

STING OF A SNAKE

Fiery Ordeal That Follows a Kiss From a Puff Adder.

IT IS ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH.

Dramatic Experience of a Man Who Received the Venom Laden Carass and Yet, In Spite of the Doctor's Verdict, Lived to Tell the Tale.

Not many men are alive to tell what it is like to be bitten by a puff adder, one of the most venomous of snakes. In South Africa, where it is found, its bite is believed to be certain death. Nevertheless F. N. Streetford, formerly resident commissioner of Bechuanaland, not only survived the bite of a puff adder, but told his story in the London Field. He had captured the snake, which was three feet and a half long, in South Africa, and was bringing it home confined in an old cartridge box to present to the Regent's park zoo. He says:

Somehow or other it became known to my fellow passengers that I had a puff adder in my portmanteau, and they begged to be allowed to see it. For a long time I refused, but at last was overpersuaded and fetched her in my bag.

Taking her out of her box and grasping her close behind her head, I explained to the company the marvelous economy of the poison apparatus. I opened her mouth and displayed the fangs, showed the poison glands and how the muscles that raised the fangs at the same time pressed on the glands and forced the poison through the tiny duct.

Having concluded my lecture, I began to put her ladyship back into her temporary home. In getting rid of a poisonous snake you should be sure that no coil is wound round an arm and that it is wholly free. Then when you let go your hold your hands should be instantly snatched away out of reach.

When I was in the very act of letting my hold some one spoke to me, and I had no doubt that I left my hand within reach of the deadly fangs instead of snatching it away. I must have turned my head toward the man who spoke to me, for I did not see the stroke.

But I felt as if a knife had been sharply drawn across my finger, and looking down, I saw the blood flowing freely and her ladyship out of her box, trying to make her way across the table. I snatched her back by the tail, caught her by the neck again and got her safely into the box.

When I was struck there were about twenty men in the room. Twenty seconds afterward there was not one. I never saw a room cleared in like time. They simply tumbled over each other when the prisoner was again under lock and key the company came slow by slow, and the doctor appeared.

I asked for ammonia. There was none on the ship, and so I had to take a great deal of brandy. I lanced my finger down to the bone, where the snake's fang had made a wound. Then I sucked the wound vigorously. I gave my keys and home address to my good friend, W. L., who promised to look after me and to carry out my instructions while I remained insensible. Soon after that I became unconscious.

I had told L. that I should be reported dead, but that I should not be, and that if he could get even a few drops of brandy down my throat when my heart failed it would jog me again, and that by and by I should come to. It was 10 o'clock when I lay down on the smoking room sofa and became unconscious. When I came to again the east was rosy with the morning sun.

Several times during the night the doctor told L. that I was already dead, and if my friend had not obstinately refused to listen to him and insist on following out my own instructions I should have been sent, wrapped up in a piece of canvas, to the bottom of the sea, some 250 miles north of Madetra.

I never felt so ill or suffered such pain as when I recovered consciousness. It was my finger. I ached from the tip of my nose to my shoulder, as if the bone had been red-hot iron, and my swollen arm looked like a hard pillow.

They carried me to L's bunk, and there I lay for twenty-four hours. Then with the help of a friend's arm I could crawl a few yards. By degrees the pain grew less, and by the time I reached home I had begun to take a little interest in life, but for myself I had to be very gentle with myself. I have never since been so strong as I was before and have come to know the meaning of the word "tired," something I did not know before her ladyship took hold of me.

Training a Cow.

T. P.'s London Weekly relates how Major Miles Malony of Ballyduff was amazed one morning to see from his bedroom window a little lad driving a low back and forward again and again over a ditch and through a fence on his land. Hurriedly completing his toilet, he rushed out to question the little trespasser. "What are ye after with that cow? Is it to kill the beast ye want? 'Kill her! Shure, it's to keep her alive I want.' 'Keep her alive?' 'Shure, it's talking her to set her own heels I am. There isn't a ditch or fence in the barony that'll hold her in after I've done wid her.' Then the major understood. The cow, in fact, was being taught to trespass in search of her own living.

Heavenly will no man to secure happiness by crime.—Albert.

Wanted—Nurse girl for days only. Apply at once to Mrs. Larrowe, 702 North Hayes street. 11c

Wanted—Young man to keep to books. Mail application in own hand writing to box 24, care of Review. 11c

For Sale—4-room house, cement foundation, \$650. Electric lights, water, sink, cellar; \$165 cash, balance \$15 per month, 6 per cent interest. Apply 417 East Mohawk.

The Library

Open Hours: 1:00 to 5:30 and 7:10 to 9:30 p. m. Sundays: 2:30 to 5:30

In the September magazines just now in, you will want to read: The new interpretation of dreams by McComb—Century.

Starting Bulbs for Christmas by Clark—Garden Magazine. Christian Science Since Mrs. Eddy by Hendricks—McClure's. Re-discovery of the Bicycle by Clanson—Outing.

Why Not Live Forever by Prof. Netchnikoff and Dr. Williams—Cosmopolitan.

If you are in doubt what to read you might ask for one of the following: A day in Court, or the Sublimar of great advocates, by the Webster—Entertaining and suggestive, defining the advocate's necessary qualifications, and describing clearly and with apt anecdote the methods by which apt trials are won.

Riders of the Plains by Haydon—Popular and authoritative history of the founding and organization of the Northwest mounted police of Canada, giving many interesting adventures and picturesque incidents which will appeal to boys.

Cause and Cure of Colds by Sadler—Author a noted physician, offers simple, practical advice. He believes nine-tenths of the prevailing colds preventable.

Among Friends—Crothers—Eleven engaging essays combining quaint wit and mellow wisdom, under titles: The Convention of Books, The Hundred Worst Books, In Praise of Politicians, etc.

Mr. Dooley Says, by Dunne—The sage of Archey Road discourses genially and shrewdly to his friend, Hinnessey, on divorce, woman's suffrage, the bachelor tax, books, tariff, the army canteen, Turkish politics and other topics of popular interest.

A Modern Chronicle, by Churchill—Its theme is American marriage handled with a touch so quiet and firm, a humor so unforced and pervading as to assure the reader of a satisfaction rarely experienced in the somewhat turbulent field of the American social novel.

Deep Sea Wrecker, by Lubbock—Realistic and stirring sea story of the homeward voyage from Calcutta of an English army officer, who, to fulfill a wager, has shipped before the mast in a sailing vessel.

Death of W. A. Scott

W. A. Scott, residing on West Catlin street, met with a sudden and untimely death Saturday morning at about 2 o'clock. He had been employed as head machinist at the Swift packing plant on the Peninsula, and on Friday had placed a cylinder rod from a pump in the lathe to reduce its size. But he had neglected to make sure that the lugs holding it in place were securely clamped down before he turned on full power. The result was that the rod jumped out of place and with terrific force struck Mr. Scott on the head, cracking his skull in four places. He lingered along until Saturday morning, when death ended his sufferings. The case is a most sad and distressing one, as a wife in a delicate condition with four small children. The deceased had carried \$3,000 life insurance until about a year ago, when he unfortunately allowed it to lapse, and the family is left in destitute circumstances and a mortgage on the home. Friends, however, are nobly coming to the aid of the stricken family and quite a little sum is being raised for their benefit.

Mr. Scott was a hard working man, well liked by all who knew him, and was a skilled mechanic. His death was a most untimely one, cutting him down in the very prime of his young and sturdy manhood, being only 28 years old. The remains were interred in Columbia cemetery at two o'clock Monday afternoon.

St. Johns Asks Carriers

That St. Johns probably will become a sub-postoffice station of Portland now seems assured, at the request of the citizens of that thriving suburb. Under the rules of the Postoffice Department a carrier service cannot be installed unless an office has gross receipts of \$10,000 and which St. Johns has not, but a request was made to have it made a part of the carrier system of Portland, with the result that a special inspector has been appointed to investigate the matter.

The principal matter in this investigation is the character of the streets on which the carriers will have to travel over, and as this is known to be satisfactory, there will be a carrier service in St. Johns within a few months.—Oregonian.

St. Johns citizens should begin to prepare for it by adding their street and number to their signatures on every letter sent out.

Methodist Church, corner Leavitt and Hayes street: Themes for Sunday, Sept. 1st—11 a. m., Elijah and False Prophets; 8 p. m., Staggerers Sunday School 10 a. m.; Epworth League, 7:15 p. m. The fourth quarterly conference will be held on Tuesday evening, Sept. 3d.

Water Committee Report

Following is the report of the water committee appointed by the city council to investigate water rates:

To the Honorable A. A. Muck and members of the Common Council of the City of St. Johns, Oregon. Gentlemen: We, the undersigned, members of the special committee appointed to investigate water rates in the City of St. Johns, Oregon, and to draft an ordinance regulating the said rates, herewith submit the following report:

First—Upon being appointed to investigate the rates charged by the St. Johns Water Works and Lighting Company we notified the said Water Company of our appointment and also suggested to the said Company that some of its representatives appeared before the committee and offer such data as might fix a rate which would be a reasonable rate for both the consumers and the Company. This the company refused, failed, and neglected to do. Consequently we have had very little information upon which to proceed.

Second—The failure of the Water Company to co-operate with the committee has rendered the task of getting information very difficult. The rates of the Water Company are absolutely unscientific and apparently are mere guesses as to what rates the traffic in water would stand.

Third—It is the opinion of the committee after investigation that the rates in effect are exorbitant. There is an almost universal complaint by the consumers of water in the City of St. Johns against the high cost of water and against the inefficient service. The water company fails to keep up the pressure agreed upon under the franchise, fails in many places to supply pure water, the consequences of which is that the consumer pays an exorbitant rate for water and for service which he does not get. Further the failure to keep up pressure results in an inadequate fire protection.

Fourth—Your committee was appointed primarily with a view to reduce the rates, and, in the ordinance herewith submitted and recommended by the committee, the rates have been reduced. The committee in the reduction of rates has tried to make the reduction of rates reasonable. The rates have been classified as municipal rates, base rates and meter rates. The municipal rates have not been changed. Many of the schedules of base rates are unchanged. Other base rates have been cut about 25 per cent. The principal change effected by the ordinance proposed is the allowing of every one other than the City of St. Johns the preference of being put upon meter rates. The meter rates have been reduced about 16 2/3 per cent, and the minimum charge therefor has been reduced about 25 per cent. Your committee feels that the meter rate is the most scientific base of fixing rates, and that if the majority of the water consumers choose the meter rate it will ultimately mean a large reduction in the charges for water for the reason that consumers will be paying only for that amount of water which is used. Then, too, after the consumers are upon the meter rates if the charges are too high a further reduction could be made by some council in the future by simply lowering the meter rates.

Fifth—Your committee recommends: a) The adoption of the ordinance, submitted. b) The enforcement of the provision in the franchise of St. Johns Water Works and Lighting Company relative to the keeping of a pressure of twenty pounds to the square inch.

c) That the Council appoint a standing committee which shall be known as the Water Board and which shall pass upon all complaints by consumers of water. The Water Board should be in constant touch with the situation and should make recommendations from time to time to the Council.

d) That the ordinance proposed should be enforced and that if by chance the Courts should find that the Council did not have the power to regulate rates that the charter be amended in such a way as to empower the Council to regulate rates and to control public service corporations. Your committee, however, would suggest that should the public service commission be created under what is known as the Malarky Bill, in this general election, relief for all matters connected with public service corporations could be had from this commission.

Dated at St. Johns this 27th day of August, 1912.

Perry C. Stroud, John E. Hiller, D. Frank Horsman.

Postmaster Monahan is in receipt of the following "pome" which came from an unknown (but suspected) author. There is truth as well as poetry in it:

You're a jolly great-grandpa, Monahan.

About the gayest I ever saw, Monahan.

Though born long before the war, Tho' you ran St. Johns' first car, You're a boy yet, so you are, Monahan!!!

ORDINANCE NO. 502

An Ordinance Fixing the Rates to be Charged by Persons, Partnerships or Corporations Supplying Water to the City of St. Johns or Inhabitants thereof, and Repealing All Ordinances and Acts or Parts Thereof in Conflict with this Ordinance.

The city of St. Johns does ordain as follows:

Regulation of Rates.

Section I.—It is hereby declared to be unlawful for any person or persons, partnerships or corporations to charge any consumer or consumers of water in the City of St. Johns more than the schedules of rates herein set forth and adopted by the Council of the City of St. Johns; and the said schedules are hereby declared to be the maximum rates to be charged for water in the City of St. Johns.

Classification of Rates.

Section II.—All rates for water in the City of St. Johns shall be divided into three classes as follows:

A. Municipal rates. B. Flat rates. C. Meter rates.

It shall be the right of any and all consumers, others than municipal corporations, to choose whether they shall pay according to "flat rates" or "meter rates," and any person on a "meter rate" shall be entitled to use all reasonable amounts of water for any legitimate purposes without regard to the "flat rate."

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A. Municipal Rates.

Section III.—A. The City of St. Johns shall pay Three Dollars and Fifty Cents per month for each hydrant established by order of the City of St. Johns until such hydrant shall be discontinued or dismantled, and otherwise according to schedule—d—under "Flat Rates."

B. Flat Rates.

Section III.—B. For all other purposes the following monthly rates shall be the maximum rates to be charged by any person or persons, partnerships or corporations vending water to the inhabitants of the City of St. Johns excepting as hereinafter set forth when the consumer or consumer of water shall have requested to be put upon a meter rate, to-wit:

Dwellings.

Family of ten persons, or less, including all occupants.

(a) Ordinary use of water for drinking, or in cooking or washing.....\$0.75

Each person exceeding ten......10

Bath tub, each......25

Each additional bath tub......25

Water closet for use by all, each family......25

Urinal for use by all, each family......25

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Window jet, 1.8 inch inlet, upright......50

Water fixtures, not for public use, rate same as in "Stores."

(4)—Bar rate.....\$1.25

Hydraulic pump for beer......50

Water closet for beer......25

Each additional water closet......50

Meat, poultry or fish store......1.25

Water closet......50

Each additional water closet......25

Urinal......25

Steam or hot-water heater......50

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pants exceed six persons, the charge for each person in excess of six will be in addition to the schedule rate.....\$0.10

(d)—City Hall or Offices, same rates as "Halls" and "Offices," Police Station, same rate as "Offices, Halls and Lodgings."

City Stables, same rate as "Stables."

Fire Engine Houses, same rates as "Lodgings" and "Stables."

Fire Hydrants, each.....\$3.50

Fire Cisterns, each.....5.00

Crematory, same rates as "Manufactories."

City Parks, Sprinkling Streets, Flushing Sewers, etc., Meter rates

Building Purposes.

(e)—For each 1000 brick laid, including water for mortar.....\$0.15

For wetting each barrel of lime for other purposes than laying brick......15

For wetting each barrel of cement......10

For mortar for laying rock, per perch......05

For setting earth in ordinary sewer trench, per block......3.00

Swill and Slop Hoppers.

(ff)—For each slop hopper with outlet or waste pipes two or more inches in diameter and supplied with water direct from faucets, or in any manner other than by buckets.....\$5.00

Filling Cisterns—(Private)

(gg)—For each 1,000 gallons used.....\$0.50

Swimming Baths.

(hh)—For each 1,000 gallons used.....\$0.10

Less discount on Meter Rates.

Motors.

(ii)—For quantity of water used.....Meter rates.

Minimum rate.....\$1.00

Laundries.

(jj)—For quantity of water used.....Meter rates.

Minimum rate.....\$4.00

Minimum deposit.....5.00

Fire Protection.

(kk)—Pipes, to be used only in case of fire, will be allowed within buildings on the following conditions:

The fire pipes must be entirely disconnected from those used for other purposes, and the hose pipes or