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## COMMERCIAL INFORMATION.

**Visitation Committee of the Board of Trade for Nov. and Dec.**

Wm. M'SHENN, V. P. 1st. L. BENNETT
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DAVID McCANDLESS.

### Movements of European Steamers.

| | FROM EUROPE. | | |
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| Hansa | Southm'ton | New York | Nov 19 |
| Kangaroo | Liverpool | New York | Nov 26 |
| N American | Liverpool | Portland | Nov 27 |
| Arabia | Liverpool | Boston | Nov 29 |
| Caledonia | Glasgow | New York | Nov 29 |
| Bavaria | Southm'ton | New York | Dec 3 |
| Baltimore | Liverpool | New York | Dec 3 |
| Norwegian | Liverpool | Portland | Dec 4 |
| Scotia | Liverpool | New York | Dec 6 |
| Edinburg | Liverpool | New York | Dec 10 |
| Europa | Liverpool | Boston | Dec 11 |
| Un'd Kingdom | Glasgow | New York | Dec 11 |
| Hansa | Southm'ton | New York | Dec 17 |
| Persia | Liverpool | New York | Dec 17 |
| New York | Southm'ton | New York | Dec 24 |
| Africa | Liverpool | Boston | Dec 25 |
| Tentonia | Southm'ton | New York | Dec 31 |
| Borussia | Southm'ton | New York | Dec 31 |

| | FROM AMERICA. | | |
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| Saxonia | New York | Southampton | Dec 13 |
| Hibernia | Portland | Liverpool | Dec 13 |
| Manchester | New York | Liverpool | Dec 17 |
| China | New York | Liverpool | Dec 17 |
| Kangaroo | New York | Liverpool | Dec 20 |
| Hansa | New York | Southampton | Dec 20 |
| Arabia | Boston | Liverpool | Dec 24 |
| Caledonia | New York | Glasgow | Dec 27 |
| Bavaria | New York | Southampton | Dec 27 |
| Scotia | New York | Liverpool | Dec 30 |
| Europa | Boston | Liverpool | Jan 7 |
| First Kingdom | New York | Glasgow | Jan 10 |
| Persia | New York | Liverpool | Jan 14 |

### PORK PACKING ITEMS.

**Cincinnati.**

The provision market is rather quiet. Mess Pork meets with but little inquiry at any thing over $10 75 for country and $11 for city. There are sellers at $12 about these figures.

Lard would sell at 8½c readily. A sale is said to have been made at 8½c.

The market for hogs was less spirited to-day than on Saturday, but there is no change quotable in prices. The weather has been too warm for safe killing, and the receipts continue to be quite full, so that the figures last quoted sellers are more ready to operate than buyers. Average gross 200 to 220 lbs are quoted within a range of $4 45@4 60. The sales reported were quite regular.

**Philadelphia**

The receipts are very large, reaching near 10,000 head; including 3,332 at Imhoff's, selling at $5 50@6 50; and 1,500 at the Avenue drove yards at $5@6 75 per cwt net, which is a fraction lower.

**Chicago.**

The receipts of both live and dressed hogs are fair and the market firm. Early this morning buyers attempted to break the market, but not succeeding, went in and bought liberally at $3 25@3 60. A few extra heavy lots sold at $3 65@3 75.

Dressed hogs advanced 50 ₱ cwt with sales of lots over 200 lbs at $3 30@3 40, and under 200 lbs at $3 35@3 60. A few extra shipping lots sold at $4 37½@4 50.

**Philadelphia Cattle Market.**

The receipts of beef cattle only reached about 1,250 head this week, falling off about one-half as compared with last Monday. The demand was very active, and all offered sold at an advance of 50c@$1 00 upon previous quotations, prices ranging from $7 to $10 for common to good and extra quality.

**Baltimore Provision Markets.**

The Government has not been in the market during the past week, and the demand generally from the local trade has been very limited. The stock of old mess pork has nearly all been taken to fill the requisitions recently made by the United States Commissary, at a considerable advance on last week's prices. Beef has been in fair request but the shipment, closing without change. Lard is in very light supply, and held firmly at previous prices. Bacon has ruled heavy, and closes inactive.

### RIVER NEWS.

**Pittsburgh**

The steamers Prairie Rose, Starlight, Belfast and Golden Era, was to leave Cincinnati for this place on Tuesday.

**Cincinnati.**

The river has risen five feet altogether, and was still swelling last night. There is seven feet hence to Louisville and from seven to eight feet along the Lower Ohio.

We have no later advices from the Kanawha or Cumberland. We have no authentic information of a rise in either stream. Freights are offering freely for all points.

Government agents are busily engaged in looking up light draught steamers for special service. Sixteen boats are wanted, eleven of which, we understand, were taken or chartered during the day. We are not aware of the nature of the expedition, and if we did know, it would not be proper to herald the fact. The boats thus far selected are the Danicth, Ida May, Lancaster No. 4, Volunteer, Anglo Saxon, Goody Friend, Summa, Miss Bumbleton, J. B. Ford and Lebanon.

Capt. H. H. Brown traded the Goody Friend to Com. David Gibson for the one half of the side-wheel steamer Bostona No. 2, Capt. Drown with his officers and crew will take charge of the Bostona No. 2 on her arrival here.

The Lady Jenkins was pressed into the Government service, at Memphis, a few days since.

Capt. H. S. Haslett and Capt. R. K. Riley, of the United States Navy, passed through this city yesterday, on a brief visit home and south, after an absence of eighteen months in the Mississippi flotilla. Capt. Haslett was Acting Master on the gun-boat Cairo, when she was recently destroyed by a torpedo in Yazoo river.

### RIVER INTELLIGENCE.

**PORT OF PITTSBURGH.**

ARRIVED.
Franklin, Bennett, Brownsville.
Gallatin, Clarke.

DEPARTED.
Franklin, Bennett, Brownsville.
Gallatin, Clarke.

☞ The river—Last evening at twelve it was 5 feet 0 inches water and rising.


FOR LOUISVILLE, Cairo and St. Louis.
THIS DAY, DEC. 25, 10 A. M.
THE NEW AND FINE PASSENGER steamer PARTHENIA, Perry Brown, commander, will leave as announced above.
For freight or passage apply on board or to
J. B. LIVINGSTON & CO.
dec25

For Cincinnati and Louisville.
THIS DAY, DEC. 25, 5 P. M.
THE NEW AND SPLENDID steamer NAVIGATOR, Joe Shouse commander, will leave as announced above.
For freight or passage apply on board or to
J. B. LIVINGSTON & CO.
dec25

For Cairo and St. Louis.
THIS DAY, DEC. 25, 4 P. M.
THE FINE PASSENGER steamer EMPIRE CITY, Jacob Healey, commander, will leave as announced above.
For freight or passage apply on board or to
J. B. LIVINGSTON & CO.
or J. FLACK.
dec25

For Marietta and Zanesville.
Regular Muskingum River Packet leaves Pittsburgh every Saturday at 4 p. m.; Zanesville every Tuesday at 9 a. m.
THE FINE PASSENGER steamer LIZZIE MARTIN, D. T. Brown, commander, will leave as noted above.
For freight or passage apply on board or to
J. B. LIVINGSTON & CO.
no25

For Marietta and Zanesville.
Regular Muskingum River Packet leaves Pittsburgh every Tuesday, 4 p. m.; Zanesville every Friday 8 a. m.
THE NEW AND SPLENDID Passenger steamer EMMA GRAHAM, Monroe Ayers commander, will leave as noted above. For freight or passage apply on board or to
J. B. LIVINGSTON & CO.
no26

STEAMBOAT AGENCY.
WM. HAZLETT
Respectfully announces
NO. 90 WATER STREET,
Where he will transact a General Steamboat Agency business, and would solicit a share of patronage from steamboat men.
dec24-1yd

GEO. R. COCHRAN,
ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
Office No. 62 Grant street, near the Court House, Pittsburgh, Pa.
dec25-1yd

ALL BUSINESS ENTRUSTED TO his care will receive prompt attention. Collections made and the money promptly remitted.
dec24-1yd

PAPER HANGINGS,
of all styles, bought before the fire advanced, will be sold at the usual low rates.
WM. WATSON MARSHALL,
No. 97 Wood street.



PIANO DEALERS.
MELODEONS AND HARMONIUMS.
JUST RECEIVED A SPLENDID NEW ASSORTMENT of Mason & Hamlin's (Boston) Melodeons and Harmoniums, in elegant rosewood and walnut cases: Melodeons at $50; $60; $75; $100, $125 and $150. Harmoniums at 60, 80, 100, 125, 200, 250, 300, 350 and 400 dollars. For sale by
JOHN H. MELLOR,
dec20 81 Wood street.

$1,000 WORTH OF
PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS,
of the most superb workmanship in every detail, and from the best manufacturers in the country, they have been selected with the greatest possible care, especially for the Holiday's. Prices low. For sale by
JOHN H. MELLOR,
dec20 81 Wood street.

NEW PIANOS,
A NEW STOCK OF 7 OCTAVE PIANOFORTES now receiving from Boston and New York, selected especially for the Holiday's. Persons desiring to make a valuable and charming present are invited to call and see them at the warerooms of
JOHN H. MELLOR,
dec20 81 Wood street.

SECOND-HAND PIANOS A-PLENTY.
A large lot of second-hand Pianos for sale at 250, 200, 175, 150, 125, 100, 90, 75, 60, 50 and 25 dollars, Persons desiring to make a valuable and charming present are invited to call and see them at the warerooms of
JOHN H. MELLOR,
dec20 81 Wood street.

$150. PIANOS. $150.
NEW SEVEN OCTAVE PIANOS, in Rosewood cases, iron frames, and overstrung bass, $150; with mouldings, $160; with mouldings, carved legs and inlaid name board, $175, $185, $200, and upwards; the same, with pearl keys, $225, 250, &c. The above Pianos though cheap, are very excellent. Second-hand Pianos at $25, $30, $50, $60, $75 and $100. New Melodeons from $30 upwards.
MUSIC. MUSIC. MUSIC.
We publish hundreds of different pieces of Music, a large number being by the first composers in the musical world. Also, Instruction Books for nearly all musical instruments, select Band Music, the Day School Bell, Sunday School Bell, Nos. 1 and 2, Patriotic Song Book, Harp of Freedom, &c. Our Catalogue, which is furnished free as far to all who send for it contains lists of all our varieties of music, with prices attached. No family in the country should be without it. Orders by mail or express promptly filled, and he faithfully executed, as though the person ordering were present. Remit money in a registered letter or by express. HORACE WATERS, Ag't.
no20wd&3mw,r 481 Broadway, N. Y.

PRIVATE DISEASES—DR. BROWN'S MEDICAL and SURGICAL INSTITUTE, No. 50 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
Dr. BROWN is the old citizen of Pittsburgh, and has been in Practice for the last twenty-five years. His long experience in new treatments is certain that of disease is a sure guarantee to the sufferers of obtaining permanent relief by the use of his remedies and following his advice.
DR. BROWN'S REMEDIES
never fail to cure the worst form of Venereal Disease, Gonorrhœa and Scrofulous Affections. Also all diseases arising from a bad state of the blood, which manifests itself in the form of Rheumatism, Scrofula or a great many forms of skin diseases, the origin of which Dr. Brown's practice is entirely ignorant. To persons so afflicted, he offers the hopes of a sure and speedy recovery.
DR. BROWN'S REMEDIES
for the nervous debility, brought on often by that solitary habit of secret self-pollution, will in their own destruction, be the only reliable remedies known in the country that will restore health and make a speedy restoration of health.
RHUMATISM.
Dr. Brown's remedies never fail to cure this painful disease in four days—he will warrant a cure. He also treats Piles, Gleet, Gonorrhœa, Stricture, Urethal Discharges, Female Weakness, Monthly Suppressions, Diseases of the Joints, Fistula in Ano, Nervous Affections, Pain in the Back and Kidneys, Irritation of the Bladder, together with all diseases of an impure origin.
Persons writing the symptoms, containing a fee, directed to DR. BROWN, No. 50 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, Pa., will be immediately answered. Medicines sent to any address, safely packed and secure from observation.
Office and Private Rooms, No. 50 Smithfield street, Pittsburgh, Pa.
no5-dawly

WM. M. FABER & CO.,
STEAM ENGINE BUILDERS
Iron Founders,
AND
GENERAL MACHINISTS AND BOILER MAKERS,
Near the Penn. R. R. Passenger Depot
PITTSBURGH.
MANUFACTURE ALL KINDS OF Steam Engines, ranging from one to one hundred and fifty horse power, and built for Grist Mills, Saw Mills, Blast Furnaces, Factories, &c.
Give particular attention to the construction of Railroad Machinery for grist mills, and for Forges, Smiths and circular saw mills.
Have also on hand, finished and ready for shipment at short notice, Engines and Boilers of every description.
Also, furnish Boilers and Sheet Iron generally, Wrought Iron Shafting, Hangers and Pullies in every variety, and continue the manufacture of Woolen Machinery and Machine Cards.
Our prices are low, our machinery manufactured of the best quality of materials, and warranted in all cases to give satisfaction.
☞ Orders from all parts of the country solicited and promptly filled.
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Spencer & M'Kay,
BREWERS AND MALSTERS,
PENN BREWERY,
Pittsburgh, September 15, 1862.
DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—The partnership heretofore existing between JOS. SPENCER and W. H. GARRARD was dissolved on the 30th of August, 1862. W. H. GARRARD being authorized to settle up the business of the late firm at the office in the Brewery. The Brewing Business will be continued by SPENCER & M'KAY, who intend to have always on hand a superior article of ALE, PORTER and BROWN STOUT. The undersigned will be thankful to the friends of the late firm for a continuance of their patronage, and promises to make it their aim to give satisfaction to all who may purchase from them.
JOSEPH SPENCER,
JAMES M'KAY.
Mr. ROBERT WATSON, of Liberty street, so long known to the business community, will have the management, of our business, with the full control in the Brewery.
Address all orders to SPENCER & M'KAY, Phœnix Brewery, Pittsburgh, Pa.
JOSEPH SPENCER,
self-lyd JAMES M'KAY.

THIS DAY—
Just opened a complete assortment of
GENTS' FURNISHING GOODS.
W. R. MOORE & CO.,
my9 143 Federal street, Alleghany city.

A NEW AND DESIRABLE LOT OF
WINTER CLOAKS, SHAWLS
MERINOS and DRESS GOODS,
Barred country Flannels,
Plain Gray and Twilled Flannels,
Blankets, &c. All will be sold cheap for cash at
H. J. LYNCH'S,
dec10 No. 96 Market street

GUM BLANKETS,
FOR ARMY USE,
W. McCLINTOCK & SON,
112 MARKET STREET.
oct24

TO BUILDERS AND CONTRACTORS
We are now manufacturing a superior article of
LIME,
which we are prepared to deliver from our COAL YARD, 509 LIBERTY STREET.
☞ Best quality of Pittsburgh Coal always on hand as usual.
my27 DICKSON, STEWART & CO.

DON'T FORGET THE SALE OF FURS this afternoon at 95 Fifth street.


### THE DAILY POST—ADVANCED RATES.

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| One year, by mail | $6 00 |
| Six months | 4 25 |
| Three " | 2 15 |
| One " | 70 |
| One week, delivered in the city | 15 |
| Single copies | 3 |
| To agents per hundred | 2 00 |

### NEW ADVERTISING RATES.

The following rates of advertising have been agreed upon by the Publishers of the Pittsburgh Daily Press, to take effect on and after the 10th day of November, 1862, on all new contracts:

**FOR STANDING MATTER.**

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| One insertion | $ 60 | Two months | $ 9 00 |
| Two insertions | 1 00 | Three months | 11 00 |
| Three insertions | 1 35 | Four months | 13 00 |
| One week | 2 00 | Five months | 14 00 |
| Two weeks | 3 50 | Six months | 15 00 |
| Three weeks | 5 00 | Nine months | 20 00 |
| One month | 6 00 | One year | 25 00 |

**FOR CHANGEABLE MATTER.**

Which allows the privilege of a weekly change of matter, to be inserted among new advertisements.

PER SINGLE SQUARE, EVERY DAY.

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| Six months | $18 00 |
| Twelve months | 30 00 |
| Administrators' Notices | 2 25 |
| Marriage Notices | 75 |
| Death Notices, each insertion | 50 |

☞ All advertisements ordered in for one Month, or less time, to be cash at the time of ordering.

## SELECT TALE.

### LIFE IN INDIA.

**My First Shot at a Tiger.**

It was in the month of April, one of the hottest months in an unusually hot Indian season, now some ten or twelve years ago, that I set out with my friend P——— on a tiger hunting expedition for the Jugdispore jungle.

This vast jungle, or impenetrable forest, as it may justly be termed, was, at the time of which I write, the haunt of numerous wild beasts, and among these many Bengal tigers, which were the terror of the neighborhood, and which, from their immense strength and ferocity proved themselves in several encounters such dangerous antagonists that few Europeans cared to attack them.

From the first moment of my placing foot on Indian soil, however, I had gladly desired to make closer acquaintance with these formidable brutes, of which I had heard so much, and on the day in question I was in high spirits on setting out for it.

P——(or Clement, as I familiarly called him,) was a thorough sportsman and a splendid shot, and although this was my first meeting with these 'monarchs of the Indian forest,' I had little doubt of our success.

Carrying each a trusty rifle, we left the small town of Jugdispore, where we had been staying, at an early hour of the morning, and in about an hour's time arrived at the borders of the jungle of the same name.

Before starting, Clement had proposed that we should take our swords with us, so that at the conclusion of our sport we might indulge in a little sword practice, of which he was passionately fond, and at which he was a great adept. To this I agreed, and accordingly we gave our swords to the care of two Indians, who were to accompany us to beat the bush.

Arrived at the jungle, we lost no time in entering it by a small, beaten path, for our two Indians had taken the lead.—Wending our way through this for nearly an hour, we emerged on an open glade, in the centre of which stood two palm trees.

Towards these we tacitly directed our steps, and, having sent our Indians to beat the surrounding jungle, we kept close under the shade of the trees, anxiously awaiting the result.

We could scarcely have been waiting more than ten minutes, when a fierce growl suddenly startled us both, and almost at the same moment a full-grown leopard sprang from the jungle. We fired simultaneously, and the huge brute fell dead almost at our feet.

Before firing, I had taken care to aim at the shoulder, where I knew a wound would, in all probability, prove fatal; and as I had fired steadily, I was pretty sure my bullet had told. It had struck me, however, that Clement, who was usually a skilful marksman, had this time entirely failed, or that he had intended to kill.

After the smoke from our rifles had cleared away I was the first to speak.

"You have not sustained your reputation as a shot," I said, addressing my friend; "for you see you have only wounded where my bullet has killed."

"What do you mean?" he asked.

"I mean for the first time in your life you have not succeeded in 'your aim,'" replied; "and the death of that leopard (pointing to the dead body of our late antagonist) is due to me alone."

Clement looked up with such a look of astonishment in his face as I never saw before. Then he spoke calmly and deliberately—"If you had never fired," he said, "that leopard would have lain where it now lies."

It was too bad. To be thus contradicted when I was convinced of the truth of what I had stated, was to me insupportable.—At first I grew irritated—then angry; but while my words waxed warm, he retained complete control over his temper, and his replies were calm and decided. It was, perhaps, this very exercise of control that so exasperated me, and made me lose mine; but certain it is that, completely forgetting myself, and giving vent to my ungovernable rage, I called him a liar, accusing him at the same time of striving to take from me the honor which was justly my due.

When I had said that word which no man should say to another, which I could not have said had I been quite myself, I bitterly repented it.

Such a change as came over Clement I never saw before, and hope never to see again. A rush of blood suffused his face, and his whole frame literally shook with nervous agitation, while his fingers grasped convulsively the stock of his firerring rifle.

With an almost superhuman effort, which was intensely painful to me to see, he regained his self possession; and, though his face was now ashy pale, and his eyes fixed and glassy, his tones when he spoke were calm, quiet and very deliberate.

"You called me a liar," he said; "you shall first prove your words, and then you shall account to me for them," and he beckoned me to follow him.

I obeyed, mechanically. Arrived at the dead body of the leopard, Clement addressed me—"Where do you say your bullet entered?"

"Near the shoulder."

"Then perhaps you can find it," he said, bitterly.

I stooped down, and scanned carefully the body of the leopard. There was no wound to show that a ball had entered near the shoulder, but there were evident signs of one having glanced from the shoulder-blade. I looked up—I did not speak; it was evident that Clement saw in my face what he knew already.

"And now," he said, "you will see that my bullet pierced its heart!"

Looking down again I saw, sure enough close to the region of the leopard's heart, a wound where a bullet had entered, which must have caused death so suddenly and instantaneously that it had scarcely drawn any blood. There was no longer any doubt in my mind; I was thoroughly convinced.

"And now," continued Clement, addressing me. "Now that you have not been able to prove your words, you shall either retract them, or you shall account to me for them."

"I acknowledge that I am wrong, Clement," I said; bitterly, for his arbitrary manner irritated me; "but you must learn that I am not to be intimidated into retracting my words."

"Then you shall not leave this place alive!"

As he spoke these words he raised his rifle slowly to his shoulder and pointed it at me.

I saw by his determined look that he meant what he said, yet I was not afraid. Leaning my rifle against the stem of a tree, I folded my arms on my breast, and confronted him.

"If you wish to commit murder," I said,—"if you would murder a defenceless man, you may do so, I shall not protect myself."

Clement lowered his rifle. "No! I do not wish to murder you," he said, in that icy tone which froze my blood; "but you shall render me ample satisfaction in fair fight for the insult you have thought fit to put upon me."

"As you please," I replied.

"You will be good enough," he continued, "to take up your position, with your rifle, behind the palm tree near which you stand, while I place myself behind the one near me. But stay," he continued, "should our rifles fail, which I do not think probable, we have our swords;" and taking his from one of the Indians, he buckled it to his side. I did the same.

"And now," continued Clement, taking up his position, while I followed his example, "when the sun's shadow touches that sapling, (pointing to one which grew almost equidistant from our two trees, but slightly nearer to the jungle,) you will step out and fire."

"Agreed," I said, sullenly—"I will be ready;" and, glancing toward the sapling, I saw that the shadow of the sun was creeping slowly nearer and nearer, and that in about ten minutes it would touch it.

During the whole of the foregoing scene, which I have endeavored to depict as truthfully as possible, and which took place in less time than I take to relate it, our two Indians had remained as immovable and almost as impassible as statues, doubtless well pleased, for caring little whether one or both of their enemies, the Feringhees, should be killed.

Up to this time I had acted under the impulse of the moment, and almost without thought; but now that the excitement of the time was over, I could realize the intensity of my position. Clement, I had good reason to know, was a skilful marksman, and I knew also that he would have little mercy. Already, then, I had almost given myself up for lost. But, even in this moment of dread and almost certain death, I would not have retracted my words nor have apologised for the world. No—my pride forbade it. The wrongs I harbored against him as I fully believed, had not lost all those feelings of friendship which I had entertained for him before our quarrel, and I felt that, should he fall by my hand, I should never forgive myself. Thus I had determined that I would fire low—that I should only wound him if possible. But if I should be killed!—Strenuously as I strove to banish it, this thought kept recurring to my mind again and again. I was so young to die; but if die I must, I felt that I would sooner fall by Clement's hand than a stranger's. But without one word of adieu to my relatives—to those I loved best in the world!—the thought was maddening.

During the short interval of time which would elapse before the sun's shadow should touch the sapling, an after-thought struck me, and I called to Clement—"If one of us should be killed," I said, "who will know he was not murdered?"

"Our Indians are witnesses," he replied.

"Black testimony will not suffice in a court of law," I answered.

"True" he said, "I had not thought of that. I will write," and, tearing a leaf from a pocket-book, he took a pencil from his pocket, and wrote as follows:

"The undersigned have this day engaged in mortal combat. That everything was conducted in a spirit of equity, our two Indians, Mohul and Visram Beg, can testify. He who falls, falls in fair fight."

Underneath he signed his name; then, passing the document to me, he requested me to sign. I did so, and returning it to him, Clement hung it on a bough of the sapling, then resumed his position.

And now the work of death was complete, and I glanced towards the sapling. The shadow of the sun's rays were close to it; I saw that in a few minutes it must touch.

Banishing with an indescribable effort the thoughts which came crowding fast and thick upon me, I kept my eye fixed on the sapling; calmly awaiting the dread moment.

And now it had come. The shadow which had been stealing nearer and nearer now touched the sapling, and, at the precise moment and almost simultaneously, we both stepped from our posts and fired. I felt Clement's bullet, with a whiz and a dull, booming sound, pass close to my cheek—so close, indeed, that I almost thought I was wounded.

When the smoke cleared from our rifles, I saw Clement standing erect; there was no doubt I had missed him, and that, in attempting to fire low, I had entirely failed. But there was no time to think, for, drawing his sword and uttering almost an imprecation at the failure of his shot, he sprung forward to the attack.

I attempted to draw my sword, but it would not come. The more I tugged, the firmer it remained; the more violence I used, the faster it stuck. I verily believe in that moment I cursed that sword.

Relinquishing then my hopeless efforts, I folded my arms on my breast and confronted Clement, calmly awaiting his onset and the sword which I knew would be plunged into my breast. But it was never to come. Just as he had upraised his sword in his right hand, ready to plunge it into me, and I thought my last moment had arrived, it was hurled violently from his hand to some distance, and he himself was thrown with force to the ground.

I looked for my deliverer and assailant. I had not to look long. At a short distance from me Clement lay on the ground, and, on top of him and growling fiercely, was an immense Bengal tiger. There was no doubt in my mind that the huge brute had seen him rush across the glade, and had sprung upon him from the jungle.

I cannot say what thoughts at that moment passed through my mind. Clement I knew was unarmed; his rifle he had fired at me, and his sword had been hurled violently from his hand. When I say unarmed I own that I knew he carried about him a small clasp-knife, but what was that against such an antagonist? Yet I knew he was brave, and, even in this perilous moment, he did not lose his self-possession, but, drawing his clasp-knife from his belt, he struck well-directed and strongly given blows on the head and throat of his assailant; but they had little effect, save to enrage even more the huge brute, who had now raised his victim from the ground and was preparing to carry him off into the jungle.

I must confess that evil thoughts were passing through my brain. Here was a man who but a minute before had been thirsting after my blood, in the power of his assailant; and I, whose life he had striven to take, was the only one who could save him. *Shall I leave him to his fate?*

Heaven be praised that these thoughts had not long dominion over me. I forgot in another moment my quarrel with Clement, and only thought of the feelings of friendship which I had entertained for him, and determined to save him even at the cost of my life.

These thoughts had flashed through my mind in a second of time, and, loading my rifle hastily, I raised it to my shoulder, bending one knee on the ground to insure a steadier aim.

The cries of the Indians had become terrific, and almost unnerved me; and motioning them to be quiet, I waited till the tiger should expose a vital part at which I might aim.

In this moment of intense anxiety, I felt my heart audibly beating, for I knew that, should I fail in my aim, no earthly power could save my friend; that the tiger would bear him to the jungle, and that I should never see him again; and that I should never see him again; and I knew also that, in this moment of extreme peril, Clement would rather have died than have called to me for succor—that his pride would forbid it.

However, the decisive moment had arrived, for the tiger, irritated, no doubt, by the cries of the Indians, turned its head round towards me, growling fiercely. I did not wait a moment, but, taking aim for the temple, I fired. My ball pierced its brain, and the huge brute rolled dead on the ground.

Springing forward to Clement, I found him lying on the ground insensible. Taking some water from some chatties or earthenware vessels that we had brought with us, I bathed his face with it; then, producing a flask from my pocket, I poured some brandy down his throat. The strong liquid ineffably revived him, and in a few minutes he was enabled to regain his feet. Seeing, however, that he was still too weak to return home on foot, I dispatched our two Indians for a palanquin, while I remained with him till their return.

After the Indians had departed, Clement remained silent for some time; then addressing me, he said:

"Who fired that shot? To whom am I indebted for my life?"

"I did," I replied.

"Good God!" he said, "this is a just retribution, that the man whose life I was bent on taking away should have saved my own. Forgive me, Harry," he continued, coming forward and calling me by name; "we have both been very wrong, but we have learnt a lesson that I trust we shall never forget." He held out his hand; I grasped it eagerly. My joy knew no bounds. What I had thought to be [illegible] had now come to pass. Clement and I were again reconciled. During the half hour which elapsed before our Indians returned, we neither of us spoke—I believe our hearts were too full.

When the palanquin arrived, I assisted Clement into it, and in a short time we arrived safely at our home. He is now completely recovered of his wounds. Many years have passed since then, yet I still as vividly remember the details of the scene which I have attempted to describe as on the day they happened. We have been better friends ever since. The tiger's skin I keep as a trophy, and I shall never forget "my first shot at a tiger" in the Jugdispore jungle.


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