

REACHED HIS RIFLE IN NICK OF TIME

Hunter, Attacked by Giant Bear Is Pounded and Clawed as He Makes Way to Gun

HE FIGHTS THE 460-POUND ANIMAL

Was Dressing Carcass of a Moose When Suddenly He Received a Stunning Blow—Grapples with Bruin and Wins Victory by a Second.

The Forks, Me.—The fourth man to be tackled by a bear in the woods near here recently was Wallace Durgin, who had his adventure the other day, near his father's house. Durgin had his rifle close at hand and he made short work of despatching the brute, but this was not the luck of Ernest Gubtil of New Vineyard. Gubtil had been hunting for moose for two weeks. He dropped a fine buck, and then placed his rifle against a tree and began the work of dressing the carcass.

The hunter, knife in hand, was at work when suddenly he received a blow on the left side which sent him to the ground half stunned. Gubtil then found himself grappling with a black bear, which, when cold that evening, weighed 460 pounds.

By means of rollings and tumbling, kicking at the bear and warding off attempts to grapple, Gubtil finally, with the blood streaming from two dozen bad scratches, reached his rifle. By exerting all his remaining strength Gubtil dropped the muzzle against the bear's breast as the brute rose, and, with the trigger close against his left hip, pulled. The expansion bullet killed the bear almost instantly. At the moment of the discharge the bear was making a blow for Gubtil's face, but the claws dragged against his shoulder.

Gubtil was found weak from the loss of blood and unable to proceed to camp, but Horace Adams, the hunter and trapper, heard his call nearly 100 yards away. Gubtil was taken to the farm and a Dr. Bullard of New York attended him.

Horace Adams has killed fourteen bear this fall, others have killed in all eleven. The local hunters never knew bears to be so ferocious before and the reason for it is ascribed to the lack of wild berries.

NO CHARGE IN THIS HOTEL.

Guests May Eat All They Want and Pay What They Think Right.

Kansas City, Mo.—The United Society of Practical Christianity, founded in Kansas City twenty years ago by Charles Fillmore, and which has grown in membership until now there are branch societies throughout the world, maintains at its headquarters here a unique hotel. So popular has this hostelry become that it is planned to double its capacity.

Vegetarian Inn, as the place is known, serves no meats of any kind, nor any by-products of the flesh, such as butter and cream. Persons used to meat come to test the diet and remain as boarders. All seem satisfied and many grow fleshy.

For three years a diet of delicious artificial meats has been faithfully followed by the boarders. There is no charge for meals. Any one who wishes may eat and leave in a dish on the table the amount he considers the meal worth.

LETTER TO KILL ROTHSCHILD.

Explodes in Hands of Man Who Undertook to Deliver It.

Breslau, Prussia.—A schoolmaster who was on his way to Schillersdorf, the hunting seat of Baron Albert Rothschild of Vienna, in Upper Silesia, was stopped recently by a man, who requested him to deliver a letter to the Baron. The schoolmaster consented, and had continued on his way when the letter exploded, frightfully injuring him.

It is believed that the intention was to kill Baron Rothschild.

TRADE GIRLS FOR OPIUM.

Natives in Philippines Rate Each Child as Worth One Ounce.

Manila, P. I.—The natives of Sarangani, a group of islands to the south of Mindanao Island, are offering in barter young girls each for one ounce of opium, according to W. S. Lyon, a horticulturist, who returned from a trip through the south coast of Mindanao. Mr. Lyon is obtaining specimens of tropical fruits for the Department of Agriculture at Washington.

Steer Goes Through a Baggage Car.

Coatesville, Pa.—Becoming detached from a herd, a steer ran up North Third avenue and directly through the door of a baggage coach on a train as it was standing here. The steer went out on the north side of the coach and up over the hill into the woods, where he was shot by men from a local abattoir.

Tailored Saddles for Steeds.

Washington, D. C.—Gen. Crozier, Chief of Ordnance, in a report to the Secretary of War recommends tailor-made saddles for army horses. Gen. Crozier observes that, while horses' backs differ, all saddles are alike. He believes that the horse could be made more comfortable and useful if a saddle were fitted to him.

HOBOKEN BABIES UP IN ARMS

What May Happen if Others Follow Example of Hamburg-American Line Caputo's Parents.

Hoboken, N. J.—The announcement in a Hoboken paper that Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Caputo have named their baby Hamburg-American Line because the father works for that company has thoroughly stirred up Hoboken babies to the necessity of taking some action against the infliction on them of similar names by their parents.

A superficial study of the situation laid bare by the case of young Hamburg-American Line Caputo shows to what danger the babies of Hoboken are exposed if the landmarks of the city's water front exercise such fatal influence on their parents. Among the names which a Hoboken baby may find itself condemned to bear through life are these:

Norddeutscher Lloyd Mueller, Christopher Street Ferry Leberwurst.

Hudson Tunnels Schultze, Steamer Parties Accommodated Schwartz.

Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Pumpernickel.

Kaiser Wilhelm der Gross Schillere, This Car For Union Hill Schmidt, This Way To Trains Bummelvogel.

Exit Only Donnerblitz, Hot Free Lunch To-day Huber.

The trouble is, most of the Hoboken babies can't protest because they don't know how to talk and can't take steps because they don't know how to walk.

FINDS COIN IN STEEL TUBE.

Silver, Gold and Greenbacks to the Amount of a Thousand Dollars.

Blaze, Ky.—While breaking away the point of a small sand rock cliff from the mouth of Blackwater Creek, in Morgan county, Kentucky, Mr. William Cox found a steel cylinder filled with silver, greenbacks and gold coin.

Mr. Cox refuses to disclose the exact amount of money the can contained, but it is known to have been in the neighborhood of a thousand dollars. The coins were of very old dates and the paper money of old issues. The silver was in the bottom, the paper money in the middle and the gold on top. Mr. Cox will surrender the money to any one who will satisfactorily describe the money, amount and the receptacle.

Beside a lonely forest path, not far from the place the money was found, is a solitary grave, known as "the soldier's grave." During the civil war two Confederate soldiers, while with a small scouting party, quarreled, and at the point where the grave is, fought and one was killed. It is believed that the soldier who killed his comrade knew the money was concealed, killed him with the intention of getting it, but afterward could never find the exact spot.

FINDS MOTHER ON POOR FARM.

Recognition Between Parent and Daughter Was Instant.

Marshalltown, Ia.—Mrs. Minnie Stewart of Dodge City, Kan., has found her mother, Mrs. Emily Helmick, at the county poor farm after a search of twenty-two years. Mrs. Helmick was picked up by county officers, twenty-two years ago at Cambria in a wretched condition. Her husband had deserted her, and she was half starved and partly demented. It was supposed at the time that she had escaped from the Clarinda Hospital.

She was taken to the county farm, where she has always been known as Aunt Annie. When the daughter saw her mother she recognized her at once, and the mother in turn remembered her daughter and called her name readily. Mrs. Stewart took her mother home with her.

GNAW PHONE LINES.

Squirrels Making Trouble by Damaging Cable Coverings.

Chico, Cal.—The freedom of Chico's streets and their trees is being abused by scores of gray squirrels, who are playing havoc with some of the Pacific States Telephone and Telegraph Company's cables on Third street, according to Wire Chief Nader.

It appears that the frisky little animals gnaw into the lead coverings of the cables and cause trouble in the company's service, as dampness gets in and renders several hundred wires useless.

Named Cream Color for Her Shroud.

Muncie, Ind.—The will of the late Mrs. Sarah Ditto requested that she be buried in a cream-colored satin or silk robe, and that the coffin be of the couch pattern and also be cream-colored. Suitable flowers and two carriages for the use of her family at the funeral were provided for. The instrument then ordered that \$150 be appropriated from her estate for the purpose of erecting a monument to her father and mother, and Mrs. Ditto even named the inscription that should be used upon the monument.

Tax on False Hair and Wigs.

Paris.—France needs \$40,000,000 to balance her budget and does not know what she can tax to get it. It has been suggested to the Minister of Finance that he tax wigs and false hair. The amount of artificial hair worn by Frenchwomen in their coiffures is enormous. One woman recently ran up a bill of over \$30,000 and many women who cannot be called rich spend \$200 to \$300 a year on hair. It becomes their life.

WHAT PIGS CAN BE TAUGHT.

In France They Hunt Truffles and Draw the Plow.

Owing to its obstinacy and seeming stupidity the pig is usually classed among the dull animals. This, however, is not a just estimate of its intelligence. "Learned" pigs that could pick out letters of the alphabet have been exhibited at fairs. Throw a pig into deep water, and it will begin swimming ashore at once, which is more than most men are able to do.

In France they have been trained to hunt for truffles (which are hidden underground) and to draw the plow. They have even been taught to act as pointers. In most cases they are trained by means of reward for success. In pointing, for example, when they spot the bird, they drop their tail and ears and sink on their knees and do not rise until after the bird has risen they are rewarded with pudding.

Fear of the Law.

The literal strictness of German rules and regulations has always been a matter of amusement to other nations which do not insist so rigidly on the letter of the law. A writer in the Washington Star recently told a story illustrating this point. Two men, Schmidt and Krauss, met one morning in the park.

"Have you heard," said Schmidt, "the sad news about Muller?"

"No," said Krauss. "What is it?"

"Well, poor Muller went boating on the river yesterday. The boat capsized and he was drowned. The water was ten feet deep."

"But couldn't he swim?"

"Swim? Don't you know that all persons are strictly forbidden by the police to swim in the river?"

Penholders Made from Packing Jox.

Both ingenuity and economy are represented by a practice reported from Calcutta, India. A firm in that city imports drugs in wooden boxes from the United States and England. It then works up good material from the packing cases into penholders. Both the city and provincial governments buy these products, but the penholders are said to be rather crude. Labor is as very cheap in India that it would be hard to compete with any manufactured article there, but inexpensive penholders made in large quantities in America might have a chance of selling in that far-off land, nevertheless. A great saving in cost always results from the use of machinery.

Slang in England.

Hotten's division of slang terms for inebriety would be useful in police courts if fashion did not so quickly change in this respect. The following were classified as denoting mild intoxication: Beery, bemused, boozy, boshy, buoy, corned, foggy, fou, fresh, hazy, elevated, kisky, lushy, moonny, muggy, muzzy, on, screwed, stewed, tight and winny. In an intermediate class stood podgy, beargered, blueed, cut, primed, lumpy, muddled, ploughed, obfuscated, swikey, three sheets in the wind and topheavy.

Farming.

"Farmers Raise Money" is the headline of an article in the Mexico Ledger. No trouble nowadays to raise money. All he has to do is to pick up a chicken or a dozen eggs or a stick of cordwood or a peck of corn or half a dozen potatoes and bring em to 'town and sell 'em and his fortune is made.—Louisiana Mo. Press-Journal.

Drives Away Fever.

An eminent Spanish scientist has made the recent discovery that the sunflower yields a splendid febrifuge that can be used as a substitute for quinine. Accordingly, the sunflower should not only, by its growing, exert great fever-dispelling effect, but also yield a product which is used advantageously in all fevers.

Wasps Capture Flies.

Wasps prey on flies—a fact which is well known in Italy. On any summer or early autumn day in the Tuscan country parts, when the luncheon table is blackened by flies, one may see a wasp sail in at the open window, select a fly, roll it over, curl it up and carry it out into the sunshine and soon return for another.

Ballasted with Gold.

A section of the Canadian Northern Railway running northwest from Sudbury and crossing at Vermilion river, is unique in that it is ballasted with gold. Every yard of the gravel used for ballast has been found to contain from 50 cents worth to a dollar's worth of the precious metal, in the shape of fine dust.

Government Runs Bars.

In some parts of Russia the bar-rooms are run by the government, according to a recent law. It is the rule for all males to remove their hats when in a government building, and it is ludicrous to see the patrons of the barrooms standing, hat in hand, while waiting for the barkeepers to serve their toddy.

A Sharp Answer.

"I am not happy with my husband. Can I get a separation?" asked a lady of a lawyer. "His life is insured in your favor, isn't it?" "Yes; I made him do that before we married." "Well, don't separate. He'll live longer away from you!"

Educated to Housework.

Housework and marketing is part of the education of a Belgian girl. She is taught these subjects in the public schools.

Short Sermons For a Sunday Half-Hour

Theme:

HERE AND HEREAFTER.

BY THE REV. DR. J. M. HUBBERT.

Text: Philippians 1:22-24: "What I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ, which is far better; nevertheless, to abide in the flesh is more needful for you."

The words of the text remind us of good Isaac Watts, who said: "Thank God, I can lie down at night with no concern whether I wake in this world or the next." Some people are worldly, chiefly concerned for things here below. Some are other-worldly, having thoughts and affections set on things above; and such a man was Paul. This thinking about the future is by some called "impracticable stargazing." But Dr. Samuel Johnson correctly remarked, that "those who think most about the next life are the people who best perform the duties of this life."

First of all, the text speaks of our mortality. In saying he has a desire to "depart," Paul is not thinking of going from one place to another on the earth, but of going back to mother earth—"earth to earth, dust to dust, ashes to ashes." This is the way we must all go very soon. King Philip of Macedonia had a servant whose duty it was to wake the King each morning by saying, "Phillip, remember thou art mortal." Surely, we need no such reminder. We have enough all around us to impress us that "all flesh is as grass." Passing through a street of a very healthful mountain town, and seeing a man with a hose washing mud from the wheels of a hearse, I said, "Do you use such things up here?" "Oh, yes," said he, "we carried out three yesterday." And that is just what is going on everywhere. The cemeteries are fast receiving the teeming populations of cities, towns, villages and country places. Well may it be said:

"Death floats upon every passing breeze,
And lurks in every flower;
Each season has its own disease,
Its peril every hour."

Again, the text speaks of our immortality. Paul has a desire to depart, "and to be." He has no thought of ceasing to be, when death comes. Death does not end all. When the earthly tent is taken down, its occupant will still exist as a conscious, thinking, alert being. The body is corruptible, it perishes, it dissolves; but there is that within the body which is incorruptible, imperishable and indissoluble; that which no floods can drown, no waters can quench, no fires consume; which is destined to outlive mountains, firmaments, suns and stars. A prominent city social club has for its motto:

"While we live, we live in clover;
When we die, we die all over."

Oh, no, we shall none of us die "all over." We die in part only. And even though the body only is to die, even it is to be raised again, and by soul and body shall be re-joined, and then man in his complete personality shall live on and forever.

Further, the text speaks of our chief felicity hereafter. Paul's desire is to depart, and to be "with Christ." The Bible gives different conceptions of Heaven, such as a place of rest from toil, release from persecutions, freedom from sin and reunion with friends. But Paul's favorite idea of it is as a place of companionship with Jesus. True, Christ is with His disciples here and now, by His Spirit, but in the hereafter they are to see Him in His glorified humanity, just as He was seen after His resurrection and when He went up from the slopes of Mount Olivet. We say "no home without a mother," and what a mother is to a home, and infinitely more, is Christ to His redeemed ones in Heaven.

"When death these mortal eyes shall seal,
And still this throbbing heart,
The rending veil shall Thee reveal,
All glorious, as Thou art."

Next, the text speaks of the immediateness of this heavenly felicity, after death. Paul's expectation is to depart, and then at once to be with Christ. The language will admit of no other interpretation. He gives no intimation of a midway station, a halfway house, between the deathbed and Heaven. Some people carry very vague notions of what is called the "intermediate state." As there is an intermediate time, between the body's death and its resurrection, so there is an intermediate degree of blessedness for Christ's saints, who are not to receive their full and final recompense of reward until after the general judgment; but there is no gloomy abode for the righteous, after this death, where they wait to see Christ.

"To-day thou shalt be with Me in paradise," were Jesus' words to the dying thief, and such is the glorious privilege awaiting every saint that passes down the valley of the shadow of death.

Sugar in the French Army. In the French Journal of Military Medicine and Pharmacy reference is made to the fact that during some military manoeuvres for three weeks the soldiers were given from 60 to 165 grams of sugar, replacing one-half of the meat ration of two companies of French soldiers. The sugar was taken readily in wine, water or coffee and no digestive disturbances were noted. Five soldiers for three days took a larger amount of sugar, viz., 300 grams, in place of the entire meat ration. The author's opinion was to the effect that the men were in better physical condition and had more endurance than on their ordinary ration, all of which coincides with very many other similar observations.

Odd Bits of Fact. The United States consumes 80,000,000 pounds of tea annually. A man can insure against loss in a fire with a company at The Hague. There are more doctors per capita in New York city than anywhere else in this country. Coal gas contains no wax. The Dutch throne has forty-one possible claimants. Potatoes steeped in sulphuric acid and subjected to pressure make an excellent substitute for ivory in the manufacture of billiard balls.

Power of Public Opinion. The internal waterways are like everything else in this country. If the people realize their importance and the impulse and vast importance they will be to the national commerce and make up their minds they must have waterways, they will get them. There is practically nothing which cannot be done by the force of public opinion. All other forces and factors find themselves obliged to yield to its power.—Baltimore American.

Anything But That. Little John is the youngest of a family of five boys. One day his mother said to him, "O, John, isn't it too bad I haven't one little girl? I could curl her hair and make such pretty little dresses for her. Don't you wish you were a little girl?" John grunted disgustedly. "Why, mother," he said, "I'd rather be most any other kind of an animal you could mention than a girl!"

What They Look Like. The little boy had been given oyster stew for dinner. The oysters were unusually large. After peering intently into the bowl for some time he looked up into his mother's face and said, "I don't like hoppy-toads."

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