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LITTLE JOHN'S CHRISHUS BY JAMES WHITCOMS BILEY.

nerve he had!— You'd want to kind o' pity him, but couldn'

Kep' hintin' of his father like, and pity wouldn' John, Jack and Free— Would jine and git up little Johnts, by time 'at

could be, 'At mother couldn't do too much fer little Johnt

And I'mty, Idde, and Malaline they watched their chance and rid To F untaintown with Idjey's folks; and bought a book they did, O' fairy-tales, with pictur's in; and got a little

O' red-top boots 'at John-Jack said he'd be'r

a drum; And shootin'-crackers—lawzy-day! and they' and Pincy, ever time the rest would but other toy.
She'd take and turn in them and buy more can
dy fer the boy!

Well, things-says-I, when they got back, your pockethooks is dry! But little Johnts was there hisse'f that after Well, all of us kep' mighty Chrismus day-

how he scud acrost The fields—his tow-head, in the dusk, jes' like s don't you know.

A jumpin' high fer rabbits and a-plowin' up the snow!

to bed—
With Wilse and John-Jack he'ppin' us; and
Freeman in the shed,
And Lide out with the lantern while he trimmed a Chrismus tree Out of a little scrub-oak top 'at suited to a t! All night I dreamp' o' hearin' things a-skulkin' round the place—
And "Old Kriss," with his whiskers off and freekles on his face—
And reindeers, shaped like shavin' hosses at the

cooper-shop -stickin' down the chimbly, with their heel-By time 'a' mother got me up 'twas plum day light and more— The front yard full of neighbors all a-crowdin Set up on Freeman's shoulder, like a jug up or

Of course I can't describe it when they all co in to where We'd conjered up the Chrismus-treean' all the fixin's there—
Fer all the shouts o' laughter—clappin' han's and crackin' jokes, Was heap of kissin' goin' on among the women

For, lo-behold-ye! there they had that youngun—And his chin A-wabblin like; and, shore enough, at last he started in— And—sich another bellerin', in all my morts p'inted ways!

And mother grabs him up and says: "It's more'r

CHRISTMAS EVE VISITOR



(Great Wilder-ness), which is proba-bly at present the least known region of its size on the earth's desort tract, as the reader might at first conjecture, but, on the contrary, well watered, remarkably fertile, and rich in natural resources. That so broad an extent of country, comprising not less than three hundred thousand square miles, should have re-mained unvisited and unknown for so

long a time in this century of travel is due in part to its geographical position, but chiefly to the hostility of the Indian tribes that inhabit it. As indicative of the climate and general character of the region it is worthy

of note that the Indians of the Chaco are of fine physique, warlike, and remarkable for their longesity. Thus far these savages have successfully resisted the ap-proaches of white explorers and travel-The Chaco is believed to be a paradise

of game and of wild honey, for no less than seven varieties of wild bees have been found in its flowery glades. Deer, tapirs, capybaras, and peccaries abound, also the armadillo, wild cattle, wild horses, and the jaxuar. The reptile family is also well represented, as is shown by the following adventure related by Mr. Wilhelm B. Maria, a young gentleman who spent several months last season exploring the course of the River

Pilcomayo: Mr. Marin is an enthusiastic believer in the future of the Chaco, which, he confidently predicts, is destined not long hence to become the Garden State of South America. His exploration was effected by means of a small steam launch which he shipped to South America in sections, and set up at Asuncion, on the Paraguay River, near its confluence with the Pilcomayo. Both the Pilcomayo and the Vermejo are large rivers, not less than eight hundred or a thousand the Chaco and unite with the Paraguay and the Parana to form the Rio de la

was a well-appointed little craft, but only about thirty feet in length by eight feet beam. To serve as a defense if at-tacked, and to furnish a dormitory by night, an awning covered with sheet-iron and whitewashed was carried over the entire length of the deck, the smoke-stack alone rising through it. Wide shutters of white iron closed in the sides, so that the entire deck could be converted

into a single, long room, at will.

By night this sufficed admirably to keep out both wild beasts—when the little craft was moored to the bank-and hostile natives. Nothing could get aboard, save, perhaps, at the small, hinged windows, one or two of which were generally left open for ventilation.

This odd deck-house worked so well

that the voyagers did not often feel it necessary to do guard duty by night, being assured that the noise of an attack outside their iron shield would rouse them in time to repel the assailants. The engine was constructed to burn wood instead of coal. The party and crew consisted of Mr. Marin and a fellow-explorer, Mr. C. P. Luth, an American engineer, hired in Buenos Ayres, whose name was Sacket, a cook called Lugar, and two gauchos of the cowboy stamp, natives of Bosar o in the Argentime coun'ry. These latter were wood-cutters, fremen, and men of all work to

the party.
The launch left Asuncion on the sec ond day of December, which, in the southern hemisphere, corresponds to June with us. On the day before Christmas, after various experiences, the party reached the foot of what Mr. Marin terms the Third Rapids of the Pilcomiyo, which, however, the water being slack,

the little craft was able to surmount, by the aid of a line and an improvised wind-lass, for a few hundred feet of the most

The day before Christmas was thus employed; and late that evening they tied up in the shadow of some lifty manauties nut trees, to the bank above the rapids, all being much fatigued from the hard labor.

bright moon, the silvery radiance from which fell through the foliage of the branches of the giant tree which projected out over the water. No Indians had shown themselves during the day, and after a hearty meal the tired explorers turned in, their arms, as usual, being set ready for instant use both fore and proprietors, have placed on the marand proprietors, have placed on the marand proprietors, have placed on the marand proprietors.

"We soon fell sound asleep," Mr. Marin relates, "into that overpowering slumber relates, "into that overpowering slumber which comes from heavy toil, and will hold a person in its embrace for ten hours a two-cent stamp to the publishers. without waking. But not long after mid-night I was roused by an indefinite kind of noise which I at first thought was made by the wind causing a branch to scraps the top of our iron cover. "I was about dozing off again when a considerable bump, as of something falling on the shield overhead, set me broad

"My companions uid not waken, however. I thought that it might be some small wild animal that had either fallen or leaped out of the branches which overhung the boat, and so lay still, listening, for some moments, thinking, too, what an odd Christmas Eve it was and how different from anything I had ever previously experienced.
"Shortly after, I heard a curious inter-

mittent rustle and stir of the trees, which I knew could not be due to the wind; yet it sounded as though one or more large branches were swaying heavily. That a puma was in the treetops over us, was my first surmise; and rising quietly from my bunk, I took up my gun and then peoped cautiously out at the window-light which was swung half back, to admit sir. But I could distinguish nothing, and suppos-ing that it was probably a sloth or a wildcat, I lay down again.
"I had scarcely taken a reclining pos-

ture, however, when there was a heavy splash in the water, on the opposite side of the boat; and a few moments I ter the little craft tipped perceptibly to that side, as if a very heavy man had stepped suddenly aboard. "Immediately, too, I heard a grating

scraping noise, which began on the side of the boat near the guards, and passed over the iron sheeting of the cover as if a big hawser was being hauled athwart us. The sound waked Mr. Luth, who started suddenly from sleep into a sitting *Owing to the moonlight it was very dark. He paused a moment, then

saw mesitting up, and whispered, 'Wh t's going on outside?' "Don't know,' I said. 'Santa Claus, perhaps: hard sledding in this country!' "The scraping, grinding sound moved 'It's Indians, I believe,' muttered

Luth, 'trying to get a big line on us, and their bunks farther forward, rouse up, as at most. if to listen. Then the sound moved aft

"Luth reached for his gun and then stepped to the window, but instantly started back with an exclamation of astonishment or alarm, and I saw what I took for an Indian's head and neck appear in the moonlit aperture, as if trying to look in. "I heard Luth's gun-cocks click, and whispered, 'Don't shoot;' for I thought,

possibly this Indian is only peeping about for mere curiosity. 'Don't shoot!' sneered Luth. 'Then shoot, yourself, and be quick! Why. Marin, don't you see that 'tis a tremendous serpent?

"Before his words were articulated, the creature's head was thrust in at the little window, darkening it. With that we both raised our pieces and fired, and then by mutual impulse ran around the engine to the forward end of the boat. Sackett was trying to light his lantern; while the two gauchos, crying out, "Culebra! culebra grande!" (snake! big snake!) threw down one of the shutters, and jumped into the water, waded ashore. followed by Lugar, the cook.

"Indeed, we were not a little inclined to do the same thing, for from the racket aft it was evident that the reptile was aboard us, and tumbling about amid our bunks, and whether our shots had disabled it, we could only surmise, It was thrashing around, and its tail banged against the engine repeatedly.
"At length Sackett got his lantern burning, and putting that on the end of a pike-pole, we thrust the light back to-

ward the engine, to discern, if possible, where the snake lay, and get another "For some moments we peered about, get sight of it, though we still heard it moving. Suddenly Sackett yelled that it was crawling under the mess table, right beside us! Before we could back off, its head rose, all bloody from the shot we had fired at it, behind the table, and it; jaws snapped close to our faces!
"Luth and Sackett who stood a step behind me, promptly leaped backwards, and disappeared through the aperture which the gauchos had made by removing

the side shutter; and I, obeying my first impulse of horror, sprang aft, around the "Sackett had dropped his lantern, and the only light now on board was the dim | they were started on the long voyage, and moonlight that came in at the shutter hole forward and the little window through which the serpent had crept in. I could hear the ophidian's long body moving slowly, and judged that its head was

coming toward me. I would have given almost any price for a light just then! A horrid odor filled the air! Outside, Sackett and Luth were shouting to me to come ashore; but for the life of me I durst not stir now, nor answer them, lest the serpent might strike at the sound of my voice. I wondered whether snakes could see in the dark! Suddenly I heard its jaws snap again, on the port side of the engine—the very place where I had supposed its tail was! and making a frenzied jump, dashed out forward and landed in the mud and

" 'Are you bitten?' Luth cried out. He and Sackett then assisted me up the

"The reptile still continued to crawl we determined to kindle a fire and secure miles in length, which flow down out of a little light on this dark and scaly subject. The gauchos were afraid to go out far to collect firewood, lest, as they said, the mate of the serpent might be in the her, gun in hand, in search of the snake.
"A portion of its mottled body was then espied lying diagonally across the deck, just in front of the engine boiler. By way of stirring up the creature, Luth fired a load of heavy shot into it, at which it squirmed slightly and crawled slowly for a few feet, but soon came to a

standstill again. "'He's about done for,' said Sackett and taking one of the pike poles, which had also a hook with the pike, he went forward and struck it into the reptile's hard, shining carcass. Again it writhed a little; then all three of us took hold of the jole and thus were able to haul it

"It appeared that our first shots had fairly riddled its neck and head—otherwise we might have had much more trouble in disposing of the brute; for it was truly an ugly reptile to encounter. The thickest portion of its body was almost as large as the thigh of an adult man; and I may compare its flattened head to a good-sized water pitcher of three quarts capacity. It was nearly twenty-four feet long. "It was what the gauchos called a sucu-

riaba, or water bos, and it is said to be nocturnal in its habits. I suppose that it had swung itself down upon the launch from the large nut-trees on the bank.

"Our deck had been most sheckingly defiled with its blood; but the blood was much more easily removed than was the much more easily removed than was the peculiar, disgusting odor which seemed to emanate from its carcass, and for a long time resisted the action of our chlorides. "After that night's adventure, we took the precaution to affix a net of tarred line to the outside of our open window lights."

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A remarkable case of madness, resulting from a wound inflicted by an angry animal has recently appeared near here, writes a Brazoria, Texas, correspondent. A negro woman employed by Jos. Middleton, on his plantation, while setting a hen to hatch a nest of eggs, wished to place more under her, and raised the fowl from the nest in order to do so. The hen turned on her and gave her a peck on the hand so severe as to break the skin, drawing at the same time a few drops of blood. As the wound healed up without delay

nothing was thought of the matter, the woman only mentioning the occurrence casually to some of the other liegross on Last week, some ten days after the ben had pecked, the woman began to exhibit strange freaks of demeanor, and, from a

gaod-natured, obliging creature, has be-come so fractious and surly that all are afraid to approach her. She refuses all comship, and wanders about the country all day from early morning, only com-ing to the house for her meals. If any attempt is made to confine her or to lay hands on her, she becomes violently angry and makes vicious darts and springs toward anyone present. For days now she has not spoken

word, but keeps up continually a low, elucking noise, most horribly like that of you, old hoss?" a hen; and sits by the hour scratching in that? the carth with her hands and feet. In cat: ing her resemblance to a fowl is displayed | to express thorough familiarity. in a most remarkable and shocking manner, for her food is taken up by pecking at it with all the motions of a chicken's head he's such a famous charger.

All who knew her before her madness say that her entire expression has undergone a change. This is probably true for her eatures now wear a sharpened, eager aspect and her eyes have a most unnaturally hard and bright look; with a bird like way of glancing about her. At hight she refuses to sleep under a roof, and is generally found hiding about sunset under some tree or bush, and will vigorously resent "Improbable as this idea was, there w s | with an angry cackle all attempts to disturb her: She is visibly growing weaker,

> witched or "hoodooel;" and cannot be which passes through scenes of historical interest. Four times every day in the year husband and children having deserted her. People come from all over the country to see her, while she remains to appearances perfectly obvious to her visitors, and quietly pursues her clucking and scratching as long as she is not interferred with.
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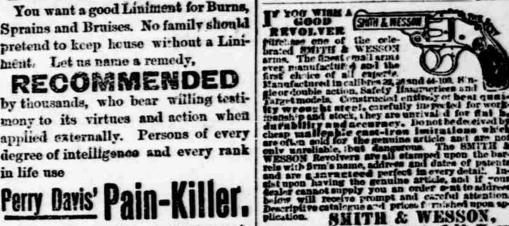
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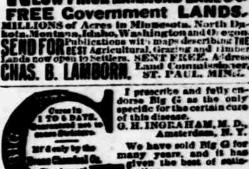
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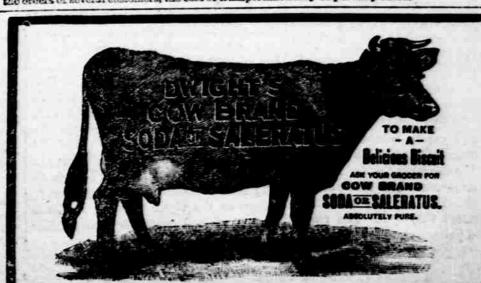




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