# A BATTLE WITH A MANEATER.

The Wounded and Maddened Monster, In a Paroxysm of Dying Rage, Caught the Explorer In His Jaws and Shook Him as a Terrier Would a Rat.

David Livingstone, the famous African explorer and missionary, once had a singular encounter with a wounded lion that almost put an end to the explorer's remarkable career before it had fairly begun. But the story must be unfamiliar to many persons who have never read Dr. Livingstone's books. The adventure occurred while he was living among the Bakatlas, not far from the present town of Mafeking. This account is from his own

The people of Mabotsa were troubled by llons, which leaped into the cattle pens by night and destroyed their milk and draft animals. They even attacked the herds boldly by daylight, and although several expeditions against the wild beasts were planned the people had not the courage to carry them through successfully.

It is well known that if one in a troop of lions is killed the others leave that part of the country. I therefore went out with the people to help them destroy one of the marauders. We found the animals on a small hill covered with trees. The men formed round it in a circle and gradually closed up. Being below on the plain with a native schoolmaster named Mabalwe, I saw one of the lions sitting on a piece of rock. Mabalwe fired at him, and the ball hit the rock. The lion bit at the spot as a dog does at a stick or stone thrown at him, and then, leaping away, broke through the circle and escaped. The Bakatlas ought to have speared him in his attempt to get out, but they were afraid.

When the circle was reformed we saw two other lions in it, but dared not fire lest we should shoot some of the people. The beasts burst through the line, and as it was evident the men could not face their foes we turned back toward the village.

In going round the end of the hill I saw a lion sitting on a piece of rock. about thirty yards off, with a little bush in front of him. I took good aim at him through the bush and fired both

The men called out, "He is shot, he is shot!" Others cried, "Let us go to

I saw the lion's tail erect in anger and said, 'Stop a little till I load again!" I was in the act of ramming down the bullets when I heard a shout, and, looking half round, I saw the lion in the act of springing at me.

He caught me by the shoulder, and we both came to the ground together. Growling horribly, he shook me as a terrier dog does a rat. The shock produced a stupor like that felt by a mouse in the grip of the cat. It caused dreaminess, in which there was no sense of pain or feeling of terror, although I was quite conscious of what was happening. This placidity is probably produced in all animals killed by the carnivora, and, if so, it is a merciful provision of the Creator for

lessening the pain of death. As he had one paw on the back of my head, I turned round to relieve myself of the weight and saw his eyes directed to Mabalwe, who was aiming at him from a distance of ten or fifteen yards. The gun missed fire in both barrels. The animal immediately left me to attack him and bit his thigh. Another man, whose life I had saved after he had been tossed by a buffale, tried to spear the lion, upon which he turned from Mabalwe, and seized this fresh foe by the shoulder.

At that moment the bullets the beast had received took effect, and he fell down dead. The whole was the work of a few moments and must have been his paroxysm of dying rage. In order to take out the charm from him the Bakatlas on the following day made a huge bonfire over the carcass, which was declared to be the largest

Besides crunching the bone into aplinters, eleven of his teeth had penetrated the upper part of my arm. The bite of a lion resembles a gunshot wound. It is generally followed by a great deal of sloughing and discharge, and ever afterward pains are felt periodically in the part. I had on a tartan jacket, which I believe wiped off the virus from the teeth that pierced the flesh, for my two companions in the affray have both suffered from the usual pains, while I have escaped with only the inconvenience of a false joint in my limb,

Old China. The beauty of old china is often destroyed by brown spots which appear on the surface. An effective way to remove these is to bury the dish in the earth, covering it completely. The darker spots require more time to remove them than the lighter ones. This method will not harm the most dellcate china. New York Telegram.

Universal. "There is one thought which comes dally to every man."

"What's that?" "That nothing is too good for him."--Chicago Record-Herald.

Either I will find a way or I will make one.-Sir Philip Sidney.

#### AN OLD INDIAN LEGEND.

The Incidents That Led Up to the Naming of Poughkeepsie.

During the days when the Indians still held sway on the banks of the Hudson there was a fierce battle be tween the Delaware and the Pequot tribes. The former won, and among their captives was a handsome young Pequot brave. He was offered his life he would swear allegiance to the Delawares and be branded with their tribal mark-the turtle. He refused. and preparations were then made to kill him. As his enemies were on the point of doing this a young Indian girl broke into the circle and begged for his life. She had at one time been a Pequot, but had been captured by the Delawares and forced to join their tribe. Her appeals were so touching that the warriors were debating the matter when the party was attacked by still another enemy, the Huron Indians. In the excitement the girl cut her lover's bonds, but the two found themselves in the midst of a fierce bat tle and eventually became separated The young warrior escaped, but the girl was captured by a Huron chief. Determined to rescue her at any cost.

the Pequot brave disguised himself as a medicine man and entered the camp of the Hurons. By some pretext be gained admission to the tent where the girl was kept prisoner, and late at night they managed to escape in the darkness. Their flight was soon dis covered and pursuit began, but the young couple reached the river far enough in advance of their pursuers to embark in a cause and push off from shore. They were still followed, but the warrior was young and strong and succeeded in getting his little craft safely into a cove at the junction of the great river and a little stream en tering into it between two high, protecting banks, where they hid, and later found a friendly tribe.

Rejoicing that the place had been a "safe harbor" for the girl and her lov er in time of peril, it was so designated in the Pequot tongue, the Indian equiv alent being "Apa-keep-sinck." Today. after having filtered through the Dutch and English tongues, it is known as Poughkeepsle.-Ladies' Home Journal

## CURIOUS HERMIT CRABS.

They Keep Housemaids, and Also Us

Sponges For Protection, It has been said that crabs are a artful as "a barrow load of monkeys," and no one who has read Professor Edward Step's "Messmates; A Book of Strange Companionships In Nature, will deny that there is considerable truth in the remark. Amazing indeed are some of the revelations which the professor makes regarding crabs.

He relates, for instance, how the common hermit crab actually keeps a housemaid to clean out his house. When he first starts life this particular species of crab hunts for some large shellfish's shell in which he can live at ease, rent free. He usually chooses a large whelk shell and introduces a large seaworm, belonging to what is known as the "nereis" family and which grows to a length of six or eight inches, to keep the interior of the shell clean. The crab feeds heartily on sea creatures that wander care lessly into the shell and throws the in digestible parts of them about the floor. The nerels worm promptly consumes these remains and keeps the shell as clean as a new pin.

The artfulness of this crab, too, is strikingly illustrated by the ingenious the Volta river. This place has its manner in which he protects himself , markets, its town and its interests, but against the large fish which look upon him as an excellent article of food. Sometimes he induces a sponge to grow on his shell. Sponges in a living condition give out a strong odor, which is distinctly unpleasant to fish, and protected in this manner.

Two Kinds of Snobs. of the word snob, a term of obscure origin, in its earliest use, in 1871, mean ing a shoemaker or cobbler. Now ! there is a distinction between the English and the American use of snob-a distinction due to the influence of aristraditions. An English snob is a man who falls short of the perfect aristocrat through a taint of democratic valgarity. An American snob is a man who falls short of the perfect democrat through a taint of aristocratic exclusiveness.-New York Post.

Canalboat Travel Before Railroads. So prodigiously good was the enting and drinking on board these sluggish the reply. but most comfortable canalboats that week and traveling in one of these ves- is neither U nor I!" sels, was so delighted with the fare there that he went backward and for ward from Ghent to Bruges all the rest of his life.-From Timbs' "English Eccentrics."

Setting Him Right. "I suppose the titled personage you say you are going to marry is mention ed in the Almanach de Gotha?" said

the inquisitive newspaper man. "No, indeed," retorted the lovely actress. "Of course he ain't in no almanae. Do you think he's a joke?"-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

finsband-You can put this down as settled-if I ever get out of it you willnever cutch me in matrimony again. Wife-You won't if you depend on me for reference.-Philadelphia Ledger.

The man of grit carries in his very presence a power which controls and commands. - Old Saying.

Q.-Can there be two kinds of infini

Simple Words Too Profound For Hu man Understanding.

ties or two infinite spaces? A .- The writer of this question must decide. The nearest star is distant twenty five trillion miles. Write a row of units 111111 ... to the star and let each unit represent one mile; then the distance represented by a line of 1's. twenty-five trillion miles long, subpierges all human powers of imagination. But write a row of 222222, twenty five trillion miles long; then the number of miles represented would be twice as great. Then write a row of 999999... equally long, and the distance expressed would be nine times as great as that represented by the 1's.

But no human can think of the dis tance expressed by the I's. Let the first row of figures extend twenty-five trillion or fifty or a thousand trillion miles to the east; then a row could be extended toward the west. Many millions of years would be required to sand million years each. Then the distance in miles would be thinner than a spider's thread when compared to an infinite distance.

There are possibly fifty persons now living able to think one new thought. They are the mighty of the earth, and are all transcendent mathematicians Not one of these even tries to begin to know better. Only the superficial strive to think of the two words, so my questioner must answer his own part of one second, of the meaning of one of the following list of words: Mind, space, time, duration, infinity. eternity, beginning, end, space and electrons.-Edgar Lucien Larkin in New York American.

# FOUR SOULS EACH.

Africa. generous to the human beings; to each warrants were indorsed by Jules Cambeing the usual number. Only one is egated authority to represent the Spanimmortal, however. The others, though ish government. troublesome enough during the own | The Panama canal purchase repreer's life, cease to be at the same time sented the largest financial transaction as the body. They are the shadow of the government. The payment was soul, the dream soul and the bush soul. made by a common draft, payable to has a bad time between the four of paid to the French company, the forthem. He never knows when some mer owner. The late J. Pierpont Morenemy may plunge a knife into his gan himself indorsed the draft. A shadow, thus causing him to sicken short time previous there had been isand die, or when his bush soul, which sued a warrant for \$10,000,000, covertakes the form of an animal, may rush ing the cost of the canal zone, an area into danger and get burt, and, as for of ten miles on each side of the canal, his dream soul, that is particularly As these canceled checks are held as troublesome, as it wanders from his receipts, it could happen, in case of body during sleep and runs the risk of their loss, that the government might being caught by witch traps. When not be able to show that the moneys Depew began by saying this happens its place is often taken were actually paid.

heaven nor hell, but much like the existing world, only dimmer. Among the Tschwi tribes this idea is well defined. Their shadow world has a namesrahmandayi-and they even know the way to the entrance, which is across everything is felt in a more indistinct

Meat For Jurymen.

At one time it was the common duty of both the plaintiff and defendant in even a dogfish will not attack a crab an action to provide refreshments for the jury empaneled to try it, and from this arose the practice (which survived until 1870; of denying them "meat, An interesting sense history is that drink or fire" while deliberating upon their verdict. Later on it became usual for the person in whose favor the verdict was given to offer the jury a dinner and sometimes a guinea or so for their trouble. This practice led to so much abuse that it was found nectocratic as compared with democratic essary to pass a law prohibiting it .-London Graphic.

Garrick's Wit.

David Garrick on one occasion passed Tyburn as a huge crowd was assembling to witness the execution of a criminal. "Who is he?" asked the great actor of a friend who accompa-

"I believe his name is Vowel," was "Ah," said Garrick, "I wonder which

there are legends extant of an English of the vowels be is, for there are sevtraveler who, coming to Belgium for a eral. At all events it is certain that it

> Scientific Problems. "Much energy is not utilized. There ought to be some way of conserving

the rays of the sun." "Yes, and look at all the energy that goes to waste in chewing gum. If we could only harness the gum chewers, eh?"-Pittsburgh Post.

Well Trained.

Hunston-I'd like to go shooting tomorrow if I could only get a dog that was well trained. Ethel-Oh, I'll let you take Dottle, then. She can stand on her head, and shake bands, and play dead, and say prayers, and do lots of things .- Puck.

Poor Sowing. "There's a fellow who is hoping for a crop fallure."

"That seems unusual. What has be BOWD ?"

"Wild oats."-Louisville Courier-Jourqal.

# THEY PUZZLE GREAT MINDS. TREASURY RELICS THINGS HE DIDN'T KNOW.

Historical Treasures on File In the Auditor's Office.

# ACCOUNTS OF G. WASHINGTON.

These Cover a Period of Eight Years and Are In the Handwriting of the Great Patriot-Receipts Signed by Daniel Webster and Henry Clay.

The archives of the United States treasury are rich with relics. In the files of the office of the auditor of the treasury department may be seen the canceled check showing the payment to Lafayette in 1824 of \$200,000 by the United States "in consideration of his services and sacrifices in the war of the Revolution." William H. Crawford, then secretary of the treasury, write the long rows. Suppose that signed the warrant, and in the charyou write 9's both ways during a thou. acteristic French handwriting on the reverse is the indorsement of Lafayette. A canceled check or warrant for \$15,000,000 represents the payment for the Louisiana purchase under the treaty of 1803.

The purchase under the treaty, characterized at the time as "Seward's folly." of Alaska is evidenced by a warrant for \$7,200,000, signed by F. E. think of infinity or eternity. They all Spinner, who at the time was secretary of the treasury. The wording of the warrant begins and runs, "Pay to the undersigned envoy extraordinary question, for I cannot even hope to se. and minister plenipotentiary of his cure a gilmpse, lasting a thousandth unjesty the emperor of all the Russias." This warrant called for payment in coin and was so paid through the Riggs bank, then a private banking institution of Washington, after being indorsed by Edward de Stoecke, the Russian minister at that time.

The purchase of the Philippine Islands from Spain is represented in the Important financial transactions of the government by four warrants of \$5,-Curious Beliefs of the Savages of West 000,000 each. As a treaty cannot be entered into by one country directly West African religion is particularly with one with which it is at war, the of whom it allots several souls, four bon, the French minister, who had del-

One soul seems more than many of "J. Pierpont Morgan & Co., special disus can manage, but the poor African bursing agent." through whom it was

ing of the great American patriot. Choate on the navy. These accounts were mostly kept while he was on the march, but they were brought up with great accuracy from day to day.

At the end of each book there is a comprehensive recapitulation. Individual money and funds of the government expended by him are specifically indicated. In a footnote he calls attention to a particular item which he appeared to have paid, but for which he had no voucher. He deducted the amount of the item from his credit until the matter could be definitely settled. All of his accounts are express-

ed in English money. A contemporaneous account book kept by Caleb Gibbs shows the personal expenses of Washington and his military "family," meaning, no doubt, his immediate staff. The entries are usually headed. "Headquarters, on the march." For the most part they cover purchases of food supplies, but now and then are such entries as:

"To cash for a broom that Peter bought some time ago, sixpence." "Cash paid for mending the charlot, 1 shilling."

"Agreed with Peggy for 4 shillings per month for the general's washing and 4 shillings per dozen for the gentlemen of the family."

Among other things of interest in the auditor's office are books showing allowances to members of congress to and from Washington. In the Thirteenth congress \$963 for mileage is receipted in a faint, uncertain band "D. Webster." A payment of \$560 for 111 days' attendance is shown to have been made to Henry Clay - Harper's

Bowling.

Bowls, or bowling, is one of the most copular and ancient of English pastimes, its origin being traceable to the twelfth century. It was held in such disfavor for years that laws were enacted against it, and it was an illegal pursuit. Alleys were built, however, as it could not be played out of height. Wife-That makes no differ- mind-I'm glad to hear it, my dear. doors during the winter, and the game ence. Whenever I ask you for money You can begin at once on my trousers. the beginning of the eighteenth century greens began to increase, while the alleys were rigorously and absolutely suppressed. It soon became a royal game, and no gentleman's place was complete without a bowling green.

There is always hope in a man that actually and earnestly works. In idleness alone is there perpetual despair .-

They Were Many, but That Didn't Keep Him From Giving an Opinion. A well known architect was summoned as a witness in a Long Island court in a sult over the cost of a build-

ing. The lawyer whose duty it was to cross examine started in to attack the credibility of the witness. "Do you know how much a hundred

"I do not." "Do you know how much this ce ment cost per bag?"

these bricks cost?"

"Do you know how expensive sand. is down here?"

"I can't say that I do exactly." The lawyer looked at the witness

with fine scorn. "And yet you pretend to come here and qualify as an expert. How can you give any kind of an opinion on how much this building ought to have by jurymen in literal fashion. When cost when you don't know the prices they began to consider the verdict they of the material it's made of?"

The witness looked at the lawyer with a flash in his eye that boded iil. "Well," he sald. "I don't know the price of needles nor the price of thread nor how much cheap cotton material costs, but I don't hesitate to express a solemn opinion that that suit of

#### CROOKED BILLET INN.

London's Oldest Public House and Its

\$5.50."-New York Post.

Romantic Interior. The Crooked Billet, an inn which stands upon Tower hill, boasts itself, says the London Graphic, as the oldest public house in London. How far back VIII. Certainly no London inn is more | move as easily as can animals. romantic in the matter of sliding panand thick walls richly carved.

In the principal reception room are our ponds, which are still more minute. to be seen some magnificent oak panelings, a quaintly carved freize above purp the door and a no less richly carved mantelplece. The ceiling is covered with a number of strange devices, with a female head-believed to represent Queen Elizabeth-in the center. The windows looking out upon the street are fastened with shutters clamped with huge iron bars.

There is a tradition that Oliver Cromwell once lived (or lodged) at the Crooked Billet. The place was known in those days as "the old house at the bottom of the Minories."

Choate and Depew

At an annual dinner of the St. Nicholas society Ambassador Joseph H. Choate was down for the toast "The Navy," while Senator Depew was to

Depew began by saying: "It's well to

Choate responded: "I've heard Depew balled as the greatest after dinner speaker. If after dinner speaking, as I have heard it described and as I believe it to be, is the art of saying nothing at all then Dr. Depew is the most marvelous speaker in the universe."

Returned the Compliment. Shortly after the workmen had finshed the landlord took especial pains to show to each tenant the bill for doing over his flat. The householders regarded that attention in different lights, according to the improvements they had fought for and got. Some looked frightened, thinking it portended a raise in rent, some apologetic, others defiant. The third floor right man was noncommittal. Three days later he called at the landlord's office and showed him a slip of paper. It was a bill for six shirts, some socks and ties, a hat and a blue serge suit.

"What's this got to do with me?" the landlord asked. "Oh. nothing." said the man. "Just an interchange of courtesies. Nothing

like being neighborly, you know." Few Russians Wear Hats. The male population of Russia wearing hats is in the great minority as cancompared with the vast number who purchase the Russian cap. The sea-

sons are practically winter and summer, so that the transition from the cloth cap is to one of fur, the straw hat coming in for slight attention during a brief period in midsummer. The student class, which aggregates many thousands, and the official class, which stitute a vast army of people who to use.-Successful Farming. not wear hats

Measuring Him.

Wife-James, do you know that you are a very small man? Husband-How tee whose object is to try to bring ridiculous! I am nearly six feet in about a reduction in rents. Strongto go shopping you are always short .-London Tit-Bits.

Going Too Far.

Reader-He tore his hair and rent the air. Hearer-There you are! We even have to rent the air now. It's time we had a change of government.

Do not flatter yourself that friendship authorizes you to say disagreeable things to your intimates.

### OLD ENGLISH JURIES.

They Were Fined or Beaten For Not

Reaching a Verdict. Not always enviable was the lot of the old time juryman, for there was always the prospect of trouble if the vædict did not gratify the higher powers. Thus the failure of a jury to convict Sir Nicholas Throckmorton made Queen Mary "ill for three days," and she came out of ber sick chamber to fine the disobliging jury (meanwhile confined in prison) the sum of \$10,000 a bend.

Elizabeth followed the same plan, and the practice of fining English juries did not cease until 1670, when a fine inflicted by the notorious Jeffreys was rescinded on appeal.

In some old time "courts of quarter sessions" the injunction to lay their heads together had to be carried out were supposed to dive beneath the level of the jury box and remain in that cramped position until a decision

Meanwhile the court usher stood near the box armed with a long wand of willow. If any juryman ventured to emerge above the surface before the clothes you're wearing cost about twelve minds were agreed down came the wand on the head of the offender. -Chicago News.

### MOTIONS OF PLANTS.

Some Forms of Vegetable Life Have the Power of Choice.

One of the chief distinctions between vegetable and animal life is that animals have power of choice and of volits history goes it would be impossible untary motion, while vegetables and to say. The records are wanting, but plants grow only mechanically by natthere is every reason to believe that ural law. But the microscope seems to the inn dates from the time of Henry show that many vegetable forms can

There is a plant called Volvox globa els and concealed doors, secret rooms tor, so minute that millions of it could and underground passages-one of be put in a wineglass, which is seen these reputedly leads to the Tower- to whirl like a top across the field of the microscope. Some plants found in move habitually, as with an apparent

Durwin, who gave closer study than any other naturalist to climbing plants. stated that these seemed to exercise the liberty of choice. Their tendrils. in climbing over pieces of wood with holes, will try one hole after another until they find one that pleases them. He saw one tendril withdraw itself after having located itself in a hole for thirty-six hours.

Other plants will run a long way over the ground, refusing to climb the trees in their path until they come to a peculiar species of tree, to which they at once cling.-Harper's Weekly.

Misuse of the Dictionary.

Since the time of Johnson the dictionaries have attempted to record the pronunciations prevalent among the best speakers of English in their genhave a specialist. That's why Choate eration. That they should dictate proby a nasty stranger spirit called a Not less interesting as relics are "Ac- is here to speak about the navy. We nunciation was, of course, as ridiculous "sisa," which seems to have no other counts—G. Washington with the Unitobject but to cause misfortune and ed States, commencing June, 1775, and saw him again till we reached Liverin the case of Caesar, the honor of dicsickness to the being who forms its temporary habitation.

Most of the tribes have the idea of an underworld after death, neither

sickness to the being who forms its space of eight years." Under the caption are three or four dilapidated calf bound account books in the handwritter.

Saw him again til we reached Liver to the caption of the said he thought he would have enjoyed them. Those who found themselves wallowing in the slough of despond because of conflicting pronunciations appealed to the dictionary as their arbiter and protector, and for their future safety exalted it to the position of a despot. Thus, while nobody searches the dictionary to avoid those words which it stigmatizes as slang. the pronunciation fiend is continually devouring its pages lest be commit the unpardonable sin of uttering a syllable not sanctioned by its authority.-Robert J. Menner in the Atlantic Monthly.

The Deaf and Dumb

In early times it was an opinion, maintained even by philosophers, that the education of the deaf and dumb was impossible. It was then believed that language could be acquired only through the medium of the ear, as shown by the couplet of Lucretius: To instruct the deaf no art could ever

reach. No care improve them and no wisdo The first mention of instruction for

the deaf and dumb is found in Bede, A. D. 865. No other case is met with for some centuries. Rudolfus Agricola of Heidelberg makes mention of an educated deaf mute in his "Dialectica," 1480. It was not until 1620 that instruction for the deaf and dumb began to be general.-New York Ameri-

A Pond on the Farm.

Why not build a good pond on the farm? The government will stock it with fish; it will furnish water for your stock the year round by installing pipes and hydrants to keep the water cool and sanitary, and when winter comes it will furnish a fine place for is still more numerous, with those in the amusement of the young folks. the city who wear a uniform cap with Then it will supply the material for an official or semiofficial cockade, con- the ice crop to store away for summer

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Giving Her a Job.

Mrs. Strongmind-Our society has appointed me chairman of a commit--London Tit-Bits.

How Did She Know?

Aunt-1 don't like to see you dangling about with mere boys all the time. What do you find so entertaining in that smooth faced young Thorpe? Niece-Why, aunt, his face isn't so smooth as it looks!-Bor Transcript.

There is great force hidden in a