GERONIMO'S REDSKINS.

"Yes," said the station agent, "I did have an adventure with Geronimo's warriors the summer they broke loose from their reservation, which, perhaps, is worth telling about.

"The previous winter I had been employed away up north in Canada, with-In sight of the glaciers glinting on the Banff mountains, and I got the iced air so incorporated in my system that I felt like a cold-storage plant.

"As soon as the snow blockade was raised in the spring I turned southward. I was not particular where I went so long as it was near the tropics. I accepted a place in southern Arizona, a stand which can give Sahara hints on the tropic business.

"It's a great place for acquiring a thirst, or even adding to one already acquired. I was sitting in the shade of the water tank one day, the contents of which I had been absorbing at brief intervals. I wondered if I would ever have enough animation in me to go north again.

"I found it too much work to think with the expanding mercury almost lifting the glass tube of the thermometer out of its socket and so I fell into a doze. How long I nodded I do not know, but a swarm of insects settling on me as if I were made of fly-paper

"As I stirred, my little dog also came out of his usual comatose condition, for the heat had made us both excessively weary, and dragging himself over to a post he leaned against it for support and barked feebly. I heard a noise behind the house. Before I could get up to investigate, I found the cause standing before me in the shape of several painted Indians.

"I was familiar with the sight of Indians, but I could see that this bunch were not friendly visitors, although they grinned at me. Their grin said plainly, 'You are ours.'

"'How do you do?' I asked, as soon as I could swallow a sudden inflammation in my throat.

"'How do?' one of them grunted in reply. 'Whisk! Bottle whisk! Mouth

dry; want drink!'
"'Whisky? Certainly,' and I brought out a quart bottle which I kept for snake bites. Immediately it was passing from mouth to mouth; and it was all gone when a second crowd of paint ed faces galloped up alongside. There was a full score more of them and 1

felt awfully lonesome. "The empty bottle was circulated among the last arrivals; each rider gravely taking a smell. 'More, bring more whisky!' some of them shouted and when I explained that I had no more, they looked crushed. The first six who had merged the contents ap peared happy over the discomfiture of | tion astonished him. Excusing himself their comrades, and one of them point ed to the big, dripping water-tank and said, 'plenty water, take heap, all you

"This did not seem to comfort them any, and I saw that they reproached me for being a temperance man.] knew that I would have to suffer for their loss, and the sight of some scalps dangling from their belts did not reassure me.

"After some confusion in rummag ing through the place I was put along side my desk. There was a brief confab in Apache between the leaders, one of whom was Geronimo himself, and then one of them, dresed like a white man, sat down and wrote a message on one of my blanks. Turning to me when it was finished he said in good

"'Look here, young fellow, we want you to send this dispatch to the cap tain at Fort Bowie, and, mind you, no monkeying on the wire. Send just that no more and no less. Obey us and your life will be spared; but if you send any warning beside this, we will comb your hair for you. I picked up some telegraphy at the Indian school.

"And with that he laid the blank be fore me and at the same time pointed a pistol toward my head.

"There was nothing for me to do but obey and I read the telegram.

"To Captain —, Fort Bowie:
"Geronimo, with a large force, has just
passed south on the way to surprise the
mining settlement in Crystal Gulch. Some ranchmen brought me the news, and they ask you for God's sake order your troops there to the rescue at once. Please answer. "AGENT."

"I had direct wire connection with the fort and I soon raised the operator there and began transmitting the dis patch, wondering, as I did so, what its object was. I concluded that it was to put the troops on a false chase, and I privately resolved to notify the for if I could.

"Was the young Indian really an operator and could he detect me if 1 should add a warning to the message! He was now standing over me and 1 looked up at him. His eyes met mine as I did so, and a smile passed over his face as he said, 'Yes, I'm following you all right. You are at that word; and he pointed to the exact place where I had paused in my sending Geronimo uttered an approving grunt

"I resumed my wiring and was near ly done, when the fort operator broke me; having missed a word. I repeated it and was going ahead with the close when the Indian operator interrupted me with an oath:

'You are sending wrong; you are posting the fort!'

'No. I am not,' I answered him. "'You lie! What did you say just then?' And he shoved his gun under

"'The operator at the fort asked me

to repeat that word and I did so; that

is all. Didn't you hear it?' "He looked hard at me for a faw seconds, but as I had spoken the trutb I did not flinch and returned the gaze quite steadily.

"'Oh, I was only trying to frighten you,' he said with a laugh. 'Where are you now?'

'Here,' I said, pointing to the place where I had left off, with the key open 'That's right! Finish it!' said he; and I did so, getting O. K. from the

"Within ten minutes thereafter the fort called me. The reply was short. expressing thanks for the information and saying that the troops would leave for Crystal Gulch at once. When J had O. K.'d it the fort man asked me for more information regarding the Indians.

"The Indian ordered me to write down every word, and he would not permit me to answer it until he had written the reply. Then he would follow the copy closely with his eyes, and at the same time listen intently to my sending.

"When the wiring was ended, the fellow explained the business to the others, who grunted their approval and immediately all went out of doors ex cept my operator friend, their places being taken by three others.

"I heard the gang outside ride off but in which direction they went I was unable to tell as my guard would not allow me to look out. They were not sociable fellows, speaking seldom to each other, and puffing in silence on their pipes like factory chimneys.

"What were they keeping me for?) wondered. Had they some other use for me that they did not kill me at

"Three long oppressive hours passe thus, the figures of the Indians dimly visible through the dense tobacco smoke enveloping us. Then they arose and, seizing me, bound me to my chair

and left the room. "I heard the clatter of their horses feet and I realized with surprise and great relief that they had gone and] was yet alive. Waiting a few minutes to make sure they would not return, wriggled loose from my bonds, which had been carelessly tied, and cautious ly peeped out of the window. A half mile to the north I could see the four Indians riding away.

"They remained in sight for ten min utes more at least, when they dropped from view down in a valley. I was glac I had seen the direction of their going

so that I could report it to the fort. "For while the troops were speeding south to Crystal Gulch, the Indians were riding north and very likely would attack the ranches along Chico creek, which were not far above the fort and could not be attacked with impunity while the troops were there "I was at the telegraph key in ar instant and called the fort furiously The operator there replied in a few minutes and I was not long in explain ing what had happened. The informa

he ran and informed the commander "At length he returned and told me that the captain had sent only a little more than half of the company stationed there to Crystal Gulch and had retained the remainder, who would start directly for Chico creek.

"The next day some soldiers arrived by train and stopped at my station to guard the railroad property until all danger had passed. I learned from them the conclusion of the affair and the narration surprised me. Geroni mo's telegram had told the truth! "The Indians had tricked me into

believing it was a lie! "The four fellows who had guarded as they were within sight of my station, and my life was spared so that I could observe them and report it to the

"The main body of Indians had gone southward three hours before, but had concealed themselves on the way so as to avoid the returning soldiers whom they expected to be recalled, and then attacked Crystal Gulch early in the evening.

"They would have succeeded had take no chances. 'For,' as he had re foot on his little pet, killing it instantwhere his imps will turn up; and half did not eat a particle of food." a company of my boys can handle a whole company of Apaches!'

"So he did not send for the return of his men from Crystal Gulch. When Geronimo and his men dashed into the "faldetta." It is said to have origiwhat they supposed a defenseless set tlement they met a volley that left ditions, says the Wide World: Durhalf the ponies riderless and sent the ing the French occupation of Malta, rest of the band scattering to the four winds of heaven."

British Recruits Training. A certain young men's Bible class, writes a correspondent, of 60 members, has, so far, sent 14 recruits to the army. Last Sunday, just as the "Roll of Honor" was being read, the years. This period has now elaused. latest happened in on a 24 hours' leave to say good-by, in time to answer for himself. "Soldiering down in the country isn't what it is in London," he announced cheerfully. "They put you through to the last notch, to see just how far you can go. I've been break. fasting on air soup, dining on dry crust, and sleeping on four bricks and a marlin spike. But, tough! If a German bayonet does get at me, it simply won't be able to get in." The teacher of this class is a lady.-London Chron-

Lemons Remove Stain. To remove stains from knife handles and also to keep the ivory from turning yellow, rub the handles well with a cut lemon; afterward wash well in soap and water and dry immediately.

REFUSED TO SERVE PRINCE

Waiter in London Club Allowed Distinguished Guest to Remain Thirsty.

A story is told of an experience the late King Edward VII had at the Savage club in London, of which he was a

One evening the then prince of Wales took the Grand Duke Alexis to the club, after the theater. Shortly before this there had been some trouble between the Savage club and that a representative of the latter called at the Savage club one evening and, in the rush of business, was served with a drink after hours, although he was not a member.

A summons was issued, and there

The prince of Wales and the Grand Duke Alexis went into the smoking room, which was empty, and the prince, after consultation with the grand duke, ordered two whiskies and

"I have to ask your name, sir," said the waiter in attendance. "I do not think I have seen you before." "My name is Albert Edward," said

the prince. The waiter immediately referred to the list of members.

"I see an Edwards here," he said, "but the name is George, and not Albert. I do not see your name here, sir."

So the prince was refused the drinks and went thirsty-until a fellow member entered and all was set right.

STRONG POINT WITH JURY

Evidence Cleverly Brought Out by Lawyer Convicted Man on Trial for Murder.

The chief clue that hanged Williams, the hooded murderer, was a hat of the unusual size of 714. When the CURTIS Y. WAGNER, murderer of Inspector Wells was in the witness box giving evidence on his own behalf, Sir F. Low, K. C., who was prosecuting, suddenly said:

"What size hat do you take?" "Seven and a quarter," replied Wil-

"And this hat is seven and a quarter," said the counsel, holding up the hat found near the scene of the crime.

"So I believe." "And it is stated to have come from a shop in Bournemouth"

"Yes." "Were you in Bournemouth at the time?" "Yes."

"It would be a remarkable coincidence," finally said Sir F. Low, "that you should have been at Bournemouth at the time the hat was bought, that the hat should turn up in Southcliffe avenue, Eastbourne, and that you, hatless, should not be far from the spot of the murder."

The coincidence was too strong for the jury, who had breathlessly followed this dramatic piece of evidence, and they brought in a verdict of guilty.-London Mail.

Grief of a Rhinoceros.

A rhinoceros is capable of grief, according to a Paris writer who wrote this anecdote years ago: "The animal had been in the collection at the Jardin des Plantes for twenty-two years, but was of an unsociable and irascible temper, and not even his keepers ventured to take any liberties with him. mo had purposely gone north so long One day, however, the little lap dog of the wife of the director got into his house by squeezing in between the bars. Instead of killing the intruder, as expected, the rhinoceros allowed the little creature to play with him, scampering over his back, biting his neck, and playing off all manner of sportive tricks. The two became great friends; the 'wee doggie' passing several hours each day with his undemonstrative acquaintance, who put up patiently with all its teasings. One day not the fort commander decided to the rhinoceros inadvertently set his marked to his sergeant at the time of ly. The poor brute's grief at the catasmy warning, 'the devil alone knows trophe was pitiable; for two days he

Malta's "Hood of Shame."

A peculiar headdress is worn by the women folk of Malta and is known as nated under the following curious conover a century ago, the natives were subjected to much persecution. Their religion was attacked, churches were rifled and the women and children molested. This state of affairs so grieved those deeply religious people that they made a solemn vow to wear years. This period has now elapsed, which perhaps accounts for the gradual disappearance of the "faldetta" and the increasing numbers of women who wear the "latest from Paris." and generally follow European fashions.

A Spendthrift.

A man and his best girl walked into a North Illinois street drug store. The man bought a one-cent picture postcard and a one-cent postage stamp. As he started to place the stamp on the postcard the woman walked toward the front door.

"Wait a minute, Susie," said the man. "I'm not near through." The man turned to the clerk and bought a package of chewing gum. As the couple walked out of the drug store the man was heard to remark: "There's This removes the stains and keeps with you."—Indianapolis News. no limit to me. Susie, when I'm out

Qualities of Precious Stones.

Experiments made with vacuum tubes and ultra-violet light bring out the fact that the diamond, ruby and emerald, as well as certain minerals such as kinzigite, have surprising fluorescent properties. In rarefied air certain diamonds emit a blue fluorescent light resembling that which sulphate of quinine gives under the same circumstances, and in vacuo a diamond of four or five carats gives a luminous effect which is equal to twenty candle power. The ruby gives a fine red phosphorescent light, while the emerald produces a crimson light. The the licensing authorities. It seems same stones are found to glow with phosphorescent light when exposed to the action of radium.

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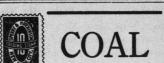
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