

RIDING ON A DESERT.

A TRIP OVER THE SAHARA NOT ALWAYS UNPLEASANT.

The Bucking Camel and His Franks—Imagine Himself the Humming Bird, to Which Kipling's Fancy Compared Him.

WISHING to give our baggage camels another day's rest before starting on the trying journey from Murat Wells to Wady Halfa we profited by the delay to take a long ride out on the Abu-Hamed road with our good friend Abdul Azim Bey, says a writer in the London News.

Mounted on a couple of our friend's best bred running camels, and escorted by some half-dozen well-armed tribesmen on small, active beasts as swift as our own, we set out at that fast trot which is as pleasant on a well-bred Hadjuy, as on a rough, hard-set brute it is excruciatingly painful.

MAMMOTH MONSTERS THAT LIVED IN AMERICA AGES AGO.



Time has brought many changes to the American continent. A trifle of one or two million years ago the region that is now Dakota, Utah and other states in the Rocky Mountains was blessed with a tropical climate.

mate and partly to the thought that we really were at last well within the enemy's borders. For, as Abdul Azim said, when he had ridden an hour or so, only one European since Khartoum than ourselves.

BOY'S ESSAY ON SHARKS.

He Shows Much Skill in Constructing a Fish Story.

An examiner of lads under 16 for the civil-service commission gave for a question, "Describe the habits of fish," says the London Church Times. Here is a literal transcript of one out of a batch of some hundreds of answers:

The shark is about twenty feet long, and has five rows of teeth when the shark is going to catch its prey it turns on its side. The sharks are found in India, where they are very numerous in Africa, etc.

of the joyousness of things that he began suddenly to buck. Now, a bucking camel is, of all the pleasant sights in nature, the most laughable.

An Ingenious Bicycle Lock. A locking device is looked upon as an essential feature to every wheel by all bicycle riders.

from descriptions furnished by Prof. Osborn and other scientists. The great four-horned untathere was found in the Bridger region of Southern Wyoming and Utah.

unitathere, thus proving that the bones are plentiful in the South Dakota Lake basin, and are always found in a strata higher than those of the untathere, thus proving that its family tree does not extend backward so far.

Among the fossils and skeletons of animals that have been extinct for a million years are found skeletons of turtles, alligators and garfish, exactly like those to be found at the present age.

A Sure Way of Locating a Puncture. "I picked up a new thing for riders of the wheel in New York a few days ago," suggested a popular wheelman.

A DIFFICULT QUESTION.

It Seemed an Easy One, but the Query Editor Blundered Over It.

From the Chicago Post: "The question, sir," said the chairman of the delegation, "is an important one, but more difficult to answer than you would think when you first hear it.

Why, when the old man died the young man ceased to be 'junior,' didn't he?" "Um—ah—"

Lord Russell's visit to America reminds the London Chronicle of an ancient story. It says that during Lord Russell's previous tour in this country with Lord Coleridge he came in contact with many members of the bar, including Mr. Everts.

The students at Park college, Parkville, Mo., are an enterprising lot of young men. They are going to build a water works system for the town.

CAUSE AND CURE OF HEADACHE. An eminent physician says the best treatment for headache is preventive, and if we would all allot eight hours for work, eight for play, and eight for sleep, we would rarely suffer from this cause.

The headache which comes from diseased eyes is most common and least recognized. Its symptoms are pain in the eyes, temples and over the brows.

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The Only Opportunity. Mrs. Talkalot—What don't you make you talk so much in your sleep, Joseph? Joseph—Gosh! It's the only chance I ever get.

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