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Hunting the Dangerous dense coverts to which he retreats, African Buffalo

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Percy Selous of "Travel and Big stead of telling his own story.



him from his ac

customed stations and on his reappearance he was generally bandaged up and one leg was in splints. It appears that one late afternoon when the shadows in the brush were growing to the point of almost complete darkness though the sun still illuminated the tops of the trees. he was returning to camp alone save for a Senegambian gun bearer noted for his bravery. Both were mounted on native ponies, wiry and keen of senses. Suddenly Williams' pony began to snuffle and snort and both stood stock still refusing to advance into the darkness of the foliagearched trail. Williams quickly unslung a double barrelled ten gauge Parker with which he had been after fowl. He meant to slip in a buck shot cartridge, but before he more than had his gun across his pommel, with a grunting bellow the huge form of an old bull buffalo rushed out of the darkness ahead and charged the two with all ferocity.

It was impossible to turn out of his way and all that Williams could do was to lean forward and pull both barrels point blank. The massive horns and frontal bones must have shielded the beast from any injury, save enough to infuriate it more than ever. The next instant Williams' pony was disemboweled with a side swipe of the bull's horns and the rider was pitched into the brush with a broken leg. On over the dying pony rushed the buffalo and his charge drove the second pony end over end on top of his Senegambian rider. The two rifles he carried flew into the brush and one fell near Williams. It was the Winchester fortyfour. Williams dragged himself over be found as savage and as dangerous till the troop moved and a fair shot tion. In such instances it has usually to it and found it uninjured, but a as the lion himself, and, withal, far offered. tragedy was transpiring meanwhile, more revengeful. Giving the poor gun bearer no chance for his life, the bull swept first one tip of his mighty horns and then the other into the jumble of hors; and acter of these determined and plucky with a tremendous old buil, within them and stamped on them. This rated to me not long since in the hunt- Boer aimed behind the point of the of course, and was terminated only Transvaal. He had been tracking fell instantly to the shot, struggled a vital parts. The murderous creature fell on top of his victims and when searchers attracted by Williams' cries, found them, horse, bull and

Senegambian lay dead in one heap. Most Dangerous Game in Africa.

It is agreed upon all hands by experienced hunters in Africa that the as well several natives of the district reed beds, and thence far into the Kowie river. A few years ago, durgerous four-footed foes that man can to show him the game. with elephants and lions, as game that across some fifty buffaloes grazing by a lucky shot, broke her back. She town of Uitenhage. These animals requires the highest attributes of skill in fairly open veldt. Getting behind fell bellowing, and was quickly discourage and caution to bring to bag. some good and convenient covert, and patched. Leaving the natives to skin special permit from the governor, and ly wisdom which in his sight is fool-As a matter of fact, it may be laid with the wind in the right direction, and cut up these carcasses, the down that more deaths and dangerous he had little difficulty in shooting two Dutchman new took up the pursuit of for each specimen obtained. Beyond characters are given in the Scriptures. accidents happen annually in Africa fat cows and a young, fresh bull. The the wounded bull, which he had Cape colony the sportsman has to and placed in contrast with those of in hunting the buffalo than in the cows were pretty easily secured; but marked in his flight through a dense chase of any other species of heavy the young bull, although shot through patch of reeds to the ight of the la- miles before he can hope to find buf- one is the wisdom of the crafty, the game. In regions where large num- the lungs, jumped on his legs from goon. The beast had turned of alone, der, in troops of three hundred, four walked up, charged fiercely at the in following it through such covert. hundred and even more, and where spooring party, and was only killed But the Dutchman had hitherto al- territory between the Sabi and Zamthey have been little disturced, the within a few feet of the hunter. The ways had great work with buffalo bein little disturced, the within a few feet of the hunter. The ways had great work with buffalo bein little disturced, the within a few feet of the hunter. The ways had great work with buffalo being and Pungue

flavor acquired from carrying it to

Cyprus Wine. sulting in a decided improvement in During the fiscal year ending March flavor. While the grapes are of free 31, 1908, 456 gallons of wine were ex- quality, the primitive and unscientific ported from Cyprus to the United methods still prevalent in wine-making States, a new departure, which may or result in course and strong wines. may not lead to further business. which do not keep well. The exports Cyprus wine is considered somewhat of wine at present go mainly to Egypt, heady for ordinary use, and its value while the brandy made from the wine in commerce has been lessened by the goes to England.

Usually.

port in tarred skins. Within recent years roads have been constructed Teacher-"What is a Laplander?" through the grape districts, enabling Young Miss-"An awkward man in a the wine to be conveyed in barrels, re- crowded street car."

open country, where scattered covert natives were sent back to the Boer exists, and where they can be readily camp, laden with as much meat as approached—for they are by no means they could carry—the Boers requiring keen-sighted creatures—a man may, not only fresh meat for immediate he begins to think, shoot buffaloes as easily as he can shoot oxen. But, "biltong" (salted sun-dried flesh); the directly a buffalo is wounded and his remainder of the flesh was bestowed blood-spoor has to be taken up, and upon the native villagers who were the hunter has to follow him into the with the expedition. the business is entirely changed. Then

Large numbers of buffaloes were sense alert, and your rifle handy for hearty supper by the roaring fire, and traordinarily danger- pared and determined to inflict a perching on the broad backs of the thick covert. ous character of the bloody revenge for the nurts under great game. In any case the stalk re-African buffalo is re- which he is smarting. Year after quied caution, and, with these watchlated by Mr. Ainsley year fatal accidents happen in South ful "buffel-vogel" about, extreme care Williams, the gentle- African buffalo hunting, year after was, as the Boer saw, essential. Conman scout of the fa- year men, if not killed outright, are cealed behind a thick mass of bush, mous Niger water terribly mauled; and, until the buffalo to which he and the Hottentot had charged them before a shot has been they run for shelter, these animals

hunter has no great difficulty in shoot- rest of the day was spent in skinning and was determined to finish off his ing as many as he requires. In fairly and cutting up the game. Part of the task. As soon as the reeds were reached, the blood spoor was easily to be followed. The heavy bullet had evidently raked the lungs, the bull was bleeding freely, and large patches of crimson marked its path. The reeds were very tall-twelve or fourteen a second gun-a Martini Henry-fell behind, leaving his master to take the you may prepare to look out for your. still reported a little further ahead, first risk with his heavy eight-bore. most reliable weapon, and to follow this region, and the Dutch hunter, knee deep in water-the hunters therefore camped for the night, ate a stopped to listen. They had not penetrated fifty yards through the avenue an instant and most deadly charge. | slept soundly till early dawn. Before of broken reeds, afforded by the pass-You will find, too, that the native sun-up the party were again stirring. age of the bull, when in an instant, spoorer, who trotted in front of you In less than two hours' time the na- and without warning, the beast was readily enough on the blood spoor of tives had led the way to a broad, upon them. The Boer was knocked elephant, and even lion, will now marshy lagoon, or "vlei," as the Boers flat upon his back by the charge; the greatly prefer to follow in your rear, call it, surrounded by drier ground, bull had miscalculated his distance, and leave you to take up your own upon which grew bush, acacia trees, had no doubt, charged for the sound, person the first and dangerous risk and a few tall palms. Part of this and had struck his nemy with his in the dark and shadowy thickets into lagoon was shallow open water, the nose, which was held high, as is the H. A. Bryden, the co-author with which you are advancing. He knows remainder consists of a dense bed of habit of these brutes when charging. -none better-the dark, evil fury tail reeds, which led to further Galloping over the prostrate Boer, the and the lurking, noiseless ways of the swamps and lagoons beyond. The Buffalo went straight for the Hotten-Game," is a man who was born to beast of which you are in search. sight that met the Dutchman's eyes, tot a few paces behind. This unforthe chase. From his youth it has The buffalo, so soon as he is wounded, as he and the natives crept cautiously tunate the brute struck with his horn been his ruling passion and he has seems, indeed, to think of little else towards the edge of the "vlei," and sur- and tossed on one side some yards gone with his rifle all over the world. than a bloody revenge. Inlike most veyed the scene from behind a screen into the reeds. Then, continuing its In every continent his fame as a other game, which, when wounded, of bush, was a wonderful one. In and career, the buil passed on out of the Nimrod is known, and he has a mod- will almost invariably b-take them- about the "vlei," stood a troop of not "vlei" and took shelter in some thin est direct style of presenting his selves in flight as far from the pur- less than two hundred buffaloes, some bush, where it was afterward found adventures, tinged with a little touch suer as possible, he usually retreats rolling in the shallow, some drinking, dead. The Boer, all the wind knocked some distance into the densest bush, some standing belly-deep in water, out of him, and severely bruised, of poetic sentiment here and there, and then either hides up in some dark and motionless. The buffalo picked himself up, retrieved his riffe, which is very pleasing indeed. If any dark corner, where the shadows are birds (a species of starling-Buphaya which was flung yards away, and then This was the time to put in a steady fault at all could be found with him deep and dense, or, t. rning upon his Africana) those watchful allies of sought the Hottentot. The unfortunate ter is galloping, they will turn round it would be that he was overmodest line, takes a parallel path back, and these animals and rhinoceroses, were servant lay among the reeds and and inclined to boast for others in- so waits for his foe; or he will even flying hither and thither, many of water, a terrible wound gaping just and stand for a moment, apparently follow back upon his own spoor and them packing and feeding on the ticks below his chest, to the left-breathing out of sheer curiosity. conceal himself. Sometimes he will and parasites which infest the buf- his last. He lived only a short time, Exterminating the African Zebra. stand lurking amid the dark thickets; falo. A number of small white herons, and died a pathetic and unwilling obincident highly in- at another time, if badly wounded, too, were about the "vlei," some of ject lesson in the risks and dangers dicative of the ex he will lie down; in either case pre- which were also to be seen actually of following a wounded buffalo into bras are without much difficulty shot

Occasionally hunters have been attacked by a solitary buffalo which has shed exploring party. is completely exterminated, he will crept, the Dutchman waited patiently fired, and without apparent provoca- when feeding in the open can be

As the African buffalo is one of the toughest and most difficult of all game animals to bring to bag, so that hand some creature. Burchell's zebra (Equus Burchelli), the zebra of the plains, is by far the most easily de stroyed. A single 450 Express or Mar tini-Henry bullet will at once turn this fleet and handsome animal of the troop, an easy victim (if not a eady killed outright) to the hunter's next feet—and thick, and the spooring shot. With a broken leg the zebra seemed so dangerous an operation is instantly helpless; with a broken that the Hottentot, who was carrying limb, and a shot through the body to boot, one of the larger African an telopes, such as a hartebeest or brinyou may prepare to look out for your self, to take up your heaviest and among the lagoons and marshes of At every step—they were wading finally escape the hunter altogether. As an almost invariable rule Burch ell's zebras are hunted on horseback: they are fleet and enduring, and even a first-class South African hunting pony must be in very good form, and upon hard even ground, to carry his rider within hai! of them. Most usu ally these animals are to be met with feeding on open grassy plains, or in open bush, where large glades and clearings are to be found. In a tail-on end chase across flats, with a fair start, they can usually gallop clean away from the mounted man. If it were not for a habit of curiosity, they would, indeed, be "kittle cattle" to come up with on the great plains. But their curiosity is often their un doing. I have many times galloped steadily behind a troop of these ze bras, and then halted for a moment The zebras would then wheel quickly to have a good look at the pursuer



ONE WILD LUNGE LIFTED HORSE AND RIDER FROM THE GROUND.

Stalking a Buffalo Herd.

Attacked by an Enraged Buffalo.

At last several fat cows, for which I cannot better illustrate the char- he had been waiting came, together man and in his blind fury knelt on animals than by an adventure nar- 30 yards. Selecting the best cow, the happened in the fraction of a minute ing veldt by a Boer hunter from the shoulder, and brought her down. She when Williams, mustering all his with some other campatriots far to little further, and soon lay dead. The strength, rose to his knees and began the northwest of Lake Ngami. Flesh Boer had hoped and expected to bring pumping soft-nosed pellets into the was badly wanted in camp, and as down another cow. His intentions bull's flank, raking him forward into tsetse fly was prevalent in the were frustrated, however, by the bull, marshy country, north of the Okanan- which charged upon the instant directgo river, on which they were out- ly towards the rifle smoke. Within spanned, and the natives reported ten yards, the Dutchman, who was large herds of buffaloes, he left ms kneeling, fired again, hitting the grim horses behind him, ferried across the beast in front of the chest, and turnriver, and spent the next two days in ing it. Meanwhile, at the ound of hunting. He had with him his own the firing the whole immense herd Hottentot servant, a good and reliable floundered out of the "vlei," and went hunter, and a fair shot, and he had off crashing through an angle of the found between Mossel bay and the buffalo is one of the three most dan- who were anxious for meat, and ready bush. As they fled the Boer shoved in another cartridge, took aim at a attack. Most men class this animal On the first day the Dutchman came retreating cow eighty yards off, and in the river within a few miles of the than disguised misery; as there are bers of these splendid beasts still wan- some long grass and bush, then and the greatest care had to be taken ing at the present time is the low and terminates in selfishness, the other in

of the faithful slack barrel.

Reports from 950 cooperage com- mills.

been found either that the animal is a thousand pities! Of all sights had been previously wounded by some in the fair veldt-and there are many other hunter, or had been clawed by to charm the eye-I know of few no a lion; in either case its naturally bler than a good troop of Burchell's morose temper having been rendered zebras, creatures which seem to have yet more dangerous.

No hunter ought to attempt to tackle a buffalo with a rifle of lighter calibre | Whether feeding quietly among the

tnan a 577 double express. Once plentiful all over Southern Africa wherever water was to be found, the buffalo has now to be sought far in the interior. There is one singular exception to this statement. Many years ago the Cape government passed an act protecting under severe penalties the buffalo-as well as True children of the sun-dreached the elephant-in Cape colony. In the plains, long may they yet flourish to forest and densely bushed regions bordering the coast line, some strong troops of buffaloes are still to be (Copyright, 1909, by Benj. B. Hampton.) ing a great drought, some of these fine beasts were to be seen drinking can only be shot in Cape colony by a tion are reproach, so there is a worldon payment of the sum of ten pounds ishness. Of this worldly wisdom the travel nowadays several hundred the wisdom which is from above. The falo. Perhaps the best country exist- other that of the upright; the one unhealthy region lying in Fortuguese

Millions for Barrels

Fifteen million eight hundred thou an increase of \$1,569,688, or 11 per

sand two hundred and fifty-three dol- cent., in the value of last year's prod-

last year in making barrels, for the The states of Pennsylvania, Missou-

potatoes and apples of the farmer, for ri, Michigan, Arkansas and Virginia,

the flour and meal of the miller, for in the order named, turned out 56.8

the nails of the hardware man for per cent. of the total production of

cement, and for the many other users slack staves and heading, much of

lars' worth of forest products was used | uct over that of the previous year.

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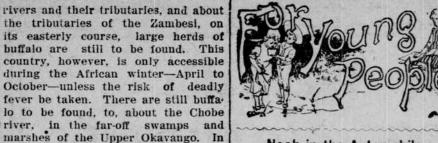
charity: the one is full of strife and

bitter envyings, the other of mercy

and of good fruits-Blair.

duction. Town Built of Meerschaum.

The town of Vallecas, in Spain, is almost entirely built of meerschaum. Vallecas has on its outskirts great quarries of a meerschaum too coarse for pipemaking, and a meerschaumwhich was a by-product of the lumber | built town is the result—an ivorywhite town that shines in the Spanpanies in all parts of the country show | Ohio lead in the quantity of hoops ish sun.



Noah in the Automobile. these regions the tsetse fly is certain lived in the ark, and they found us to be found in the buffaloes' haunt,

and the hunter must perforce do all

shot Sometimes, even when the hun

In semi-bushy country, where their

view is more circumscribed, these ze

In Mashonaland large numbers of

those zebras have been shot within

the last few years by the pioneers

and settlers. I have found that by

making a long d 'our an' getting be

exceedingly plentiful again

a few shillings up country. And so

the species becomes exterminated. It

been created for on other purpose

than to adorn the wilderness

herbage; or resting in the heat of

mid-day; or fleeting across the plain

their striped coats, as clean and shin

ing as a well-groomed race horse

gleaming in the sunlight; brisk, beau

tifully proportioned, and full of life

and spirits; these zebras represent

the highest perfection of feral life.

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Worldly Wisdom.

which God perceives to be no more

worldly honors which in his estima-

As there is a worldly happiness

decorate the African veldt!

his work on foot.

Packed up in the attic, reposeful and And Dorothy said: "Mr. Noah, you are failing.

telephone the doctor and tell him you're ailing-It's probably something to do with your This world's not at all like it was in the

In Dorothy's grandmother's day, You're sick, Mr. Noah, and you ought to be desed; It's something quite bad, I can tell by your sneezes— Perhaps 'pendicitis or nervous prostra-

I felt-I admit it-a little elation To hear I was subject to modern dis-

eases; never had more than quinsy at most In Dorothy's grandmother's day. 'I think," she continued, "I'll send you

For really your paleness is very di automobile will be here in a minute.

brought out a roller skate, lifted me And e'er I could give my dear sons last blessing pushed it. I ne'er felt such a "gone

In Dorothy's grandmother's day, Then madly it clattered, and wildly it

All jiggles and joggles, unsteered and Till out I was hurled, and my senses forfell seven inches! And Dorothy took

And said: "It's so healthful-you're better already," In Dorothy's grandmother's day.



It had been raining four days. The thole world seemed so gray that it so long as there was anything left of was hard to tell where the sea began them, they were handed down from and the sky ended, and the twins, sitting on the window-sill swinging their the kaiser's own workroom. feet, looked as gloomy as the weather. "There's nothing we can do here

when it rains!" grumbled Bess. "And at home, echoed Jess, the younger twin, "we could always play hand habiliments.

"We've got to keep quiet, because poor mother's head is worse to-day," said Bess, when Aunt Edna came in. "Where are all the dollies?" she

"They're all coming to pieces, so there's no fun playing with them!"

cried the twins together. "Then I know the very thing to do." declared their aunt. "We will have a buy it. She smilingly refused. the coast. Beyond the Zambesi they dolls' hospital. You can both be "What use would it be to me?" she are widely distributed in Africa, be trained nurses, and I'll be the head said. "With two or three boys always upon the great plains between the ready, and Jess, you must run and get in a jiffy." east coast and Uganda. South of the the mucilage pot and my workbasket; Orange river they seem seldom, i they're my surgical instruments. Oh, ever, to have ranged. Burchell's ze and just ask Mary to lend you two of bra is not to be confounded with her caps, and give you some clean

Bess ranged the cots neatly against perfectly striped all over. The B rch | the wall, and when Jess came back ell's zebra is best :nown to the Brit | Aunt Edna pinned a little red cloth ish public of all this handsome group cross on each right arm. Then the hospital staff was ready to make

It was surprising how much there was to be done; stitches taken here its mountain cousin-but a variety and there, paper dolls to be glued to sometimes called by scientists"Chap gether. To tell the truth, every cot man's zebra," is to be found in the in the hospital was crowded, and the interior, with the white 1 gs pretty nurses and surgeon had their hands generally banded as far down as the full for over an hour.

As Aunt Edna rose to leave the room, she said: "Now I'm going to be beautiful creatures as specimens, will a really, truly nurse, and go to see usually stay his hand and spare them how poor mother's head is." She nodunless meat for his followers is abso | ded, and closed the door.

"I do believe it's going to rain tomorrow," said Bess, very cheerfully this time.

"Oh, I hope so!" answered Jess, just as gaily .- Alice Van Leer Carrick.

Sorry He Lost His Bait.

Two youngsters were fishing by the side of a brook when one fell in and narrowly escaped with his life. The grief of the other was so prolonged that a sympathetic bystander asked if the half-drowned boy was a rela-

"No," said the other, tearfully, "he wasn't no relation, but he mout's well been; he had all de bait in his pocket, and now it's all gone."

Don't Like to Be Encored. Clara, aged six, did not know the

concert in which she took part. fus that we had to do it all over again."

A Small Boy's Witty Answer. Teddy was walking with a chum acros a toll bridge.

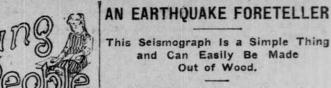
"Do you know who built this bridge?" asked his chum. "No," replied Teddy, "but if you'll go across you'll be tolled at the other

WHAT THE LITTLE TOTS SAY



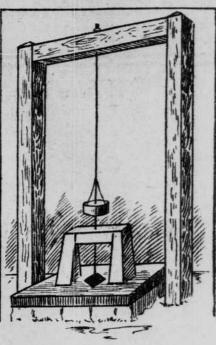
many fur rugs in the house are un-

Little Inez-Why don't you get the the country, and mock battles are Lot doctor to prescribe for them, mamma? infrequent.



This is the picture of the seismograph-the earthquake foretellerwhich was first put into use by the

> Japanese in 1897, and has since been adopted by all nations. Every oscillation of the earth, no matter how slight, causes the needle



The Seismograph

in this instrument to scratch a line on a plate of glass, whose surface is covered with a thin film of lampblack.

German Princes Well Reared. The really, truly, flesh-and-blood princes of to-day are not, like their prototype of romance, clad in velvets and satins and feathers; and they do. occasionally, lay off their jeweled coronets to assume quite matter-of-fact and up-to-date headgear, says Youths' Companion. The recent marriage of another of the kaiser's sons brings to mind the fact that those princes are no longer sturdy lads subject to the domestic economy of the nursery.

For these princelings were brought up on principles well adapted to any careful household. No "slashed suit and doublet" for their active days! Their mother was far too good a housewife for such extravagances. Not only were the boys' clothes of strong and practical manufacture, but one brother to another, made over in

Sometimes the kaiser's royal trous ers were cut down to fit princely little legs, now grown much too long and too important to be encased in second-

The royal mother had due regard to the practical economy of her own attire. Wolf von Schierbrand, in "Germany; the Welding of a World Power," gives an instance of her prudence.

In 1896 at the Berlin Municipal exposition, a very costly dress was exhibited, having an exceedingly long train. The kaiser took a fancy to this garment, and wanted the kaiserin to

argeon. Bess, you get the patients hanging on my skirts, it would be tern

WHOLE FAMILY.



"And you haven't any little brothers or sisters?" "No, sir; I'm all the children we've

The Bed-Time Bear.

Down the dark corridor, hunting for me. Comes, when I'm tucked into bed. The hungriest bear that you ever did see And, though I bury my head Deep in the pillow and 'tend to be sleep-Still he comes prowling and growling and

creeping Nearer and nearer, till, just when I seem To shiver all over with fright. He catches and smothers me so I can't

scream,
And squeezes me dre'fully tight, Then I'm not scared, but I just hug him.

And say: "Daddy, dear, I just knew it was you."

-Harper's Weekly.

No Drums in the Middle Ages. As we came to the middle ages. when the nations of modern Europe

meaning of an encore, and was very were struggling into existence, we find much disgusted with the children's that, at first, the drum was not used at all, says Jessie Katherine MacDon-"I just know we didn't make a single ald in St. Nicholas. So, although melmistake," she exclaimed, "yet the peo- ody had been known and practiced for ple in front got cross and made such a many centuries, rhythm had been quite forgotten. For what there is left to us of the music of the middle ages contains no bars and we know that it was slowly and monotonously chanted, without the least accent.

In the eleventh century, however, things began to improve, more particularly as the Crusaders brought into Europe all sorts of percussion instruments from the east. Various kinds of drums, tambourines and cymbals were then seen in Europe for the first time since the days of savages, and they have been used, with very little change, ever since.

Young Patriots in Japan.

In the schools of Japan, much prominence is given to military interests in order to stir patriotism in the hearts of the children. Histories of Japan's wars are studied in detail, stories of heroism are told, and traditions of Japanese endurance and bravery are carefully preserved. The boys are organized into "companies," and taught to go through military exercises. The stratagems of generals are explained by means of diagrams, and patriotic Mamma-This paper says that too holidays are marked by big celebrations. Toy guns and swords are favorite playthings with the youth of