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SACRED MONKEYS.

Disturbance of the Adjuncts to the Brahmin Worship.

In certain parts of India monkeys are regarded as objects of worship. In "Reminiscences of Seventy Years' Life, Travel and Adventure," the author was about to enter the court of a large monkey temple at Nuddea, when the officiating Brahmin said: "No person must visit the court of Hinnam—the monkey god—with his shoes on." After some discussion, however, the point was yielded, the party entering without removing their shoes. Of another occasion he writes:

In passing by the country, when near to Nuddea, I happened to stroll into a bamboo grove, or jungle, when the boat had put to for the night. I had not advanced far before I heard a terrible uproar all around, and was not a little alarmed, on looking up, to behold a whole army of the largest monkeys making towards me from all quarters.

Some jumped on the ground before me, others swung by the bamboo over my head, and many closed up the path in my rear. Several females had young ones clinging to them, but this did not seem to render them less agile and upon me again, without being affected by my noise.

Once more I stood still and gave a tremendous shout, when back they went again. I gained full twenty yards this time before they came jumping around; and just as I was about to repeat the call, my hopes were raised by beholding a poor, decrepit old woman some hobbling through the midst of them.

She shook two or three of them by the paws as she passed; but no sooner had she come within hearing than she stopped upon me a torrent of abuse for disturbing the sacred animals in their retirement. She gestured me, with almost frantic gestures, to depart quickly, and her tongue never ceased till I was quite out of hearing.

I was not long in fulfilling her commands, as the monkeys all seemed implicitly to obey her bidding, and made a way for my retreat. When I quitted the jungle I met my servant, who said he was coming to tell me not to disturb the monkeys, as Hanuman owned that bamboo grove. The old woman, it appeared, was employed by the Brahmins to give the monkeys food every day; beside which they were worshipped by all the people in the country round, who brought offerings of rice and sweetmeats to them continually.

AN ALLIGATOR STORY.

Lost Messenger Boy in India Discovered in an Alligator's Throat.

"Of all the inhabitants of the great rivers of India the alligator is the most formidable," said Capt. L. E. Ballou, of London, England, recently, according to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. "While I was stationed there several years ago I saw a slight thought of which always caused a shudder to creep over me. A lady near where I lived had sent a little native boy with a letter to a friend at some little distance.

Coal-Dust Explosions.

The mining of coal is attended with many dangers, but none more to be dreaded than the dust explosions that are liable to occur at any instant and against which, in many instances, not even the most ordinary precautions are taken. The air becomes thick with dust, which by some means comes in contact with flame, and the fire, spreading with inconceivable rapidity, causes the most terrific explosions. It is claimed that all danger in this direction may be removed by a carefully-arranged system of spraying water through all the passageways. The wet particles at once fall to the ground and may be washed away by falling water or trodden down by the feet of the miners. Recent investigation seems to prove that gas alone, produced comparatively few of the more dreadful accidents, but that gas and coal dust mingled make an explosive compound that is greatly to be dreaded.

On Board of a Donkey.

A man-of-war was lying off Gibraltar, and permission was given the men to go ashore for the day. The sailors amused themselves in various ways—among others by riding on donkeys, and their want of experience in this line caused much merriment. An officer, observing one of the men sitting far back on the animal, instead of the usual position, called out: "I say, Jack, get up more amidships!" With an injured air, the sailor replied: "Well, sir, this is the first craft I ever commanded in my life, and it's hard, indeed, if I can't ride on the quarter-deck if I like."

STOPPED THE DUEL.

The Cool Man Objected to Being Riddled with One Bullet.

"Down in my neighborhood, once upon a time," said Congressman John Allen, of Mississippi, recently, "there was had a fight between two lawyers. A challenge was sent and duly acknowledged. The hour was appointed and the two men met in a secluded spot. One of them was a great sufferer from St. Vitus' dance, the other was cool and collected. As they faced each other, the afflicted man began to tremble from head to foot, while his pistol described an arc with varying up and down strokes. His opponent stood firm as a rock, waiting for the signal to fire. Before it came, however, he laid his pistol on the ground, walked into the woods and cut a limb of a tree, with a fork in the end of it. This he brought back and stuck in the ground in front of his antagonist. Then, turning to the second, he said: 'I must request you to ask your principal to rest his pistol in that fork.' 'What for?' asked his opponent's second. 'Well,' replied the other, 'I have no objection to running the risk of one shot, but I certainly do decline having one bullet make a honey-comb of me. If that man was to shoot while his hand is shaking the way it is now, he would hit me full of holes at his first shot.' This was too much for the seconds, and, by mutual agreement, a truce was patched up and no shots were exchanged."

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