

DESCENT FULL OF PERIL.

Difficulties Overcome by Man Who Climbed Grand Mulets.

This striking picture represents the climber, Marquignaz, descending the face of the Grand Mulets on Mont Blanc.

The Grand Mulets is a mass of granite "rising up like an island in a



On the Face of the Grand Mulets. tremendous billowy ocean of ice and snow."

In the face of the rock a rough shielding of stone and boards has been built where a bed and refreshments can be had. It is in charge of a woman who ascends in the beginning of the season and remains there three months.

Picture in Disguise.

Many and strange have been the vicissitudes of some of the world's greatest pictures, and a fine painting which now graces Lord Leigh's residence in Warwickshire, Eng., has an interesting history. This remarkable picture, which for some years consisted of a painting of flowers, was pronounced by an art dealer to be merely a mask for some other picture, and on his receiving permission he gradually cleaned off the flowers, discovering underneath a very fine portrait of Charles I, by Vandyke. It is supposed that the portrait was thus disguised in order to save it from destruction by the Roundheads at the time of the Commonwealth.

Eight-Inch Hat Pin in Pet Cat.

A pet cat belonging to the family of Mrs. F. A. Hurlbert of Oberlin, Ohio, had been sick for several weeks, and a veterinary surgeon was called. On examination he discovered a sharp point protruding from its neck. He made a slight incision, and pulled out a hat pin eight inches in length, the head of the pin having been imbedded in the cat's stomach. After the operation the cat began to purr, which showed that it was perfectly satisfied with the treatment, and it has once more taken its position with the choir on the back fence.

KILLED BEAR WITH A ROCK.

Two Nevada Indians Had an Unpleasant Experience.

Two Indians were attacked by a large black bear on Berry creek in White Pine county, Nevada, yesterday, and after a desperate fight they succeeded in killing the enraged animal with a rock. The fight was unequal and the Indians were torn and cut in a terrible manner by the claws of the huge beast.

The bear was sleeping in the willows along the bank of the stream when the Indians, who were fishing, came upon it. The animal rushed at them with an angry growl and succeeded in knocking one of the Indians senseless with a blow of its paw.

The beast then closed with the other redskin and endeavored to draw him within reach of its open jaws. The Indian fought with great bravery, but was about to surrender to the beast when his companion regained consciousness and rushed to his aid with a large rock.

He struck the bear at the base of the skull and stunned it, and before it could recover crushed its skull with the rock.—San Francisco Call.

Remarkable English Clock.

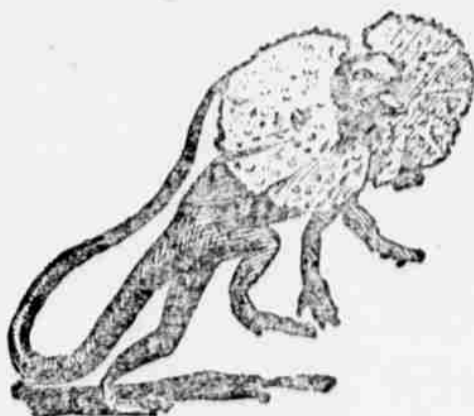


A clock with moving figures showing the flagellation of Christ is on exhibition at London, England. The hour dial is at the feet of the captive, who is bound to a post surmounted by a rotating band, on which the quarter-hours are engraved. As the hour strikes, the scourges of the soldiers rise and fall.

Small Oxen.

One of the greatest curiosities among the domesticated animals of Ceylon is a breed of cattle known to the zoologist as the "sacred running oxen." They are the dwarfs of the whole ox family, the largest specimens of the species never exceeding 30 inches in height.

Walking Lizard.



Some lizards are able to walk upon their hind legs, of which the most remarkable example is the frilled lizard of Australia, a powerful form, which attains a length of about three feet. Should danger threaten, it scuttles off on its hind limbs with considerable speed for as far as thirty or forty feet in a half crouching attitude, with the fore limbs hanging down and the remarkable frill folded up.

PUZZLE FOR THE POLICE.

Dog Belonging to Thirsty Australian Successfully Evades Law.

The law badly wants to arrest a Tailhape (M. L.) dog for aiding and abetting his owner to quench an unlawful thirst. The owner had a violent desire for beer, and he also had a prohibition order out against him. So, not being able to get beer personally, he handed the dog a kit with a shilling in it.

In a few minutes the dog came back minus the shilling, but with a bottle of beer. The local policeman has been lying awake at night wondering whom he is to arrest for infringement of the "prohib." order. For one thing, it can't be proved that the man told the dog to get the liquor.

The dog can't be accused of willfully supplying a prohibited person, partly because the dog had received no legal notice that its master was prohibited, partly because the dog wasn't a vendor of liquor, partly, also, because it didn't take the cork out to see what was in the bottle. So it can't be proved that it knew what it was supplying. And there is no law against supplying liquor to dogs, so it is hard to see how the publican can be dealt with.—Sydney Bulletin.

ROCKING STONE OF AUSTRALIA.

Natural Freak to Be Seen at Chillagoe, Queensland.

Rocking stones are not unfamiliar curiosities in the United States and other countries have them, with more or less interesting features. In far away Tibet a small temple is erected on a big stone apparently so delicate-



ly balanced that every motion of it seems to threaten disaster. Yet it has been in the same position for hundreds of years. This picture shows one in Australia which combines the features of a hanging rock with a rocking stone. It is at Chillagoe, Queensland, and is quite a freak, as you may judge from the picture.—New York Herald.

Dispossessed Large Coon.

While chopping at Munroe, Conn., Patrick Gorman felled a hollow maple tree which was the temporary home of a coon weighing 17 pounds. The pelt is now among Gorman's prized possessions.

Smokers Forbid Smoking.

Between puffs from good Havanas, one of which was in the hands of each member, the Memphis, Tenn., legislative council passed an ordinance the other night which forbids smoking in the rear of a street car or in any public place where a placard is displayed forbidding it.

GOAT AS SOLDIERS' MASCOT.

Welsh Regiment Was Proud of Animal—Gift of Queen Victoria.

On some of the ships of the United States navy a goat is an honored member of the ship's company, and the pet and "mascot" of the crew.

In some regiments of the army also an animal mascot is maintained, though the custom is not so general with us as with our British cousins, with whom it is very old.

One celebrated and much traveled mascot, Billy, the goat of the 2d battalion royal Welsh fusiliers, recently died on the march from Chakrata to Aga. He was presented by Queen Victoria to the regiment in 1894, and came from Windsor home park. Billy had, therefore, served with the battalion for ten years and accompanied them to Malta, Egypt, Crete, Hongkong and India. The first goat was presented by Queen Victoria so long ago as the year 1839.

How the custom arose of having a goat as a regimental pet is not known, but the royal Welsh are known in the British army by the nicknames of "Nanny Goats" and the Royal Goats." The regimental ornaments include a

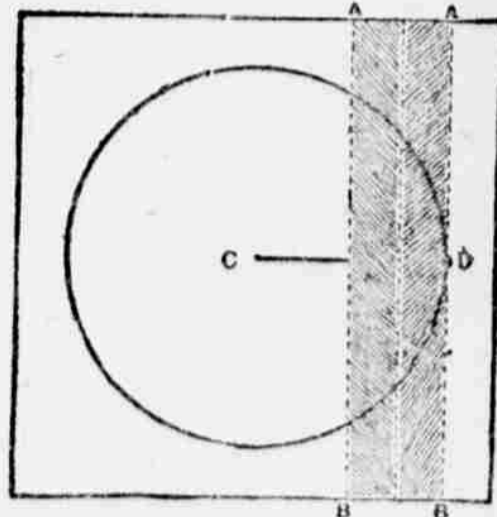


white horse, a sphinx and a red dragon. Perhaps they will one day add a goat to their facings.

Fish Shoals Found by Telephone.

The latest use of the telephone is in locating shoals of fish. The electric apparatus is a German patent. A microphone, inclosed in a water-tight case, connected with an electric battery and telephone, is lowered into the water. So long as the telephone hangs free no sound is heard, but on its coming into contact with a shoal of fish the constant tapping of the fish against the microphone case produces a series of sounds which at once betrays their presence. The cord attached to the microphone is marked so that the exact depth of the shoal is designated.

With One Stroke.



Suppose the square to represent a sheet of paper. Fold it from top to bottom as indicated by A A and B B. From the center of the paper C draw the horizontal line to point D, which is exactly on the fold. Holding the pencil firmly, spread out the paper. Then from this point draw a circle with C as its center.