

Catfish Bite is Nearly Fatal

Milton, Aug. 19.—Boyd Millward of this place has had what is regarded as just about as close a call for his life as possible and pull through. He was bitten on the neck by a stone catfish while camping out near Muncy, and while he is now believed out of danger his experience may be warning to others to exercise more than passing care when handling such fish. Millward had cast his line, baited with the catfish, but the throw did not suit him and he lifted it for another cast. In bringing it back, the line circled close to his neck. The catfish made a lunge at his neck and bit into the bone. The wound began to swell and two hours later convulsions seized him, and it was only too evident that his condition was serious. Medical treatment was hurriedly sought and after a while relief from the pain was gained with a gradual allaying of the alarming symptoms and corresponding improvement.

Young Woman Found Helpless in Cemetery

Sunbury, Aug. 19.—The sexton of Riverview Cemetery, Northumberland, was startled early this morning when he found a young woman lying unconscious on one of the graves. She was taken to the house and physicians summoned. There were no marks about her body to indicate that she had been a victim of foul play and the supposition was that she had been taken ill while walking through the cemetery. Later in the day she gained consciousness and gave her name as Pearl Troutman. Her home is in Shamokin. She says that she left Shamokin Saturday night intending to visit friends in Sunbury, but remembers nothing after she got off the train here. How she got into the cemetery she is unable to explain.

Like some other statesman, the prohibition nominee rejoices that there is no limit to the number of times a man may be a candidate.

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THE NEWS ITEM

By Long Distance

Mrs. Adams beamed in conscious pride as she lifted the telephone receiver from the hook. "Oh, I just know it's Jane," she murmured, ecstatically, to her caller, as she waited. "You'll excuse me, won't you? It won't take long, and we're going to call each other up every single week while she's at college. You see, this is her first week and I just know—

"Yes, yes. Hello! Yes, this is Mrs. Adams. Oh, Jane, is that you. Your voice sounded just as natural. Your poor child, you must be terribly lonely!" (Aside—"She's never been away before.")

"Oh, I'm so glad you like it!" (Aside—"She's so brave.")

"You're just getting settled? Haven't started your studies yet? Don't know what you'll take? That's right, dear; be sure you're comfortable first."

"Yes, darling, I'll be glad to make it. Chocolate, you say? Are you sure it won't be crushed in the express? Oh, very well. Just a moment, until I get a pencil and paper to put down the address."

(Aside—"She's asking me to send her a cake. They're to have a spread, and she promised to furnish the cake. Isn't that just like her, to offer to help right away? Jane is always so anxious to help others. You must excuse me—when I think of her away off there all alone, and no one to do things for her, it brings tears to my eyes! Oh, dear, where shall I find pencil and paper?")

"Here I am, Jane, dear. It's so hard to find writing material in this house. There! Yes, I have it. I'll make it tonight and take it right over to the express office. Yes, I'll make a few of those rocks, too, and—all right, some ginger nuts, too. Oh, I'll put in lots of good things, to surprise you."

"Is your bed soft, dear? Have you enough coverings? Oh, just a minute, dear, there goes the door bell." (Mrs. Adams hastens to the door, returning in about five minutes.)

"Hello, Jane! It was your Aunt May, in the auto. She wanted to take me out. No, I told her I didn't want to go. She said Jim is engaged to that Smith girl. Yes, it's a shame. I'll never get over being glad that you were a girl instead of a boy."

"So you like the girls? I'm so glad! One's friends count for so much when one's away from home!"

"Isn't it lovely to have the telephone! I've been counting, ever since you left, on talking with you! It almost seems as if you were at home, here!"

"Be careful, won't you, dear, not to get your feet wet, and to wear your warm coat, if it's the least bit damp. And don't study too hard. Ambition is all right, but don't overdo it, dear. You've got your whole life before you. What? You wish you had another party dress? Your pink is too plain? Well, I'll see if Mrs. Simmons can make another for you. Write me just how you want it made, and we'll have it there before the dance."

"You want to join a sorority? All right. But be careful to get in with the nicest girls, won't you? I trust you perfectly."

"Well, be good, and don't miss us too much—and write often—and call me up soon, won't you—whenever you're lonely? Goodby."

"Why, central! It was not! The ideal Twenty minutes? Why, we talked only about three minutes. Five at the most. Well, could I help it if the doorbell rang, and I had to leave for a while? Why, I most assuredly did not have the wire when I was at the door! Very well, send the bill, and we shall see!" She thumped down the telephone receiver.

"The ideal Charging for twenty minutes, when I just said hello to Jane. I shall tell my husband! They think they can do anything they please, but he'll talk to them! Poor Jane! She's so lonely! And these selfish telephone people won't let me talk without charging such awful prices!"

Mania for Palaces.

The discovery of an intruder at Marlborough House, in London, is reminiscent of the adventures of "the boy Jones" in the early years of Queen Victoria's reign. In December, 1840, he gained access to Buckingham palace and secreted himself there for several days. He was detected by the princess' royal's nurse and handed over to the police.

The privy council examined him, but did not think there was any cause for alarm, and he was sentenced to three months imprisonment as a rogue and vagabond. But no sooner was he at liberty than he made two other attempts to enter the palace. On the last occasion the magistrate gave him the chance of enlisting in the navy, where he was speedily cured of his mania for acquiring a royal domicile.

Sick and Tired of It.

Gracie was entertaining unexpected visitors while her mother dressed, and the ladies, during a lull in the rather strained conversation, fell to spelling out sentences about her.

"Rather a quaint child," said one, trusting to the child's implied ignorance of her letters.

"Yes," complained Gracie before the other lady could reply, "but she can't help it, an' she's awful tired of being called quaint."

Church Notice

St. John's Episcopal Church will hold services Sunday morning, Aug. 25, at 10:30 a. m.

One gifted writer of beauty hints

thus advises women: "Keep your feet close together when walking." In view of the hobble skirt hop, this appeals to the mere bystander as superfluous advice.

TOO STRENUOUS A JOB

MOSQUITO EXTERMINATOR HAS HAD ENOUGH.

Recently Went Through Experience That It Must Be Admitted Was Calculated to Discourage Almost Any One.

Charles F. Staedler, marshal of Verona, N. J., is also chief mosquito exterminator of that city. It is his duty to hunt out the breeding places of the winged rapiers that made New Jersey famous and deluge their larvae with kerosene oil. The life of the chief mosquito exterminator has been a tranquil one. But recently the foe of Jersey's curse met with an experience that confines him to his bed under the care of a physician.

The chief exterminator and his able assistant, Thomas Brennan, set out to visit some marely land at the head of Verona lake. As the chief exterminator stood upon a bog pouring oil upon the hatchery of a flock of mosquitoes his foot slipped and into the mire went the marshal.

Before Brennan could grasp him the chief exterminator had sunk to his armpits. Brennan labored hard to pull his colleague from the bog, and, with a frantic yank at his chief's coat collar, he, too, slipped and joined his companion. The two struggled in the bog as did Bunyan, but to no avail.

Then, almost engulfed, they raised their voices and reared for aid. Little Hughie Ervine heard the wild calls from the bog and saw two heads protruding above the mire. Hughie tore several boards from a nearby fence and built a walk to the spot where the mosquito terrors lustily struggled for freedom. But Hughie could do nothing more, and the moments were precious, for each convulsive effort only settled the mosquito catchers deeper in their miry prison.

Hughie was dispatched for instant aid. He qualified for the Olympic team in his sprint up the road to David Slayback's place. David set forth in his motor car with a long rope.

Slayback, with Hughie's aid, dragged Brennan from the bog. For almost two hours they labored, and Staedler was almost ready to close his eyes and murmur, "Farewell, proud world," when Slayback was struck with a brilliant idea. He fastened one end of the rope under the chief exterminator's arms. The other end was tossed over the branch of a nearby oak and then tied to the rear of the motor car.

Slayback took his seat in the car and grasped the starting lever. Brennan raised his hand and Slayback put on full power ahead. It was a hard pull. The chief exterminator almost was pulled apart, but up into the air he finally shot and dangled twixt box and blue sky, dripping ooze and words of anguish.

As far as the chief exterminator is concerned, all the mosquitoes in Jersey can go to blazes. He said so himself, only his verbiage was more strenuous.

Not Ashamed of Cowardice.

The idea that nothing is so disgraceful as cowardice is one that is not held by all races. Among the Bedouins a sheik may be the leader of his tribe only in peace. When there is war, the chances are that he will relinquish his leadership to the fighting sheik.

"I have not the gift of courage," once said an Arab chief to an Englishman, apologizing for not putting himself at the head of a band that he had sent to attack another tribe.

The Englishman learned that these nomads esteem personal bravery as a gift, for the want of which a man is no more to be censured than he is to be blamed for not being handsome.

A Bengali says, without the least sense of shame, "I am timid." Yet he will meet death, even when it approaches in the form of the hangman, with the composure of a martyr.—Illustrated Sunday Magazine.

Would Not Consider Dishes.

J. C. Stubbs, the Southern Pacific official, hasn't a great deal of patience with amateurs and those uninformed in the railroad game, and he is said to have told this story to illustrate the "wisdom" of an incipient railroad magnate.

When the stock holders of the Valley railroad were meeting in 1893 to plan the construction of the new line matters of detail were taken up among them, for even the smallest stock holder wanted a finger in the construction pie.

At one meeting a director who had to do with the engineering problems of construction asked, "How heavy shall the fish plates be?"

A stock holder growled, "What are we bothering with the dining car features for now? Let's go ahead and build the road first."

Not a Moral Objection.

A dance hall manager who could never by any stretch of the imagination be accused of harboring aesthetic convictions came out unequivocally against the season's dances.

"I am pleased to hear you take that stand," said a reformer. "Leaving morality out of the question, they are certainly ugly."

"Oh, I wasn't thinking about that," said the manager. "I'm dead set against them because it takes more room to dance them in. My hall, that will hold 250 couples for ordinary dancing, now accommodates only 200 couples, and I lose all that money."

EXPRESS COMPANIES TO FACE TRIAL

Adams and American Concerns Indictment for Violating Inter-state Commerce Act

Washington, Aug. 24.—The Adams and American Express Companies, indicted for violations of the inter-state commerce act, must face trial. There is no escape through pleadings, that they are not corporations or companies within the meaning of the law.

That, in effect, was the decision of Federal Judge Hazel at Buffalo in an opinion today in the case begun by the Inter-state Commerce Commission against the two companies alleging overcharges and granting unlawful concessions. The commission was notified of Judge Hazel's decision.

Very recently, Judge Hollister, in the United States district court at Cincinnati, ordered a similar indictment against the Adams company quashed, because, he held, the company, being merely a stock association and not a corporation, could not be indicted. He held it would be necessary for the commerce commission to secure the indictment of individual stockholders in order to maintain a case in court. The commission realized that such a proceeding would be impracticable. Judge Hazel held that the indictments brought at Buffalo were sound, because, in law, the express companies are legal entities and indictable as such under the inter-state commerce act. The commission will press the case.

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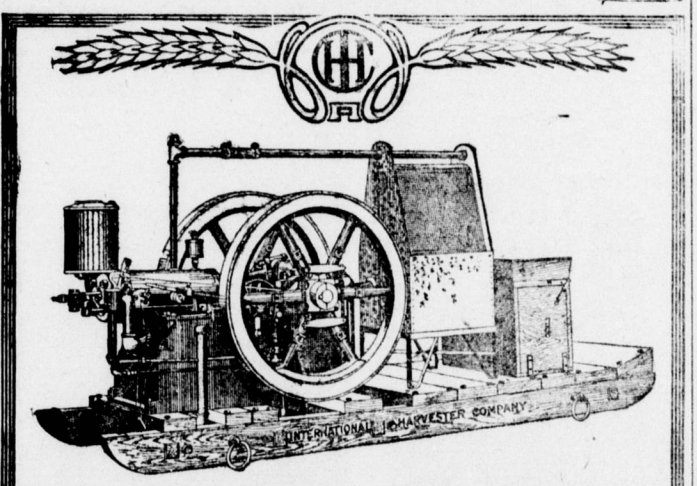
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