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KILL SHARKS FOR FUN.

Kanakas Can Whip the Man Enters in a Fair Fight.

In the Pacific ocean lives a race of men who outswim fish and who can kill man eating sharks in a fair fight. They are Kanakas, the seamen who are natives of the Hawaiian Islands.

"A native can whip a shark because he can outswim him," states an American who has been living in the islands many years. "I never heard of a native being injured by a shark, and there is a superstition among them that a shark is afraid of a Kanaka and will refuse to fight. This is not true, however, and grew out of the fact that a native always whips a shark. A Kanaka will spy a shark and, taking a knife between his teeth, dive in after him. It is a fair fight, because the shark has teeth that are as deadly as the knife. The shark will make for the swimmer, and when it is in range will drop suddenly on its side, which position is necessary before it can use its powerful jaws to crush an enemy. As the shark turns the native will sink rapidly and come up and rip the creature open with a quick slash of the knife. Sometimes they will avoid the shark time after time, cutting it on the nose and pricking it to arouse its anger.

"For excitement it outfills a bull fight."—Detroit Free Press.

TUBES FOR LUNGS.

Complex System by Which Insects Are Enabled to Breathe.

While mammals have lungs and fishes gills, insects have neither one nor the other. Instead they present a complex system of tubes running throughout the length of their bodies, whereby the air is conveyed to every part of the system.

To guard insects against collapse from pressure of air, nature has furnished the little creatures with a fine thread running spirally within the walls of the tube, just as a garden hose is protected with wire.

Many flies live first in the water as larvae. Arranged along each side of their bodies is a series of exceedingly thin plates, into each of which runs a series of blood vessels. These plates are placed to absorb the oxygen contained in the water. The tail ends in three feathery projections, and by means of these the larvae cause currents of water to flow over the gills, and thus their efficiency is increased.

Gnats also exist in the water as larvae. But they have no gills. Their breathing is accomplished by means of a tube situated at the tip of the tail. The larvae float along head downward in the water, with this tube just above the surface, so that the creatures may breathe.—Harper's Weekly.

Prayer Halls in Russia.

In the villages of Russia the "prayer hall" is the common izba or cottage of a Stundist monk, or a shed attached to a very primitive farmstead surrounded by prodigious quantities of mud, dust or snow, according to the season of the year. A separate building erected expressly for worship among the rural evangelicals of Russia is a luxury yet to be provided in the great majority of cases. The meeting place, whether izba or outhouse, has walls of earth. It is without ceiling. The floor is the bare earth, trodden hard by many feet through the lapse of long years and worn into lumps and hollows. The walls are lime washed and destitute of decoration or adornment. There are rough wooden benches around and across the room. The place is usually packed to suffocation with men, women and children crowded on the seats, thronging the doorways and huddling together on the top of the huge stove.—Sunday at Home.

Singing Wires.

Sometimes when a tempest is raging telegraph wires are silent, while in time of calm they are sonorous. Evidently the vibration of the wires is not due to atmospheric agitation alone. A scientist of Berlin who studied the cause of the singing of wires in time of calm concludes that the vibration of the wires always presages the approach of bad weather. When the sounds are deep the change of weather may be looked for within two days. When they are shrill or sharp the storm will come within a very few hours. It is difficult to determine the cause of the singing. An Italian scientist calls it "seismic agitation produced by barometric depression and transmitted to the wires by the telegraph poles."—Harper's Weekly.

Lots of Hunting.

The talk had turned upon hunting and by and by one of the adult visitors, noting Jamie's rapt and eager look, remarked cheerfully: "Well, sonny, I don't suppose you've had a chance to do much hunting yet?" "Not many kinds, but lots of it," explained Jamie. "I've never hunted bears or lions, but I've hunted grizzly's spectacles most all over the world."—Chicago Record Herald.

A Sticking Business.

"Well, Mrs. Smith, and how's your husband?" "Oh, he's doing well, thank you, mum. He's got a job at the glue factory now." "Ah, well, I hope he'll stick there!"—London Mail.

Hair Stealers.

It was unsafe for English children to walk out alone in 1505, lest they should be robbed of their hair for wig-makers.

Contentment is natural wealth. Luxury is artificial poverty.—Socrates.

THE SOUTHERN STATES.

Their History Rich in Events of Consequence to the Nation.

The south is especially rich in points of historic consequence, remarks a writer in Leslie's Weekly. At the outset Virginia was the most populous as well as the most powerful of all the states. As "the mother of presidents" she practically gave the law to the country from the accession of Washington in 1789 to the retirement of Monroe in 1825, except during the four years of John Adams in the presidency. In the next third of a century, with its Hayne, Calhoun, McDuffie and other statesmen of large influence, South Carolina was the center of events in the nation. Texas, with its boundary dispute with Mexico, precipitated the war between the latter and the United States, in which by conquest and purchase we obtained Arizona, New Mexico, Utah, Nevada, California and parts of Colorado and Wyoming. The necessity for the control of the mouth of the Mississippi incited the negotiation with France which resulted in the annexation of the province of Louisiana, by which the area of the United States was doubled and all subsequent accessions of territory were rendered inevitable. Florida saw the earliest white settlements which were planted anywhere in the present United States. In the Watauga colony in Tennessee self government made its advent west of the Alleghanies.

Right Handed Parrots.

Past the parrot cages walked the bird fancier, poking an inquisitive finger at the birds.

"I am looking for a right handed parrot," he said, "but there doesn't seem to be one in this lot. Most parrots are left handed. Training, not nature, made them so."

"Their owners are right handed and when putting out a finger for the bird to stand on it is most convenient for him to step up with the left foot. In a little while that left handed action becomes second nature and he doesn't know how to use his right foot first."

"The only right handed parrots have belonged to left handed persons. In their training the order was reversed. The left finger was extended for a perch and the bird naturally grasped it with his right foot."—New York Sun.

The Sign on the Bottle.

Maggie is a willing but rather stupid domestic in a Chicago family. She suffered from toothache for some time, and, the crescent that had been prescribed proving ineffectual, her mistress procured another remedy at the drug store. Thinking to impress the girl with the necessity of being careful in the use of it, she said: "Now, Maggie, do you see the skull and crossbones on this label? Do you know what they mean?" "Yes, ma'am," Maggie promptly replied; "they mean that the medicine is good for the teeth."

A Harder Task.

"I can twist my husband around my little finger," said the Circassian beauty.

"That's all right," replied the fat lady, "but if you had married the ossified man instead of the contortionist you'd find him a harder customer to deal with."—Chicago Record-Herald.

The Secret Elopement.

He—We had best elope about 2 in the morning. I will bring my motor to the next corner, and— She—Oh, couldn't you make it a little earlier, dear? Pa and ma do so want to see us off, and I don't like to keep them so late.

Rules.

Wear—It's a poor rule that doesn't work both ways. Willie—G'wan! It's a poor rule to work at all.—Toledo Blade.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County.

In the Matter of the Estate of Francis M. Mansfield, deceased. Notice is hereby given to all persons whom it may concern that George W. Gross, administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Francis M. Mansfield, deceased, has filed his final account and report with the clerk of the above entitled Court and that the County Judge, by order duly made and entered, has appointed Monday, the 18th day of December, A. D. 1911, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon, as the time, and the County Court house of Umatilla County, Oregon, as the place where all objections and exceptions to the said final account and report will be heard and the settlement thereof made.

Dated this 17th day of November, A. D., 1911. George W. Gross, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Francis M. Mansfield, deceased. By Peterson & Wilson, Attorneys for the Administrator.

SUMMONS.

In the Justice Court for the District of Athena, County of Umatilla, State of Oregon.

Joe Lienallen, Plaintiff,

vs.

H. Howell, Defendant.

To H. Howell, the above named defendant: In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled action, within six weeks from the date of the service of this summons upon you, service being made by publication in the Athena Press, a newspaper published at Athena, Umatilla County, Oregon, and if you fail so to answer or plead thereto, for want thereof, plaintiff will take judgment against you for the sum of \$31.55 together with plaintiff's costs and disbursements in this action as demanded by the plaintiff's complaint, filed in the above entitled matter.

This summons is published pursuant to that certain order made and entered in the above entitled court in said matter on the 22nd day of November, 1911, by B. B. Richards, Justice of the Peace for the district of Athena, County of Umatilla, State of Oregon.

The first publication of this summons is made on Friday, the 24th day of November, 1911 and the last

publication will be made on Friday, January 12th, 1912.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 24th day of November, 1911.

Homer I. Watts, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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Dated this 17th day of November, A. D., 1911.

B. B. Richards, Administrator with the will annexed of the estate of Ole Thompson, deceased.

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