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A SLAYER OF TIGERS.

Reputation an Englishman Has Made in Amoy, China.

Why Frank Leyburn's Name is Famed in All Parts of the Celestial Empire—How He Exterminated a Big Beast.

Frank Leyburn is the hero of China—that is, he is one of the heroes, though only a tea buyer for the firm of Jardine & Co., in Amoy, for he is famous as a slayer of tigers and as such is talked of in all that part of the great empire. The tiger of China, he thinks, is not so dangerous as that of India, but it is fiercer. Mr. Leyburn recently arrived in San Francisco on his way to London and gave some interesting details.

"With us," he said, "tiger hunting is a mere sport, just like deer stalking in America, but when a tiger gets a taste of human blood he at once becomes ferocious and is never satisfied with any other diet. They become transformed into what are known as man eaters. Such a one makes his lair near a village and waits his opportunity to seize a victim. Moonlight nights suit him best. At such a time he is extremely vigilant. He prowls about until he sees some belated straggler in the streets. This is an opportunity for which he has waited for hours, perhaps for days. There is the flash of a heavy body in the moonlight, a cry of terror, a brief struggle, and the man eater is off for his lair in the jungle bearing the helpless body of a human being in his massive jaws. Months later, it may be, the whitened bones are found in the dense undergrowth.

"One day two natives came to me at our place in Amoy, stating that a man had been carried off the night before from a neighboring village. This was just the opportunity I had been waiting for. Taking out a heavy express rifle which I had brought from London, I took the two natives to act as guides and started out. I had already learned something about the habits of the man eater and knew just how to go about it. From inquiry among the natives I ascertained the exact location of the lair of the tiger.



"AS HE WAS IN THE AIR I LET GO THE OTHER BARREL."

and for a small compensation I succeeded in securing the services of a coolie to guide me to the place.

"I had brought with me a bull's-eye lantern. Before night had set in fully I got everything in readiness and waited until it grew pitch dark. Having in the meantime located the exact position of the lair, I left my guide, who by this time was almost terror-stricken, behind me, and on my hands and

knees crept through the jungle. By the cautious use of my lantern I found the lair. Turning on the light, I was startled to discover the huge beast curled up and sound asleep. His head was resting on his paws and squarely facing me. As I prepared to level my rifle at him he stirred uneasily. Turning the light full upon him, he raised his head, but before he was thoroughly aroused I sent a ball from my rifle crashing through his brain. By good fortune I had struck him squarely between the eyes.

"There was a feast of rejoicing in the village when I returned with the skin. Just before I left China on my present trip I struck a man eater who was an old fellow and had a record of about twenty victims. I had with me a double-barreled rifle of large caliber. I found no difficulty in tracing him to his lair, but he gave me a narrow call before I succeeded in finishing him. The trouble was that when I found him he was awake and ferocious, apparently from the effects of hunger. I had shot so many that I thought nothing of it and gave my tiger one barrel out of my gun. Most unaccountably I missed him clean, and his eyes fairly blazed. Lashing the ground with his tail, he sprang toward me like a flash. As he was in the air I let go with the other barrel and struck him in the left shoulder, the heavy ball penetrating to his heart. He fell at my feet, and so close was he that before he died I could feel his hot breath upon me. It was the most narrow escape that I ever had. When measured, the tiger was found to be almost 12 feet in length, and his claws were 1 1/2 inches in length. I had the latter mounted and distributed among my friends."

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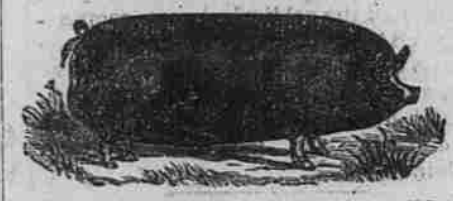
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