

IN A SWARM OF BEES.

An Explorer's Painful Encounter With a Persistent Enemy. Schweinfurth gives the following description of a painful encounter which he and his men once had on the White Nile with some very small but powerful enemies. The boat was being towed by the crew. As the rope was drawn along through the grass on the banks, it happened that it disturbed a swarm of bees. In a moment, like a great cloud, they burst upon the men who were dragging; every one of them threw himself headlong into the water, and hurried to regain the boat. The swarm followed at their heels, and in a few seconds filled every nook and cranny of the deck. What a scene of confusion ensued may readily be imagined.

Without any foreboding of ill, I was arranging my plants in my cabin, when I heard all around me a scampering, which I took at first to be merely the frolics of my people. I called out to inquire the meaning of the noise but only got excited gestures and reproachful looks in answer. The cry of "Bees! bees!" soon broke upon my ear, and I proceeded to light a pipe. My attempt was entirely in vain, in an instant bees in thousands are about me, and I am mercilessly stung all over my face and hands. To no purpose do I try to protect my face with a handkerchief, and the more violently I fling my hands about, so much the more violent becomes the impetuosity of the irritated insects. The maddening pain is now on my cheek, now in my eye, now in my hair. The dogs from under my bed burst out frantically, overturning every thing in their way.

Losing well nigh all control over myself, I fling myself in despair into the river; I dive down, but all in vain, for the stings rain down still upon my head. Not heeding the warnings of my people, I creep through the reedy grass to the swampy bank. The grass lacerates my hands, and I try to gain the mainland, hoping to find shelter in the woods. All at once four powerful arms seize me, and drag me back with such force that I think I must be choked in the mud. I am compelled to go back on board, and flight is not to be thought of.

In the cooling moisture I had so far recovered my self-possession that it occurred to me to drag out a sheet, in which to envelope myself, and this measure at last gave me some protection, but I had first gradually to crush the bees which I had inclosed with me within the covering. Covering down convulsively, I lingered out thus three full hours, whilst the buzzing continued uninterruptedly, and solitary stings penetrated periodically through the linen.

Meantime, by great self-denial and courage on the part of my people, my large dog was brought on board to me, and covered with cloths; the other was unfortunately lost; in all likelihood was stung to death. By degrees every one became equally passive as myself; at length perfect silence reigned on board; the bees subsided into quietness. That evening, and for the next few days, I felt ready for an encounter with half a score of buffaloes, or a brace of lions, rather than have any thing more to do with bees, and this was a sentiment in which all the ship's company heartily concurred.—Youth's Companion.

PAYING BY THE MILE.

A Magazine Editor's Novel Bargain with a Young Contributor. "How much do you pay for such a story?" asked a young writer of a well-known magazine editor in New York, the other day. "Let me see your manuscript."

The young man produced his roll and submitted it to the editor. "You write a rather fine hand, and therefore I will give you twenty-five dollars for every quarter of a mile of writing that I accept."

"Twenty-five dollars for a quarter of a mile?" repeated the would-be contributor, aghast with surprise. "Yes, and that is a very good rate for an unknown writer like yourself. We pay all the way from \$100 to \$1,000 a mile for the work of the most noted writers, and I have paid a famous poet at the rate of \$40,000 a mile for a great poem which he wrote at my order. That is an exceptionally high price, though."

"How much would a mile make of my manuscript?" "I should say about ten thousand words."

"You don't mean to say that ten thousand of my words if strung in a row would make a mile?"

"Most assuredly not. But in writing ten thousand words your pen moves over a mile of space. With some writers a mile is only composed of eight thousand words, and there are some microscopic writers who crowd twenty thousand words into a mile. Those figures will give you an idea of the amount of territory the pen of a busy writer will cover in a year. Take a newspaper reporter, who writes on an average ten thousand words a week. His pen will travel fifty-two miles a year. A court stenographer, who frequently takes down forty thousand to sixty thousand words in a day, and transcribes part of his notes at night, will cover not less than four hundred miles a year. Take Alexander Dumas, the elder, who was one of the most prolific writers in the world. If he had done all of his own writing, he would have averaged five miles a day during his whole busy career. He often employed secretaries, however, though he did a large part of his work himself. You see it would take a long time for a man to draw a line around the world with his pen. It could be done, though."

—Chicago Times.

"A LITTLE NONSENSE."

At Sunday-school. Teacher—"Johnny, can you tell me what is the worst thing about money?" Johnny—"Ain't 'nough of it, ma'am."

Guest, suspiciously eyeing the flattened pillows and the crumpled sheets—"Look here, landlord, this bed has been slept in." Landlord, triumphantly—"That's what it's for."—Ber-dette.

"How is it you have so many young men call on you?" asked a jealous girl. "Because," was the reply, "father has the gout in one foot and the rheumatism in the other; besides we don't keep a dog."

"The Horrors of Whaling" heads an article in the Post-Express. The average American boy could write a big book upon that subject. Himself in the hold and his father at the spunk-er.—Danville Breeze.

Only a Little Word.—It was only a word That the silence stirred, But an import had it, A keel of despair To a loving pair—'Twas her father's one word, "OH!"—Boston Budget.

"How old are you, Mary?" asked Mrs. Blank of her house-maid. "Well, mum, I'm just twenty-six; but when I put my money in the bank, I told the man I was a good deal older, so's I'd get more interest on it." (A fact).—Harper's Bazar.

A writer in a zoological contemporary describes a hawk which he has trained "not only to whistle various airs, but also to accompany itself on a tambourine." If this isn't gammon the creature must be quite a winged hawk-estra itself.—Funny Folks.

"The pranks of Boreas in this vicinity lately reminds us of an original composition of a Nantucket miss of early time: "Wind is a very useful article; it blows down houses, roots up trees, and many people die for want of breath."—Nantucket Inquirer.

"The story of a catfish swimming up stream with a tin cup in its mouth, hunting for a drink of water, is quite a hoary-headed chestnut," said a caller at the Partisan office Monday; "but that's nothin' at all. Down at Ashworth's ferry they have to haul water two miles to run the boiler on the ferry-boat, the river is so infernally dry."—Carmi Partisan.

Not one of the four Presidents of the French Republic since its origin in 1870 was born in Paris.

The Duke of Beira, the little Prince of Portugal, has recovered from the burns he received through a sudden fire in his nursery.

An admirer of the United States steamship service erected a monument in a Chinese cemetery over the graves of United States men-of-war whose bodies lie there. Some of the deaths date back to 1851.

The wife of President Diaz, of Mexico, has established in the City of Mexico a large "Friendly Home of the Workingwoman," at which small children will be cared for during the day while their mothers are at work.

The only possible explanation of the circumstance that 23,226 letters containing \$7,644,486 negotiable paper found their way to the dead-letter office, is that the senders got confused studying the postal regulations and that they forgot to direct or stamp the missives.

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Henry Veget, a barber at Haddonfield, N. J., who deserted from the German army a year ago, has fallen heir to \$215,000.

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