

FACE TO FACE WITH A TIGER.

And a Curious Escape From the Very Jaws of Death.

It is probable that no man's life was ever saved to him by a more curious circumstance than that attending the experience of a captain of the Bengal lancers, a famous regiment of Indian troops. He had been on a visit to a civilian friend in Rajputana and went out for a walk in the country about sunset.

After proceeding four or five miles he found himself in a narrow path on the side of a steep hill. The path was a mere ledge in the rock, with a deep chasm on one side and a wall of solid rock on the other. It was not a pleasant place in which to come face to face with a big tiger, but that is precisely what happened to the captain.

It was too late to withdraw, so he determined to brave it out. The animal had evidently been asleep, for it continued for a few moments to lick itself into full wakefulness. The captain stood still, with his eyes fixed on the beast. Presently the tiger took a few steps forward and made a dash at him. Luckily its teeth seized him by the flap of his coat, just over the breast, so that he was not hurt by the blow.

Then the captain had a chance to appreciate the feelings of a mouse when it is shaken by a cat. The tiger shook him until his senses left him. Perhaps it was well they did leave him, for the beast held him over the deep chasm and a fall would have been as fatal as the animal's onslaught.

When the captain regained consciousness a few minutes later he found himself lying flat on his back, with his feet dangling over the precipice. He opened his eyes, only to see the sky above him. He dared not move, for the tiger might be close at his elbow, so he shut his eyes and remained motionless.

Then he thought he heard a strange noise at a little distance, a sound as of somebody sneezing. His first thought was that some one had come to his rescue and beaten the tiger off, but this was proved to be wrong by low, disagreeable tigerish growls mingled with the sneezing.

The truth then dawned upon the soldier. In shaking him the tiger had caused his snuffbox to fly open out of his waistcoat pocket and had received the contents full in the face.

The Round Earth.

The globular form of the earth was not discovered, but simply rediscovered, by the moderns. The globular form of the earth was taught by Thales of Miletus as early as 640 B. C., and Pythagoras, about 500 B. C., demonstrated from the varying altitudes of the stars that the earth must be round. Aristarchus of Samos maintained as long as 280 B. C. that the earth was globe shaped and turned on its own axis.

So far as we moderns are concerned the rotundity of the earth was first proved beyond all cavil by the great voyage of circumnavigation by Magellan in 1522.

Way to His Heart.

A young woman who thought she was losing her husband's affection went to a seventh daughter of a seventh daughter for a love powder. The mystery woman told her:

"Get a raw piece of beef, cut flat, about an inch thick. Slice an onion in two and rub the meat on both sides with it. Put on pepper and salt and toast it on each side over a red coal fire. Drop on it three lumps of butter and two sprigs of parsley and get him to eat it."

The young wife did so, and her husband loved her ever after.

The Magnetic Poles.

The consensus of scientific opinion is to the effect that the magnetic poles are not stationary. This conviction is based on the fact of the variation of the magnetic needle, which leads to the thought that the magnetic poles have a slow motion around the geographical poles. The subject is a mysterious one and constitutes one of the many as yet unsolved problems in terrestrial physics.

As a Last Resort.

After trying unsuccessfully to open the larder door, one small boy turned to his brother and said:

"It's no use, Jim. None of these keys'll fit."

"All right, then," said Jim resignedly, "we'll have to wait till mother comes home and ask her for something for being good boys."

Didn't Know "the Uncle."

Aunt Jane—I guess Mr. Spender must be a very neat person. Edith—And what leads you to that opinion? Aunt Jane—He told your Uncle George all his clothes but those upon his back were hung up. Some men, you know, throw their things round anywhere.—Boston Transcript.

THE ORKNEY ISLANDS.

Britain's Great Naval Base Came to Scotland as a Dowry.

No other territory in the British empire has a more tragic significance to Englishmen than the Orkney islands, off whose shores Earl Kitchener lost his life when the cruiser Hampshire was sunk.

These islands, ninety in number, of which only thirty are inhabited, are separated from the mainland of Scotland by the Pentland firth from six and a half to eight miles wide. They were selected as England's North sea naval base not only on account of their proximity to the field of operations, but on account of their semi-isolation and the advantages of the superb harbor of Stromness, in the largest island of the group, Pomona, which has an area of 200 square miles.

While the original inhabitants of the islands were Picts, whose round towers and chambered mounds are among the interesting ruins of this region, the Norse pirates secured a foothold here during the early centuries of the Christian era and carried on their depredations against all navigators of the North sea. In the last quarter of the ninth century Harold Haarfagr put an end to the rule of the pirates and added both the Orkneys and the Shetland islands to Norway's domain.

In 1468 the Orkneys came under the sway of the Scottish crown, Christian I. of Denmark giving them as security for his daughter's dowry when she became the bride of James III. As the dowry was never paid, the islands have remained a part of Scotland's domain ever since.

The Orkneys, which are the Orkneys of classic literature, furnished the setting for many of the episodes in Sir Walter Scott's novel, "The Pirate," the character of that romance being John Gow, the notorious freebooter born in Stromness and captured off the islands in 1725. Another literary association of the Orkneys and one of especial interest to Americans centers in Shapinsay, the birthplace of William Irving, father of Washington Irving.—National Geographic Society Bulletin.

A Trying Moment.

What is the most trying position in which an actress was ever put on the stage? Mrs. E. W. Ward in her "Reminiscences" tells of a predicament of Mme. Vestris, while playing the principal role in an opera, which will take some beating. "Owing to the vehemence of her setting Mme. Vestris' false teeth suddenly became loose. With sly movements of her tapering fingers the famous singer endeavored to coax them back; but, finding it was of no avail and perceiving there was no other alternative, she suddenly turned her back on the audience, and, taking the plate right out of her mouth, carefully readjusted it. Then she finished her song."

Right in Style.

In a shop recently a well known actress, who is noted for her personal youth, asked for a traveling bag of alligator skin. The shopkeeper, who had none of that particular sort, brought out instead some of smooth leather.

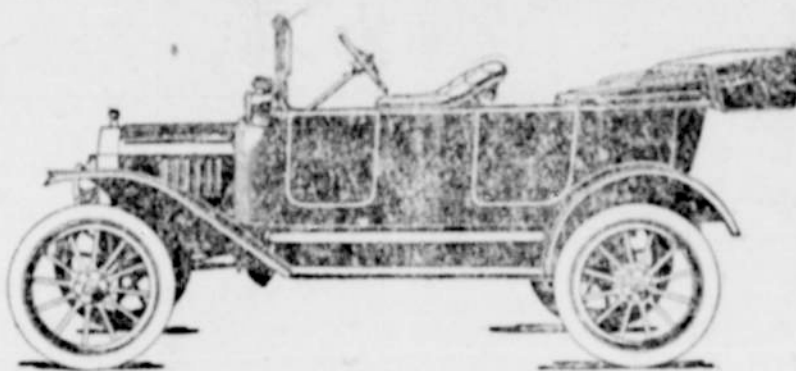
"And you tell me this is alligator skin?" objected the actress. "Why, where are all its wrinkles?" "Ah, madam," replied the wily dealer, who knew his customer, "wrinkles are out of vogue. The correct alligator bag is made from the skin of an alligator that has been massaged."—Exchange.

The Hidden Light.

Remember, if a cloud is over you, that there is a bright light always on the other side; also that the time is coming, either in this world or the next, when that cloud will be swept away and the fullness of God's light and wisdom poured

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Highly Improper. "What is the proper thing for a man to do when his wife asks him for money and he hasn't any?" queried young Newed. "Oh, there isn't any proper thing to do under those circumstances," replied Oldwed. "Anything he does will be wrong."—Chicago News.

As the Twig Is Bent.

On Long's peak, in Colorado, the branches of the fir trees all grow toward the southeast. This is because of the never changing north-west wind, which keeps the branches of the baby fir always pointed to the southeast until the tree is large. The flexible pine in the same region bends over until its topmost branches and twigs rest on the ground.

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