A WOMAN IN AFRICA.

WRS. FRENCH SHELDON'S STORY OF HER ARDUOUS JOURNEY.

the Penetrated Countries Where the Face of a White Woman Had Never Been Seen-She Encountered Many Pecular Difficulties, but Was Successful,

One of the most interesting addresses made before the British association was Mrs. French Sheldon's on her journey in Africa, where she visited Mount Kilima-Njaro and Lake Tchala, Mrs. Sheldon is best known as a literary worker, and her trip to the African wilderness was much of surprise to all who knew her. Various notives were ascribed to her which she had aever for a moment entertained. She made to profession of possessing scientific attri-outes, and had no thought of geographical exploration. Her plan was to study the active habits and customs free from the influence of civilization and in their primitive condition. She started on her journey without companionship or the assistance of a lieutenant, and not even with a doctor.

The expedition of 130 men was personal directed, disciplined and led by herself. Her English stewardess was taken seriousy ill, and the expedition had to carry her or three-fourths of the distance in a most langerous condition. The majority of her mrayan party were untrained and unreliable, and until she gained complete mastery over them there was a disposition to be rebellious. The hazard, however, was taken with eyes open, and the responsibili-ty was incurred in order that a portion of the country should be visited which was solely inhabited by natives who had never seen the faces of white men or women.

She received before starting many hints from men like Mr. Stanley and other travalers. She had besides read most of the books on the subject, and taking warning from their mishaps, she tried to effect the formation of a caravan free from liability to such dangers; but the time was short and great haste had to be made.

QUELLING MUTINOUS MEN. The start was made from Zanzibar. But there she had great difficulty in securing suitable men. The sultan personally assisted her, however, and at length the quota was made up. The men were afterward mutinous, and gave her indescribable trouble.

She had expected hardships, but she did not expect to have, day after day, in the solitude of the desert, to contend with new difficulties which arose and to overcome which almost needed more than human aid. There was nothing left to her but to gain absolute control over her men. This could only be done by an application of the rawhide whip. She often lay awake at night trying to decide what would be the best thing to do. Had she consulted her own first impulses she would have shot more than once every man in the caravan. She found, however, that a certain degree of patience had to be cultivated, and when punishment had to be meted out it was necessary to wait patiently for the execution of orders. This delay was one of the most difficult things she had to contend against, because of her impatience to have her orders executed. The hardships entailed by the climate were also very great. The rains had begun to fall, and when marching she and her party were frequently up to the armpits in water or half sunk

It was interesting to observe that the natives, instead of taking to flight on the approach of her party and deserting the caravan paths, came down to meet her. By some system of communication all the tribes seemed to know of her approach, and it afforded her no little amusement to hear the native men and women describe her in their own language as "woman master." They seemed not to be able to comprehend the position of a woman in charge of a caravan; but, instead of showing her rudeness, the natives from one coast to the other, on routes which passed through savage and wild districts, showed nothing but deference and homage. They treated her in fact as if she were a poten-

AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT. She frequently received as many as ten oxen as a mark of homage, and the chiefs would send messengers and couriers ahead in order to find out whether she intended to pass through their territory, either going or returning. But she went straight ahead to Kilima-Njaro. Sometimes the natives reconnoitered her approach and held aloof. On these occasions she went frankly toward them with extended hands containing some bright, attractive offering as a present. She went into Africa with all delicacy and womanliness, but quite prepared to accept things as they were

On one occasion a band of warriors appeared at her camp in an entire state of nudity. Next day, however, they reap-peared clothed as her own followers were, thereby showing that they had divined that their original state was distasteful to her. She had been invited by both the men and women of tribes to attend their marriage feasts, dances and funeral services, which was a very rare experience for any one outside the tribe to enjoy.

On her return journey she met with an unfortunate accident. While being carried in a palanquin across a swollen torrent the porters stumbled, and she was thrown from a height of thirty or forty feet. She was dropped by her carriers a second time, and injury to her spine was the result .- Cor. New York Tribune.

An Advertising Scheme

"It's mighty hard work getting any free advertising out of you newspaper people nowadays," signed the advance agent of a mammoth allied circus as he passed a stack of coin over the business office counter the other morning. "Space is space," replied the affable

cashier, as he made out a receipt. "I don't know why it is," continued the A. A. retrospectively, "but somehow edit ors don't seem to bite as they used to. Same on the eastern coast too. I noticed it

particularly on a little snap I worked way "How was that?" "Well, you see, I was on my way to that city by steamer a week in advance of our show when I struck a great scheme. I

bought two dozen empty pop bottles and as many steaks from the steward. Then I got a lot of arsenic from the medical stores and rabbed it into the steaks. I put some of our bills in the bottles, tied a steak around each and dropped 'em overboard as we entered the harbor. My calculation was that the sharks would swallow the meat, be poisoned, float ashore, would be cut open, the bills found and the whole thing be written up by the reporters in great shape." "How did it work?"

"Like a charm—my part of it, I mean. Nine sharks altogether stood in with the show, but every time one came ashore I got a note from every editor in the place pro-posing to write the thing up, with a snap camera cut of the shark, at the regular rates.

"Pretty mean, that." "Mean! Those fellows could give Shylock cards and spades. The only paper that referred to it at all was one we gave sixty-

four free passes to. The day we left town it remarked that our show was enough to kill a blind nigger—let alone sharks."—San Francisco Examiner.

A Sick Selfish Man. A thoroughly selfish man is a nuisance under any circumstances, but as an invalid he is intolerable. During his convalescence woe to his wife, if he has one. His couch or easy chair is as a throne, from which he dictates to his household as an absolute

monarch to his serfs. No consideration has he for their tired muscles, their brains dazed for lack of sleep, their spirits faint and weary with fruitless endeavors to soothe his causeless irritation. He pets himself, he commiserates his own condition, he sighs as he surveys his attenuated visage in the looking glass, but not a jot of sympathy, not a grateful word has he wasted watchers to whose nursing he owes his life, whose love, stronger than death, has rescued him from the grip of

Is such a creature worthy of the tender care he thus undervalues and contemns Well, that is a family question which must be left to the decision of the self worshiper's nobler half, and it is not difficult to guess how she will decide. Somehow or other your exacting, pitiless men generally marry gentic, patient, loving women, and the amount of contumely and ingratitude which a gentle, patient, loving wife will bear uncomplainingly from a "brute of a husband" is beyond all computation. Byron makes his barbaric hero Mazeppa say that "time at last sets all things even; but we suspect that it will require a goodly portion of eternity to "even up" all things with a selfish husband.—New York Ledger.

THREE INSTANCES.

Actions Which Demonstrate a Peculiar Power of Mind Over Body. I had intended to head this article "Instinct," but it struck me that two of the stories at least which I have to tell can

hardly be called instinct, and as I don't know what else to name them I call them simply "Three Instances." They are on the same principle as that old story of the singer who had lived on a tanal boat before she became famous, and one night as she stood before the audience

somebody shouted out "Low bridge!" and

the woman ducked her head. The first instance is about two young fellows, who, barefooted in the wilds of America, were turning hay in a meadow. The two were talking together as they turned the hay. Suddenly one of the boys heard a sound like the rattling of very dry peas in a pod. He never looked down to where the noise came from, but with a suddenness that was puzzling to his companion he gave one yell and jumped at least half a rod.

His comrade, looking in amazement from the boy to the place he jumped from, saw coiled near a spot where a bare foot had been a large rattlesnake. Two or three blows from the pole with which he was turning the bay killed the rattler. Now, the young man who jumped had never seen a rattlesnake before, never had heard a rattlesnake rattle, was not thinking of snakes at all, did not even see the snake before he jumped, yet if he lived to be one hundred years old he will never again take such a cap as that one was.

The second instance is about a snake that wasn't there. I was up the other day seeing a man who had spent most of his life in India. I noticed that one of the panes

of his window was broken. "How did that happen?" I asked. "You see," was the answer, "it was this way: Yesterday I went out for a long tramp, and I were a hole in the toe of my stocking, which I didn't notice at the time and didn't notice this morning when I put it on. I was absent mindedly putting on my shoe when suddenly my toe touched something cold, and before I could remember that I was in England and not in India I kicked that shoe through the window. I never put my shoes on in India without shaking them out to see that nothing was in them in the shape of snakes. This morning I forgot that I was in England, and remembered that I hadn't shaken my shoe. The third instance was something of the same sort. I was coming from the Temple station to the Strand when I saw ahead of me a well known war correspondent. It was a nasty, slushy day and I hurried to leading from the Strand to the embankment a good deal of building is going on. At the moment I speak of a cart filled with gravel backed up to where the building operations were proceeding and the man opened the tack of the cart. The gravel with a rush and roar fell out on the road. Instantly my friend, the war correspondent, flung himself face down in the mud. He got up rather sheepishly, looked around him and brushed the mud

I came up to him I said: "What in the name of wonder made you do a thing like that?" You didn't trip, did you?"

off his trousers as well as he could. When

"No," he said, "I didn't trip. I threw myself down," and he laughed rather un-comfortably. "It was like this, you see. You heard that gravel shoot out of the cart? Well, that is exactly the sound of a shell overhead. Coming up from the station I was thinking of the Russo-Turkish war, and I was really at Plevna and not in London at that moment, and when I heard that rush of the shell I was down on my knees before I thought of it. That's what we always did when we heard a shell coming during the war. If you are down on your face in the sand you are not so apt to be hit by the fragments."—St. James Bud-

A Cobra Worsted.

The Ceylon papers described a fight be tween a cobra and two mongooses, which was witnessed by a number of residents of Colombo. It took place as an exhibition at a private house for some visitors. For a little time the mongooses were averse to attacking the cobra, though they raa round and round it inquiringly. The snake, which was a splendid specimen of the deadly cobra and beautifully marked, exhibited much alarm as soon as it saw them, and curied itself up, ready to strike.

After some time the mongooses warmed to their work, and the fight began in earnest. Again and again they dashed in and seized the snake by the tail or the lower coils of its body, jumping out of striking distance before the cobra could touch them. Their agility in this respect was amazing. Tired out with watching them run first one way round and then the other, making an occasional dart in and jumping as rapidly back again, a time came when the cobra, failing to turn with sufficient speed to face the mongooses, the latter sprang in, seized the snake by the back of the head and killed it at once. A number of instantaneous photographs of the fight were taken while it was in progress.

Ready to Buy.

The walls of the spacious rooms of the chamber of commerce in the Mutual Lafe Insurance building are covered with oil portraits of distinguished New York merchants who have passed away. There are about 200 pictures, and some of them are invaluable because of their historic associations. A few were painted more than 100 years ago. This extraordinary art gallery is viewed by hundreds of visitors in the course of a year. The other day a rural party, consisting of two swains and three or four lassies, found their way into the chamber of commerce rooms and wandered about for an hour in a state of half dazed delight. They asked no end of questions, which Secretary George Wilson answered with his customary geniality. Finally one of the men, the spokesman of the party, paused in front of the priceless, full length portrait of Alexander Hamilton and, pointing at it with his cane, said: "When does this auction begin? I guess Pil bid on that there pictur!."—New York Times.

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DIFFICULTIES THEY ENCOUNTER IN GETTING A LIVING.

Maidens from the Country Generally Have a Hard Time Because They Are Unable to Give Satisfactory References-Advice to Those at Home.

Of the 100,000 females engaged in various ecupations in New York city a very large number consists of young women who have come here from the country near and far to seek their fortunes. The constantly widening field of employment for females, combined with the allurements of city life, causes a perpetual stream of applicants from those who are country born. The numbers of such applicants are far greater

than can be supplied with work.

The story of the various employment agencies and of the societies that seek to furnish employment to women is the same—that the field is overcrowded. The number of applicants is so many and the necessity for refusal so frequent that the Young Women's Christian association has been compelled to adopt and print a circular, which says:

SOBER WORDS. "Almost every attempt to aid those who reside out of the city has ended in disappointment to the applicant, and often aused the loss of the situation to another young woman, to whom it might otherwise have been given. The reasons for this are: First, that employers greatly prefer to hire young women who have references from places in New York city, where they have been recently employed, in order that em-ployers may be able at once to assure themselves of the capabilities of the applicants; and second, that employers will not wait for persons to be sent for who reside out of town. When the endeavor has been made, the places have generally been filled before the applicants could reach here, and besides the disappointment to the applicants, the expenses of the journey are all lost And even if young women take board in New York, the probabilities are that they will use up all their money before they succeed in obtaining employment, and per haps not even secure a place in the end because of the preference given by employers to those who have city references as to their capability. The experience of years proves that young women can do better where they reside and are known than to take chances in this overcrowded city."

One of the greatest disadvantages for country girls seeking employment in the city is the cost of living. Wages which seem large to the country girl at home dwindle very much when compared with city expenses. There are never enough boarding houses for these poor girls, for the prices they are able to pay are often not such as will secure decent accommodation. The Young Women's Christian association has started a special home for such girls, with accommodation for about a hundred, but it has been found necessary to make it a temporary residence and to limit the time the occupants are allowed to

remain. WHAT THEY DO. It is with girls, perhaps, more than with men that the ranks of unskilled labor are overcrowded. While there are thousands upon thousands of these country girls who can sew, the number of experts is quite limited. Many of them have no definite idea of doing any particular kind of work, but have merely a general notion of becom ing self supporting in some way. It is almost the rule that they have neither the capital nor the disposition to serve a proper apprenticeship to anything. They want to go to work and earn good wages at once, unmindful of the strong competition for remunerative places,

There are many country girls of good amilies who apply for work in the city for the winter, intending only to earn pocket money for the summer. Some of them have artistic accomplishments that they turn to advantage in one way and another A wide field for the work of country girls has been opened by the comparatively modern method of exchanges for women's work, where products may be sent for sale; but by far the larger part of country girls look to the city, and they almost unanimously prefer almost any work, however poorly

paid, rather than domestic service. Among the occupations represented at a woman's meeting were these: Artists, bookfolders, bookkeepers, boxmakers, candy makers, carpet sewers, carpet weavers, cashiers, chair seaters, cigarmakers, clerks, com panions, copyists, dressmakers, engravers (wood and metal), feather makers, flower makers, fur sewers, gold polishers, hair dressers, housekeepers, janitresses, ladies' maids, medical nurses, milliners, missionaries, musicians, nurses, passementerie makers, photo colorists, proofreaders, saleswomen, scarfmakers, seamstresses silk weavers, spectacle case makers, stenographers, straw workers, students, tailoresses, teachers, telegraph and telephone operators, typesetters, typewriters and up-

Many of these country girls get imposed upon and have to go to the Working Women's Protective union to get their wages collected. The lady superintendent says that many country girls are constantly applying there for work, and the stereotyped reply by the society is "Stay at home if possible." One of the latest claims placed in the hands of the society for collection was that of a poor country girl who had been engaged as a typewriter and stenographer by a clergyman who failed to pay. There is undoubtedly a considerable number of plucky, clever, hard working young women who come to New York and make their way by patient plodding under difficulties to profitable employment. They go about it in a business way. They have no time for frivolity. They join various societies for mutual improvement. They know how to study. They take advantage of the public libraries and art exhibitions. They are not afraid to go out unattended by men. They may be seen in couples going to the concert or lecture or church or theatre. They go along about their business, and are unmolested. It is a great credit to the city that so many women are able to go about the city in the evening without escorts, so long as their demeanor is decorous. -New York Sun.

The Somnambulist Had the Drop. Louis Franz, the night clerk at the Grand, relates the story of a narrow escape from the dream wrath of a somnambulist. "You see," said Louis, "an old mining man took a room one night, and some hours afterward, as I was dozing behind the desk, I was startled by hearing footsteps shuffling down the stairs. I looked up and saw my friend, the mining man, with a six shooter in his right hand. He walked right over toward me, his eyes staring blindly and almost starting out of their sockets. It is bard to tell what thoughts flashed through my brain as he approached. What could be mean, and was I alone with a maniac? He walked up to my desk and took deliberate aim at me. I expected him to follow the action with a couple of shots, and so I dodged down behind my deak and rang for the police.

"'Fork over that \$300, young fellow,' he cried; 'you don't run in any cold deck on me and get away with the spoils." "Of course I knew the situation imme-diately. He had been 'done up' in a game by some card sharps, and had been dreaming the matter over until the operations of his mind led him in his sleep to seek re-dress of his grievances. I-knew it would take some moments for the police to ar-

rive, and time was very precious just "I'll pay you the money!' I yelled. 'Put down that pistol and you can have your blasted three hundred.'

this way,' said I, and he followed me into the barroom. Behind the bar was a big dish of water. I fumbled a moment with the money drawer to deceive the murder ous looking sleeper, and then, quick as a flash, I threw the basinful of water into

"He yelled, dropped his pistol to the floor, rubbed his eyes a second, and then, fully awakened, began to look around. He begged a thousand pardons when I ex-plained matters to him, and told me how he had gone to bed wishing that he could get hold of the man who had played an unfair game with him in a hotel east of the mountains."-Seattle Telegraph.

A Study.

I saw a sweet faced young lady seated in a car the other day oblivious to the presence of all other passengers as she studied away from the pages of an open book lying on her lap. She was not more than eight-een years old, slight of figure, and while apparently in good health was not strong. She wouldn't be able to do general housework. Two or three days' service behind a counter would in all probability completely prostrate her, while steady employment on a sewing machine or piano was beyond her physical reach. As she studied I concluded, realizing that she had a general air of refinement and intelligence, that her aim was to fit herself as a teacher. Just then she closed her book, and on the cover I read the title, "- System of Pho-

nograpy."

Then I understood that the young student had carefully weighed her mental and physical resources in the selection of an occupation and chosen that which seemed to her most suitable. Then I called to mind a number of acquaintances who are expert stenographers and typewriters, and work ten hours a day for salaries ranging from six dollars to ten dollars a week, who claim that their work is very exacting mentally and physically, and who are con-tinually wishing they had chosen some other occupation. After all, this habit of working for a living is an objectionable practice viewed from any standpoint,-Detroit Free Press

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