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Frank Aubrey Went 800 Miles on Horseback In Less Than Six Days, Beating a Previous Ride, and Won \$15,000 on the Two Trips-Killed In a Brawl.

Not long ago the writer had occasion to visit western Missouri. Among one of the traditions of the little city of Independence, which until the days of the railroad was the eastern terminus of the Santa Fe trail, the following story was told:

In the old days of the Santa Fe trail the freighters made one round trip a season. The Americans very generally wintered at Independence, while the Mexican traders naturally put in the same season at the town of Santa Fe. In the spring the teams were made up, the wagons loaded, and the long caravans of prairie schooners, with their white tilts and from 5 to 15 yoke of oxen, began moving out on their long voyage across the plains.

As was stated, these outfits made only one round trip per season, the Mexicans getting rid of their freight at Independence some time along in midsummer and loading up again for Santa Fe, while the Americans threw off their first load at Santa Fe and reloaded again

for Independence.

Along in the late forties an energetic character named Frank X. Aubrey came from New York to Independence, bought a lot of teams and started into business as a freighter. Such was his push and vim that he made two trips a season, starting out from Independence in the early spring and winding up his second round trip at that point rather late in the fall. Aubrey piled up a great deal of money at the business and set such an energetic example that he was soon recognized as a leader.

With all his business thrift and vigor Aubrey was also what one might call "a sporting character." The distance from Santa Fe to Independence was about 800 miles. One day while discussing freighting and the length of time it ought to take to cover the distance between Independence and Santa Fe Aubrey made the rather bold asser-tion that he could start alone on a single horse and push through to Independence in eight days himself.

A dispute arcse, and the result was that Aubrey offered to wager \$5,000 that he could start on a thoroughbred horse he had, of unusual speed and bottom, and with the liberty to buy such horses as he might need on the way, and so remount himself as often as he had a chance, and be in Independence at the stage station in less than eight days of 24 hours each from the time he left Santa Fe. The money was covered and the wager made.

bold New Yorker, after considerable dickering, managed to make a wager of \$10,000 a side with Aubrey. This time ence, a run of 800 miles, in six days.

It was at the best season of the year. There were no rains, while the grass was good and the trail as bard as a pavement. Aubrey had the same liberty singular grace, comeliness of face and to remount himself as often as he came person attracted immediate attention upon a horse that he preferred to his own. But he was not permitted to ar- sisters appeared, the theater would be range relays or post horses in advance througed. And Ma along the trail. Indeed he had no time favorite of the trio. wherein to make these arrangements even if he had desired to and they had been allowed.

He started out of Santa Fe the evening of a June day. It was Sunday. The Mexicans looking on argued success to the daring rider from the holy character of the day. All he had with him as provender was a little dried beef. He expected to get food at the stage stations along the trail. Saturday afternoon of the same week he rode into the public square at Independence, winning the race by five hours. He was just 5 days and 19 hours riding the 800 miles, and had used 11 horses. He had had two brushes with Indians, and had been chased by them at the Cimmaron crossing of the Arkansas, and again at Pawnee Rock. He escaped, however, with nothing worse than an arrow through his arm.

It is related that when he slipped from the saddle at Independence he hadn't slept a wink for 56 hours. Bystanders asserted that he was sound asleep the instant he touched the ground. Anbrey was carried into the hotel and put to bed, and never opened his eyes again until Monday morning about 2 o'clock. He then came around as fresh as a daisy and as hungry as a wolf. He routed out the cook of the hotel, made him come down to the kitchen and cook him something to eat. He won \$15,000 on these two races, and in the last one made a record for long distance riding never surpassed.

Just to show how such a man of seel and zeal may end, it might be added that Frank X. Antirey was stabled to death in a brawl in a Santa Fe dance hall. This was some five years after his great ride. Old plainsmen will tell you, however, of the exploits of Aubrey, and he is reverently mentioned with such worthies as Sublette, Kit Carson, Ben Holliday and old Jim Bridger.—Washington Star.

His Own Figures.

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Extensive Trade Carried on In New York Almost Exclusively by Germa

New York city's extensive trade in singing birds is carried on almost exclusively by Germans. Not only have they a virtual monopoly of this very profitable business, but, furthermore, a very large part of the bird importations ome from Germany direct. The trade is chiefly with southern Germany. The most plausible explanation of the prominence of Germans in this business is the fact that, above all other qualities, it requires patience and kindness, two attributes in which Germans, and especially German women, excel.

There is in New York a very large trade in canary birds, and during the period when a larger share of the nation's commerce was carried on in sailing ships than is the case now parrots and cockatoos were dealt in extensively. though nowadays they have somewhat gone out of vogue. Much care is necessary in the business of looking after birds, for they are subject to many ailments which must constantly be provided against, and without the exercise of great care the entire stock of the dealer might be swept away in a short time. The retail bird business does not require a very large capital. The loss of birds by illness is the chief danger to be provided against, not the indifference of purchasers, for these are never lacking in New York. The ordinary price of a singing canary is from \$1.50 to \$2.75.

The age attained by birds varies considerably-from 8 to 100 years-these being the maximum ages: Wren, & years; thrush, 10; robin, 12; blackbird, 12; goldfinch, 15; partridge, 15; pheasant, 15; lark, 18; nightingale, 18; pigeon, 20; linnet, 23; canary, 24; orane, 24; peacock, 24; sparrow, 40; pelican, 50; parrot, 60; crow, swan and eagle 100 years. There is much less demand for birds for ornithological displays in museums in the United States than in Europe, and one reason given in ex-planation of this is the fact that the museums of most European capitals are maintained at the public expense, without private contributions or the need of any, whereas in the United States the appropriations for menagerie and museum purposes are, generally speaking, inadequate and have to be eked out by private contributions. The annual appropriation for the menagerie in Central park, including necessary repairs to the buildings, is only \$30,000. Many of the animals in the park, and some of the birds, are lent by private individuals. What is true of New York city in this regard is substantially true of the other big cities of the United States, and so the market for rare birds rests chiefly upon the purchases of private individuals .- New York Sun.

TOM MOORE'S FIRST SWEETHEART. She Was the Heroine of His "Mary, I Believed Thee True,"

Aubrey started and was in Independence, Mo., in just 7 days and 10 hours from the time he said goodby to Santa from the Ladies' Home Journal. Yet her the said goodby to Santa from the Ladies' Home Journal. The Ladies' Home Journal of the said in the Ladies' Home Journal. Then a second wager was made. The career reads like a romance. It was in parties who had lost the \$5,000 with the London that she was born, in 1794. Her christened name was Mary Ann Dyke. When she was scarcely 15, she was known far and wide as one of the most beautiful girls of the neighborhood. Her poverty led her to adopt the stage as a profession, and she and her two sisters, also of great beauty, became dan-cers at the Dublin theater, where their person attracted immediate attention and admiration. Whenever the Dyke thronged. And Mary seemed to be the

It was the fashion of the time at Kilkenny for gentleman amateurs to give annual public performances for the benefit of the poor of the city, and it was on one of these occasions, when the assistance of professional ladies from Dublin was invoked, that Thomas Moore, the Irish poet, was introduced to Mary Dyke and immediately found himself passionately in love with her. It was in the play, "Fortune's Frolic," that Tom Moore personated Robin Roughhead and

Mary Dyke Nancy.

The Irish poet became Mary Dyke's very shadow, and after awhile he poured forth his great love for her and offered her his hand and heart. But, for some reason, the beautiful Mary did not reciprocate the wealth of affection thus offered her, and she rejected him. It was this which led Moore to return to is room, and in the midnight hour pen his celebrated love song, beginning "Mary, I believed thee true."

The Lavish Jenkins.

In October, 1886, a religiously mind-ed Buckinghamshire farmer named Jenkins brought his firstborn to the parish church to be christened, and this was to be the name: Abel Benjamin Caleb Dan-iel Esra Felix Gabriel Haggai Isaac Jacob Kish Levi Manoah Nehemiah Obdish Peter Quartus Rechab Samuel Tobiah Usalel Vaniah Word Xystus

It will be observed that the names are all arranged in alphabetical order and are, as far as possible, selected from Scripture. It was only with the very greatest difficulty that the clergyman discusded Mr. Jenkins from doing the lesting wrong to his child that he had unwittingly devised, but eventually it was decided to christen the boy simply Abel.—Chambers' Journal.

Shakore

The Shakers had their peculiar designation given to them in derision. During the religious excitements which were encouraged by their form of wor-ship, members of this sect often fell into convulsive tremblings, sometimes ending in partial or total unconscious-ness, and this singular phenomenon gave a name to the sect.

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