

SWEEP ON A MILE A MINUTE.

Like the Roar, the Roll and the Rattle of a Great Battle is the Noise of the Exploding Stalks That Sometimes Shoot High into the Air.

When the forests are afire, when the smoke makes dusk at noon and reddens the harvest moon a thousand miles away, there is the measure of a conflagration.

In Cambodia, where the bamboo groves along the rivers cover the space of forests, it is no unusual thing for fires to break out and sweep all before them for many miles.

All that is needed is a spark; then ruin runs red, it is not necessary to rely upon the carelessness of the woodsman to start the blaze.

Let two swaying stalks of dry bamboo be set in motion by the breeze, let one rub across the other long enough, and the friction will set the spark, and the long dry leaves will feed the flame.

As soon as a flame in the bamboos has crept to the level of the tossing tips it spreads like wildfire. The wind carries a sheet of flame along the grove at tremendous speed.

From such a burst of fire there could be no escape. Fortunately it passes high overhead at the tops of the bamboos. It serves as a warning to the traveler who may be making his way along some one of the water courses by which the forest is intersected.

The fire in the great trunks moves more slowly, and if warning be taken it may be possible to sink one's boat and throw up wet herbage and clay against the bank of the stream to provide shelter until the furnace blast has blown by.

The stalks of these tree bamboos are frequently more than a foot in diameter. Near the ground the joints are close together; in the younger growth the nodes may be several feet apart.

When the blast of the flame sweeps onward the air in the stalks upon which it is driven is suddenly heated to a very high temperature. The residuum of moisture which may be in the stems is immediately transformed into steam and at once subjected to superheating, thus becoming a violent explosive.

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AN INGENIOUS SWINDLER.

The Daring Scheme That Was Worked by a German Doctor.

Near a small village in one of the lake states lived a western millionaire in seclusion with his little daughter and a few servants. The child was afflicted with a rare cerebral spinal complaint, a most unpleasant manifestation of which was a frequent hicough, and eminent physicians, both in America and Europe, had pronounced the case organic and incurable.

Perhaps four months after the widow's advent an eccentric German doctor settled in the village, and, his services being sought by the widow, he gave her child treatment, with the result that it was completely cured.

The millionaire immediately sought to place his own daughter under the German's care, but the latter flatly refused to take the case. He was a Socialist of a violent type and would have nothing to do with a man whose wealth exceeded the sum that he had fixed upon as the lawful limit of material possession.

The flower faced girl of the widow had been taught to simulate a disease, and the German was no doubt her father. He was subsequently located in Buenos Aires, but he injured man, not wishing his daughter's affliction published broadcast, dropped the prosecution.—Don Mark Lemon in Bohemian Magazine.

EXECUTING MAZEPPA.

Peter the Great's Odd Way of Punishing a Deserter.

Peter the Great, czar of Russia, punished a traitor on a notable occasion in a way that the numerous victims of the present czar's wrath might well wish were still in vogue.

Mazeppa, chieftain of the Cossacks, had deserted to the king of Sweden, with whom Peter was at war.

While the commanding general and a squadron of cavalry stood near an officer advanced to the wooden man and read the sentence. Then another officer wrenched off the effigy's patent of knighthood and his other decorations, tore them up and trampled upon them.

Could Handle a Shovel. The foreman of a Chicago iron mill once employed a tramp who had been a college baseball champion.

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An Aquatic Outfielder.

One day a ship was lying at anchor at Boca Grande when the crew observed a dolphin chasing a flying fish, both coming directly toward the ship.

Missing Opportunities.

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