

HOW IT HAPPENED.

HEN GEORGE WASHINGTON was a boy. He didn't have no Fourth July, Er nothing 'cept...



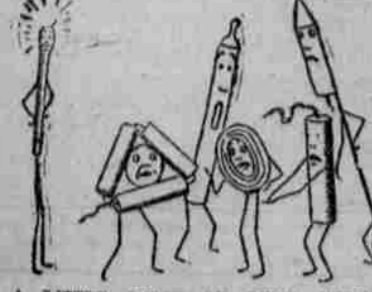
How Bob Missed His Fourth of July

GEORGE WASHINGTON was the excitement for it was the night before the glorious Fourth...



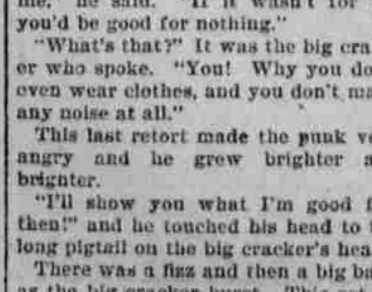
Celebrating Independence Day in New England, a Hundred Years Ago

All these beautiful things came home in a big box, in an express wagon, and when Bob saw them he danced with joy...



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then you are all dead." "That's not so. I know the; nail me to a tree, but I spin around and around and around and fill the air with sparks and beautiful colored fire and then afterward I'm good to make wagons with all this time the big fire-cracker was trying to speak, but the others talked so fast that he couldn't make himself heard and every one was so interested that no one noticed a little piece of punk with a bright eye in the corner.



"Bang! Crack-crack-crack-crack!" and before 8 o'clock he was in his snug little cot dreaming of the great day and the big celebration he would have.

around, making an awful racket that roused every one in the house. Bob woke up, hearing the noise, and ran down stairs, thinking the Fourth had come.



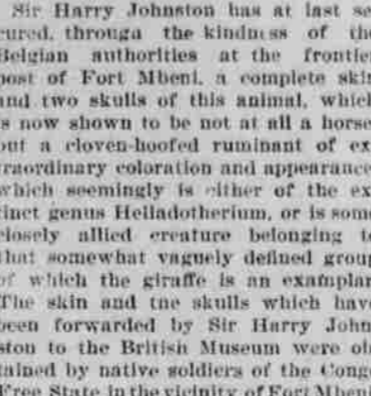
"What's the matter?" asked the little boy, rubbing his eyes. "Why," said his papa, "you left a lighted piece of punk in the box and your fireworks celebrated all by themselves."

four, rolling over to where the sky-rocket lay trembling. The little crackers giggled and winked at each other. Then a roman candle spoke up.

LIVE HELLADOTHERIUM

JOHNSTON'S DISCOVERY OF A NEW MAMMAL IN THE CONGO FORESTS.

A Representative of a Creature Found in a Fossil State in Greece and Thought by Scientists to Be Extinct—A Complete Skin in London.



Sir Harry Johnston has discovered in the Senkeli forests a mammal which, in its living form, is entirely new to science, says the London Times.

The complete skin sent home now shows the animal to be colored in the most extraordinary manner. The cheeks of the rather large head are yellowish white, and the tapering muzzle is blackish brown.

There are certain prawns along the coasts of England that change their color at least twice every twenty-four hours, in order to harmonize with the stronger or the weaker light near the surface or in deep water.

Something like the prehistoric cliff dwellers of our Southwest is John Barney, an English freak, who for several years has lived, moved and had his being in a niche in a disused quarry in what is known in England as the New Forest.

At the present time the known habitat of the okapi (as this animal is called by the natives) consists of the forests of the Ituri and the western banks of the Semkeli in the Congo Free State, and the adjoining district of Mhoga in the Uganda Protectorate.

BANDIT RAID TACTICS

HOW OUTLAWS RODE INTO TOWNS AND ROBBED BANKS.

Required Nerve of a Peculiar Order—Some Exploits of the James and Younger Brothers—Jesse's Famous Ride With His Wounded Brother.

"How was it ever possible for a half dozen men to ride into a small town like Northfield, Minn., rob a bank and ride away?" asked a Sun reporter of a man in New York who knew the Younger brothers and the James boys.

Among the curious things to be seen at the Glasgow Exhibition are a pair of curling stones which belong to Sir Walter Scott and a pair owned by Lord Cockburn, Lord Chief Justice.

"Love in a cottage" isn't a circumstance to love in a drain pipe. Thomas Wright, an eel fisher of Penley, England, having married recently, has taken his wife to live with him in his drainpipe home, where he himself has dwelt for the last fifteen years.

How the Captain Settled Accounts. In Burnaby's "Travels in America in 1759," a book quite popular during the latter part of the eighteenth century, the following incident is related.

Old Colonial Chests. Former Congressman Lockwell has an old colonial oak chest, which, so far as he can trace it, is 150 years old. Only three of these chests are known to be in this country.

The "Kid Wagons" in Ohio. At Canton, Ohio, the "kid wagons," as the vehicles are called which are used to transport the youngsters and from the schools under the new system, have windows and doors and are covered with canvas cloth.

GEMS FOUND IN THE WEST.

Nearly All Varieties of Precious Stones Have Been Picked Up.

The search for precious stones has never been seriously prosecuted in California, and yet there are many experts who hold that a diamond field will be developed here some day.

Opals have been found on the ocean beach in this State at Pescadero, San Diego and other points. Owyhee County, Idaho, has also produced some fine specimens of the same stone.

Turquoise of fine quality is found abundantly in the desert region of this State and in Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico. Some of the turquoise mines now being worked near the point where the boundary lines of California, Nevada and Arizona meet bear evidences of having been worked by the Spaniards and the Aztecs whom they conquered.

Intelligence of Fishes. "Here is a curious thing that fishes do and one that seems clearly to show great intelligence," said an old fisherman.

Hornbladed Shoes Cause Explosion. Workmen in American gunpowder factories are not allowed to wear steel or iron nailed shoes for fear the possible friction may cause an explosion.

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