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A NEW AIR SHIP. A prominent scientific man and Frenchman, M. Bessner, proposes to go in an air ship to the north pole next June and return during the summer after having made observations during some twenty days there.

As to whether such a vessel will arrive and remain suspended in the air there need be no question. If a large one will do it, certainly a small one will. Why not build a small one on the plan proposed and after exhausting all the air send it up or let it go of itself? A small ship built of aluminum and thoroughly braced within to prevent collapse from outer pressure, and then exhausted of all air must rise by the theory of this Frenchman.

BUSINESS CONFESSORS. The Alta of California has a most exhaustive able editorial entitled, "The World and the Clergy." The gist of it is that our clergy must, to keep pace with the step of the age, devote themselves to the business of advising those who need it in the ways of correct living, so far as the affairs of this world are concerned.

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A Memory.

One moonlit night, long, long ago, Within my memory lingers, Well I recall her slender form, The clasp of her tender fingers!

Her hand lay lightly on my arm, As home we slowly wandered, While I the secret of her charm, Restless, vainly pondered.

That perfect night, her witching grace Made provocation ample; The moonbeams lovingly caressed her face, And set a bad example.

At last we reached her father's gate— And then you say "you kissed her?" Oh, and you're too credulous! You see, she was my sister.

—Yonerville Journal.

"SCRAPS."

A newsboy who returned a \$5 gold piece given him by mistake for a cent, was rewarded with a nickel.

A brass band of twenty-eight stout-legged players from England is marching through Maine, with a view to reviving interest in the Salvation army.

In the German city of Frankfurt there is an old baker's shop in which successive generations of dough wads have evolved on their trade since the year 1467.

It is said that a Georgia man committed Gregory because starvation starved him in the face, and then starved himself because the forgery starved him in the face.

The Bell telephone company is reported to have paid eighteen per cent on its \$10,000,000 of watered stock last year, and to have lots of money left.

A young woman of Ridgway, Canada, has had the hands of matrimony between herself and two of her suitors in the parish church.

The young man having decided that she is free to choose between them at the altar.

There are several counties in Texas which, without special taxation, will receive next year from \$25 to \$40 of school money for each pupil.

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The remains of a prehistoric monster have been discovered at Livingston, Neb., at a depth of fifty-four feet by a well-digger. One of the teeth is eleven inches long and four in breadth.

Fragments of what appears to be huge fins were also found, together with a portion of the skull, between the eyes of which is a horn about two feet in length.

One of the most striking women at the inauguration ball was a tall, lithe, dark haired girl with brilliant eyes and clean-cut features. She looked like a Spanish beauty and attracted a great deal of attention.

There was nothing of the African in her appearance, but she was, in fact, a mulattoed negro named Rouman—Juliette Robinson—from Louisiana. A number of the best dancers in the room asked to be presented to her, but she refused to wait with any one. She is said to be as brilliant in conversation as in appearance.

THE FOSSIL RAINDROPS.

Over the quarry the children went rambling, Hunting for stones to skip, Into the clofts and the crevices scrambling, Searching the quarrymen's chimp.

Sweet were their voices and gay was their laughter, That holiday afternoon, One tumbled down from the rest tumbled after, All of them singing one tune.

Here was a stone would skip like a bubble, Once were it loose from its place— See what strange lines, all a-slant, all a-trouble, Covered over its face.

Halt for a moment their wonder is smitten, Nor divine they at all That soft earth it was when those lantlines were written, For the rain's gusty fall.

Nor guess they, while pausing to look at it plainly, The least in the world perplexed, That the page which old Merlin studied vainly Had never such wizard test.

Only a stone o'er the placid pool throwing, Ah— But it told them, though, How the rain was falling, the wind was blowing.

Ten thousand years ago! —Harriet Prescott Spofford in St. Nicholas.

A NIGHT WITH A TIGER.

Being the Thrilling Adventure of Two Bachelors in India.

In entering the drawing-room there were two doors; this must be borne in mind. The house itself was old-fashioned, a large and many-gabled one, standing quite alone and solitary in a spacious garden; all the windows had been closed and the jalousies shut and secured from the outside; the tatty-grass blinds on the piazza had been rolled up and put away till another blazing morning called for their refreshing shade.

The locality was near that part of the delta called the Sunderbunds, through which the Ganges expands its branches as it approaches the sea—a labyrinth of crooks and rivers, of jungle and stagnant water. The night was perfectly fine, but moonless; there was a heavy dew rapidly falling, like misty rain, which in hot countries is a perfectly natural occurrence.

I went into the drawing-room by what may be called the back door, as it led into the back drawing-room, and smaller one of the two; the other, a far larger apartment, communicating with this one by great folding doors was very full of furniture, rather inconveniently so. As I was carrying an armful of books, and in my disengaged hand a bull's-eye lantern, I proceeded with tolerable security, though slowly, but then of course I knew the room, and could have gone to my destination in the dark. What struck me as both curious and irritating was the fancy that the room seemed more crowded than ever with the furniture, dark, old-fashioned rosewood furniture, that had been made to match the grand piano. The various articles looked as if they had been dragged about the room. Possibly the darkness above and around me helped the illusion; anyway they had the appearance of having been gradually spread toward the center of the room, round a heavy and solid table. It was this table that I wished to go to. I walked very slowly, partly because I did not wish to spill the books that I had spent the last hour in collecting, and partly because of an unaccountable horrible feeling that had come over me. This part of the house was quite silent; indeed it was often so of an evening. My brother had passed me on his way up-stairs, having been all day at Madrepore, and no doubt being tired had gone to bed. There were very few stairs at all, as the house was practically a one-storied one, rambling and full of angles, having been built and added to at various times, here and there little staircases streamed out leading to long passages and unexpected cupboards; the back drawing-room door itself opened from a side flight of five stairs. As I had encountered two small chairs and an overturned music stand, I stood still for a second, looking for a clear passage and thereby holding the lantern high and well in front of me; as I passed and the complete silence that reigned in the house, I slowly crossed the path of light, turning on me two burning yellow eyes, gleaming like vivid topazes. I stood there in stiffened terror and heard my heart beat. Its mouth was loosely parted and running with saliva; so wide was it hanging open at the corners that the serrated edges of the lower lips were plainly visible. It gazed with a steadfast look of such grinning cruelty, such conscious malignancy, that I slowly turned my head to the right, and there, in the impression of one vivid conception condensed by a minute's agony.

The tiger crossed the India matting of the room with a noiseless swiftness; as it appeared to have come from the obscurity near the piano, so it vanished into obscurity beyond—that is, outside the pathway of the lantern light. I stood perfectly motionless, clutching the books with my left arm, and holding the lantern aloft, still gazing at the place it had crossed, and apparently forever seeing that awful look upon the tiger's broad face. It seemed as if my eyes saw the face, though my mind had rapidly suggested the frightful probability that the tiger was behind me. At the same time, by some dual mental process, it was holding out hope that the animal had passed through the great folding doors, and was proceeding toward me. I have no remembrance at all of my mind mistaking the next action I pursued; it seemed just an instinct indulged in by the body upon its own account and for its own immediate preservation.

I laid the books very carefully down without making the slightest unnecessary noise or disturbing the hand that held the lantern, and then, raising with slow effort one of the heavy little chairs that blocked my passage, I slowly swung it on to my shoulders and held it so that it covered my head, then turned slowly sideways with my mind impressed with the necessity of keeping my lantern as far as possible behind me. This struck me at the time as clever and of unquestionable importance in saving my life. I managed to walk gently out of the room. I suppose I had been in five minutes, but it seemed like a weary hour.

As I closed the door and locked it my brother unexpectedly came down the passage and passed me on the little stairs; he was rather in a hurry.

"Godfrey," I called after him, "do you mind pulling the front door to in the large drawing-room as you go by?" It seems strange now, but I could think of nothing else to say then, and I said it slowly and quite naturally.

He assented and disappeared, and I, without noticing it at the time, took in the chair again and with my lantern ascended the short flight of stairs, and proceeded along the passage to my own room, walking slowly and guardedly. The mind had evidently been so shocked that it had not recovered its dominant sway over the body. Upon reaching my own room I put the chair carefully down and sat upon it. The lantern I had placed on the table at the same time.

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