

THE CAMP.

And have ye seen the flag of chance—
The men that huck will choose—
The tyros here who win the gold...

A Tiger Hunt in China.

By F. Hayley Bell.

Tiger shooting is, I believe, generally regarded as serious work, and not a picnic to be lightly entered on...

mented by prodding gingerly at the extreme edges of the jungle—melted away, and P. and I concluded that, since beating was impossible, we must watch over bait again.

After a long whispered conversation as to whether tigers took carrion or not, we again trudged sadly home. Personally, I incline to the opinion that we did not talk and laugh enough, also that a cigar would have much improved our chances.

Alas! that such a trivial incident should cause even temporary estrangement between two fast friends. Even if it was my watch, there were plenty more dogs to be had; besides, the dog had been sleeping comfortably when I last remembered.

It was against all rules and precedent. P. had struck a match and was lighting his pipe in calm disregard of my request that he would cover my sortie.

Early next morning the headman of the village was summoned, and, after much argument, some twenty men were produced to beat the cover for us. We started across the paddy like the chorus of a comic opera, with hoed pitchforks, executioner's swords, and halberds.

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If the special marriage relations could be conducted on a pure, high and moral plane, the greatest cause of friction and disgust would be less. As long as these relations are conducted on a purely animal basis both are degraded.

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The ink plant of New Granada is a curiosity. The juice of it can be used as ink without any preparation. At first the writing is red, but after a few hours it changes to black.

Miss Mabel A. Ayer of San Francisco, Cal., has succeeded in training a number of butterflies. Sugar and water are the inducements, and the little winged pets go through several droll performances.

A difference of opinion seems to have arisen over the effect of firing a candle at a board. For a long time the ancient tradition has held its own that the soft tallow hurled at the mark by a musket would put a hole through an ordinary plank.

Early Marriage and Divorce. Girls Should Not Become Wives Till They Are 25.

Among the many causes given for increase of divorce there are several not mentioned. First—Boys and girls read novels and love stories when they are mere children.

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Sanctity of Home Life.

HERE is a certain tendency to exalt the unessential in dealing with our public questions, and public men especially are apt to get their attention concentrated on questions that have no importance, but are wholly ephemeral compared with the questions that go straight to the root of things.

One of the most unpleasant and dangerous features of our family life is the diminishing birth rate and the loosening of the marriage tie among the old native American families.

The Desert Transformed.

THIRTY-TWO years ago there was but one house in the town of Fresno, in the central desert of California. A hole was dug under it, forty feet deep, into which the inmates lowered themselves by a bucket and a windlass, to escape the heat of the day.

The Need for Navies.

THAT mere population and riches are no match in war against much careful organization, we have seen in the case of Russia. It is only the knowledge that the sea-barrier is impenetrable which will effectually prevent the expanding Teutonic, Slavonic, and Latin races of Europe from contemplating aggression on the American continent.

A PERIL. Takin' things too serious, it really 'pears to me, is causin' very nearly all the trouble that we see.



"Is marriage a failure?" You can never tell till you've seen the wedding presents.—Cleveland Leader.

Stubb—Time works changes among the wealthy as well as the poor. Penn—I should say so. These days the chauffeur knows more family secrets than the butler.—Chicago News.

She—To think that he should treat me so! And he told me he loved me with his whole heart. He—That was all right; but you see since then he has been suffering from heart failure.—Boston Transcript.

"I can truthfully say," remarked a St. Petersburg official, "that nobody ever threw a bomb at me."

"Those two men talking together over there are worth a good many millions between them."

Gunner—I think there should be an authorship class connected with every big college. I mean so students would be enabled to write fiction for money.

"I'm afraid we can't use this sketch of your life in this campaign," said the boss to the young candidate.

Business Manager—I'm sorry, young man, but I'm afraid you will not serve my purpose. Applicant—But, sir, I have nine diplomas and degrees.

It is expected that the expenses of German's colony in Southwest Africa will reach over \$70,000,000 before the present insurrection is put down.

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NEWSY GLEANINGS. The Swiss-Spanish commercial treaty expires August 31, 1905.

A new fruit cannery is about to be established in Santa Clara, Cal., which will put up 3,000,000 cans a year.

This year the Jews will celebrate the 2500th anniversary of their settlement in New York.

A fund will be started at once to buy the old home of Paul Revere, in North square, Boston, Mass.

Figures furnished by the Bureau of Statistics at Washington, D. C., show that our coffee bill last year was \$81,000,000.

More than 200,000 shade and other ornamental trees have been shipped into Denver, Col., since the first of the year for local use.