QUITE TOO SWEEPING.

BY NIXON WATERMAN.

screamed-

-Good Housekeeping.

Seeing the worthy savages so fully

employed, we began to hope that, after

that of murder. But, as third-rate

novelists say when they want to be

impressive, "the time was coming, and

Our captain had foretold (as I have

experience of African savages gave

special weight to his opinion, in which

our two trader hosts fully concurred.

of the palisades which inclosed the sta-

beyond the river, with which they were

the rescue. This, indeed, they had al-

night. The house was completely sur-

rounded, and the besiegers, despite the

heavy fire poured upon them through

the loopholes of the barred doors and

shutters, were pressing close up to it

momentary lull of the hideous uproar,

there was heard far away smid the

dark thickets a faint tinkling sound,

growing ever louder and nearer. That

sound was as sweet to the ears of the

fainting garrison as Havelock's High

land war pipes to the hard-pressed de

fenders of Lucknow, for it told them

that the friendly chief's followers (dis-

tinguished by the small brass bells at

their necks) were advancing against

the assailants, who knew better than

Our hosts rapidly made all their

preparations, and, having posted their

native musketeers in various parts of

the building, placed two sentinels out-

proach, when thanks to the glorious

tropical moonlight) they would have

ample time to do, the brushwood hav-

distance on every side of the house.

All being now ready, our leaders sig-

sleep while we could. At such a crisis

the suggestion sounded like a mockery;

men can slumber even on the brink of

captain and purser, were now serving

asleep.

Bang!

of hoarse outeries.

us as pillows-when we were all fast

Clear, sharp and stunning came the

shot, and then by a confused clamor

Instantly we were all on our feet,

tained more than one man whose cour-

age might have matched the stoutest

paladin of Froissart-was not wholly

when fairly driven to bay, and about

We sprang to the windows that over-

From the spot where this

to await their approach.

ready done on a similar occasion some

stricken invalids of our company.

There was no time to lose. Barely

swarms from the front of the house and should they once reach it all would be over. Darting like lightning down the little wooden stepladder that led to the courtyard, each of us seized a firebrand, and we fell upon the invaders like men who were fighting for their lives, and for other lives dearer

was like the confused terror of a frightful dream. The ceaseless sweep of our flaming seythes, mowing down other moment-the frantle yells and wild gestures of our black followers- ity to be exhibited in traveling shows. the fitful and unearthly glare of the firelight amid the utter darkness-the seepening gloom of the coming storm, moonlight-all were, indeed, like the visionary horror of one of those ghastly nightmares in which one seems inevit

battle must go against us after all; and our hearts sank as we saw the sence, though the conditions there seem bleeding arms and limbs of our native to be favorable for his prosperity, helpers, upon which the greedy defastened with such deadly tenacity as to let themselves be torn Burmah, Siam and the French East asunder rather than unclinch the grasp of their cruel jaws. Do what we would, on came the invaders over the blasted tra and Borneo. He is not known in corpses of their comrades like a rising Java. We might as well have striven to drive back the inflowing tide of the

their vanguard, others, under the did teen degrees of latitude further north rection of the experienced traders, were than that of his African cousin, who laying blazing splinters of wood in a was once numerous among the Atlas line along the front of the charging Mountains, near the Mediterranean, column, and meeting it with an im- but, having been exterminated there, passable barrier of fire, whence the his most northern range is only about rising wind, luckily in our favor, blew fifteen degrees north of the equator. to set it on fire, when all at once, in a the flames right into the ranks of the

Little by little, human energy and skill began to prevail over blind animal ferocity; and at length, to our inright, in a direction which would carry them past the house into the "bush" gathering storm had fallen all was of Cape Town. over and we were saved; and the deep "Thank God!" uttered by a brave misthose for whose lives we had been so desperately battling found an echo in side, with orders to fire a signal shot the heart of every man amongst us.-

Peril in Man's Instinct.

"Here's another automobiler's death recorded." said the chauffeur, "and the coast of Greenland. accident was due to the usual errorthe error of taking off the brake innificantly advised us to lie down and stead of putting it on.

"In several makes of automobiles the that has a backward and forward movement. To put on the brake you all this time he knew well-and we all our heads upon our mail bags-which, you pull it away from you. Those movements are, somehow or other, confusing to the average man. They seem wrong to him-as wrong as it

> "Riding along swiftly in an automobile you have an instinctive feeling, as report of a heavy musket from with- you hold the brake lever in your hand, out, instantly followed by a second that you should push this lever forward in order to put the brake on, and that you should bring it back toward and ready for action; but I think the feeling, as I say, is instinctive, and it known in Newfoundland. boldest among us-and our party con- is apt to come over the most skilful driver in moments of excitement and peril. He yields to it: when he wants the wrong way; the next moment he is crushed against a stone wall, or he

"Therefore, those autos with brake levers that have a backward movement ment for 'off-brakes' should have were attacked. And so we were-by their levers' working reversed, out of consideration for men's instinct in irresistible than the fiercest cannibal this matter. Accidents, thereafter. would be more rare."-Philadelphia Record.

An overturned beehive the other day created a sensation at Green Harbor. In the heart of the summer colony the beehive was accidentally tipped over, and the bees flocked about Marginal street like flies around Tom Pernounces that the proprietor is going to

water, quivering, glistening and trembling incessantly. We were still gazing blankly at this bewildering spec-

Monkeys in Every Continent Save Australia---Polar Bears Stick to the Far North---Habitat of Elephants, Ostriches and Eider Ducks Growing Less---The Skunk Confined to America---Narrow Range of the Famous Birds of Paradise.

merly known.

down in so highly valued, practically

It is found on all Arctic coasts, but also

conditions would seem to be equally

are not found among them; and if we

should ever see a kunter of the bird

was a native of New Guines or the

neighboring mainland of Australia, or

Everybody has heard that the cowry

of the Western Soudan. It came to be

exchange. But if the cowry shell

baskets by any one strolling along the

African coasts it would, of course, have

been valueless as money. If the shell

were very easy to get, so that every

native might accumulate large quanti-

vegetables or skins in exchange for it

The cowry shell came to have value

in much the same way that value has

been attached to gold. It was regarded

convenient form of money; but it was

difficult to obtain it. As the article was

desired it came to have value just the

same as anything does which men de-

The cowry shell is found only on the

coasts of a number of islands off the

outhwest shores of India. It had to

be carried thousands of miles to the

west coast of Africa, where there was

a demand for it, and so real value be-

came attached to it and it could be used

The time came, however, when on

account of the large profit derived

from the transportation of cowry

shells in West Africa that supply be-

came greater than the demand. Na-

turally the price of cowry money was

thus reduced and West Africa passed

through a financial crisis which was

never adequately reported in the news-

Cowry money became so cheap that

there was little temptation even to

steal it. This state of affairs put an

end to the importation of the cowry

shells and no more were shipped until

equiabrium had been restored between

In his letter to the London Times on

the British recruits. In 1900 the aver-

age height was 5 feet 5.4 inches;

hospital, per 1000, 655.1; constantly

The percentage of rejections in 1900

was 27.4; in 1901, 29.04, and in 1902,

32.22. The last figures Germany pub-

lished were for 1887, when the percent-

age of rejected was only 16.3, and that

from the total number of conscripts,

not from men who had been accepted

Have you ever heard the loon bird's

call? It is the weirdest cry of all the

feathered tribe, and is only to be heard

on rare occasions on the great inland

like the cry of a woman in distress.

'Like woman wailing for her demon

lover," said one man who had heard

"I heard a faint wall for away up

the lake," he continued, enlarging on

the experience. "It sounded like a

woman crying for succor. It was in-

the very air seemed to be full of sor-

Plaint of the British Fiddler.

The annual complaint of English

musicians comes from London. It is

that an English musician has no

chance to get work in competition with

disguise himself and pretend to be a

German or a Belgian. One band of

sixteen wears foreign uniforms, trims

beards in foreign style and speaks only

in foreign monosyllables, but every

subterfuge by the necessity of making

An Universal Want.

one is an Englishman, forced to

There are 300 orchestral

lakes of America. It sounds exactly

by recruiting sergeants.

it, quoting Coleridge.

row."-New York Press.

foreigners.

a living.

supply and demand.-Sun.

sire to possess.

had visited those regions.

UR more or less intelligent | The habitat of the elder duck, whose friend, the monkey. found in every continent except Australia, but his largest habitat is in Africa. confined in North America chiefly to the long peninsula from Mexica to Panama that unites the two western continents. He is found in Europe only in the extreme southern part of Spain, along the Strait of Gibraltar, where tourists who have time to wander among the forests overlooking the sea will discover him leaping from branch to branch as he does in tropleal Africa.

Monkeys are very numerous along the northwest coast of South America, but are not found west of the Andex from northern Peru to the south end of the continent. Their home in South America is chiefly in the forests of Ven ezuela throughout the great Amazon basin and along the fluvial systems of favorable for their existence, but they the upper half of the Paraguay and the Parana rivers. A little south of the the destroyers by thousands, only to function of these two rivers they disapbe replaced by fresh thousands in an. pear and the greater part of Uruguay and Argentina regard them as a curios-

The monkey lives in the forests of nine-tenths of Africa, from the mount nins of the Atlas ranges in the north to blotting out the cold splender of the the Orange River of the south, and is also seen in great numbers and variety throughout India, Burmah and Cochin Chinn, the islands of the Indian archiably doomed to struggle forever with pelago and parts of southern China and some hideous peril, and to struggle in Japan. Strange to say, he draws the line at New Guinea and the neighbor ing tropical coasts of northern Austra lia, where he is conspicuous for his ab

The Indian elephant is throughout that peninsula and also in Indies, but his range among the islands by the West Africans who saw it as a of the archipelago is confined to Suma

There seems to be no climatic reason why he should not have appeared on the other islands of the East Indies. But, while some of us were fighting His home in Asia extends about seven-

He roams through the Soudan and assailants, destroying more of them the whole of Central Africa, from the than we could mow down with our neighborhood of Timbuktu and Lake Chad as far south as the Tropic of Ca pricorn in South Africa. Not many years ago the African elephant was browsing on the site of what is now the describable relief, we saw the line of city of Durban, on the South African their march gradually slant off to the coast, but he was hunted so persistently that he has entirely disappeared in the southern part of Africa, and is now beyond it. Before the first drop of the found not nearer than 1500 miles north

The polar bear will not wander very far from the ice oceans of the north. sionary whose sick wife was among The result is that his habitat is extremely narrow, though it girdles th world in the Arctic regions.

He wanders along all the northern coasts of the continents and the shores the physique of the British Army, of the Arctic Islands. Peary has seen which made a very considerable sti him on the edge of the most northern in England, the Duke of Wellington land yet discovered around the north gives some interesting statistics as to

If we were to visit Iceland for a look at the polar bear we should have to go weight, 124.4 pounds; admissions to to the north coast to see him. The waters washing the other coasts of the brake is worked by means of a lever island appear to him a little too warm 1000, 34.85; death rate, per 1000, 6.62. for comfort. This is natural, for the south coasts are under the influence of destruction, and scarcely had we laid pull the lever toward you; to take it off the warmer waters of the Atlantic, and the polar bear cannot understand why any one should enjoy life in such an uncomfortably hot climate.

We have the skunk all to ourselves would seem to pull on a horse's right in North America. He lives in Canada as far north as the upper part of the Mackenzie River, and is distinctively a North American animal.

He is found throughout our broad domain from Portland, Me., to Oregon, and from Florida to Los Angeles. For some reason he seems to have a prejuyou in order to take the brake off. This dice against Nova Scotia, and is not

The skunk is really a very respect able beast and cannot be severely blamed for making himself obnoxious to put the brake on he moves the lever to his enemies. Some bold experimenters assert that the skunk is very good eating.

> There are just four regions in which the wild African ostrich is now found. He lives in considerable rumbers in Arabia, where he has been hunted. In Africa his most northern habitat is the Saudan and the southern part of the Sahara from the Red Sea almost to the Atlantic Ocean,

He does not live in the excessively moist regions of Central Africa, but in the drier countries between the Indian Ocean and the Nile he is found in bands in London during the season, considerable numbers. His fourth home in Africa is in the great dry disand practically all of them are made up of aliens. The one chance an English tricts of German West Africa, from the man has of steady employment is to Atlantic Ocean more than half way across the continent.

He was long ago driven out of the zi's fish market, where a sign am thirst lands of Cape Colony, for hunters became too numerous for him. The fact that wild ostriches are always killed to obtain their plumage has unesidents, among the latter being Geo. fortunately caused a great diminution among them, and the prospect is that in time they will be entirely replaced by the domesticated ostrich now living Though real estate men say porches on the ostrich farms of Cape Colony give more trouble than any other part faces plastered with mud in an effort far south of any of the regions where of a house, everybody seems to want the wild bird is found.

Walter B, Harris, the correspondent of the London Times in Morocco, after three weeks of very unpleasant captive ity among the brigands in Northern Morocco, has at last been permitted to rejoin his friends. Being a white man, he was regarded as a very valuable

captive and his release was obtained only by the exchange of sixteen men who had been captured from the tribe that held him a prisoner. The natives who enught Harris are among the mountaineers who have

CAPTIVE AMONG THE MOORS,

Experience of the London Times' Cor

respondent Captured by Brigands.

coincides with that of the polar bear, never admitted the right of the Sultan of Morocco to impose taxes upon them; lives considerably south of the southern and of course they are part and parcel limits of the polar bear. The time was of the rebels who have recently been making so much trouble for the Mowhen the eider duck girdled all the roccan Government. They did not exnorthern coast lines of the world with Its myrlad nests, but the bird has been ert themselves to make their white captive enjoy ido short stay among so morellessly hunted that it has now disappeared from thousands of beetling

cliffs along the sea where it was for-For nine days he was unable to wash or change his clothing, for thirty-six Probably no famous bird has a smaller habitat than the bird of parahours he was left in sollinge with nothing to eat and for several days a headdise, whose beautiful feathers are so less corps- occupied the room in which highly prized in the millinery trade he was confined, and it was intimated No one knows why the varieties of this to him that his physical appearance would soon resemble that of the hapbeautiful bird are confined to the island of New Guinea and the neighboring less victim of the brigands whose recoasts of Australia. There are many mains he saw before him. other islands not far away where the

Harris, however, lives to tell the story of his captivity, and it will doubtless make good newspaper reading. No other white man in Morocco has in recent years had so many interesting of paradise we would know that he stories to tell of his personal adventures as Harris.

He first brought himself into notice a few years ago by his venturesome journey in disguise to the chief town of shell is used as money over a wide part one of the funatical mountain tribes, who would have killed him without any preliminaries if they had suspectregarded on account of its shape and size as a very convenient medium of ed that he was a white man,

At that time he knew no Arabic nor might have been picked up in bushel any of the native tongues, and though his skin was stained to the proper Moroccan hue, and the native costume sat well upon him he would not have been able to travel a mile among the mountsins if he had not pretended to be a ties of it, nobody would give his ivory, deaf mute. He had with him a faithful young native, who carried on his conversations for him.

When approaching the town which no white man had ever entered he passed two men on foot, who decided that he was a white man, and when they reached the same place a few hours after Harris' arrival they lost no time in spreading the news that one of the hated foreigners was there in disguise. The report caused much excitement, with the result that in the darkness of night Harris, who had been redisguised as a woman at the home of his servant, stole out of the town, and made his way back to Tangler, traveling only by night and hiding in the forests in the daytime.

Harris has spent a long time in Morocco, and probably no white man is better acquainted with the natives and their country than this adventuresome European.

Expensive Borrowing.

"I hate figures," said the tall girl, "but I've held a session with them this morning. Just to satisfy my curiosity I totaled up the money I spent in mend ing other people's umbrellas in the last six months. I had to mend them because I borrowed them, and they had the perversity to get broken while in my care. I began by borrowing from the top floor girl. She had scruples against lending.

"'It is an old one,' she said, 'and isn't of much account, but it is the only one I have and I should hate to bave it get broken.'

'It was pouring torrents and I had to have an umbrella, so in the face of her objections I insisted upon borrowing Before I had gone a block the handle broke off right in the middle, and I had to pay fifty cents to get it mended. non-effective through sickness, per

"The next time it rained I borrowed an umbrella from the back parlor boarder. When turning the corner of the Flatiron building three of that umbrell's ribs were broken at one clip.

"During the winter and spring I borrowed from every other member of our cosmopolitan household, and each time misfortune attended me in the way of smashed umbrella ribs or handles.

"Those accidents were expensive. All told I have paid \$8.50 for the making over of umbrellas. The result is that all the people in our house now have good umbrellas. They are afraid to lend to me again, however, and now, after having spent enough money in repairs to buy half a dozen new umbrellas of my own I am driven to buying one for myself, after all."-New York Press.

The Improved Krag Ride.

The improved Krag rifle used by the American team which won the Palms trophy was highly praised by English describably weird and harrowing. As expert, many of them thinking it was the cry came drifting down the lake, a much better arm than the Lee-Enfield used by the British team. The feature, however, which all praisedand to which many attributed the victory-was the peep-hole sights on the American weapon and the movable wind guage. These parts have atways been opposed by English Army author ities on the ground that they could no stand hard service. Their simplicity made a deep impression, and one result of the match will undoubtedly be the adoption in the British Army of similar devices.-New York Commircial Adver

> Ratifood Traveling in Russia Thieves got into a sleeping car on Russian train the other night and stole the clothes of all the passengers, who were obliged to remain in bed until

> That which we call a grasshopper i a Rocky Mountain locust. The true grasshopper is very pale green thin wings and resembles the katydid.

they reached Moscow.

NATIONAL GAME!

Lush is playing wonderful ball for Reeler has apparently regained his batting eye.

Blughamton has released outfielder Smith for light hitting.

Wagner is the real leader of the National League batsmen. Joe Kelley, of the Cincis, is one of best general players in the coun-

Pitcher Doheny has been permitted

Manager Ciarke to rejoin Ed Greminger is playing great ball for Boston, hitting hard and covering

third finely. Long Tom Hughes is one of the five

great pitchers who recovered the of a broken arm. Kittredge bas made his first error in

thirty games with Washington, accepted 148 chances,

The New York League Club has purchased pitcher Leon Ames from the Hion Club of the New York Lengue.

Acting Manager Wagner, of Pitts burg, predicts that Vell will some day be one of the League's star pitchers, Jiggs Donahue, the first baseman of the Milwaukee Association Club, has

been sold to the Chicago White Stock ngs. Tim Muraane says: "If the Pittsburg champions go against the Boston Amer-leans this fall for the world's cham-pionship, they must be in better shape than they have been so far this sen-son, to make anything like a good

Said the New York Sun the other day: "No player in a long time has so Impressed New Yorkers by his snappy work in all departments as Elberfeld He is a player of the Tinker-Parent style. Gilbert is just as fast and lively but does not hit as well as the other

SPORTING BREVITIES.

Duggleby is pitching great ball for the Phillies,

The new race track at Los Angeles, Cal., will be called Ascot Park, The football game between Princeton

and Annapolis has been cancelled. Harvard expects to have the new stadium ready for the big football games. The upper end of the New York Speedway has recently been resur-

faced. J. A. T. Bramston, with a record of seventy five, won two cups at the Homewood links, at Chicago,

W. B. Leeds and Mrs. V. E. Macy, of Philadelphia, were the chief winners at the horse slow at Bar Harbor, Me.

Africander won the Champiain Han-Hermis and McChesney not starting. John Bulbana has been suspended by the stewards of the Saraioga (N. Y.)

race track for his rough ride on Choate. A number of small towns in the vicinity of Middleboro, Mass., are talk-ing of forming a half-mile trotting cir-

Gold Saint won the Albany Stakes at the Saratoga (N. Y.) race track and James R. Keene's Futurita, at thirty

to one, beat the best sprinters. Albert Champion has lowered the Rhode Island record for twenty miles motor paced, defeating Harry Caldwell by two miles and four laps, and cover-ing the distance in 25.21 4-5.

The Doherty brothers successfully defended their title to the American lawn tennis championship in doubles by defeating the Western champions Kreigh Collins and L. H. Waidner, winning

three straight sets. Plans for the resumption of football relations between Pennsylvania and Lafayette College have been started, and there is now a possibility that the two institutions will again m

gridiron next fall, after a break of

New Story About Sedan.

To commemorate the heroic but hopeless charges of the French cavalry at the battle of Sedan a monument s to be erected on the spot where the division of General Marguerite melted away under the fire of the German in fantry and artillery. M. Emile Gull-laume, the sculptor, has undertaken the work, and the monument will be erected by public subscription. At the request of General de Galliffet, General Faverot, who was in the last charge, wrote his recollections of it. One would imagine that little or nothing new could be told to the world about the battle of Sedan, but the general gives some details which are noteworthy. Among them there is one episode which escaped the pencils of the painters of battle pictures. When the division of General Marguerite, which rushed upon the Prussian columns, was shattered and broken by the terrible fire of the needle gun and of the artillery, a fragment of it, under General de Galliffet, passed in front of the Prussian reserves and came close to the Eighty-first Nassau Bat-tallon. The German officer commanding that battalion, in admiration of the brave fellows, gave the order to cease firing. The French officers saluted and the Germans returned the

The red deer of New Zealand are estimated to number between 4,000 and 6,000 individuals, the offspring of two stags and six hinds that were turned out in 1868.

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That she swept her whole family into the street.

That she swept her whole family into the street.

The lectured on tidiness, day after day.

I'll her children ran off to the neighbor's to play.

And, sometimes, the "lord of the manor" would roam.

Trom his beautiful house which was never would roam.

Trom his beautiful house which was never a home.

Twas a spiendid expression of beauty and art,

But it did not possess home's one requisite,

But it did not possess home's one requisite,
Her children grew up and they hurried

But this woman worked on with her brush and her broom, with her servants she battled through room after room;

She waxed and she polished her beautiful floors

Will her friends hardly ventured inside of her doors.

Her carpets so velvety one would refuse the refer.

And the day when the last of her little ones left, and the home of their smiles was forever berefit.

her doors.

Her carpets so velvety one would refuse bereft.

To walk on, until he had dusted his shoes; Her chairs all so tidled, without and within,

"They know I'm the finest housekeeper in town."

—Good Housekeeping.

FIGHTING BY FIRELIGHT. ST DAVID KER F they come at all, they'll | spend a whole afternoon aboard a shir come to-night!" Thus briefly in patiently unscrewing the brass knot and plainly, with true Anglo- of a ventilator, which could be of no Saxon coolness, did our sturdy possible use to him when he had got

inform us that, within a very it; and such a case is by no means few hours, hundreds of armed savages unique. fand cannibals to boot) might be expected to fall upon our unarmed company of fifty-nine souls, two of whom all, the occupation of robbery might were women, and seven more helpless prove more attractive to them than invalids prostrated by the terrible Our vessel had been cast away at the

mouth of a small West African river it came." three nights before, and had not our boats providentially touched the shore at the very point where two white critical one; and his seventeen years traders had established themselves, a few months before, we should probably have been (as our Irish doctor poetically phrased it) "the deadest men alive!" Even as it was, when we at their small garrison would have no length succeeded in landing (after a chance of being able to defend against series of sensational adventures too a determined attack the wide circuit long to be told here), we had to show fight at once with oars, boat hooks, and even fists, against the marauding to hold the house itself till the tribe natives, who seemed bent upon stripping us of what few clothes the sea had spared,

But when once fairly housed after their five hours in open boats beneath months before, when a band of say-the pelting African rain my brave comrades accepted the situation with thorough British stolcism, and made themselves as comfortable as could be expected where fifty-nine persons were crammed into a trading station originally built for two. No stranger could have found any token of peril or hardship in the merry talk and ringing laughter of these men who had just lost all they had except their lives, as they sat there around the one small lamp which our kind host's limited resources could furnish, chatting, singing, telling tales of adventure, reading the two or three soaked and tattered books which I had luckily brought ashore in my pockets, or drowning the moan of the night wind and the thunder of the breakers on the bar with the lusty chorus of an impromptu parody on

"So Early in the Morning:" The sun it baked us black and brown The scorpions sauntered up and down And the flies kept gadding about scorpions sauntered up and down, the flies kept gadding about like bricks,
Till you couldn't draw breath without swallowing six;

Where we were wrecked that morning, Where we were wrecked that morning, Where we were wrecked that morning, Before the break of day." Briskest and blithest of all was poor

Frank V-, Stanley's famous lieuten ant on the Lower Congo, who, little dreaming of the miserable end that awaited him in the hideous swamps of | but (as I have had good cause to know) the Niger not many months later, was the life and soul of our party. And yet knew it as well as he did-that there gallantly saved from the wreck by the

was but a step between us and de-

struction.

For the first two days after the wreck, however, there was no sign of mischief, our fierce neighbors being fully occupied with the picking up of countless waifs and strays which kept drifting ashore from our poor old steamer, while some of the bolder spirits among them, defying in their tiny canoes the fury of a surf that would have beaten any other craft to atoms, went out to the wreck itself, and helped themselves as freely as Robinson Crusoe. We could not look seaward in quest of a possible sail without seeing a swarm of human ants free from that sudden tightening of creeping up and down the two tall the heart which a man is wont to feel masts which stood gauntly up out of the sullen waters that had engulfed to struggle for life and death, our lost vessel, and witnessing a hacking of safis and a chopping away of looked the courtyard on the side facing for 'on-brakes' and a forward movecordage from which our poor captainthe river, naturally supposing that we already heart-broken at the loss of his ship-turned away his eyes with a an enemy more terrible and cruel and

stifled groan. I may observe in parenthesis that in Central Africa. the natives of West Africa can fairly The red glare of a watch fire kindled by our vigilant sentinels, and the fitful claim at least one clause of the bitter old Levantine proverb, "The Greek light of the sinking moon, showed us wines steal all heads, the Greek a strange and fearful sight. Half a vomen steal all hearts, and the Greek dozen goblin figures were leaping wildmen steal everything." Nothing is "too hot or too heavy" for the savage ly to and fro only a few paces from the house, and flourishigg blazing of the Guinea coast, With him thieving torches, which they swept along the ground like, scythes ever and anon, one of the fine arts; and while other chieves steal for the baser metive of while the flames of these firebrands threw the contortions of their gaunt guin, he steals in the spirit of an artist. frames and grim faces into startling for the mere pleasure of taking what floes not belong to him, however use-less it may be. The true West African and hideous relief against the inky blackness of the background, through which glimmered spectrally the white seething foam of the unresting sea. rill steal a Latin dictionary, a pextant, map of ancient Greece; and in several of the native villages which I afterward visited higher up the river From the spot where this demon dance was in progress down to the farthest palisade the whole countrard seemed obvered with a sheet of black

tacle when the fatal truth was forced upon us by the cries of the black torch bearers, who shouted, or, rather

"The drivers! The drivers!" Then the full horror of this ghastly

dilemma burst upon us at once. The terrible "driver ants" of West Africa, whose devouring jaws can in one night turn the carcass of an ox into a clean-picked skeleton, were upor us in an army millions strong; and should they succeed in forcing their way into the house our only way of escape from being actually devoured alive would be an instant flight down to the beach, a night upon which, unsheltered from the drenching rain which a mighty black cloud was fast bringing up against us from the sea, would be nothing short of certain death to the delicate women and fever

ten paces divided the advancing

All that passed after that moment

said) that the third night would be the The wary traders saw at once that tion, and wisely decided upon trying on friendly terms, could come up to

at the first sign of the enemy's ap- Waverley Magazine.

ing been cut away to a considerable

rein to make him turn to the left.

falls over a seventy-foot cliff.

The Busy Bee's Work.

live "forever."

Several summer girls and permanent were stung smartly. It was sometime before the bees were finally to quiet the pains.—Boston Herald.