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SOME STRANGE BOWERS

Visible Only to the Alcoholic Vision of Tipplers.

Tough Yarns Spun by Seasoned Calligraphers About Lizards and Other Small Dots Drifting from the Clouds.

Col. Dixie, Judge Dulce and Maj. Finney came over from the Harrow diggings one evening recently with a big story about a storm a few evenings before on the Laramie plains in which it rained lizards. They had been over the divide to the Waterman ranch, and on returning were overtaken by a gale, which presently brought rain. For an hour or so it poured in torrents, and then, just at dusk, they felt something solid striking them occasionally. At length the colonel, who was sitting on the back seat, says a writer in the New York Sun, reached down into the wagon box and pulled out a "water dog" about six inches long. This convinced the tourists that an extraordinary storm was in progress, and to some extent prepared them for what followed.

"Little by little," said the judge, "the bombardment increased, and until lizards and toads were thicker than flies. We turned up our coat collars and pulled down our hats, but it did no good. They'd strike us in the face, in the lap, on the back and all over, and the horses became wild with terror. We lost our way, and the major got out to look at the ground, but jumped back into the wagon again with a yell, saying it was knee deep with lizards. By this time it had stopped raining and we came to the conclusion, after mature reflection, that the area of the storm could not be large, and that if we moved straight ahead in almost any direction we would soon be out of it. Acting on this determination we started up again, and in the course of half an hour we struck hard ground. We camped near there, and when daylight came we went back a ways and examined the lizards. There were millions of them, the great majority of them being dead as the result of their fall; but there were plenty of live ones, and the way they were crawling was a caution."

Some one having asked what theory they had to advance in explanation of this visitation, the major said that there was a lake on the summit of the mountain of toward Banner that was full of lizards, and he had no doubt that the wind, which was very high, had scooped out that body of water with all its contents and dumped them on the Laramie plains. He knew of a similar case in Kansas. A tornado had followed the line of a river and scooped it out clear for a distance of nine miles, taking farmers living thirty miles from the stream, and fish, turtles and frogs in their front doorways, and believed they had rained down. The colonel said he had brought a few of the lizards in to show the folks, and he would get them, but after searching the wagon box in vain, he was forced to apologize by saying that they had probably come to life and crawled away.

Capt. Nelson, the saloonkeeper, who had been a patient listener, shook his head and said:

"Old Hank Moore was the only man I ever knew who could get 'em and be kind of pleasant and sociable with 'em. He never made no fuss, never got excited, and never got scared. He'd be walking along on the sidewalk, and all of a sudden he would see a little baby elephant ahead of him, and would run along and try to climb on his back. Then, when he'd fall, he'd swear that somebody tripped him up, and he'd get all over it. An hour later he would get you off in the corner and tell you confidentially that he wanted a drink, but that he couldn't swallow it unless you took that alligator of the bar. I've seen Hank go out in the street lots of times to avoid stepping on a toad that he thought he saw. But he was always happy and good natured about it. He could see more elephants in a minute than any man you ever knew, and sometimes when they were particularly thick he would get up a dance with them. He was a pleasant man to have around. When he got the tremens, he would always get them right, and nobody was the worse for it."

"One day he came in from the Dodge City plains with a long story about seeing a drove of elephants out there. I didn't know him so well then as I did afterward, and he was so quiet about it that I believed him, and just for the fun of the thing I drove out there with him. After we had gone a few miles he made me stop and then start up slow because he didn't want to hurt them."

"Hurt what?" says I.

"The little elephants," said he.

"Then I looked at him, and he jumped out of the buggy and began to chase one of them. Pretty soon I got tired, and I began to chase him. He and I had it there for about two hours, but I ran him down, and got him into the wagon. Then he wanted me to take one of them home with me, and just to please him I pretended to put one into the wagon. He patted the imaginary elephant, and was very contented with it until we got most to Laramie, and then it vanished."

After all hands had partaken of the landlady's cheer, he added:

"Now, then, judge, major and colonel, I don't mind if you say that Hank Moore's drove of elephants was seen in the same place that the lizards were, but there was something rather extraordinary about the way he led 'em. I'm afraid you're mixing a little too much."

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So the building goes on until the launching day comes, and two broad ways are built up against the bottom of the vessel, and the keel-blocks on which it has been resting are knocked away. In the launch of the Indiana Mr. Nixon ran a row of electric lights beneath the bottom of the vessel, adding another innovation to the details and the ship's building. Each launching way consists of upper and lower planking, between which is spread thousands of pounds of the best tallow. At the bow of the boat these upper and lower planks are clamped together, and when all is ready they are saved apart, and the vessel starts. The upper part of the ways slides into the water with the vessel, and the lower part with the smoking hot tallow remains stationary.

A launch in these days is so smooth, and so soon ended, rarely occupying more than twelve seconds from start to finish; that one scarcely realizes its difficulties. Three things are absolutely necessary: it must be on time, when the tidal water is highest; it must be of its downward journey to the water; and it must be accomplished without straining. So complex a thing is a launch that the careful engineer-in-charge is able to estimate the strain on every part of the vessel for every position it occupies, at intervals of one foot, on its way down the incline.

There is one supreme moment. It is when the vessel is nearly two-thirds in the water. The buoyancy of the water raises the vessel and throws its weight on its shoulders. Here is where the engineer of the launching comes, and should the ways break down the vessel would be ruined, a matter of nearly two million dollars in a ship like the Indiana when it was launched.

The launch over, the machinery is lifted in and fitted, and then comes the board of government experts, who look the vessel over inch by inch, the fire is started and the trial trip follows. For four hours, amid suppressed excitement that anyone nervously to the excitement of the vessel, the engines are run at full speed. A premium or a penalty is at stake now. The breakage of a bolt or the disarrangement of a valve may mean thousands of dollars of loss to the contractors. Trained workmen are locked in the firerooms, pooled drinking water with oatmeal spread over on it to run down to them, and a rubber tube from a boiler is run to the deck. A hose is placed on the machinery in places where there is danger from overheating, as though it were on fire. Almost every pound of coal used on the trip is carefully selected.

When the four hours are passed and the strain is over a sigh of relief from everyone is heard, and from the vessel healthy progress up, and the ship proceeds on her trial trip. The government, and the contractor, who is in commission, the day will be celebrated and the scene or more of other ceremonies and formalities observed on a man-of-war will follow.

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