

BRUNN AND THE BILLY GOATS.

A Terrible Old Fight and All Hands Knocked Out.

NO HIPPODRONE ABOUT THIS.

A Remarkable Four Cornered Slugging Match Which Amused a Party of West Virginia Mountaineers One Summer Afternoon.

According to Prize Ring Rules. The mountaineers of this section are always ready to lay work aside and see a fight of any kind—the bloodier the better. But it fell to the lot of old Bill Withers, an old hunter, and Sam Smiley, one of his neighbors, to vary the monotony recently with something entirely unique. Last winter Withers captured a full grown black bear in a trap, wrote a correspondent for the New York World from Dry Run, Pocahontas county, W. Va. He penned the animal in a strong log structure and kept it in good condition, but it was so fierce that he could never do anything with it, and he was about to kill it, when one day not long ago, old Smiley came along.

Smiley was the proud owner of a trio of the meanest and crosslest billy goats that ever chewed a tomato can or broke up a country school. He had often tried to give them away, but nobody would have them, although half the people in the district had threatened to shoot them on sight. This was the condition of things when Smiley rode up to Withers' house, where, as a matter of course, it being a generally idle time, the conversation turned upon the subject of something in the way of sport. Suddenly a bright thought struck Smiley.

"Say, Bill," said he, "I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll bet my saddle and bridle against your roan mare that I have three old billy goats which kin lick that bar of yours."

"Great thunder!" said Bill. "I'll take that bet. I know yer dorned goats kin keep the fies off'n him; but it'll be fun for the boys. When shall the fight cum off?"

"Less see," said Smiley. Interjectively: "I'll take maybe a week to fetch them goats and build a big pen to ketch in and get the news to the nators. This is Tuesday, say the next Thursday week. How'll that suit?"

It was agreed that Thursday of the following week should be the time, and the place was fixed at a spot on Withers' farm, as it was supposed there would be more trouble in getting the news than in getting the goats to the spot. During the week Smiley and Withers had notified the neighbors, who set to with a will to assist. The goats were trapped—the only safe way to get the pugnacious brutes—and a big rail pen, about seventy feet in diameter and ten feet high was built.

When the morning of the day opened the whole country was on the spot to the number of several hundred, including a dozen or so of women and twice as many half-bred boys. The ground was excavated, the fence with torrid horns and exaggerated tempers were brought to the ground, tied by the feet and hauled in a wagon. They were lifted out and put in a small pen adjoining the fighting arena, when their lashing were cut loose and their owners took hastily to fence, out of harm's reach. The animals were to be left in their pen until after dinner, by which time it was believed that their circulation would be fully restored and their stiffened limbs again in a state of natural elasticity. The bear was in the pen, and as he had been given nothing to eat since the day before, he was in a ferocious humor. Old Withers and the crowd collected in the yard in front of the house and lay in the shade, talking and joking and eating their lunch, which they washed down with an occasional touch of the contents of suspicious looking jugs.

At 1 o'clock preparations were made for the fight. A long pole, twenty feet in length, with a sharp hook at one end, was brought out. The noise was let down between the cracks in the bear's pen, where, after considerable trouble, it was at last caught about his neck. The roof of the pen and one end were then torn out and four strong men at each end of the pole dragged and pulled the bear to the opening in the pit, where he was firmly fastened to a chain about thirty feet long, which in turn was fastened to a stake in the center of the arena, after which the noise was allowed to enter the bear's head. Everything now being ready, the bars separating the pen were let down.

The bear was in a terrible rage, and tore about the pen, trying in vain to break his chains, and when he was in a state of mind and in fit condition to fight at the drop of a hat. As soon as the bars were down the goats trotted through into the main pen, but when catching sight of the bear they hesitated, whistled and stamped their feet, while the hair on their backs rose stiff and straight. Meanwhile the bear had got sight of his enemies, and as he was hungry he made straight for them, the full length of his chain being a challenge for a fight was not to be ignored. One old fellow, the patriarch of the gang, lowered his head and made a bound and before the bear knew what was coming a bombshell of horns, legs and feet struck him in the middle of the stomach that he keeled over and lay flat on his back. The other goats were not far behind their leader when they let him have it, one hitting him on the rump and the other in the side.

These hard raps stirred up the bear's already sour temper, and he quickly got on his feet just as one of the goats made a second rush at him. Just as the bully got within reach brain let fly a paw and sent the goat rolling and tumbling twenty feet away, but he wasn't quick enough to avoid the next one, which gave him a jam between the ribs that made him snarl and whine. The third one let him have a cracker in the side, but didn't get away in time to avoid a blow from the left side of the bear, which sent him tumbling after No. 1. By this time No. 1 had regained his feet, and, with a wicked blink, he again went hammer and tongs. He struck the bear squarely between the forelegs, and over went goat and bear, the goat getting a wipe from the sharp claws which laid open in his side a gap of six inches. Before Bruin could regain his feet and wind he got two more rib-roasters, which knocked him flatter than a dry trowl in Missouri. The last round hurt the bear terribly and he howled with pain and rage.

It now began to look as though the goats were going to have a walk over, but Bruin, finding it hard linen to whip three such pugilistic creatures in the open, changed his tactics. He backed away the length of his chain, which brought him close to the fence, and prevented

the hairy terrodes from seeing him in the rear. When he got near the end of his chain the bear laid down on his back and brought his four feet close together, making a huge, black, woolly bunch, which the goats all chared at once. The three goats arrived at their destination at the same time, but they were met in a different manner this time. The claws of the bear flew outward, striking two of his enemies, ripping one of them wide open, while the other received a terrible claving about the neck. The discomfited billy struggled to his feet and made one last effort for revenge. He sprang at the bear and struck him squarely in the face, but it was his last effort. Another rip from the black paws and he was a defunct billy. By this time the bear and men sat thoroughly drubbed and banged that he was in a sorry condition, but his enemies were no better off. The living goats were both badly cut up, but their tempers were still peppery, and they determined to fight it out. All summer long they now changed their tactics, one taking one side of the bear and the other the opposite.

For a few minutes it was hard to tell which was the bear and which was the goats, as the kaleidoscopic twirl of horns, hair and wool were intermingled in one miscellaneous bunch. When business adjourned for a recess only one goat toed the scratch. The other one was lying across the body of the bear dead as the reputation of a politician, while the bear himself seemed to have lost all interest in the affair and only wanted to be let alone to commune with nature. Both animals were nearly gone, but a few minutes' rest brought them around sufficient to finish the game, and as both were determined to conquer it was soon brought to a conclusion. With a last effort the bear struggled to his feet and rose half upon his haunches, after throwing aside the dead goat, and waited. He didn't have to wait long, however, for the bear was ready. The goat pawed the ground, gave a faint whistle of rage and sprang at the fainting enemy, striking him in the pit of the stomach and knocking him over on his back, where he lay without a movement. The bear then having done for, and the partisans of the goat side of the fight gave a cheer of victory and two of them climbed the fence to sponge down their champion, but when they pulled them apart they found that both were dead, the bear having killed the life knacker out of him in his last charge, while the goat's neck was broken by the bear's paw just as they came together. The result of the fight was three dead goats and one dead bear. All bets were declared off, but as every body's hands were now a little more heavily no dissatisfaction was expressed.

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At No. 248 Chrystie street a covered electric-light wire dangled in the air so low across the street that it grazed the top of the Second avenue box-car. When Miller came to the spot, seeing how near the horses the wire hung, he stopped the car and, taking his car-hook, caught the wire and, in a moment, he pulled, intending to tear it down, but the next instant he was hurled from the car. Whether in his efforts to pull the wire down he had scraped the insulation from the wire, or whether it came in contact with another wire is not exactly known, but a current of electricity that left the iron hook was so strong that the poor fellow, with both hands on the hook, struggled and writhed in agony. His face showed plainly that he suffered from the jolting and effort on his part to get proved futile.

There he hung as if his hands were glued to the iron, kicking and gesticulating wildly, while the muscles on his face, neck and hands stuck out like wild cows. Just then one of the whole crowd of people that had been attracted to the spot by Miller's gyrations, came to his rescue. He was Mr. Langdon, of No. 54 Kent avenue, Brooklyn. Seizing Miller around the body with one hand and the hook with the other he tore him away by main force, but in so doing he himself also received a terrific shock. Once free from the grasp of the current Miller fell unconscious to the street, and an ambulance was summoned. The surgeon soon had Miller sufficiently restored to enable him to proceed to the depot in the car with another driver, and from there he was sent home to receive further medical attention. Both of his hands across the fingers were badly burned, and a very muscle in his body from his head down was as sore as if he had gone through a threshing machine, and although his injuries are only temporary it will be some days before he entirely recovers. Shortly after the incident a telegraph lineman came along and removed the danger.

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CIRCUS ANIMALS AT WAR.

A Desperate Fight Between an Elephant and a Rhinoceros on a Steamer. "I have seen a great deal of the world, and have braved many a storm at sea, and never felt the least tremor," said an old sailor to a New York World reporter, the other day, "but I am willing to confess I was frightened on one occasion, an brave man that I trembled in their boots. It was about fifteen years ago, and I was a sailor on one of the steamers which were employed to transport John Robinson's great world's exposition. As we were a little port of the Ohio river near West Virginia, I was on the upper deck, when, looking below, I saw the sailors and the keepers of the animals running helter-skelter, and heard an unusual commotion. I quickly hurried below, and found men, women and children running wildly to and fro, frantically shouting to the other steamers, while at the same time there arose a series of shrieks, screeches, yells and howls, as if the inmates of pandemonium were let loose.

"The people who had collected on the shore to see the fleet as it approached, were unable to make out the strange behavior of those on board the steamer, but, surmising that everything was not right, among the first to take the water, they very quickly concluded that the open levee was no place for them should any of the furious monsters make their way to the land, and quickly dispersed in great consternation. Just about this time, signals of distress were hoisted, which were quickly responded to by two steamers as short distance away. They both ranged

alongside of our steamer, when they were informed that an awful battle was raging between the huge double-horned rhinoceros and the monster war elephant, Old Emperor. As soon as the ladies and children could be ferried to the new steamer, the entire crews of all three steamers were ordered below to endeavor to separate the combatants.

"As the portion of the main deck just off the boilers was reached, a horribly sickening sight met their view. Wounded, bleeding and horribly lacerated men were lying where they had been stricken by the terrible brutes dead, wounded and dying horses and ponies strewn the deck in every direction, eggs, and fragments were scattered about the deck, and all efforts to separate the savage denizens of the forest proved unavailing. At this juncture a loud crash was heard and the two cages containing the monster sea lions and the Labrador seals were driven overboard. Mr. Robinson seemed to be very cool and collected for a man who was witnessing the destruction of his property at wholesale rate, incurring the loss the thousands of dollars at every new onset. When he saw the lions and seals dashed overboard, however, he decided that patience was no longer a virtue and ordered the combatants fired upon. A heavy volley was discharged which had no other effect on the monsters, now thoroughly aroused, than to make them fight all the more furiously. The situation was getting every moment more dangerous for all on board, and the proprietors had almost despaired of ever separating them when it occurred to some one on board to open the steam pipes and deluge them with steam.

"The engineer was instructed to turn on the steam, and as it suddenly escaped from the boiler with a terrific roar, the elephant was heard to give a shrill, dropping cry, and the rhinoceros always utter in crying for mercy when conquered in their own wilds. Whether the animal had received its death blow from the rhinoceros or was frightened into submission by the steam could not be ascertained, and the latter was always which it did in a few moments, disclosing to the astonished gaze of the showmen a curious and gratifying sight. There lay the elephant on the deck, covering and trembling, uttering moans of pain and fright, while a little beyond the rhinoceros, snarling and snorting in his cage, quaking and shivering with fear where he had retreated the instant the steam was opened on him. The attendants sprang quickly forward, and closed and secured the door of his cage, thus securing the vessel from further molestation from him. The horses, ponies and smaller animals that had been killed in the battle were cast overboard, the deck was washed and quiet once more restored, after one of the hardest battles ever witnessed between animals on the water."

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Young chickens should be kept a dry as possible from rains and dews until they are feathered. But refrain as much as possible from close confinement. Indolence and idleness is destructive to all animal life, whether it be man, animal or fowl. They must have exercise or work. Hence it is important that chickens, or hens, should be fed so that it will be some work to procure their food. It is a good thing for one chicken to catch a lump of food and run with it, pursued by the rest of the coop, so they will have to scratch for it. The roosters as well as the hens must have exercise or the eggs will not be fertile enough to hatch.

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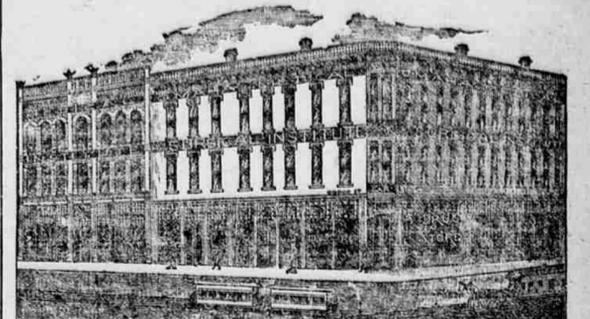
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