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At a Precipice's Edge.

A 3,000-Foot Abyss Yawning Below Him.—This Fool Stood on His Head—Extraordinary Feat of Robert Edgren, the California Hammer Thrower, During a Recent Visit to the Yosemite.

According to a San Francisco exchange, Robert Edgren, Will Roblee and Eugene Trefethen, three college athletes, well known at the University of California, had an extraordinary experience while visiting the Yosemite Valley together. On the day in question the party divided. Edgren climbed the Sentinel dome trail to Glacier Point, and Roblee and Trefethen tramped around by the Nevada Falls trail to the same point. Edgren reached the top first. There is an abutting rock on Glacier Point about five feet broad and about 15 feet long, which overhangs in a perilous fashion the valley below. Edgren coolly walked out to the end of this rock, sat down with his feet dangling over the edge, and began to take a friendly interest in the Lilliputian objects 3000 feet below him.

While waiting for Trefethen and Roblee to come up he began to amuse himself by tossing pebbles into the air and watching them go down, down till they grew so small they disappeared from view. With his dangling heels he kicked on the side of the rock and watched the dust and rock and rubble go sailing down through the clear air.

Then he tried to think of all the daring feats that could be done on such a certain point that led him to thinking of doing some hair-raising feat that should dazzle his companions and force a "dare" that would hold the record on the trip. "I'll try standing on my head," he said.

So he turned over, with his knees resting on the perilous edge of the cliff and his feet pointing out into the blue air overhanging the valley. With his hands spread out and close up to his knees he began to elevate his feet and body, slowly, very slowly. One elbow was crooked considerably more than the other on account of the slant of the rock. Upward his feet slowly went till his body was straight as an arrow.

An instant's dizziness, the giving of an arm muscle and it would have been all up with the venturesome fellow. Had he ever fallen backward there would have been no hope, for his body would have rolled off the shelving rock before he could have righted himself. His only safety was in coming down as carefully and accurately balanced as he went up.

He was still in the air when Trefethen and Roblee came over the trail and caught sight of him. They were half scared out of their lives on account of the too evident danger, but they did not dare shout, did not dare run to his assistance; didn't dare move, for fear that they might do something that would startle Edgren and make him lose his balance.

So they stood like statues, and saw his feet descend slowly, while the knees crooked and edged carefully toward the spreading fingers on the rock. A moment more and Edgren, very red in the face, began to creep in on the shelving rock. Trefethen and Roblee ran forward and grabbed him. They dragged him back several yards, from the edge of the cliff. Then they began to behave him with their fists and call him a foolhardy fellow and certain things given to blithering and trifling with common sense.

A New Salary Grab.

The House of Representatives last week voted—yeas, 130, nays, 108—in favor of a resolution authorizing its members to hire clerks, at \$100 per month, to serve during the time that Congress is not in session. This will increase the aggregate of House expenditures by \$216,000 a year. Representatives are already furnished with clerks during the sitting of Congress; but it is urged that their labors in behalf of their constituencies are continuous, and they must have clerks during the recesses. No better reason could be urged for the shameless grab. The people of Pennsylvania may be curious to know how their own immediate representatives voted upon the passage of this resolution. The following is the record:

Table with columns: FOR THE GRAB, AGAINST IT, NOT VOTING. Lists names of representatives and their votes.

The Vice of Overeating.

How much harm is done to health by our one-sided and excessive diet no one can say. Physicians tell us that it is very often the cause of disease, and England especially, Sir Henry Thompson, a noted English physician and authority on this subject, says: "I have come to the conclusion that more than half the disease which embitters the middle and latter part of life is due to the errors in diet, and that more mischief is done in the form of actual disease, of impaired vigor and of shortened life, by the impaired vigor and of shortened life, by the habits of eating than from the habitual use of alcoholic drink, considerable as I know that evil to be."

The Division Camp Site Decided.

The selection of Lewistown as the site of the division camp is due to General Schall, the commander of the First Brigade. The choice having been made, the only thing to do is to make the best of it. Let us hope that the weather will be neither too hot nor too dry nor too wet, and if the hope is realized the members of the First Brigade will be spared the discomfort and suffering which, under other circumstances, there is good reason to fear is in store for them. As General Schall decided upon Lewistown it is to be inferred that the members of the First Brigade preferred it to Mt. Gettysburg. If they are dissatisfied with their experience after a trial of the camp ground they will not be in a position to do any fault-finding or complaining outside of the brigade. The country regiments can stand anything that the city troops can and if the guard has weather luck there may be no cause for growling.

Cure for Insomnia.

Dandelion leaves are said to be a sure cure for insomnia. Before going to bed chew two or three of the leaves, and they will always induce sleep, no matter how nervous and worried a person may be.

The Under Dog.

In looking over an old newspaper a few days ago we found the following quaint and simple lines, and we are sure our many readers will thank us for republishing them. They were written we believe by David Barker, a Philadelphia merchant of the olden time, and were it is said, a great favorite with Ben Butler, who, with all his failings, generally knew a good thing when he saw it. We all know that in this "great big world" the tendency of men and women, too, is to "shout for the dog on top." The little poem we print is a touching plea for the "under dog in the fight," and when we reflect how often it happens that the good and true and brave go down in the great battle, we can more fully appreciate the tender feelings which prompted the few lines below, so little known and yet so full of merit: I know that the world—that the great big world—Has a different tale from the tale I tell And a different song to sing.

But for me I care not a single fig If they say I am wrong or I'm right; I shall always go for the weaker dog, The under dog in the fight.

I know that the world—that the great big world—Will never a moment stop To see which dog may be in fault, But will shout for the dog on top.

But for me, I never shall pause to ask Which dog may be in the right, For my heart will beat, while it beats at all, For the under dog in the fight.

Perchance what I've said were better not said, Or 'twere better I said it in song, But with heart and with glass filled chock to the brim, Here is luck to the bottom dog.—From the Baltimore Telegram.

A Monster Double Menagerie with John Robinson and Franklin Bros. Shows Combined.

The menagerie department of these combined shows is beyond a doubt the greatest that the world has ever known. The two menageries have been blended into one and the combining of these two separate and distinct departments alone would make a display the equal of which has never been seen in this country. There are two distinct herds of elephants, camels and all sorts of lions, tigers, panthers, and the only pair of real black tigers that has ever been seen in the country. The den of polar bears is a positive revelation to amusement seekers and the same thing was never seen in this country before with a traveling show.

A great many dens of rare wild beasts are displayed daily in the magnificent street parade, which is free to all and will take place daily at 10 a. m. And the very important fact must not be overlooked that these great shows is a double one, unlike any ever before seen. Many shows have and do at the present time advertise dishonestly that they have two shows in one but there has never been a combining of two really great shows in this land before and people who are in doubt as to the genuineness of the putting together of the John Robinson and Franklin Bros.' shows can readily set their minds at rest. This monster amusement institution comes to Bellefonte May 27th, for one day and will give two complete performances.

Saw it at Last.

The following story is told on Pat McQuade, a well-known carpenter in a Pennsylvania town: Mr. McQuade is a lover of horses, and always keeps a few on hand, but he hadn't much experience with a telephone. He ran out of oats one day, and remarked that he would have to go down to the feed-store and order some. A friend suggested that he could order the oats over the telephone. Pat rang the bell:

"Hello!" "Hello! Put me until the feed store." He was attached. "Hello!" "Hello yourself! Send me up four bags of oats." "Who are they for?" "For the horses, av course. Don't git gay!" "But who's talking?" "Pat, it's mesilf that's talking."

"Where do you want the oats delivered?" "To the barn, to be sure." "Whose barn?" "Why, me own barn! Whose would ye suppose?" "What's your name?" "Oh, ho, ho! Pat McQuade. Didn't you know me? Ha-ha! He-e! I see what ye'r drivin' at, now, Pat McQuade, av course!"

All Luck.

"If I had your luck and you had mine" said Dismal Dawson to one of his prosperous clients. "I s'pose it would be me helpin' you." "Luck?" answered the prosperous one. "I made all my money by hard work." "That's where the luck figures. You was borned with alikins' fer work, I was't."—Indianapolis Journal.

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Cecil Rhodes and His War.

The despatches relating to Jameson's raid on Johannesburg, recently made public by President Kruger show beyond the shadow of a doubt that the South African Company, or at least Cecil Rhodes, its managing director, is responsible for the attack on a friendly state. How far the guilt extends, or among how many the guilty secret was shared, or how far high officials were implicated, none but the guilty and the Boer government know. There seems to be a general impression that the moment when fortune moment comes—the moment when most harm can be done to his enemies—President Kruger has further startling revelation to make, and it is yet too early to say whether Sir Hercules Robinson is to be entirely exonerated from any knowledge of the abortive movement.

Without regard to the guilty, however, it is now certain that the English Chartered Company undertook to wrest territory and political power from a state to which Great Britain is bound in friendly relations. There was no excuse for Jameson's raid that can be found in international law books. The Boers had done no wrong to Great Britain nor to any British subject. They have simply insisted on maintaining the government which they had established, and which was not satisfactory in some respects to some Englishmen who had voluntarily entered the Transvaal for the purpose of enriching themselves. The Englishmen were displeased with the Boer government because they were denied a share in it, and the Boers denied them a share in it because they feared that the admission of these Englishmen to the desired political right and powers could only result in one way—the Englishmen would take control of the country, for it is well known that the English in Africa despise the Boers and resent their presence, because they insist on growing corn on land out of which gold might be dug.

These recent happenings in the Transvaal are very interesting and instructive, because they are characteristic of English colonial policy and practice. Englishmen are pushing their way into the Transvaal, into Venezuela, and into Alaska in search of the land, or that the right of England to the territory encroached upon by the colonists who want the gold. They are the masters of the world, the natural civilizers of barbarous countries and so they go wherever the opportunity to make money beckons them, knowing that their mighty empire is behind them and will sustain them. And here is the secret of the dislike which is often felt for Great Britain by the people of countries who are unfortunate enough to be neighbors of her colonies. They know by experience that any wrong may be perpetrated by the colony against a friendly state will be defended by the imperial government. If this is not to be the future policy of Great Britain, Mr. Chamberlain has an abundant opportunity to prove it by the manner in which he deals with the Chartered Company of South Africa, and with Mr. Rhodes, its managing director.—Harper's Weekly.

The Secret Out.

The great hotel was crowded, and the newly married couple who had just arrived from Rising Sun had been compelled to take apartments on the fourteenth floor. The fair young bride put her head out of the window to take a look at the city, but quickly drew it in again.

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