SOUTH AFRICAN LIONS

They Are, It is Said, the Boldest of All Predatory Animals.

South African Bons are, beyond ques-tion, the boldest of all predutory ani-mals, and those of Mashonaland are perthe boldest of all. During the haps the boldest of all. During the night, their natural hunting time, they attack draft animals, or even men, within a few yards of the campfires, and are a constant and serious danger to travelers in districts remote from the main tracks of traders. From the Zamezi, through Mashonaland, and north to the Limpopo a chorus of complaints sizes in the pages of recent travelers whose cattle or followers have suffered from their attacks. Mr. Selous has re-corded the pursuit of the post from Salisbury by a lion, and the loss of the mail which the animal tore from the back of the pack horse. Mr. Millais, who crossed the Nuanetsi river with a team of eight donkeys to draw his wagon-the oxen being left behind on ac-count of the proximity of the "fly" country-lost three in one night by a lion attack, carried out with the utmost contempt for human beings, whether white or black. He was awakened by the lion's roar, and almost immediately saw one of the tethered donkeys knocked over. It was not five yards from the fire, but in the darkness and dazzle of the fire he could not see the attacker. "We knew instinctively that a lion had killed the donkey, and was standing over him not five yards from where we were, but it was hopeless to fire unless we saw some-thing, or at least could make certain of his whereabouts. "

This odd scene continued for some moments, the actors being four or five black men, two white men, a pony, seven live donkeys and a dead one, and the lion standing over the latter, with a fire partly lighting up the figures, until a a more donkeys broke loose. They coup. rushed into a mealie field, and there the party heard the lion chasing first one donkey and then another, as excited and as little afraid as a dog chasing rabbits in a field of barley. "At every bound the lion emitted a subdued 'boo-uff,' as his fore legs struck the ground, but the two did not go far. There were presently a loud scuffle, a crack and the sound of a heavy body falling; then all was still." The lion chased the third donkey round the camp, killed and ate it, and was next day shot by an ingenious trap, made by tying a rifle to posts, and fasening a string to the trigger, which the lion struck when revisiting its "kill," The unsportsmanlike method of comsing its death is excused by Captain Millais on the ground of necessity. This lion was 10 feet long from the tip of the mose to the tip of the tail, was in rfect health and immonsely formidable,-London Spectator.

A Captive Balloon.

The principal danger in captive work is the always present possibility of the wire rope parting, not because of the obvious result that the balloon, being set free, would at once make off at speed, but for reasons of a very simple technical nature, albeit none the more pleasant by reason of their simplicity. It must be understood that when a captive balloon has been sent up the required height, the nock of the balloon has to be tied up so as to prevent the wind from exerting a pressure on the envelope and forcing out the gas, which would result in the balloon very shortly losing its lifting power and descending. In free runs the neck must always be wide open, for otherwise any sudden expansion of gas might burst the balloon. Hence if a captive breaks away it is bound to make an undaly rapid ascent, since it is sud-denly released from the restraint as well as the weight of the wire rope.

Of contse in such an emergency the furiously, and nuless the neck of the halloon were instantly opened and kept open the envelope would inevitably hirst. In the shocking necident at the Crystal palace in 1892, when poor Dale and his commutes lost their lives, the halloon was started with too much lift and commenced to rise with undue ra-pidity. Dale, the aeronaut, realizing the danger, opened the neck and in his anx-fety to see that it was clear looked into it, and it is supposed that his head ohecked the outrush of heated gas, with the result that the envelope instantly burst, with terrible results.—Macmil-lan's Magazine. priously, and nuless the neck of the The Mote In His Neighbor's Eye. The Mote in His Neighbor's Eye. A much prized cat atrayed out of the ndow of a Central Park West spart-mat the other day. He walked along s cornice mutil he reached one of the pdows next door and looked in sol-by. The absence of the precious tab-boon discovered, and he was the proprietors of the the cat had

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But the wind is and and restless And cursed with an inward pain; You may bark to the property of the But you hear him still complain. He wails on the barren mountains And shricks on the wintry ges; He sols in the collar and mouse in the pine And shudders all over the aspen tree.

Welcome are both their voices, And I know not which is hest— The laughter that slips from ocean's lips Or the conforliess which's unrest. There's a pang in all rejoicing. A joy in the heart of pain. And the wind that suddens, the sea that glad-dens.

Are singing the solfsams strain. -Bayard Taylor.

WHO CINDERELLA REALLY WAS.

Her Story Is Very Ancient and Appears In Sacred Hindoo Books.

The story of Cinderella is substantial ly the same as that told of Rhodopis and Psammitichus by Elian, who lived in Rome in the third century of the Christian era. The story, as told by Elian, is that while Rhodopis was bathing, an eagle carried away one of her sandals and dropped it near the feet of Psammitichus, king of Egypt, who, like Cinderella's prince, was struck by its diminutive size, caused the maiden to be sought for, and married her when found. Make the sandal a glass slipper and add the ugly sisters for the sake of contrast, and the stories are much the The glass slipper, by the way, is same. an acknowledged fiction, being in real-ity a mistranslation of "pantoufle en vair" (a fur slipper), and not "en verre.'

This, at all events, is what is claimed by Perrault in his "Contes de Fees." Both these stories have doubtless a common origin, but it is necessary to go further back in the history of the literature to find it-to a people who lived in a period compared with which that of even Elian is quite modern. It is in the Vedas, the four sacred books of the Hindoos, that the origin is to be found.

After what has already been said, it will not be surprising to learn that Cinderella is a dawn maiden, her sisters being the powers of darkness, who compel her to wait upon them, keeping her hidden from sight. The dawn maid breaks from her bonds, and captivates the sun, remaining with him for a time. But she cannot linger with him in the heavens; she can remain only until a certain hour. Once she lingers too long, and, hurrying back, leaves on the path she has taken a token of her visit in the form of a fleecy cloud, which had borne her aloft when she left the regions of darkness. The sun, determined to find her, sends out his emis saries (the rays of light), but does not find her until she appears before him as the evening twilight. In the Vedas the prince is called Mitra, which is one of the names given to the sun.-London Globe.

She Wanted Pink Cheeks.

There is a girl on the North Side who admires pink cheeks, but she will be careful after this where "she gets them. On a recent afternoon one of the caretter was being jogged over the holes in the pavement of Rush street. At Huron street the wagon was stopped, and a young woman stepped in and took a seat near the center of the car. She knew several of the women, and return ed their bows. She was a pretty girl, fashionably gowned, and was on her way to a public rehearsal. After sitting quietly for a few minutes, she, in an apparently unconscious manner, put her hand to her cheek and gave it a slight pinch. On her hands were black gloves. The day was damp and the slightest trace possible of the color was left on her check. Then she pinched the other one. A black spot showed. This she continued until Adams street was reach ed, and never a woman spoke. When she reached the Auditorium, her cheeks were a good color, but not what she ex-pected.—Chicago Chronicle. Saug In the Choir For Eighty Years. In the last 12 years of Mr. Starman's ministry at Waldborough's famous old German Latheran church no salary was German Lutheran church no salary was paid, the congregation being too poor. Old Conrad Hyer, who, although 101 years old, was as brisk as a man of 50, and had acted as choristor in this an-cient church for 80 years, reading and singing from the fine print of Watts' hymnbook without the use of specta-oles. Nothing remains on earth to mark the sojourn of these men but the dilapi-dated rains of the building and the tail marble column in the cemetery which talls the passing traveler that there lie the remains of the sainted Ritts and Starman, pastors of the Ger-man Lutheran church of Broad Bay.— Lewiston (Me.) Journal.

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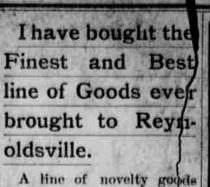
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