Hard Fights for Life with the Lusso-Some of Farmer Pee e's Notorious Achieves ments. Encounters on the Comstock-Underground Fights.

The riata duel is not a new thing on

the Mexican frontier. Indeed, there is hardly a big cattle range anywhere that has not its stories of hard fights with the lasso. Such due is are bound to be flerce. But so skillful and quick do these rope-throwers become that such a duel not unfrequently lasts for hours.

Probably the best-remembered fight of this sort, says the San Francisco Examiner, was that between a Texan known as Kid Long and a little Mexican who was only spoken of as "Gabilan"hawk-on the great Lievre range. They circled around each other, dodging the rapid throws from ten in the morning until after sunset. When the horses had almost given out the Texan three at his adversary, who threw back se that his noose passed right over the other man's lasso and hand and eaught him fair around the neck and under the armpit. In almost no time Kid was out of his saddle and being dragged over the ground at a rate that knocked the life out of him before he had gone a hundred yards. The West, during its wild and woolly

days, and the Mexican frontier have had many remarkable duels. That between "Farmer" Peel and a soldier near one of the forts in Utah is among the classics of the field of honor-or what has answered for that in the cow towns and mining camp. The weapons were rifles, revolvers and bowle-knives. The principals were placed on opposite sides of a hillock, around which ran a oud, and started to meet. The curve of the hill prevented their seeing one another until they were within a hunfred yards. As seen as they saw one another they both fired. Though part of the rim of Peel's hat was cut off and the soldier's sleeve was pierced, neither was hurt. Then they pulled their pistols and advanced, firing. Both dropped hadly wounded when less than twenty yards separated them. They lay there squirming and shooting until both had emptied their weapons. Peel was desperately burt, and his adversary had one ball through the stomach and several others distributed all over his anatomy. When they could shoot no more they lay for a short time swearing. Then Peel, who was so badly hort that he could not advance even on his hands and knees, began to wriggle toward the fallen soldier. He pulled himself along with his elhows, and with his one uninjured hand finished the soldier with his bowie-knife.

Farmer Peel already had the biggest private graveyard of any man in the vicinity. This encounter spread his fame all over the coast, and when he went over to Nevada he received everywhere the homage of lesser knights. They have lots of deadly encounters up there on the Constock. There was

one a number of vents are found over the evidence given at the inquest by the survivor, the two miners were working alone in a drift. They were rivals for the affections of a woman, and in a quarrel one made a drive at the other with his candlestick. A miner's candlestick consists of a metal socker attached to a sharp steel spike, so that it can be stuck in the face of the drift anywhere. The second miner defended himself with his candlestick, and there, thousands of feet under the ground, they wrestled and stabbed until one's life was gone. As they did not come when they should have gone off shift They found one dead and the other unconscious through loss of blood The jury, of course, bad to take the survivor's story of the affair, and he was ac-

A little blind canyon in the Sierra Madre used to furnish the Apaches with the means of formally settling their disputes. This gulch is fairly alive with rattlesnakes. When two bocks had a quarrel that they did not wish to settle off hand they repaired to this gully, and while the remainder of the tribe stood around and watched from the hills on either side, the combatants went together to where the serpents were thickest. There, stark naked and weaponless, they would wrestle. This would wake up every rattler in the glen. The aim of each was to force the other on to the angry snakes. It was not unusual for both to be bitten while they struggled and rolled among the rocks. Each was bound to remain and wrestle as long as his adversary had life or strength enough to struggle with him.

A most remarkable duel was fought at Las Carnitas, N. M., many years ago. An undersized stranger came to the town and picked a quarrel with "Handsome Harry," a gambler renowned as a dead shot. They got out into the road and both fell mortally wounded. It was discovered that the stranger was a woman, and though she never spoke after she fell, the story became known that she was a sister of a girl whom "Handsome Harry" had wronged years before.

THE SLATER LEGEND. A Secret Revealed to a Cotton Manu-

An interesting centenary will be cele brated next December at Pawtucket, R. I., where Samuel Slater, on the 21st of December, 1700, virtually began cotton manufacture in this country, although previous efforts had been made. Slater says Harper's Weekly, was a pupil of Arkwright, and as the English law for bade the communication of models of the cotton-spinning machinery to other countries, Slater, trusting to his memory, reconstructed it under a contract with William Almy and Smith Brown. But for some time he could not recall a small but essential part of the process, and the tradition is that in a dream he returned to England, examined the machinery, found what he wanted, and upon awaking completed his work suc-

A recent article in the Evening Post alludes to this story. But many years ago Mr Slater himself related the cicumstances to a gentleman in this coun try, who often repeated it in his family from whom we have it. After long labor, working secretly, with the aid of one man only, Slater thought that he had put the machinery in running or der, and invited a few gentlemen inter ested in the enterprise to see the happy result of his toil. Proud and excited he essayed to start the machine, but did not move. In vain he tried, and, mertified and grieved, he dismissed his friends, assuring them, however, the

he should certainly discover the diffi-But he was deeply discouraged. All the day and night he pendered and examined and tested and tried to move the machinery. But still it remained motionless. At length, heart sick and weary, he leaned his head against the machine and fell asleep. As he slept he heard distinctly a cheerful, friendhe heard distinctly a cheerful, friendly voice, saying: Why don't you chalk the bands, Sam?" He started up, broad awake, and knew at once that a slight friction in the working of the machine was all the working of the working the working of the working was all the working the working was all the working the working was all the working the working the working was all the working the working was all the working the wore chine was what was wanting, and again | clean, CLEAR TOWELS A SPECIALTY. summoning his friends, he saw in the smooth action of the jenny the triumphant result of his work. It is a pleasant story, and the Sinter Jerend Is not an invention, unless Mr. Slater deceived himself and property and the second

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A SPITEFUL SPIDER.

He Engages in a Fight with a Theaght-I saw the other day an example of genuine reasoning and bitter resentment exhibited by a spider, writes a St. Louis Globe-Democrat correspondent. In one corner of my yard, protected by an overhanging cornice and porch, there are several spider-webs, and in particular two, one directly above the other at a distance of about six inches, and each tenanted by a large spider. I was seated in a chair in the shade on Sunday afternoon when I noticed them and picked up a bit of a chip and tossed it into the upper web to see what the spider would do. He ran out and examined the chip, but quickly deciding that it was of no earthly value to a spider, set about get-ting rid of it. He was very methodical, and went regularly round the chip, cutting the threads on every side until the chip finally hung by one strand, which he severed, and it dropped into the web of the spider who was keeping house on the lower story. Out came the latter, thinking he had caught something, but when he found the chip his age seemed unbounded. It evidently wasn't the first time his up-per-story neighbor had dumped his refuse into the lower web, and he determined to stand it no longer. He went up the ropes like an athlete, leaving the chip where it fell, and in an instant was in the upper web and engaged in a deadly battle with its occupant. They had a terrible fight, and rolled over and over each other, biting and augging with the utmost ferocity. At ast in their tumbles they fell through the hole where the chip had been cut out and down into the lower web, which seemed to frighten the upper spider, who was a little larger, and after a few more tumbles he got loose and escaped up a rope to his own quarters, minus the whole of one leg and the half of another. The lower spider climbed half way up in pursuit, then stopped and seemed to reflect. He waited a moment, then concluded that he, too, had

of the Law," and he was not slow to take a hint SHY'S GREAT RETREAT.

enough, so he went back and cleared

out the chip and mended his web. I

dropped two or three bits of straw into

no attention. The other had given him

a lesson; had, in spider language, set up

a sign: "No Dumping, Under Penalty

the upper web, but the big spider paid

He Shot Six Indians and Then the Reds A gentleman passed through the city Sunday on his way to Excelsior Springs, says the Kansas City Times, whose name three or four years ago was one of the most popular in the daily press of that day. It was John T. Shy, of Demng. N. M., whose deed of heroism in saving his wife and family from massacre by a band of savage Apaches after a running fight of several miles will ever make his name a conspicuous one in the distory of the West. The story is as

Mr. Shy had settled on a ranch in New Mexico with his wife and young son, their place being seventeen miles vas attacked by a roving band of eigheen Apaches who sought to drive off the stock. Mr. Shy, who was wellarmed, and had plenty of ammunition, placed his wife and child in a place of safety within the house and then opened fire, which was returned. The ight was waged for some time, ill one of the Indians succeeded in crawling up and setting fire to the house. This necessitated flight; so, sending Mrs. Shy forward under cover of the smoke of the burning building, the husband and father, carrying his roung son under his arm, made a dash

for the cover of some thick brush which was growing near by. An Indian's bullet went through the hild's hip and lodged in the father's ody, but the fight went on. Mr. Shy an forward some distance, and then, lropping the child into the brush, would face about and fire at the leading pursuer, who would thus be brought to a standstill for a time, then another short flight and another stand to gain time for Mrs. Shy, who was fleeing in the front, and so the day was spent. The Indians finally gave up the chase, which had cost them no less than six warriors, and the exhausted fugitives managed to reach the city of Deming with their lives. The wounds received by both father and son were rapidly realed, and now, when the hostiles are orever expelled from or killed out of that neighborhood there is no more dourishing or happy family in New

Mexico than that of valorous John T. TOWED BY A 'GATOR. Thrilling and Dangerous Ride on the

Tall of a Saurian. David Yarborough owns an orange grove and an alligator farm on the St. ohns river, in Florida, where he spends his winters. When Yarborough bought this place, five years ago, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, he issued orders to his tenants that no one should be allowed to shoot alligators on the river at that point. He wanted them to grow and multiply until there were enough of them to furnish exciting sport. Not in alligator was killed on the place ntil last winter, when Yarborough ook a party of friends down to the farm for a month's fishing and hunting. All along the river which bounded one side of the farm alligators were found in abundance, and shooting them was the favorite sport of the party.

One day Yarborough and his friends were out on the river in a small boat to try their luck fishing. They were very uccessful, and about sundown started home. As they approached the boat landing a buge 'gator was seen lying on he bank. Three shots were fired at im, but none of them reached a vital spot, and the alligator made a dash for the water, going straight toward the boat. The boat was within ten feet of the bank and the water was shallow. The big saurian, in his mad dash for deep water, ran under the boat and over-

turned it. All the occupants were thrown out on the side next the bank and scrambled ashore except Yarborough. He fell the other way and struck the water right by the side of the alli-gator's long tail. Involuntarily he grasped the tail of the saurian, and before he fully realized what he was holding to was drawn out into deep water. The 'gator did not go to the bottom, but seemed to be making for the opposite bank of the river. Feeling something on his tail he began to lash the water into foam, throwing Yarborough around like he had been a piece of cork. Realizing that he was now in deep water, and being a poor swimmer, Yarborough held on for dear life and shouted to his companions on the bank to come to his rescue. He was thrown astride the alligator's tail, and leaning forward clutched it with both arms as a drowning man would grasp at a life-preserver. The alligator increased his exertions to rid himself of the heavy incumbrance, and about the middle of the river Yarborough was thrown off, and at the same time received a heavy blow on the head which almost knocked him senseless. His friends on the bank had righted the boat as quickly as possible and were pulling to his rescue with all their might. He managed to keep affoat until they reached him, when he was dragged into the boat more frightened

than hurt. Next day Yarborough in-

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it. The story runs like this: Many years ago a well-to-do farmer lived with his family near the barren land verging on Pike County. His wife was city bred and unused to many of the hardships that are a part of the farming woman's life. She was strong and hardy, however, with plenty o nerve and grit enough to make the best of things. One day, while her husband was working in a clearing a good distance from the bonse, she went down "to the spring for a pail of water. As she stooped over to fill the pail a blacksnake, that had been lying coiled near the spring, jumped at her. She screamed and jumped back, but the snake had buried its fangs in ber dress, and before she could recover berself sufficiently to shake him off he bad wound himself about her so tightly as to prevent her struck at the snake with her hands.

from walking. Then he began slowly to crawl upward. The poor woman They were badly bitten, but she was so overcome with fright that she did not mind this, and kept on striking at him The serpent kept crawling up until his coils were about her breast. She tried to tear him loose, but she was not strong enough. She became nearly paralyzed by terror. The snake finally coiled himself around her neck and choked ber. She started toward the house, but she had only gone a short distance when she fell. In the evening she was found by ber husband lying dead, with the snake still coiled about her neck.

This story, with the well-known facthat a blacksnake is ever ready and will ing to fight any thing that lives, makes the native afraid of him, and the man who kills a blacksnake is thought to have won a greater battle than the slave of a dozen rattlesnakes.

"You can't frighten a blacksnake," said one old hunter, "and the more yo try to the more he ain't frightened. A rattlesnake is a coward, and will run if you give him half a chance. If he doesn't get the chance he will rattle in fear, and then strike in desperation. A rattlesnake's bite is not nearly so danger ous as many people suppose. All that you have to do to render the wound harm less is to cut it as deep as the fangs went and then go to the nearest brook and wash it thoroughly. A common poultice will soon heal the wound made by your knife. But if a big blacksnake tackles you, and you give him the chance to get one coil about your body, why, then, look out. for it is your life or his."

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A Couple of the Birds Raises Family in a Letter-Box.

Nice Summer Quarters Discovered by a Feathered Wooer-He and His Bridg Take Possession Without Delay and

Spend a Happy Season.

During the spring a pair of wrens itted into the well-shaded grounds that urround a gentleman's residence on the Providence road, writes a Scranton (Pa) correspondent of the New York Tribnne, and began to search for a summerome. A son of the owner of the place. who was sitting on the veranda at the me, saw the cheerful little birds when they arrived, and he studied their movenents all the forencon. They flew about the cornices of the house for several minutes, surveyed every nook and orner that looked secluded, and then alighted on a shade tree and compared notes. For some time the birds had a confab in low and gentle tones, their actions indicating to the young man that they hadn't found a place that exactly suited them to settle down in for the summer. At the close of the consultation the wrens sailed out of the tree and again went to hunting for a nestingplace, and in a short time the male ran

across one that seemed to suit him. On one of the large wooden gate posts there was a letter-box in the shape of a little bouse. It had a peaked roof, a slot on the street side for the mall-carrier to drop letters into, and a little door on the yard side to take them out of It was rain tight, and it stood in the shadow of a large maple.

In his search for nice summer quarters in the country, the male wren found his way into the box through the slot. He stayed in it less than a minute, and then he flew out, joined his wife on a lilac bush a few yards away, and told her about the cozy spot he had discovered Mrs. Wren appeared to be all of a flotter over the pleasant news her proud busband had brought her, and away they both flew at once and entered

Pretty soon they came out and flew across the street to an open field. It was soon evident that Mrs. Wren was as well pleased with the box as her mate was, for in a short time they both sailed back again, each carrying a short piece of broken twig in the bill. These they ropped in the bottom of the box, and ork and forth the industrious little litters went until noon, when the young man looked into the box and found that the wrens had carried in a good handful of twigs and nicely arranged them as a foundation for their nest. By nightfall the birds had got the rough work on the nest pretty well under way. and the next day they nearly finished it. When the young man told his mother about what the wrens had done, she said hat the little birds must be permitted.

o keep house in the box, as well as proected while they were raising a family here. So on Monday morning another box for letters was rigged up on the other gate post, and the lady of the use watched for the letter-carrier that forenoon and requested him not to drep any more letters into the box where the wrens had taken wp their abode.

On the fance she placed food that the wrens liked, and she talked to shem and age them feel that they were welcome. Inside of a week the wrens got to be so contented and confiding that they didn't seem to fear the woman or her daughters. Some sparrows undertook to molest the quiet birds in the box, but the young man got his gun and peppered away at them until those that

idn't get killed were glad to go. About a week after the finishing touch had been put on the nest the female aid an egg in it. When she began to t, the kind hearted housewife opened he little door and stroked her, milling her pet names as she caessed her. While she was sitting. se male flitted among the shrubby close by and sang merrily. and one day a very intelligent and nighly-prized female house-cat that beneged to the family came near catching im Pass' mistress caught her up carried her to the box, showed her the female wren on the nest, pointing out to her the hopping male on the fence and gave her "a good talking to." telling er that if she harmed the birds or the nest it would go hard with her. Puss understood what was said for not once sflerward did she effer to approach the box, although before then she had often walked along the fence and across the gate. She had several chances to kill the male, but she didn't dare to spring

at him after the warning her mistress had given her. A new letter-carrier poked three letters through the slot one day and nearly covered up the sitting wren, but she didn't mind it, and in a few days she hatched out a nest full of little ones. About the same time the old cat gave irth to four kittens, and at last accounts both the wren family and the cat family were getting along finely and were much admired by their friends, the human family.

FRESHNESS REWARDED. How the Captain of a Pacific Steamer

Protected a Lady. On a through Eastern train of the Pennsylvania road, one day last week, all the seats in the car were taken except two. A lady sat in one and a man from the West with a big sombrero occapied the other. He was a fine-looking, manly fellow, and was taken by by those around him for a lawyer. At the next station, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch, an unattractive drummer got on the car. He sized up the situation at a glance. The lady was pretty and that settled it. Without ven asking her be sat down by her and at once commenced to make himself agreeable. She tried to avoid him and looked out of the window, but the fellow's gall was immaculate, and he maintained the one-sided conversation. The Western man was calmly watching he proceeding and stood it as long as he could. Going up to the lady he said: "Madam, I see you are annoyed. Wouldn't you prefer to have my seat?" "O, thank you," she replied, "certainly," and the big man helped her to transfer her value, while the other pas-

The latter was builing over, but kept down his wrath until he got to Altoona, and then be demanded satisfaction for the insult. The words were scarcely out of his mouth before the Western man banged him on the jaw, and then with his boot kicked him around as a football. "Stand back," yelled some of the tickled passengers. "Kick him harder," they shouted together, and that drummer finally crawled under a car to escape further punishment, a wiser and sadder man. Everybody wanted to know who the Western man was. He turned out to be the captain of a Pacific mail steamer out on a vacation.

songers tittered at the drummer's dis-

The End of His Courtship. "Now, Maude," said the young man, about 11 p. m., "don't give me any old chestnuts. Do not say you will be a sister-" just then the parlor door opened and a hoarse voice said: "Young man, let me be an assister to you." And when Chappie picked himself up from the green lawn in front of the doorstep and painfully limped his way down to the gate he breathed a prayer of thankfulness that he was no closer related to that family. The old man had hurt his

feelings.

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