

The Advertiser's Polk County Signal.

AN ADVENTURE WITH KANIBALS.

Those persons who have supposed that I am one of the common place men who never had an adventure, are widely mistaken. I've traveled far and wide and saw much. The adventure I had with kanibals was probably the narrowest escape I ever had. The fact will be found below:

I had started for foren sile in a ship. A storm kum on and the ship tipp over, and I fell out. A barl of petrolyum ile floated near me and I laid hold onto it, and out on the bi lo all boundless I rid. Waz wash ashore about midnite. Roll ed myself across the barl of Petrolyum tew get old shun out of my stumtick, laid down and went to sleep.

I wuz awake in the mornin' by a peccolyar gratin' noise, and risin' tew a stin' postur the site which met my gaze waz one which made mi u-hill kurly lox stand on end as strate as a patch of seed onions. Betow me stood fifteen naked half starved savages, flin' their teeth with whet-stons, and piurin' fust at me and then tew ther luk stumticks. all the while grinnin' like a lot of jack o' lanterns. Ine dreadfull ork bust up on me in all ov its fearful significance I waz doomed to be a free lunch to kan nibals!

Reader, its a tryin' sitooshun tew stand under a galus with a rope com muniashun fram yore nek tew the cross beam; its hard tew fall fram the rufe ov a fourteen story house and see an iron picket lens a comin' tew meet you hart way, and in fact its rayther unpleasant tew di a natral deth, or be pi zened, but tew sit on a loney shore, be fore brakust, and feel sartain tew be in less'n five minits yore be a slidin' down the inside ov fifteen Kanibals' necks, iz a wuz intence.

Sez I, in a shaky vois, mi smilin' luds of promise, I jest kum larst nite. I'm fram the ile regins, and I'm in a trace in agint for Petrolyum. Petrolyum, you kno, mi gallyent oak tanned spots, iz wun ov our nashunal drinks in Ameri ka. I've got wun barl here which I kaikoolate that I will retail tew you at ten cents per nip, f-der taken in grade.

I am quite sartain that they understood me, but it wuz painfullly evredet that they did not at the drift ov my remark, for 8 ov 'em snatched me and the other 7 the Petrolyum and tuk tew a loney spot karpated with shun bones and skulls—the property of Missionaries I serposed. Accorst 2 krotches I laid a sharp iron rod with a krank at one end, evredenty a spit tew roast foax on. Now when I imagined miselt stuck onto that apparatus, and a hungry Kanibal turnin' the krank as peacely as an Italyun grinds hiz organ, I felt sick at hart, and wisht I ed took the old gum's advice and staid tew hum. Sumthin' must be done. Ah! I wood try the old acquaintance dodge on 'em. Walkin' up tew him who acted as boss, and slappin' him aff-ek-hunate ly on hiz shoulder, I sed:

Hello, ole boy, yure tanned so that I dident kno you at fust. You remember me, doant you—you ole skule mate? He slapt hiz hands on his tartinted stumtick, and showin' fourteen or fift teen grinders which would hev been ov good serviss in an old-fashioned Seoch drag, says he:

Hivhaduhohoboo Buckerochevoo! That's so, I said, I remember that distinctly, and you kno we traded spel lin' books wunst, and swapt gum. Our foax wuz naybers, and the freedom ov our seller dore wuz allus stended to the seat of yore breeches. And later in life, you kno, we ran a whiskey bin at the same bar and wuz carried hum on the same shu ter. Where hev you been ever since you quit collage? Why I'm awful tickled tew see you, ole boy, giv us yore hand for 90 days.

He giv it tew me—akrost the mouth and mi hed and heels changed places. Then he giv me hiz foot, and I dun the Green tend in 4 tabloos. I wish I could remember the eckquis it gems of profanity I flung at him at ter that display of frendship. I've hed okkashun to use 'em sense on diffirent obj's, but they hev skapt mi memory.

While this hed bin goin' on, a big fire hed bin started under the horribil spit, and things commens tew assume a business aspect. It wuz painfullly evredet that ther wuz sun ko-kin' gon tew be dun, and I wuz the raw gum that wuz tew be kooked. At this pint I arose and sed:

Mi dark skiad epikoors, it pains me tew be comjered tew put a stop tew this Barbecue. It would giv me untold pleshur tew form a subject for yore maskakushun, but you mus-ent eat me I'm had pork, I'm afficted with the Trichina the wuz way, and if you chow me ther'll be sun deths in yore family.

Ther wuz a short konsultashun held which ended in thur brakin' in the hed wuz the barl of Petrolyum, having com tew the concle-w-hun to take a drink before proceedin' to get bakfast. They tuk mi plug h-t for a dipper, each drink in a hat full around. Az the boss razed the foud tew hiz lips I called on him for a oast. He giv me a look az much az I wuz say, I'll sume call on you for a roast!

I've seen sick fokes, but them Kan nibals wer the deethlyest sick mortals I

ever saw. I amosed miselt awhile by brown Petrolyum over 'um and settin' em afire, and then left. I wuz a nar ter escape, and I a lus think ov it with a shudder.

N. B. In 'ritin' a narrativ, it iz ness- essary tew stre ch the truth a litte for the sake of eckfekt. This narrativ iz strikly tru exceptin' it may be, the site anishuns tew shipreck and Kan nibals. KRINGLE.

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