

RED HOT.

A COLORED SALAMANDER AND HIS WIFE LUCY—HE DRINKS BOTTLED OIL AND MOLLEN LARD.

From San Francisco Chronicle, Oct. 19. Yesterday afternoon the reporters of the city press had about a dozen less prominent citizens were invited to participate in a party held at the city hall.

The furnace was placed on the floor in the center of the hall, and soon a fierce fire in full blast. Four tall bars of iron, in size and shape very much like ordinary laths, were slipped through the bars of the furnace, so that the ends protruded from each side, while the center of each bar was surrounded by the live coals, and soon became red hot.

"What is he going to do with those hot irons?" asked the reporter. "He's going to rub 'em over his face and hands," answered the man.

"The darkey didn't seem to see the point, but continued his interesting disclosures: "He's born in Africa, and was used to know King Theodorus fast rate."

"How a Drug Clerk Wed a Widow and a Fortune." A letter from a correspondent in Washington, dated October 19, says: Another of those interesting little romances in real life has just come to light in Washington.

After a brief preliminary assurance that there was no question about the performance, etc., the visitors were allowed to inspect the fire-proof African. The soles of his feet, his arms, his shins—very fine shins—and the calves of his legs were examined by all who felt sufficient interest to avail themselves of his offer.

The blade of the shovel was fairly red hot, yet this cloudy salamander delicately rubbed its arms and legs with it without evincing any pain whatever. The hot iron, which would have burned its way through an inch board in a very short time, seemed to have no effect on the man's skin.

Thereafter occurs a blank, until the time of the Baltimore convention, when Mr. Drug Clerk received a mysterious note from a lady, who, it was stated, had been met by the lady, who was married, remained throughout the convention and quietly returned to Washington to resign his clerkship and exist without visible means of support.

The next illustration of the Fire King's Incomprehensible (copyright secured) was given with the bars of iron, and each of these bars was red hot in the center, and Delhi took them one at a time in his hand, laid one end on the floor, and then placing his naked right foot on the hissing hot iron, bent it to an angle of forty-five degrees.

A SKILLFUL POKER PLAYER. A small iron poker, about a quarter of an inch in diameter, was next taken from the fiery furnace, and, opening his mouth, he placed his tongue on the red-hot poker, and closed his lips on the seething iron. After holding it in this position for a few moments, he drew it out and remarked that it was one of the most difficult of all his performances, and that very frequently it was a "white horse"—scarcely able to speak audibly.

THE ROD OF IRON—NOT A BARN. Another iron rod somewhat larger than the paint-tickler was now handed to the fire eater. One end of the rod was blazing hot, and this portion he licked with his tongue until the red heat faded out and the iron resumed its ordinary color.

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