast towns of North Carolina, and his fame has spread from Norfolk on the north to Albemarle sound on the south. Good natured, as nearly all large people are, Lewis looks upon the tour as a lot of fun.

The latest thing in human giants was born in Currituck county, North Carolina, just 17 years ago. His parents are rather below the ordinary stature —his father weighing only 130 pounds and his mother less than 120. When he came into the world Lewis weighed eighteen pounds. At the age of 5 this had increased until he weighed 250.

When he was 12 years old he weighed 496 pounds and it was necessary for his parents to take him to Norfolk to find scales large enough to weigh him. At that time his photograph was taken.

In appearance Lewis looks like any other healthy boy, except that he is extremely large. Feats of strength that would stagger half a dozen ordinary men are performed by Lewis with ease. As a young boy Lewis received very little schooling, no teacher in Currituck country being able to control him. He can read a little when the subject is in print and he can write his name.

When he was 12 years old his father made an effort to correct him. For a few moments Lewis stood his punishment. Then he grasped his father by the trousers and lifted him high in the air. A quick throw and Lewark, senior, landed thirty feet away. It was the last time that Lewis ever was corrected by anything stronger than moral suasion.

As young Lewark grew up he entered heartily into the work of the sound and bay men. Here he excelled. Seines that three men had difficulty in handling Lewis took with one hand. In the duck-shooting season "Buggins" and Lewis were shooting partners and while the strong boy was an excellent shot it was found more advisable to have him sail a boat about picking up the dead ducks than to trust him in the small battery box where the shooter lay.

In the shooting of ducks for market the heavy boxes are taken aboard battery boats and anchored in desirable positions. To launch one or to haul it into the boat takes the united effort of three men. Lewis was able to do this with one hand.

At the surfmen's exhibition at Elizabeth City Lewis astonished all by hauling up a surfboat from the water—a task that usually requires the efforts of the entire crew of seven strong men. Again he hauled the breeches buoy ashore without trouble—a task that requires the service of three men.

Despite his enormous bulk Lewis is as supple as an Indian and as quick as a cat. He is an excellent shot, a handy sailor of small boats and a good all-around hunter.

He eats in proportion to his size. Half a dozen canvassback ducks are as nothing to him and a dozen smaller ducks only make a fair meal.

About two years ago it became necessary for "Buggins" to build special furniture for his big brother's use. A bedstead and chair of heavy oak three by four inches was made, but in less than six months the boy had grown so large that even these huge bits of furniture crumbled under his weight. Then "stuff" four by six inches was used and now even these things are quite unsafe.

Kindly and true to his family, Lewis is equally kind to his friends, says the New York Times. When the great storm of 1896 struck the eastern counties of Carolina hardly a boat could live in the terrific seas that swept over Curritick beach. Alone Lewis put forth in his boat and rowed against the hurricane that raged in order to save isolated families that were threatened with extinction by the waters. In that memorable storm, thanks to the boy's exertions, not a life was lost in Curritick county.

BUDDHA IS ALL-POWERFUL.

Burmese Regard Their Deity as the Only Universal Influence.

In Burmah you live with Gautama Buddha. In India he is a name, a memory enshrined at Buddha Gya, an influence lost and corrupted in the great Vedic tide. Here he is present and active; his finger is on every lip, his glance in every eye; the low sky is full of him. The people have taken his very impression. He fell here upon a simplicity and a sincerity that have maintained him almost as he was. Every male Burman is at one time or another his disciple, and thousands of these remain to be his priests, the priests who give that peaceful amber note to city crowds and make lonely saffron splashes against the vivid landscape as the train goes past a monastery in the evening. His image naturally abounds sheltered in shrines, the image of the teacher and one of the most revered of these sits in the Arakan pagoda at Mandalay. As an item in a viceroy's program the Arakan pagoda makes no great figure, but its dimensions are great in the hearts of the people and its fame spread very far.

We knew before we arrived that the brass image in the Arakan pagoda, twelve feet in height, was brought by a conquering Burmese army over the hills from Akyab in the year 1784. That was explained in the tour book, which is compiled by the military secretary out of the bleached bones of Oriental empires. The military secretary did not hint in the tour book that it was the piety of the King that drew the image to Burmah; that is the kind of statement this author always leaves to the local historian; but so it is said in the inscription. We also learned that it was made in Guatama's lifetime, toward the end; that he looked upon it with favor and said: "Brother, I leave you to bear my features when I am gone." Once only the figure spoke, and then the teacher laid silence upon it until Areemadahya should come to reveal the new law. Areemadahya is not yet come—he is passing his present existence in the form of a hare—but the Payah Gyee continues to obey.—Scribner's Magazine.

GOOD Short Stories

London Tit-Bits says that a country parson lately went to preach in an old, remote parish, one Sunday, when the aged sexton, in taking him to the place, insinuatingly said: "I hope your riv'rence won't mind preachin' from the chancel; ye see, this is a quiet place, and I've got a duck sittin' on fourteen eggs in the pulpit."

In refusing to grant a private interview to a certain politician, who is always trying to give him advice and information on important matters of legislation, President Roosevelt is said to have remarked: "It is always most distressing to me to be obliged to talk to that man. I find myself constantly expecting him to revert to his arboreal ancestors, grow a tail, and swing gracefully from the chandelier without interrupting the conversation."

A Briton of the consequential species once descended on the British embassy at Washington demanding to see his country's representative. "He's not in," replied Henry Labouchere, who was then an attache. "Then I'll wait," said the Briton pompously, seating himself. At the end of half an hour came the query: "When—er—do you—er—expect Lord Lyons back?" "Oh, in six months or so," said the ever-obliging Labouchere; "he left for Europe this morning. But you said you'd wait, you know, and I did not like to contradict you."

"Gentlemen," recently said a German professor who was showing to his students the patients in the asylum "this man suffers from delirium tremens. He is a musician. It is well known that blowing a brass instrument affects the lungs and the throat in such a way as to create a great thirst, which has to be allayed by persistent indulgence in strong drink. Hence, in course of time, the disease you have before you." Turning to the patient, the professor asked: "What instrument do you blow?" and the answer was: "The violoncello."

When Maude Adams was shifted from "The Little Minister" to "Romeo and Juliet," a few years ago, some people thought the transfer rather abrupt, and a trifle daring. Miss Adams felt a little trepidation herself. Not so Charles Frohman, her manager. To him Shakspeare was simply a playwriter like Clyde Fitch, with the advantage that he did not harass the box-office for royalties. When he went to rehearsal one day, he found signs of nervousness pervading the company. "What's the matter?" he asked, in his explosive way. It was Shakspeare, the players replied. Pretty serious affair, you know—great name, great play, traditions of the stage, memories of mighty shades in the minds of the critics, rhythm of blank verse to be observed, and all that. "Nonsense!" exclaimed Frohman; "who's Shakspeare? He was just a man. He won't hurt you. I don't see any Shakspeare. Just imagine you're looking at a soldier home from the Cuban war, making love to a giggling school-girl on a balcony. That's all I see, and that's the way I want it played. Dismiss all idea of costume. Be modern."

Don't Read at Breakfast.

The appalling danger of reading the morning newspaper at the breakfast table is set forth by the London Lancet as follows: "It is the custom of many households to have the morning's post, including letters, newspapers and circultrs, placed upon the breakfast table. The plan is convenient but from a sanitary point of view it is appalling. It is undeniably a dirty practice. The sorter at the postoffice or the postman may not be as bacteriologically clean as is desirable. The dust of the road may adhere to any exposed gum or the letters may be dropped, and the bacteriology of road dust exhibits some well known pathogenic organisms."

Accounting for It.

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