

ATTACKED BY A LION.

Thrilling Experience Which Col. Boone Had in Africa.

Col. Daniel Boone, the well-known performer with trained lions, was a member of the French soldiery in Africa during the '70's. His regiment was stationed just outside one of the worst jungles known in that part of the country and he had a number of very thrilling adventures, says the Washington News.

"In 1878," said he, "while our regiment of Chasseurs d'Afrique was quartering in southern Africa, a lion hunt was organized by some of the officers. Accompanied by the native 'beaters' and necessary accoutrements we started into the jungle. Several lions had been killed and we were on the



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point of returning, when a lion was started, as I thought, back of us. I turned and waited for him to come out of the jungle, when I heard a crackling of twigs in the rear and I turned just in time to see a tremendous fellow about crouching for a spring. I threw my gun up and gave it to him right between the eyes.

"A lion's skull, instead of being round, is angular, with the forehead more or less pointed. A ball striking full in the face will glance either to one side or the other. That's just what mine did. It ran along under the skin and cut the skin at the neck. I knew that my last chance was gone, and, dropping my gun, I fell into a position, kneeling on one knee, with my left arm thrown up to shield my face. When he came at me all I could see was a brown streak, and then he struck.

"He caught my arm just above the elbow and, braced as I was, he turned a complete somersault over my head. He held on, chewing and growling while I tried to reach my hunting-knife. Suddenly, with a lightninglike motion, the lion let go my arm and, throwing me on my back, opened his huge jaws and gripped me on the left side. I felt ribs give way. Then I gave myself up as a 'goner'.

"The other members of the party had come up in the meantime, but the lion and I were so closely mixed up that a shot was impossible. Finally, when I had lost consciousness, one of the party sneaked up and placed the muzzle of his gun at the lion's ear and let her go, killing him instantly.

"I was three months recovering, and then three of my ribs were crushed and this arm was a reminder. The lion weighed 600 pounds and measured over seven feet."

CHIEF JUSTICE IDE.

He Will Preside Over the Highest Court of the Samoan Islands.

Henry C. Ide, who has just been appointed chief justice of Samoa by President Cleveland with the approval of the other members of the Samoan protectorate, is a native of Vermont and his home at present is in St. Johnsbury in that state. He is recognized as one of the leading lawyers of Vermont. In 1891 he was appointed commissioner on behalf of the United States to act with commissioners from England and Germany to settle the land troubles in Samoa. Upon his arrival there he was chosen chairman of the commission, and rendered valuable service there for over a year. His appointment as chief justice of Samoa came primarily from the German government. It was then sent to the British government for approval and finally to the United States government. The German government was pleased with Mr Ide's



previous labors in Samoa and recognized his work in this way. The office of the chief justice is the highest in Samoa and the salary is \$6,000 a year. The chief justice is the highest court of the island, decides all cases brought before him, and his decision is final. The present occupant of the bench is a Swede, who was appointed by the king of Sweden, because the three powers, Germany, England and the United States, could not agree upon a man. The present chief justice has given very poor satisfaction and has been removed from office, his removal to take effect when the new chief justice arrives. Had Mr. Ide declined the appointment it would have undoubtedly been tendered to an Englishman. It is of vital importance to the interests of the United States in the South Sea States that the office of chief justice of Samoa should be held by an American, Mr. Ide is eminently fitted to serve in this capacity, as he is familiar with the present state of affairs in Samoa.

Naval Etiquette.

An English admiral who was once visiting a French flagship laid down his quid on a convenient bulkhead before entering the officers' headquarters. When he came out again he was astonished to find the quid in the place where he had left it.

"Pooh!" said he, in the hearing of some of the sailors, "you Frenchmen will never be true sea-dogs. No English blue-jacket would ever have let an admiral's quid alone."

Whereupon one of the French sailors stepped up, touched his cap and said: "Beg pardon, admiral; I was chewing your quid while you were in there, but I put it back, you know, when I heard you coming out!"

It Makes No Difference.

"I suppose you don't believe in courtship," said the paragraphist laughing to the president of the gas company.

"Why not?" asked the president.

"Because lovers always turn the gas down, you know. Ha! ha! ha!"

"Oh that makes no difference," said the president. "The meter gets in its work all the same."—Texas Siftings.

Jones Knew His Weakness.

Somebody challenged Jones to fight a duel, thinking to scare him.

"Well, it's a go," replied that cheerful lunatic, "but only on one condition. You know how near-sighted I am? Well, to make things equal I insist that I shall be placed ten paces nearer my opponent than he is to me for the fellow's got an eye like a hawk."

THIS ONE IS A FAILURE.

She—Mr. Brush seems to be just wedded to his art.
He—Well, I think he might get a divorce on the ground of non-support.—Detroit Free Press.

He Didn't Get Hurt.

Sweet Girl—I am so glad to see you alive and well. I was afraid papa would lose all control of himself when you asked him for my hand, and he has such an awful temper. What did he say?
Brave Adorer—I—I couldn't quite understand.
Sweet Girl—Couldn't understand?
Brave Adorer—No; the er—wires got crossed.—Good News.

Apologetic.

"The mother-in-law you may deride, but mine is a saint," he said.
"I beg your pardon," the wit replied; "I did not know she was dead." —Puck.

The Ruling Passion.

Old Skinfint was on his death-bed, and had given directions that the funeral should be as cheap as possible.

"Have you anything else on your mind?" asked a member of the family.

"Yes," replied the dying miser, "when you telegraph the news of my death to my brother in Kansas collect at the other end."—Texas Siftings.

Rupert's Hope.

Rupert—I hope, mamma, that I wasn't impertinent to Mrs. Thatcher to-day.
Mamma—Indeed I hope not, Rupert. What did you do?
Rupert—Why, she said I was growing like a bean pole, and I told her that bean poles don't grow.—Harper's Young People.

Didn't Mean It.

Little Dick—Don't you want to go with me any more, I know it.
Mother—Didn't she say she would?
Little Dick—Yes, but she said it just the way sister Clara says "Don't" when some feller is going to kiss her.—Good News.

A Swell.

Clara—What is the matter, Mr. Dudley? You are actually lame.
Dudely—Y-a-a-s, Miss Clara, you see my feet are swelled.
Clara—It is strange that you should be swelled at both ends at once.—Texas Siftings.

The Wrong Kind.

Customer—I want to get a good, serviceable mosquito bar.
Clerk—Where do you live?
Customer—New Jersey.
Clerk—You don't want a mosquito bar. You want a crowbar.—Judge.

Where Sympathy Lay.

Primus—Buskin, I hear, is the star in Dingley's play. Has he a sympathetic support?
Secundus—Yes. Why, the applause always starts from behind the scenes.—Boston Globe.

Knew What He Wanted.

Doctor (to sick boy)—Well, Harold, you've had toast and tea for a week now; what do you want to get to-morrow?
Harold—I want to get up.—Harper's Young People.

TWO MAGIC SQUARES.

Constructed by a German Mathematician of the Last Century.
Here are two magic squares that show some interesting features. They were constructed by Euler, in 1780:

23	18	11	6	25
10	5	24	17	12
19	22	13	4	7
14	9	2	21	16
1	20	15	8	3

In this square we begin with 1 in the lower left-hand corner. The other numbers are placed just as a knight would move on a chess-board, viz.: two squares one way and one the other. The last number, 25, comes in the opposite or upper right-hand corner. Another curious feature of this square is the fact that the sum of any two numbers on opposite sides and equidistant from the center figure, is its double. The middle number is 13; 23+3=26, twice 13; 5+21=26; twice 13; 19+7=26; twice 13; and so on.

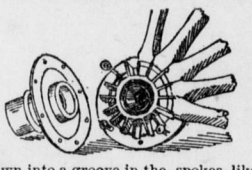
30	21	6	15	28	19
7	10	29	20	5	14
22	31	8	35	18	27
9	36	17	26	13	4
32	23	9	11	34	25
1	10	33	24	3	12

In the above even square the figures are again placed as a knight moves, and the knight returns to its starting point in a square of 6. In this square the difference between the pairs of numbers opposite to and equidistant from the middle point is always 18. The sum of the numbers in all the rows, vertically, horizontally and diagonally, is 101; 1 and 19 are equidistant from the center point of the square, and their difference is 18; 30 and 13 are equidistant, difference 18; 21 and 8; 29 and 11, etc., are equidistant from the center point on opposite sides and their difference is 18 every time.

IMPROVED WHEEL HUB.

The Effective Yet Simple Invention of a Californian.

In a wheel hub made of wood and in one piece it is difficult to find room for the inner ends of the spokes without cutting away enough of the latter to impair their strength, or cutting away too much of the block itself. Wells H. White, of Los Angeles, Cal., has met this difficulty in an original and effective manner. This hub is of metal, and consists of two disc-like plates bolted together. Upon the inner face of one are raised thin partitions; and upon the corresponding face of the other there is a circular ridge, which fits



down into a groove in the spokes like a key, and holds them from slipping out endwise. The illustration shows the general plan clearly. The opening through the center of the hub is originally made larger than the axle, and then reduced by a fitting of babbit metal, which can be removed as often as necessary. If the spokes become loose from shrinking, the nuts on the bolts can be tightened easily; and to replace a broken spoke one needs only to remove the front plate without taking the wheel off the vehicle. With a spare plate and a few extra spokes a man can usually do his own repairing.—N. Y. Tribune.

FACTS ABOUT FEATHERS.

An Interesting and Valuable Explanation of How They Grow.

In the skin of a fowl, where a feather is to appear, there is to be seen a little pit, and at the bottom of this rises a little mound or pyramid. Around this pyramid certain little grooves extend, deeper at the base and seeming to radiate from one large groove at one side, all growing shallow, and finally disappearing at the top. The whole pyramid is covered with skin composed of the same scales or flattened cells, as those which cover the whole body. In the ordinary process of growth the new formations of the surface of the body throw off as effete matter the older portions of the skin; but here they are retained, and become so closely united to each other that they form a sort of horny coat, more or less strong (according to its age,) over the surface of the pyramid. As new cells grow at the base, they push up this little horny protuberance till it breaks at its thinnest point, which is opposite the large groove. Then, as new growths still push it forward and flatten it, it assumes the form of a feather, the ridge in the main furrow, or grooves, form the separate carbs of the vein. When all this web of the feather is completed the pyramid loses its grooves and becomes smooth. All parts are of equal thickness, and so hard as not to break easily, but remain tabular, and form a quill, which is attached to what remains of the pyramid. The finger nails, and even single hairs, are developed and formed in the same way, and every one who has injured a nail and lost it knows by how long a process, some three or four months, the missing nail is being reproduced.

A Useful Hint for Naturalists.

Until recent years alcohol was generally used for preserving specimens of fishes by naturalists, but other things are now taking its place. The best of these appears to be a solution of acetate of soda, which is spread on the fish like salt, each layer of the fish being covered with it in turn. Prince Henri d'Orleans used this preservative during his travels in Indo-China and found it excellent.

JUST PATENTED.

A DUSTPAN with the handle pivoted to it in a manner that no stooping is required in using the article.

A COMPACT combination tool, comprising a monkey-wrench, a pair of pliers, and a pair of short-bladed shears.

An apparatus for cleaning and peeling potatoes, consisting of a roller within a drum, both covered with roughened steel plates and revolved in opposite directions.

A HAND support or rest ring for a penman, having a concave exterior surface for the little finger to curve around and a projecting curved piece to carry the finger.

A TRUNK and wardrobe combined, the wardrobe being fitted with hinge doors, the whole collapsing by telescopic sections into a compact square trunk when desired.

A FLYTRAP composed of two suspended boards, hinged at the upper ends and held apart by a spring with a cord attached for quickly pulling the boards together.

A PROCESS for water-proofing leather and leather goods by immersing in a solution of yellow wax dissolved in turpentine or benzine and afterward beating to render supple.

An improvement in the method of steam distribution in multiple-expansion engines, whereby the expansion in all the cylinders is coincidentally and automatically varied.

A FASTENING for tool-handles, spokes, etc., in the form of a headless wedge, having its entering and side edgings sharp and provided on the sides with burrs, which catch in the wood.

An apparatus for measuring the quantity of combustible gas or vapor in air, consisting of a miner's safety-lamp provided with a hydrogen burner and gauge wire close to the oil well and a reservoir of compressed hydrogen.

SOME FAMOUS GEMS.

The Sultan of Turkey has the richest collection of gems and regalia in the world.

Many of the Hindoo sapphires and other gems are carved into amulets and idols.

HELOTOPE or bloodstone is a dark green quartz, covered with red blotches supposed to be due to iron.

The diadem of the Russian Empress Anna contains 2,536 large diamonds and a ruby valued at \$400,000.

THERE is a twin crystal of emerald in St. Petersburg seven inches long, four broad and weighing four and one-half pounds.

CATSEY is gray quartz with fibers of asbestos in the interior. It is found on the Malabar coast, in Ceylon, Bavaria and the United States.

The cutting of the Kohinoor occupied thirty-eight days with steam power and cost \$40,000. The Regent required two years and cost \$25,000.

ABOUT WOMEN.

GEORGE SAND, when overexcited by writing, employs herself in sewing in order to soothe her nerves.

The first gymnasium for girls in Germany will be opened this autumn at Karlsruhe. It has been founded by the "Women's Instruction Reform society," formed in the year 1888.

Mrs. GRAFTON ROSS, an English woman, has invented a tool for killing obnoxious weeds in gardens. It is in the form of a hollow piercer, through which poison is conveyed to the very heart of the root of a stubborn weed, causing it to shrivel up in a very short time.

WOMEN belonging to a Baltimore cooking school have offered to train in the culinary science one hundred girls attending the grammar schools of the city without charge, hoping thereby to demonstrate the utility of establishing a cookery department in connection with the public schools.

CHOICE HUMOR.

BARLOW—"Who composed this opera?" Cadley—"I don't think it ever was composed. I don't notice any composer in it."

"PARLOW, what is your idea of a gentleman?" "I am." "By jove, Parlow, you always do have original ideas, don't you?"

"AND how is your table?" asked the prospective boarder. "Splendid," said the landlady. "Why it's so rich that people are dying of indigestion in my house all the time."

"WHAT marvelous vitality Sliithurs has! He's been ill six months now. Any other man would have died." "It isn't vitality. It's the times. He is so hard up he cannot even pay his last debt to nature."—Harper's Bazar.

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