

THE AWFUL BIG CATS

They Are the Most Dangerous of All Wild Animals.

TIGERS MERCILESS DEMONS.

While Easy to Handle and Quick to Learn, When Aroused They Are Fiends Incarnate—Panthers, Jaguars and Leopards Are Treacherous.

"Of all wild animals," writes A. W. Rolker in Appleton's Magazine, "including the rhinoceros with his frightful charge and his dreadful horn, including the rogue elephant with his unbounded strength, his marvelous cunning and his villainous trunk, and including that gray shaggy rove, the American grizzly, with his rib crushing hug, his ponderous paw and his hot, rooking maw, no beast is as dangerous to man as any one of the big cats."

"For, besides the mouth provided with teeth that can crunch through the leg bone of a man as if it were a pipestem, each foot is provided with five pounce-like claws, pointed like needles and from three to four and a half inches long. As the beast strikes with these he draws the claws in, keeping hold of muscles and tendons and lacerating and tearing them out of the flesh until they snap like rubber bands, so that unless the victim succumbs it will be months and months and sometimes years and years before he can regain use of an injured member."

"But not only do these talons tear viciously. Curious to say, although the claws are needle pointed and the edges are dull as the tip of a little flager, a cut with one of these hooks is like the cut of a dagger. On one occasion in Boston's trained wild animal show a Bengal tigress made a sweep at a European black bear, cut through the six inch thick fur of the bear and cut three parallel strips two feet long and six inches deep and clean as major slashes to the very backbone of the bear."

"As a matter of fact, the dexterity of one of these big cats' claws is astounding. Here is a curious accident which happened to Bostock when he undertook personally to break in a 'rogue' tiger that had 'gone bad.' Provided with sole leather guards worn next the skin and covering the fleshy part of the leg from the groin to the knee, he entered the arena with the bad one and was attacked and wounded. His trousers were slashed in one spot just big enough to admit a single claw, an undergarment showed two similar and the sole leather guard three similar cuts, while the flesh was torn at least deep in four places three inches long."

"Still another instance showing the marvelous quickness of claw happened in the same show when the trainer in charge of a leopard group was saved in the nick of time from a rogue which had tried to pull him down by climbing up on him. The arm of this man showed between wrist and elbow alone twenty-six wounds varying from a quarter of an inch deep and an inch long to one inch deep and four inches long."

"Of all the big cats, including that magnificent jungle maned monarch of might, the lion, and including those beautifully spotted orange and black villians, the jaguar and the leopard, and their cousins, that noiseless, lightning swift traitor, the panther, trainers prefer to handle the tiger."

"This is contrary to the popular belief which credits the tiger as the most bloodthirsty of all wild beasts. The tiger is, however, the quickest to learn and the easiest to handle. Whereas the tiger always remains a nervous, high strung beast, for a time a lion becomes tame and lazy and requires no special care. It is apt to cause trouble. When a lion is demon incensed, he is at least a fierce fighter that gives ample warning when about to attack and only as a rare exception attacks a man from behind, unlike the jaguar, the leopard and the panther, which are treacherous and almost invariably attack when a back is turned."

"Again, of all this dangerous family the nature of the tiger comes nearest that of any ordinary house cat, and, always comparatively, the tiger it is that is most appreciative once the master has succeeded in establishing his truce. When, like the domestic cat, he likes to crush up against the person of his trainer, loves to have his back rubbed and groomed and the top of his head scratched to receive the everlasting itch between the ears, while he emits purr satisfaction, forgetting that the last unforeseen accident may arouse voracious instincts that would in a twinkling convert the friendly meeting to a shambles."

"Proved it. 'You might as well stop calling about Miss Beauty. She isn't been in love with you after all. So's been after the money she ought you would inherit from me. Oh, phew—Impossible! What makes you say so?' Rich Uncle—I have proposed to her myself and been accepted—Sits."

"The Only Way. Attention to showish woman, to do—Perhaps, doctor, you can tell me the way of making my husband doctor—I only know one—get him a free—Shore."

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OSBURN P. BOND, of Carlton, county of Yamhill, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 724, for the purchase of the E 1/4 of Sec. 10, in Twp. No. 2 N, R. No. 2 W, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver, at Portland, Ore., on Tuesday, the 2nd day of July, 1907. He names as witnesses: Daniel Perry, of Seaside, Oregon; Harry D. Bond, of Westport, Oregon; John Calaway, of Westport, Oregon; Louis Systrom, of Westport, Oregon.

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JANET WALLER, of Independence, county of Clatsop, State of Oregon, has this day filed in this office her sworn statement No. 724, for the purchase of the E 1/4 of Sec. 10, in Twp. No. 2 N, R. No. 2 W, and will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver, at Portland, Ore., on Thursday, the 2nd day of July, 1907. He names as witnesses: Samuel J. Smith, of Tillamook, Oregon; Toby L. Smith, of Tillamook, Oregon; Roy H. Hockett, of Tillamook, Oregon; Fred W. Wheeler, of Tillamook, Oregon.

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