

SNAKE PLAGUED MAN IS DYING

Luther King, of Florence, Does Not Believe He Will Live—Strange Story Told.

The Eugene Register prints the following remarkable story from Florence, Oregon.

Luther King, better known as "the rattlesnake king," who is slowly dying in Florence, does not believe that he will live till August and that at last there will be an end to his affliction, which he himself terms "the serpent's brand" and which has paralleled in the catalogue of afflictions. Last Tuesday evening the Evangelical Church of Florence arranged in a body for this old man to be buried in the ground. The Lord who visited a serpent curse so great that he hails as a relief that untold curse of mankind caused by the subtle reptile which "brought death into the world and all our woe."

In the early part of August, 1875, 30 years ago, Luther King was picking blackberries in the mountains of Idaho when a rattlesnake disengaged in its sleep, struck quietly and without warning and closed its fangs upon his leg a little below the knee that he dragged it to the ground, whipping and jerking for some time. He reached the house, and the poison was in his system. He was confined to bed for a few weeks and finally died. As he believes, all the subsequent history of the bite, all the suffering it has caused and its strange, almost incredible, manifestations, would not have occurred had it not been for one circumstance—the time of the year. August, as is well known, is dogs days, and during this month snakes shed, they are blind and they strike at everything they hear. It was the bite of a blind and shedding snake that brought death to the life of Luther King.

For twenty years, an unaccountable period of dormancy of the effect that afterwards took place, he went about sound and well, the snake bite practically forgotten. Then, on the last day of July, 1895, he felt a peculiar irritation on the bitten leg and upon the instep and not just below the knee where appeared the scar of the bite. The next morning, August 1, he woke up feeling dizzy and to find that the irritating spot on his knee was a running sore, rotter to the bone. All that month he slept on his back, scarcely anything and the functions of his body stopped. On the first of September he got out of bed and called for some thing to eat. By the fourth of September the sore was completely healed.

On the last of July, the next year he felt again an itching on his instep and on his knee, and he felt very much as with malaria. The next morning the year-old scar upon his instep had revived into a sore and two inches away was another sore, both running and both rotter to the bone. Again he slept the whole month through, with little drink of food, and imagining in his delirium that a rattlesnake was coiled up in his leg, under the skin. On the first of September he got up hungry and on the fourth of September the sores were well.

And so on the first of August of each year, with inexplicable regularity for eighteen years, his enforced fast of coma and fasting has been all the scars of the preceding year have revived, accompanied unobtrusively by a new sore, and with equally strange regularity, the sores have never failed to be entirely healed by the fourth of September. He now has eighteen scars upon his leg, that first sore on his instep, like a periodic volcano, has revived eight times; the second, seventeen times; and thus it becomes a simple problem in progressions to find that Luther King, bitten once by a live rattlesnake, has been rebitten seventeen times by an invisible and ghostly snake, that all through each August lies coiled there a dread and unaccountable Nemesis upon his leg. But still his affliction is as strange in its inconsistencies as in its consistencies. An unusual effect, as has been noted, was felt until twenty years after the bite took place and the scar of the bite did not break out anew till three years ago, thirty-five years after he had been bitten.

It seems indeed, as he believes and asserts, that a preternatural correspondence is being worked out between his life and the life of the snake that bit him. "I'm just like a snake in August," he says. "I shed my skin. The skin comes right off my back. I can just strip it right off. I don't eat nothing and I sleep all the time. And I'm pizen like a rattlesnake then. If I'd bite you in August it would kill you." He always has thought that when the sores reach the number of the snakes rattles, they will stop increasing and stop reviving, although he knows nothing of the size of the snake except that it was a very large one, he has been waiting hopefully each year, thinking that the "rattles had at last been counted."

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BROCKTON, Mass., May 1.—High cost of living does not bother Miss Augusta C. Norling as long as she can raise hens that lay four eggs every 10 hours.

"I just take good care of my hens and they make return by laying plentifully," she said. "I guess no one in this city has got a hen that will lay four eggs in 10 hours, and I will wager there isn't one in the country that will beat that record. My Peggy is queen of the flock. I have always made a pet of her. One day last week she was sick and I took her in the house. When I carried her back to roost there was an egg in the basket at the house. The next morning when I went out to see how she was getting along I found in her nest three more eggs that she had laid during the night."

LARGE TREES ARE FOUND.
Giants of Forest Grow Near the Base of Mt. Hood.

HOOD RIVER, Ore., May 1.—"In the forest reserves between the headwaters of the west fork of Hood River and the Bull Run lake are some very large trees, bigger than any I have ever seen anywhere else in the Northwest," says George T. Prather, a pioneer newspaper man and orchardist of the Hood River Valley.

The trees are said to be several hundred feet high, and to stand on the flat of a hidden canyon. Steep bluffs on either hand shut in the gorge in which they rear themselves and this reason is given for failure of those who fish in the Lost Lake district to have found the trees. There are two species of the great trees.

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LICENSE CLERK WANTS MATRIMONIAL BUREAU.

Receipt of 2,000 Letters Is Cause of Idea For Plan.

SEATTLE, Wash., May 1.—A state matrimonial agency is the plan of Claude F. Gage, marriage license clerk of King county, who is working to have a bill providing for such a bureau introduced in the next legislature.

During the last twelve months Mr. Gage has received letters from more than 2,000 persons, mostly women, living in all parts of the country, asking him to assist them in finding suitable life partners. Nearly 1,500 applications came from women living in the large industrial centers on the Atlantic seaboard.

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