BIG RAT ATTACKS AN ENTIRE FAMILY

Ten-Pound Rodent Turns on Five Persons and Leaps Upon Child's Back.

BADLY BITTEN

Food In Large Quantities Had Been Missed from the Pantry, and Every Night the House Was Filled With Peculiar Noises.

New York .- A ten-pound, twentyseven-inch rat fought five members of a family all over the ground floor of their home in East New York the other day. It was killed only after a desperate struggle in which one woman was hadly bitten and another driven into hysteria.

The rat put to flight Terence Mc-Kenna, of 48 Montauk avenue, his wife and three children. Mrs. Mc-Kenna is ill as the resuit of her fright and her daughter, Mae, is suffering from bites.

The McKennas have believed for some weeks past that their home was infested by a plague of rats. Food in large quantities was missed from the pantry, and every night the house

The other night McKenns, his wife and the three children-Joseph, Lilinn and Mae decided to begin war on the pests. They put a trap in the kitchen and went into the dining room to await results.

They heard two or three loud thumps and rushed out. The trap was empty, but two potatoes and a cabbage lay in the middle of the floor. The McKennas could not believe that rats had dragged the vegetables from their big.

After an hour of waiting, the famfly heard the trap click. They again went into the kitchen and saw an enormous rat sitting beside the trap. The glare of its eye made Mrs. Mc-Kenna hysterical.

instead of running to escape, the rat rushed at the astonished family. They fied. The rat jumped first at



at One and Then the Other.

one and then another. Its knife-like teeth shone as it snapped its jaws. Joseph McKenna picked up a re-

volver from the sideboard and fired several times, but missed. Benjamin Baliman was passing and

heard the shots. He ran into the the American association bulletin ishouse, grabbed up a shovel and joined | sued by President Chivington. in the fight. The rat had just made a spring at

Joseph McKenna started to attack

the animal with his bare hands when Baliman swung the shovel. He hit the rate squarely on the head and killed it. A physician was called to attend the injured women.

Cuts Elephant's Corns.

New York.-Elephants' corns, which Siend Keeper Billy Snyder says are larger than policemen's or ordinary people's, were cut the other day at the Central Park zoo.

Billy cuts elephants' corns about the first of May every year, and it is quite a feat of chiropody. For Jewel and Hatty, the two lady elephants. acquire corns just standing around in their bouses all winter, and corns to make Stricklett famous again. make both of them grumpy.

Hatty petted Hilly with her trunk all the time that he was working on her feet, but when he came to Jewel she was pecvish. The big elephant New Orleans has proven a fatlure and dropped ber trunk circled Billy's Gene Demontreville, who was given club of the Canadian league. His first waist and lifted him up where she could get a good look at him. When than a month's time he has dropped Louis Bierbauer, the old Pittsburg she saw that it was just Billy Snyder, \$2,500 in his venture and will seek a second baseman. Jewel set him down.

J. P.'s Grandson Fined.

Cambridge, Mass.-Junius Spencer Morgan, Jr., grandson of J. Pierpont Morgan, defied the forces of law and order by refusing to stop his auto when a policeman hailed him. He was fined \$25, but appealed.

Where One Can Swear.

Boonton, N. J .- You may swear on your own premises in Boonton. A conviction against Miss Josephine N. Nix twirler at the helm, Toledo was month for his valuable services. Keelon, on a charge of using profane lan- trimmed. guage, was reversed because she was on her own porch.

Seek New Law.

Chicago.-Suffragettes are unanius in their support of a proposed to enable women when called as es and asked their age to hide hind the statement of "I am of legal DAVIS SAYS EASTERLY WILL BE A STAR



PHOTO BY PAUL THOMPSON

Catcher Easterly of Cleveland.

Manager Harry Davis of Cleveland | He can be developed into a heady insists he will make one of the star catcher. He is a fine thrower, and I catchers of baseball out of Ted East- have a great deal of confidence in him. "Easterly doesn't belong in the out-

"I want Easterly to have confidence field, his place is behind the bat, and in himself. That is what I am going that is where I intend to play him," to try to instill in the player, and I am sure I will be successful. That "Easterly in one of the best hitters | much and my object of making him a in the American league. In this de leader in his department will be atpartment he is a natural ball player. tained."

SUSPENSION FOR DAVE SHEAN

President Chivington of American Association Takes Action in Case of Former Cub.

For refusing to join the Louisville club, to which he was sold, David Shean, formerly with the Chicago club of the National league, has been ndefinitely suspended, according to



Shean was utility infielder with Chicago, and was dropped at Louisville Mae McKenna. She jumped atop the while the club was on its southern dining table. The rat leaped after her training trip. He previously played and bit her twice, on the back and with the Boston Nationals, and his home is in Arlington, Mass.

"Wave Spitter" Is Latest. Elmer Stricklett, inventor of the 'spitball," has a "wave spitter" to fool the big league batters. The "wave spitter" is a ball which breaks in at least two different directions on its way to the batter. It has more speed

than the ordinary "spitter." Stricklett "lost" his arm several and was sent to the minors. When he Ohio-Pennsylvania league. perfected the spitball he went back to Brooklyn and was a leading National league pitcher several seasons.

to be more effective against scientific check for \$100,000. batters than bushers, and is expected

Cotton States Venture a Failure. The attempt of the Class D Cotton States league to operate a team in the franchise, announces that in less transfer. Laurel, which was first awarded the Yazoo City franchise that Jersey City team, has been doing such it was later decided to try out at New good work in practice that it is pos-Orleans, probably will be asked to sible he will be recalled by the Boston take over the team.

O'Toole's Brother "Yanked."

sociation. He twiried in the game Stahl to run the team. against Toledo, and St. Paul had to

Bates as a "Waiter." Johnny Bates is getting surprising- side ball. ly few "times at bat" in the records. are hiso to his credit, and his "A B.'s"

have been averaging less than three

It is said that Hank O'Day can smile these days without hurting his face. o Wausau of the Wisconsin-Illinois

"There is no great loss without Wheeling has signed the veteran

Fort Worth has released Pitcher Field Captain of Athletics Says There Charley Deardorff. He was unable to

get into playing form. Arlie Latham has caught on temporarily. He is an umpire in the

United States league. Gus Wiser of St. Joseph has been selected as playing manager of the Beatrice (Neb.) team.

Fort Wayne has purchased Pitchers Loudell and Fenfer and Catcher Dobbins from Providence.

the substitution of Jack Graney in left field for Hank Butcher. Manager Kling says that on the

ahead of Brooklyn and St. Louis. The Brooklyns have sent Outfielder Bobby Coulson to their tributary-Newark of the International league.

"Germany" Schaefer makes a lot of fun for the fans, but he never overlooks a point. He is a real inside player.

Oscar Vitt declares he has fallen in love with Detroit and that he is quite willing to make the city his nome for life. That McInnes mite of a first base-

man was about as good as they make them last year, and seems to have improved this season. Phelan seems to have won Eddie Grant's corner in the Cincinnati in-

field. He is batting over .300 and fielding in fine style. Connie Mack keeps Derrick on the team in hopes that he can lift the

Athletics out of any possible hole into which the team may fall. Catcher James Shields, formerly in the Cotton States and South Atlantic years ago when he was in the majors, leagues, has signed with Sharon in the

Roger Bresnahan is one of the wealthiest men playing ball at the present time. It is alleged that the The "wave spitter" is said by experts leader of the Cardinals can draw his

> Terry Turner, the Cleveland infielder, expects a good season. Terry's arm, which has bothered him for years, troubles him less this spring than in former years.

> Frank Bowerman has been signed as manager of the London (Ont.) baseman is Loey Bierbauer, son of

Janvrin, the third baseman of the Americans. He moves about like another Eddie Collins.

Jimmy McAleer says the Boston Red Marty O'Toole has a little brother | Sox are the best team in the world. of pace. Robinson is drilling him named Mike. He plays with the same | Many figure the Red Sox will remain team the \$25,000 beauty played with up in the race if McAleer will keep when a member of the American as- his hands off and allow Manager Jake

Willie Keeler, who is the Brooklyns' yank him out of the box. With a new coach and scout, is receiving \$600 a lng their effectiveness remarkably. er and Dahlen, old pals, keep their heads close together. They are trying to make the Brooklyns play some in-

Lou Ritter, former Brooklyn catch-Never has he shown such skill as a er, recently released by Indianapolis, saiter, and he is collecting a barrel of on the appearance of Nig Clarke, has bases on balls. Numerous sacrifices gone to Utica in the New York State league. He was given a present of \$500 by the Indianapolis club to reward him for his good work last year. he is working.

IDEAL TRAINING CAMP

Managers of Big League Teams Differ on Question.

Some Like Quiet Places Where There Is Little to Divert Attention of Players From Their Work-Others Favor Big Cities.

What constitutes an ideal training camp for big league baseball teams? Big league managers and players difer in their opinions. Some like the quiet places, where there is nothing to take the thoughts of the players off their work. Others like the big towns, where there are divertisements to break the monotony of training. Some also prefer the big towns because Some managers like to change every year, so their players will get a change again there was to be a wedding. of scene. Many prefer a spot where By and by there came strange rumineral waters.

In the latter class are the managers of at least five-Fred Clarke of Pittsburg, Bill Dahlen of Brooklyn, "Red" Dooin of Philadelphia and Jimmy Mc-Aleer of Boston. Of the five, all but New York have picked Hot Springs, while the Giants have trained at Marlin, Texas, for several seasons. The fact that the Giants and Pirates have been contenders for the pennant all the time they have trained at health resorts speaks well for their system.

The Boston and Chicago Americans are the two clubs that have made circus trips of their training tours. Comiskey several times took his squad to the coast and once to Mexico, while the Red Sox twice went to California Neither team obtained good results.

In the opinion of Nap Lajole, a training camp combining the good self." qualities of Alexandria, La., and Macon. Ga., would be the ideal place. Alexandria has the climate, the water and the hotel, but it lacks population and a good baseball diamond. The latter fault could be rectified, however, by the sending of a groundkeeper ahead of the team to get things in shape. But the town is small and lacks amusements. Consequently the week or so, and their work seemed and ferocious unusually onerous, especially as Manager McGuire was a stickler for that old old-style plan of having the players walk some eight miles a day in adcelpts at Alexandria were practically way. Lieutenant Winters had received up," but he didn't put them higher

Now, Macon has an even better climate-that is, from a training stand-Milwaukee has sent Pitcher Weidell | point-in that it does not get so extremely warm. Macon also is a much larger city, but unfortunately it lacks as good a hotel as is wanted by the some small gain," says Harry Davis of big league clubs, who insist on the

Gus Dundon, who was with Lincoln MURPHY SIZES UP TY COBB

Never Was Player Like Him-Can Do Anything.

Danny Murphy has a boost for T. Raymond Cobb. Dan is apt to censure the glittering Georgian for loafing a mite when he looks like lying down on a fellow-player, but when it comes to the personal stuff it's aces and eights for Tyrus as far as Danny is concerned. Hear the manner in The first shift in the Nap lineup is which the Athletics' new field Napoleon sizes up that Cobb person-

"I don't believe there was ever one showing up to date Boston will finish like him before, and I don't think we'll ever see one like him again. "He can do anything. He hits, he throws, he fields, and he can run. A



Ty Cobb.

ot of the players in our league used the bases. Well, let me tell you something. He's so fast he can take chances all the time. There isn't a prove he is not a coward, and Ruth club in the league that don't hate to must apologize for doing him an insee Cobb on first with one run needed justice. I bring about a marriage, two flatly."-Rire. by Detroit. He keeps the pitcher worried, he has the team bothered, he has the catcher worried, and it's almost a cinch that he'll get around. He's the greatest I ever saw."

Marquard Shy on Slow Ball. When Rube Marquard can pitch a slow ball Coach Robinson of the Giants says he will be invincible. Marquard has learned to control terrific speed and a fast-breaking curve. But he doesn't know much about change every day in the art of pitching floaters, and says the big southpaw is making progress. All of the great put me through." pitchers in days gone by mixed slow ones with fast ones, thereby increas-

"Brick" Owen Is Lauded.

"It is seldom that an umpire can give emphatic satisfaction to both the winning and losing teams, but that is what "Brick" Owen is doing in the National league. "He umpired in five of our games," said Manager Fred Clarke of Pittsburg. "We lost four of them, but there wasn't a kick coming on him. It is hard to find fault when

I am equal to the occasion."

Eagle's Nest is a manor house. So

is the Birches. They are three miles

apart. Two days after Miss Ruth reached the Nest, Mr. Winters reached

him, and the girl had had her electric

sent down, it could be only a question

of time when the two must meet.

Young Burt imagined that meeting

-not a look! For three days he dis-

appeared from the paternal mansion

and a detective might have traced him

ness. He saw his sister and a friend

out in the electric, but he took good

ing to them:

mix in give him fists."

leader of the trio

as pie, you see!"

plore a pond where there was said to

be good fishing. There came a time

to tell who it was. He was about to

turn off when he heard the reports of

pistols, and saw three men bound out

Five minutes covered the distance.

The autoist didn't stop to look at the

woman who was screaming at the top

of her voice. The three men were his

game. They shouted to him to "hands

than the professional boxer usually

does. They turned their guns on him,

but he got on to the blank cartridge

bluff, and then followed a sad ten

minutes for the conspirators. They

were knocked gally-west and gally-

east, and they finally threw away their

useless weapons and fied into the

It was then that the puffing, bleed-

"What-you." he exclaimed, as he

looked into the face of the girl who

wasn't sure that he was not a cow-

Then there came an embarrassing

"You did not call on your return

"I feared you might not be at home

"Did you fight this way in Cuba?"

And when he did call it didn't take

"But what had you to do with it?"

fellers to be knocked into the mid-

dle of next week for a nickel apiece."

No Mourning.

"I hear Jagsby's son has taken to

"I suppose he has broken his poor

"Not much he broke his poor old

"I have seen three doctors. The first

ersault in front of a car or a man falls

down in a fit, my orders are to decide

immediately what I would do if in

charge of the car. If I can think as

quickly and as straight as the motor-

twenty minutes to make satisfactory

"I am stopping at Eagle's Nest."

"And you might call."

"They've made it up."

"So Ruth writes me."

"Thanks, I will."

silence. One of the men had left his

cap behind, and Mr. Winters stood

turning it over with his foot.

from Cuba," said the girl at last,

"And you here!" she answered.

"You have come to no harm?"

"No, thanks to you."

woods.

ard.

to me.'

official reports."

"Yes?"

gambling."

bank."

him the motorman replied that it was man does, my recovery will be pro-

"So he has."

old father's heart."

had ceased.

care not to be seen himself. In his

"You go right down the road about

and smiled. Not a word-not a nod

the Birches. It just happened so. As the ex-warrior had his auto with

Was He Coward?

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By Cora A. M. Thompson

When Fred Winters departed for Cuba with his regiment the know-italls in society said there was an en- beetle-browed men who seemed to band. gagement between him and Ruth Burt, more money is taken in at the gate. and that when the war was over and the lieutenant came marching back behind the barn, young Burt was say-

the athletes may imbibe freely of mors from the front. In no case could a mile to the thick growth of bushes they be traced to a fountain head, but and go into ambush. When two young those who held them in greatest contempt had a half-belief just the same. Some one was giving out and repeating that Fred Winters had shown cowardice in the face of the enemy. The newspapers didn't have it, but letters came back affirming and denying it. "It's a lie, and I know it!" exclaimed

Miss Ruth's only brother, who had reached his sixteenth birthday. "It's the work of some of his jealous rivals." "I do not know a gentleman that show up then let the ladies pass and would stoop to anything of the sort," come back here." replied the sister.

"Well, some one has been stooping Have you written to Fred what is being said about him?"

"Of course not. Indeed, I am not the way of a joke, you know. The idea writing to him at all." "Just like a girl to condemn a feller

unheard! Hang it, I'll write him my-"You'll do nothing of the kind, I can manage my own affairs."

"Go on, then, but I'd give my pony to find out the liar." "We shall know all about it when the soldiers return."

"Yes, and I'll challenge and fight the man that first set the rumor affoat!" And the youth puffed out his chest and walked to and fro in the long players got mighty tired of it in a parlors and tried to look determined

When Miss Ruth's letters ceased to put in an appearance, Mr. Winters was of the bushes and stop the vehicle. on his dignity at once. There was some good reason, but was it for him to beg dition to their double workout. Again, it? He had written last, and now he it was a case of "all going out and must wait. At the front there were no nothing coming in," as the gate re- rumors of cowardice. It was the other

high praise from his superior officers.



No One Knew Their Mission

He was in at the beginning and at the finish, and he returned home no wiser about Miss Ruth's silence. "If he calls, then what?" asked the

brother. "He won't call." "All right for you. Ruth, you are as stubborn as a mule."

"A coward has no place in my esti-Burt was saving to his mother: "How about the half dozen fellers hanging around you? Do you know

whether they are cowards or brave about my size." men? "It isn't necessary for me to know I am going down the country and shall

forget all about it." Young Mr. Burt took a resolve, and next day he hunted out the returned warrior and put the case to him

straight from the shoulder. "And is that it?" was mused in reply. "This is the first time I have heard of the rumors, and it's pretty

late in the day to put up a denial. Thanks for your interest." Young Burt went home to sit down and purse his lips and say to himself: father's hear, he did! He broke the "Let's see? Let's see? The governor and the duchess are keeping to tell about his boneheaded running hands off, and the thing has been flung on my shoulders to settle. Very said it was arthritis and the second

ing Rush Hours Prescribed by

One Doctor.

When asked if he would allow a pas-

"I am making front platform trips

vice," the man said. "A year ago I

was a mental and physical wreck. A

nerve specialist took me in hand. He

says now I am cured. To make sure

I can stand the severest kind of a

stand beside the motorman and see

"He has put me on my honor in re-

how I would meet emergencies.

during rush hours on my doctor's ad- to the test."

senger to stand on the platform beside

against the rules.

manager of the company.

he ready to start seon."

well; I will settle. Fred Winters must ataxy.

"And the third?" "Of course he contradicted the other **NEW CURE FOR NERVOUSNESS** Front Platform Trips on Trolley Durporting to him. If a child turns a som-

nounced complete. If not, the treatment will have to be continued a "I know that," said the applicant for the post of honor, "but maybe this will while longer. "Before I got sick I would have He presented a letter signed by the thought an ordeal of that kind sufficient to cause nervous prostration, but persons who pass through that doc-"All right," said the motorman, "Til tor's hands seem able to stand it, and

pronounced successful,

Novelty in Surgery. The bone of a sheep was transferred to the arm of a patient recently. The mental strain he has ordered me to forearm undergoing the novel operation had been shattered by the discharge of a gun. The operation was

nearly all of his patients are subjected

make two souls happy and gain a tip-top feller for a brother-in-law. Um! SAILOR IS PURSUED BY A CHINESE GOD

Seaman Is Threatened With Death for Preventing a Sacrifice in Yangtse River.

New York .- Believing that he has been trailed by members of a Chinese secret society all the way from the harbor of Che-Foo, China, to this city, with ultimate death at their hands as to a country inn between the two an inevitable result, Alfred K. Scanze, manor houses. He was there on busi- a mechanical engineer, applied to Fourth Deputy Police Commissioner Dillon for a permit to carry a 'revolver. His request was granted, aftcompany, much to the wonderment of | or he had shown Dillon letters of a the landlord and others, were three threatening character from a Chinese

ache to cut throats. No one knew their According to Scanze, in 1908 he was mission, but on a sunny morning, out a midshipman on the gunboat Mindora, lying in the harbor of Che-Foo. and while on leave of absence took



Saw Her Leap Into River.

a small river steamer up the Yangtse when he sighted her, but too far ahead river. On the way back Scanze saw a young Chinese woman leap into the river. He plunged after her and res-

ued the woman. When he told the story later on the Mindora his shipmates told him he might get into trouble, as the Chinese regarded the girl offered as a sacrifice to the river god, who had flooded the river, and in rescuing the girl he had deprived the god of his sacrifice.

One of the letters received by Scanze was delivered to him on Saturday morning while he was at work on a new building at Broadway and Thirty-fourth street. The note was handed to him by one of the workmen employed on the building, who said a Chinaman had asked him to give it to Scanze. The letter referred to the ing Mr. Winters had time to look rescue of the young Chinese woman about him. He knew that the electric by Scanze, and warned the latter "to and the young lady were there, and be prepared" for a visit from the "rivthat after his arrival the cries for help er god's messenger."

BEASTS INVADE VILLAGES

Inhabitants of Hungarian Mountains Were Almost Prisoners in Their Houses Last Winter.

Vienna.-The inhabitants of several villages near the Rozaly mountains, in Hungary, are almost kept prisoners in their houses by numerous packs of wolves which the intense cold has driven out of the high lying forests. A number of cattle and other domestic animals have fallen a prey to their depredations.

"I shall have to refer you to the One village near Gross Banya was treated to the remarkable spectacle of a fight in a garden between a bear



The Bear Defended Himself.

that had come to the village to look for something to eat and a number of wolves there for the same purpose. The bear defended himself stoutly with blows of his paws and killed two of his assailants.

A farmer at Vesszod saw a wolf put his head through the half-opened door of the room in which he was sleeping. With presence of mind he slammed the door, caught the animal's neck between door and door post and killed it with a blow on the head from a heavy chair.

Gets Corns on Ears,

Mount Clemens, Mich.-There is a merry war on in the local telephone exchange. On one side are thirty sweet-voiced operators with a medium sized district manager as their oppo-

The operators are compelled to wear headband contrivance while on duty, and the claim of the girls is that the contrivance causes corns to form upon their ears. They declare that if the manager does not provide another sort of appliance for holding the receivers they will leave the office.