

Saved by a Frog.

The American (Ga.) Republican says:—A gentleman from the country gives us the following as his experience with a rattlesnake, a short time since: He says that the pigs had been getting into his garden, and he was looking around for the hole. In one corner the weeds and grass had not been cut down, and as he went up close to see if the hole was there, he heard a noise and then the rattle of warning his snakeship gave out. He turned and saw a large snake coiled and darting his tongue, while his tail quivered and shook until the little shells on the end seemed to him as loud as a big train of cars. The little skinning eyes of the animal were brilliant with fury and seemed to dart forth rays of burning poison that filled his soul with a dread that made him shiver from head to foot. The fence was high and solid plank; there was no stick near, and the snake was not seven feet off, and right where in trying to get out, he would have to pass nearer, and he knew if he moved the enraged thing would dart forward and strike its poisonous fangs into him. Move he could not; to call out for assistance would make matters worse. He tried to pray, but was so scared that he could only utter, "Now I lay me down to sleep—good Lord, he's going to bite—" and so on. He said that just now was the most excruciatingly and agonizing moment of his life, and he had charged many a time under the old "Stonewall" upon the Yankees. He thought that he had been in that fix for two hours, when he heard a slight rustle. The snake heard it too and stopped its rattle; in a second or two a large "toad" was seen hopping along toward the corner, and as it approached, the snake looked squarely into the man's eyes and seemed to say: "Keep quiet, and I'll get the toad and let you off." The frog got within about six feet of the snake, when the rattle was again sprung, and the little terror-stricken toad was seized before it knew where to look for its enemy. As soon as our friend saw the frog with its head down into the snake's throat, and its feet kicking in the air, he made a desperate spring and went to the house, procured a shot-gun and prepared to kill the snake, but found it not. He looked high and low, but there was no snake and no sign, only where it had coiled. He says he owes his life to that frog.

A Father's Shock.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., July 22.—When Mr. Sarpain, of Yatesville, on the outskirts of this town, entered the room in which his child, one year old, had been left a few minutes previously yesterday afternoon, he was horrified to find a big black snake coiled around the little one's body. The glittering eyes of the serpent were glaring upon those of the child, who appeared transfixed by the terrible glance, and the head of the monster swayed to and fro as if charming the little one, who appeared to be unable to move or make an outcry. The terrified father, on beholding this frightful spectacle, gave an involuntary cry of pain which brought the other members of the family running to the room. It had also the effect of frightening the reptile, which speedily uncoiled itself, and, in the confusion and fright of the moment, succeeded in escaping. As soon as the terror subsided to some extent, the snake was followed, but it had secreted itself in the neighboring shrubbery, making discovery impossible, although a diligent search ensued.—After its departure, the child cried piteously for more than an hour, and appeared terribly distressed. The little one has been in great agony ever since, but is expected to recover. Although under the influence of the reptile when the father came, there is no evidence of its having sustained any physical injury, but the shock to the nervous system must have been terrible.

Deathly Damp.

At 11 o'clock on Tuesday night Jonathan Wasley, superintendent; Frank Willman, inside boss, and J. Reese, district superintendent of the Philadelphia and Reading coal and iron company, descended the Keely Run colliery to examine the ventilation. Nothing was heard of them until Tuesday morning, when it was discovered that the gangways were choked with black damp and the men cut off from the open air. Rescuing parties were at once organized and every effort made to break through the deadly damp, but not until a dozen miners were taken out overcome, did success crown their efforts. At last, however, they were reached, but when they were brought to the surface the worst apprehension were realized for they had all been dead for some time. Pending the effort to recover the unfortunate men the most intense excitement prevailed. Hundreds of persons gathered at the mines, and the bereaved family and friends of the unfortunate men were impatiently waiting tidings of them, their evidences of distress being perfectly heartrending.

Narrow Escape.

Lancaster Intelligencer: says About 11 o'clock to-day as Philip Grabill, 222, South Water street, was working in his machine shop he had occasion to throw a belt on the wheel that runs his plating

machine. In putting on the belt his shirt-sleeve caught on a set screw in the shaft and in a twinkling the revolving shaft, which was making three hundred revolutions a minute, began to wind him up.—With all his power he resisted, and his shirt being pretty well worn gave way and was torn from his body. But at the same instant his pantaloons were also caught by the head of the screw and despite his struggles, Mr. Grabill was drawn once or twice around the shaft, and then hurled against the case of the turbine wheel by which the machinery is run. Every stitch of clothing had been torn from his body except his boots and yet he was not very seriously injured, a few cuts and bruises about the head and neck and some heavy thumps in the ribs being the extent of his injuries. His clothing when picked from the machinery was a sight to behold.—Had it been torn from his body by the claws of a wild beast it would not have been more tattered. Reuben Albright, who was working in the shop stopped the machinery as soon as it could be done.

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