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A LION STORY.

Fragile Experience With One of the African Man Eaters.

"Many years ago," says a writer, "before the arrival of the railway and the sportsman in east Africa, the natives were decimated by lions. It was impossible in some districts to procure mail carriers. Appalling stories are still related of the fearless ferocity of these beasts. The railway was building at Kiu. Several coolies had been carried off by an old lion, and one night Ryall, an English engineer who had seen much service in India, decided to sit up in a railway carriage on the chance of getting a shot. With him were Mr. Huebner, the German consul, and an Italian, Parenti. The night was dark, with but little moon, and after midnight Ryall commented upon the brightness of the fireflies near the carriage and also remarked that he had seen a rat repeatedly cross and recross a spot where the steel rail glistened in the moonlight.

"But the supposed fireflies were the luminous eyes of the lion they waited for, and the rat was the slow movement of his tail. If Ryall had recognized this, his life would have been saved. Tired of their vigil toward the morning, the three watchers went to sleep, Huebner on the upper berth, the two others below. The carriage was the ordinary sleeping carriage familiar to Indian travelers, with a lavatory beyond the couches. An hour had passed, the party was asleep, when the lion jumped into the carriage and seized Ryall, while in a moment Parenti had slipped into the lavatory and closed the door.

"The movements of the lion, or more probably, his weight thrown on one side, caused the door by which he had entered the car to close. Thus Huebner's experience was most terrible. The rifles were below, and on the upper berth he remained while the lion killed Mr. Ryall within three feet of him. After a few awful minutes the great beast jumped out through the window with Ryall's body in its mouth."—Chicago News.

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