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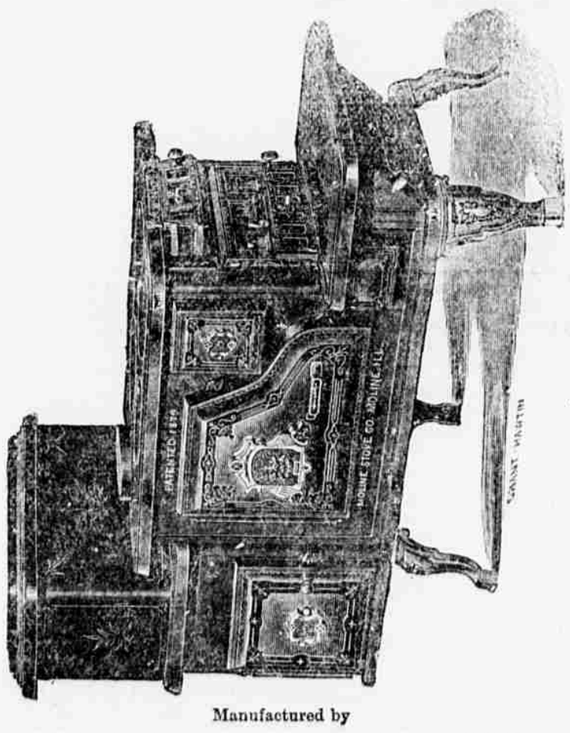
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A BEAR FONDLING A BABY.

Old Bruin Steals a Child and Makes a Pet of It.

Chicago Record.

Henry Flynn, who resides up in the hills near Inskip, is in town to-day and had the following incident to relate, in which a bear of the cinnamon species abducted his three-year-old daughter, not with any desire to harm the child, but through a strange kind of affection. It appears that Mr. Flynn started one morning to take a horse to pasture, about two miles distant from the house, and as the little girl seemed anxious to go, he put her upon the horse's back and let her ride a short distance, perhaps forty rods from the house, where he put her down and told her to run home. He noticed that she continued standing where he left her, and on looking back after going a little farther, saw her playing in the sand. He soon passed out of sight and was gone about an hour, expecting of course, that the child would return to the house after playing a few moments. On returning home he made inquiry about her of its mother, who said she had not seen her and supposed he had taken her along with him. On going to the spot where he left, he saw huge bear tracks in the sand, and at once came to the conclusion that the child had been carried off by the bear.

The family immediately made search through the forest, which was grown up to almost a jungle, rendering their search very slow. All day these anxious parents searched for trace of their child; nor did they stop when darkness came on but remained in the woods, calling the lost one by her name. Morning came and their search was fruitless. A couple of gentlemen from below, who are traveling through the mountains buying stock, came to the house, and being informed of the circumstances, immediately set out to find her. The gentleman wandered about, and as they were passing a swamp spot where the undergrowth was thick, called the child, or else they were talking loud, when one of them heard her voice. He then called her by name, and told her to come out of the bushes. She replied that the bear would not let her. The men then crept through the brush, and when near the spot where she and the bear were, they heard a splash in the water, which the child said was the bear. On going to her, they found her standing upon a log extending about half way across a swamp. The bear had undertaken to cross the swamp on the log, and being pursued, left the child and got away as rapidly as possible. She had received some scratches about the face, arms and her clothes were almost torn from her body; but the bear had not bitten her to hurt her, only the marks of his teeth being found on her back, where, in taking hold of her clothes to carry her, he had taken the flesh also.

The little one says the bear would put her down occasionally to rest, and would put his nose up to her face, when she would slap him; and the bear would hang his head by her side, and purr and rub against her like a cat. The men asked her if she was cold in the night, and she told them the old bear lay down beside her, and put his "arms" around her and kept her warm, though she did not like his long hair. She was taken home to her parents.

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Grandfather Lickshingle on Punched Coin.

Cincinnati Enquirer.

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Sacramento Bee, August 30.

The quiet village of Washington across the river from Sacramento is agitated by a genuine sensation. There resides, or did dwell there, a married couple with three children, and it is this couple who are the much-talked-of persons. Several years ago the husband was married to another woman, but got a divorce. He soon secured the lucrative position of driver on a bob-tailed street car. At that time the cars ran on Front street, and the line terminated near the station-house. By and by the officers there noticed that every morning a pretty young lady came from across the river, tripping along with a load of school books. It was noticed, too, that she always waited until a certain driver appeared and then rode up town. She was the daughter of a well-to-do Yolo farmer, and was a pupil at a fashionable seminary up town. The driver won the heart at length the hand of the maiden. They were married, but not happily, and at length there was jealousy. The cause of it was a youth aged 19, who lives in the village. Last Saturday the husband came home from a visit to Arizona. Saturday night he succeeded in finding the wife and lover in a room in Sacramento. He kicked open the door and attacked the couple with a chair. They fled, the woman escaping without shoes. It is said that since that time the mother and the youth have not been seen, and that the husband has hunted for them with the intention of wreaking vengeance.

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Nothing is of greater, if of as great, importance in the system, employed at these stock farms as the preservation of green food for the winter feeding of the stock. The silo, which is to the ensilage or green food what an ice-house is to the ice which it preserves, is, therefore, of prime interest to people who visit the farms either from curiosity or in search of information. Silos are a comparatively recent invention of the agriculturist. At first it was an excavation in the earth, usually in an elongated form, into which green herbage was placed in its succulent condition, and then covered with earth to exclude air. Not only are the silos in use great improvements over this primitive storehouse but an improvement in one respect over any now in use. There are three of them, one at each of the stables already described, and their combined capacity is 1,000 tons. They are all alike, and therefore a description of one will suffice for all. Owing to the peculiar nature of the soil, the bottom of the silo is only six or eight feet below the surface of the ground. The one at the cattle stables is in two sections, each sixteen by twenty feet deep. The sides and bottom of the excavation are protected by stone masonry, made perfectly water-tight. The stone walls are then built up—like the walls of an ice house until the entire depth is twenty feet, and is covered with a shingled roof. At each end of the bottom of each section of the silo two heavy beams of timber, solidly fastened into the walls, lie parallel with each other and about two feet from the sides. Fastened by a heavy iron hoop is an iron rod or bar, two inches and a quarter in diameter, and running vertically to the top of the silo seven feet of the upper end of this bar is heavy threaded. Each bar runs through the end of a heavy beam running parallel with the beam to which the bar is fastened below. The ends of these other beams are clear on the side of the walls, and they can thus play up and down on the iron bars. Washers are placed over the holes, and large nuts, with holes for a lever on each of the exterior sides, are screwed on the threads of the bars. The sides and bottom of the silo being water tight, the silo may now be considered ready for its store of ensilage. This is principally green fodder, allowed to grow in their thickly sown drills, until the corn is about to tassel. This is then harvested, cut into little bits two-thirds of an inch long, thrown into the silo and trampled down as each load is dumped. When the silo has thus been filled to the top, the upper beams having been run up as the pit was filled, it only remains to press the contents, so that all the air is squeezed out of it and kept out. The old way to do this was to cover it with strong planks, closely fitted, and put stones over all—a ton to the square yard. This would gradually press the ensilage down until it become a solid mass. It is not necessary to point out the disadvantages of this contrivance. The invention of Mr. Sexton consists of the beams and bars already described. The ensilage is covered with heavy planks, put on parallel with the upper beams, and over these is another layer of planks, reaching entirely across the silo and under the beams. The nuts are then screwed down, and by means of the leverage obtained by the holes in the nuts the whole mass is compressed, a little each day, until all the air has been pressed out, and the ensilage becomes so solid that it has to be cut with an axe when it is wanted for use.

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