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## GRAND GAME.

### HUNTING THE ELEPHANT IN ORAMBOLAND, AFRICA.

### THRILLING EXPERIENCE OF A TOURIST.

### A WOUNDED BULL TURNS AND GIVES LIVELY CHASE—ATTACKING A PEACEFULLY GRazing HERD.

### South African Letter.

I little expected, when listening to Artemus Wards five minutes lecture on Africa, that I would ever be found in its jungles shooting elephants, lions and other large game. Ward made a serious blunder when he said Africa was celebrated but for one thing, and that was the rose—meaning, as he explained it, the negroes. Much as has been written on the subject, and graphically as many parts of it have been described, there yet remains at least as much untold. I could fill your paper with hair-breadth scapes, personal encounters with the noble kings of the forest and other equally unpleasant and annoying companions; describe the characters and peculiarities of the different nations, the rivers, lakes and general appearance of the country, but will at present confine myself to

### My First Elephant Hunt.

One word in regard to Cape Town. It is about as filthy and undesirable a place for a permanent residence as could be found under the sun. Its population of nearly 40,000, is composed of about as motley a lot as ever existed in one place: Mayhays, Hindoos, Madagascars, Mozambiquers, Kafirs, Hottentots, Arabs, St. Helenians and a mixture of the whole, every shade of color from white to coal black. On landing you are shouted at in every imaginable tongue for the privilege of carrying your luggage from the dock to the hotel. The houses are mostly one and two stories, built of brick, stuccoed and whitewashed on the outside, with stoops projecting into the streets, which are with one or two exceptions, without sidewalks. There is no system of sewerage, which accounts for the filthy condition of the place.

### Marching in the Jungle.

The morning was clear, with usual accompaniment of intense African heat. We started on the track, and from that time, with the exception of a few brief breathing spells, we kept up the march until after 1 o'clock, when we overtook our game. The sun was pouring its blistering rays down on us at about 110 degrees. The animals were first discovered by one of our bushmen, who had climbed a tree to take observations, and were standing contentedly and on good terms with each other in the shade of some large trees. It recalled to mind my youthful observations on the first elephant I ever saw, and could hardly realize the fact that I was about to test with lead the capacity of the elephantine hide.

### The First Shot.

After a preliminary rest and consultation we crept forward to within about fifty yards of where the elephants stood. On account of my leadership I was given the honor of the first shot. I cast my eyes over the herd and selected the largest in sight. I raised my gun and blazed away, the natives following with their shots immediately after. Part of the herd, when they discovered the condition of affairs, considered that discretion was the better part of valor, and rushed away. But I soon found that I had as much as I could attend to without observing the actions of my companions, for the elephant that I had wounded cocked his ears, elevated his trunk, and with a loud trumpeting rushed straight for me at the top of his speed. I soon found that the condition of affairs had become somewhat reversed; instead of me hunting the elephant, the elephant was exerting no inconsiderable amount of

## A Russian Aerial Ship.

The Progress of Science for June details a marvelous story of aerial navigation, on the authority of a correspondent in Calcutta, who professes to have received a letter from Edward Z. Ward, a New York engineer in the Russian service, dated at Cashmere. He stated that the late Czar was long engaged in fitting out a secret expedition to Moscow. The force engaged consisted of seventy-three men, who were transported to the Caspian, as soon as the ice broke up, in several river boats loaded with mysterious boxes. On reaching a small port not far from Asterabad the party landed, and the boats, each mounted with one or two cannon, were drawn up to protect the expedition. Workshops were erected and earthworks thrown up, the cannon mounted, and then the vessels disappeared, the guard being augmented by parties in Persian uniforms. The principal workshop had high walls but no roof, and within it was put together a flying machine, composed of the supervision of Col. Rougrer Des Goyas, a French scientist, long resident in Russia. The machine was more than one hundred feet long, with vast steel wings one hundred and fifty feet long. These wings, though most bulky and of powerful mechanism, stretched out their immense steel feathers, and fanning the air with a gentle but most majestic motion, assisted the air-bote to rise every instant with rapidity, augmented by the gases generated in the interior. The boat contained seventy-three equipped men, with provisions, ammunition, machinery and raw material and tools for repairing, and this immense weight was raised without difficulty. For six days and a half the air-ship floated aloft, over some four or five hundred leagues of stupendous mountain scenery, the ample air chambers of the boat modifying the inconveniences of atmospheric rarity. The boat landed near Isambad, Cashmere, and it was expected would return to the shores of the Caspian or Tashkend. The writer promises to return to the United States when released, and give more details of his now incredible story.

## Minnesota Supplied.

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## LEGEND OF THE OPAL.

A dew-drop came, with a spark of flame  
He had caught from the sun's ray  
To a violet breast, where he lay  
Till the hours brought back the day.  
The rose looked down, with a blush and frown  
But never smiled all at once, to view  
Her own bright form, with its coloring warm,  
Reflected back by the dew.  
Then the stranger took a stolen look  
At the sudden rags around;  
And a leaflet green, with its silver sheen,  
Was seen by the lover, too.  
A cold north wind, as he thus reflected,  
Of a sudden raged around;  
And a maiden fair, who was walking there,  
Next morning an opal found.  
—Anna C. Adams.

## DESPONDENCY.

The thoughts that rain their steady glow  
Like stars on life's cold sea,  
Which others know, or say they know,  
Do never shine for me.  
Thoughts light, like gleams, my spirits sky:  
But they will not remain;  
They light me once, then hurry by,  
And never come again.

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