### FIGHTING AN ELEPHANT.

A Bishop's Story of an Exciting Exparience In Africa.

The strongest opponents to the advance of civilization in west Central Africa, says Bishop Lambuth, the Methodist missionary, are the wild elephants. They break down fences, trample gardens, pull up trees and even telegraph poles, because they object to anything strange in their familiar haunts. One savage monster nearly wrecked a small steam launch belonging to the mission on the upper reaches of the Kongo.

The boat, with three white men in cluding the bishop, and a crew of five negroes, had tied up on the edge of a forest in a quiet bend of the river. A stout plank was laid as a gangway from the bow to the bank, and the crew worked until nightfall cutting and piling firewood for the boat's furnace. Then they came on deck for their evening meal. The three white men were already at dinner when a fearful yell from the natives brought them out of the cabin to see a large elephant viciously attacking the woodpile. The blacks went ashore with firebrands anatched out of the cook stove to drive the monster away. But he paid no attention to them until he had demolished the woodpile, when he whipped one man with his trunk heels over head into the river and chased the others back into the boat.

Thundering after, with red guller open, tusks flashing and trunk flailing the air, be planted both tremendous fore feet on the gangplank. It bent until it cracked under his weight, but held stoutly, although the whole boat careened and seemed ready to capsize.

In another moment the elephant had crossed the plank and was astride it with bind feet on the shore and fore feet on the bont. There he stood. afraid to advance or retreat, a gigantic image of buffled rage. In his fury he began stamping with those great fore feet, and the boat rocked crazily back

What might have bappened if the monster had come aboard with all his frenzied weight can only be imagined for the captain by this time had fetched the only rifle on board and, risking all on one shot, had thrust the muzzle almost into the gaping mouth and pulled the trigger.

Fortunately the bullet lodged in the base of the brain. The elephant tumbled to his knees and into the water next the bank, his bulk thrusting the boat aside so suddenly that it snapped the bowlines and sent the men stagger ing to the gunwale.

At the next government trading post the captain had two splendid tusks to show as the result of his cool daring: but, to his astonishment, he was ar rested for shooting the elephant without a license. It was with great difficulty that the government official was convinced that the animal had been shot in self defense. Even then be confiscated the ivory .-- Youth's Companion.

### American Inventive Ingenuity.

Of the epoch making inventions of the world during the past fifty years. forty-eight in number. Americans are credited with thirty-five, which include the telephone, typewriter, cash register. incandescent lamp, talking machine, electric furnace reduction, electrolytic alkall production, transparent photographic film, motion picture machine. buttonbole sewing machine, carborunchine, single type composing machine, continuous process match machine. chrome tanning, disk plow (modern type), welt machine, electric lamp, recording adding machines, celluloid, automatic knot tying machine, machine for making barbed wire, etc.--Popular Science Monthly.

### Also Spoke In Deven.

Though "some" is recognized as an Americanism today, it has really been borrowed from us, one of our verbal emigrants that have found a wider application in a new environment and visit us now with a "Made In U. S. A." stamp on them. The word is still part of the termicular of Devon (Telgn valley district), where you may be greeted by "It did rain zum (some)." to indicate the extent of a recent down pour. Devonshire has furnished the United States with other verbal emigrants, such as "guess," "calklate" and "recken." all now branded as American goods.-London Chronicle.

### He Got a Hough.

The agricultural education that we hear about should not be confined to the country. The city needs it too. A man went into a Boston department store one day and asked for a hoe. The young woman at the counter pass: ed him a trowel and, finding that it was not what be wanted, asked bim to pick out a hoe from the pile of garden tools. He did so. Then the saleswom an made out the slip, "One hough, 75 cents."-Youth's Companion.

### Putting Out Gasoline Fires.

Experiments by the British fire prevention committee show that the best way to put out a small gasoline fire is to spread over the burning liquid a mixture of ten pounds of Mearbonate of soda and twelve pounds of common sawdust, free from chips and shav-

### Keep It Dark.

May-Of course you know that our engagement is secret. Jane-Oh, yes; so I am told by everybody!-Penrson's

### QUESTIONS TO ANSWER.

See How Well Posted You Are, and Figure Out Your Percentage.

Raymond A. Kent, assistant professor of education and principal of the University high school, gave an examination to the juntor and senior classes of the College of Education to test their general knowledge.

Fifty questions were asked, as fol-

Name the vice president of the United States; governor of Minnesota, ruler, with title, of England; ruler, with title, of Germany; United States senators from Minnesota.

Locate Petrograd, Vatican, Collseum, Parthenon, Golden Horn, Golden Gate. Who was the "Little Corporal?" Played the harp before Saul? Invented the telegraph? Discovered the Pacific ocean? Wrote nine symphonies? Received the Ten Commandments?

What is the motto of the United States? Is the triple entente? Is the blood forcing organ? Is the center of the nervous system? Is the normal temperature of the body? Is the maximum weight carried by the parcel

Who wrote "Captains Courageous?" "Treasure Island?" "The Virginians?" "The Virginian?" "Franklin's Autobiography?" "Paul Revere's Ride?"

Complete the following: "Fools rush in"- "It's a long way"- "Give me ifberty"- "What is so rare"-

Why are the following famous: Alexander Graham Bell? Father Damien? Daniel Boone? Edward McDowell? Florence Nightingale? Fritz Kreisler? Mary Pickford?

In what books do the following charecters appear: Aladdin? Shylock? Little Eva? Rowena?

Some fell as low as 16 per cent on the examination, and the general average was not high. The same test was given to high school students, and they fell still lower in percentages earned .-New York Sun.

### BATTLE WITH A BOG.

Redmire's Suction Tore the Leather Gaiters Off a Man's Legs.

Readers of "Lorna Doone" can never forget the terrible drowning of Carver in the bog. That death trap is still to be seen in the Exmoor country, and not long ago a valuable hunting horse was engulfed in the mire, and his rider barely escaped with his life. S. Baring-Gould, who had a narrow escape from a similar English bog, tells of it in his "Book of the West." The author was with an official from the ordnance survey, who was correcting the map of the country:

"In the dusk we lost our way and got into Redmire. It was winter, the bog was unusually wet, and we could scarcely trip from one stone to another. Six bullocks had been lost in that very spot during the year.

"All at once I sank above my waist and was rapidly being sucked in farther. I called to my companion, but in the dark he could not see me. The water reached to my armpits. Happily I had with me a stout bamboo six feet long. I placed it athwart the surface and held my arms as far extended as possible. By quickly jerking my body I gradually lifted it, and then I threw myself forward as far as I Finally I managed to cast myself full length on the surface. suction was so great that it tore the leather guiters off my legs.

"For a quarter of an hour I lay stretched out, gasping, before I got to dry soil."

### Food and Strength.

Remember that the food you take one day supplies the strength you put forth the next. It is then a mistake to take a heavy ment on the day of beavy work. The time to take it is the day before.

Wise stablemen know this, and when a borse has a long day's drive before him they give him only what is called a "check feed," a very light meal, to be followed at night with a beavy one.

So there are two good reasons for a man's not eating much on the day of stress. It adds nothing to his strength on that day, and the process of digestion calls the blood to work at the stomach when every onnce of it is needed at the brain.

### Surveying Land.

The art of land surveying owes its origin to the fact that the Egyptians were unable to keep permanent monuments on land which was overflowed every year by the Nile. Under such elreumstances it became necessary to have some means of reidentitying the various pieces of land. The instru ments and mathematical methods of astronomy, with suitable modifications. were used by the Egyptians for land surveying.

### Preliminaries.

"You ought to forgive your enemies." "I may eventually," replied Senator Sorghum. "But I should like to give them a lesson beforehand, so that they will know my forgiveness is generous and strictly voluntary."-Washington

### What's the Use?

He Do you think I ought to see your husband about my marrying your danighter? She Dear me, no! He will rend all about it in the papers. - Puck.

Dashawny-You have splendid look-ing clothes, old man. Who is your tailor? Cleverton-He's the first man you see as you go out .- Life.

# **MEXICAN REPUBLIC**

It Owes Its Very Existence to the United States.

### A MONROE DOCTRINE VICTORY

At a Time When We Had Troubles of Our Own We Said "Hands Off!" to the Powers of Europe That Tried to Raise a Monarchy In America.

If it had not been for the United States there would now be no republic

Like all the twenty republics south of us. Mexico has been under the protection of the Monroe doctrine. The doctrine has been often questioned by European powers, but only once has a serious attempt been made to violate This was between 1861 and 1865.

when the United States was engaged in internecine warfare that imperiled its very existence. Just as soon as our war broke out the warships of England, Frame and Spain set sail for Mexico and took presession of Vers Cruz, Secretary Seward notified the three allied powers of our deep concern and anxiety for the security and welfare of the Mexican republic and that our fleet would be stationed in the gulf of Mexico to look after our interests.

England and Spala soon withdrew, but it became evident that Napoleon III. intended to overthrow the republic of Mexico as he had the republic of France. A fictitious empire was forced. upon Mexico by French troops, and an Austrian archiluke, Maximilian, was selected as the puppet sovereign. The French invasion was directed against all the republics of the new world. It was prophesied in Paris that in ten years every South American republic would be converted into a monarchy and the United States into a dictatorship.

The hands or the American government were tied, but the voice of the American people could not be silenced. In the midst of our own war, when war with England seemed imminent. the house of representatives risked a war with France by passing a vote of 109 to nothing that "It does not accord with the policy of the United States to acknowledge any monarchical government erected upon the ruins of any republican government in America under the auspices of any European power.

Nothing more could be done at the time, but just as soon as our war was over General Grant proposed to organize an army of combined Union and Confederate soldiers who would volunteer to march to the City of Mexico and expel the Austrian emperor. He selected General Schofield to enlist troops for service on the republican side of Mexico. The war department gave General Schofield a leave of absence for a year, with permision to go beyond the limits of the United States and to take with him any of his staff officers that he wanted. In the meantime Grant sent Sheridan to the Rio Grande with 50,000 troops, which were distributed along the frontier, where they threatened the French lines.

But fortunately force was not neces. sary. The show of force was sufficient and Schoffeld was sent to Paris to ne gotiate for the retirement of the French troops instead of into Mexico to drive them out. The secretary of breath enough to worm myself along state netified Napoleon in November. 1805, that the United States "still regarded the effort to establish perma nently a foreign and imperial govern ment in Mexico as disallowable and impracticable." As the emperor of the French did not seem disposed to pay any attention to this Mr. Seward so: a definite date for the withdrawal of the French troops.

The Mexican republicans under Jan res had been keeping up a brave fight for freedom, although Maximilian bad ordered all of them shot wherever caught, without trial or the possibilit. of pardon. As soon as the United States had compelled the withdrawa! of the French the republicans verable to overcome the Imperialists with no official assistance from the United States. Their victory was marred by the unnecessary execution of the would be emperor in spite of the interposition of Secretary Seward.

But the United States had to sty Hands off!" to Austria as well as to France. Rather than have an Austrian archduke ignominiously dismounted from the throne it was planned to shop 10,000 Austrian troops from Trieste to Vera Cruz. But our minister at Vienna, Mr. Motley, was told by Secretary Seward that if Austria allowed a sin gle soldler to embark for Mexico the United States would break off relations at once. The Austrian government saw the point and prohibited the shipment of the troops enlisted for Mexico .- New York Independent

### What It is That Wine.

A countrywoman remarked to her neighbor during a conversation on their return from market, "How is it. Mary, that you have been married four times and I've never been married at all and I'm much handsomer than

"Aye, to be sure," returned Mory, "but it ain't handsomeness that does it, Sarah. It's the 'come hither' in

### Worthy of Admiration.

Her Dad-So you want to marry my daughter? I like your nerve. Sultor-Well, sir, you ought to. I spent a whole lot of time working it up.-Bosron Transcript.



### FALL MATINEE OUTFIT.

At shades of purple loom large in autumn tints. So this beautiful suit is made of a dark purple velvet set off with silk braid and a bit of fur around the sbort coat's bottom. The standup collar is also fur, but the dashing, soldierly hat is what makes the cos-



### MILITARY LINES.

Her soldier boy's cont has served as a unity model here. Tan broadcloth is out with a full skift, double capes and wide revers. This severity is relieved a bit by four rows of stitching done in points around the skirt at the knee line, the cuits, the collar and the shoulder line of the capes. Please observe the dashing little but that good lines. wide ribbon and a buckle achieve.

### Velocity of Raindrops. Of course we all know that it would

be an utter impossibility for storm clouds to form and rain to fall were it not for the miles of atmosphere that rises above our heads. But, supposing it were possible for human beings to exist in an atmosphere that only rese to a level with their months and that storm clouds could form in the region outside such a low grade atmosphere. then every raindrop would prove as fatal to earthly creatures as if it were a steel bullet fired from a dynamite gun.-Löndon Nature

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