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NATURALISTS' PORTFOLIO

How Apache Warriors Prepare Poisoned Arrows.

A Decoction Made of Rattlesnake Heads and Red Ants-Killing of a Wolf by Others of His Kind for Lying-The Violet.

We are indebted to L. B. Hawkes, recently in the government service in Arizona, for a mark Capt. Eugene May the other description of the manner in day to a lot of old comrades. "I which some of the braves in the have reason to appreciate the Apache region prepare their truth of this observation when I deadly arrows. Although the Apaches have had little or no use at Jackson, Miss., once during the for their poisoned weapons for war. Bullets were flying around years, still they, because of a tribal pretty lively, but we felt fairly safe, instinct, each summer go through as we were behind a high embanka preparation of their arrow tips ment, which extended some disas carefully and methodically as tance above our heads. Well, though an old-time war were at hand. This work on the arrows then, so I stretched out beneath a is one piece of labor that the Indian brave will not leave to the a wheel. squaws. He gathers a dozen or more rattlesnake heads and puts them in a spherical earthen vessel. With these he puts half a pint of a species of large red ant that is found in many parts of Arizona. The bite of this ant is more poisonous than that of a bee.

Upon these he pours a quantity of water, and then seals up with moist earth the lid of this vessel. He then digs a hole two he builds a roaring fire and puts in some stones. When the interior of the hole and the stones are red hot he makes a place in the he puts the coals and hot stones at Chicamauga." and upon the tops he builds a fierce fire and keeps it up for twenty-four hours.

Then he digs out his vessel, and standing off with a long pole, he disengages the top and lets the fumes escape. The Indian insists that if the fumes should come in his face they would kill him. The mass left at the bottom of the vessel is a dark brown paste.

To test the efficacy of his concoction Mr. Hawkes has seen an Indian with a hunting knife make a cut in his leg, just below the knee, and let the blood run down to his ankle. Then, taking a stick, he dipped it into the poison and touched the descending blood at the ankle. It immediately began to sizzle, as if it were cooking the blood, and the poison followed the blood right up the leg, sizzling its way, until the Indian scraped the blood off with a knife. The sav age assured Mr. Hawkes that had he allowed the poison to reach the mouth of the wound he would have been a dead man in twenty minutes.

Wolf Vengeance.

During one of my hunting and fishing excursions, says a traveller, I was fishing on a large lake in Louisana, from one-quarter to one-half a mile wide. On one side the hill land came down near the lake, leaving about one-quarter of mendous. Great Jerusalem! But a mile of sand beach, and while t....re I saw a deer running at the top of its speed towards the take, and a moment later a wolf in hot pursuit. I kept my place, expecting them to plunge into the lake, when I could overtake lake. and kill them both in the water. Just before the deer reached the water it was caught by the wolf. which pulled it down and killed it. Then the wolf stalked around, looked about, trotted off some distance, and set up a howl; went father and again howled, and then into the woods, when I heard more howling. The wolf being out of sight, I rowed my boat to the place and got the deer, and then went back to my fish-hooks. Shortly after there appeared on the scene a pack of ten or twelve wolves. They sniffed and moved all around where the deer had been killed. These movements occupied considerable time. They would huddle together, change about, mixing up, trot around in all directious, keeping close together. Finally they got into a fight, the whole pack at-tacking one wolf and killing it. It was literally bitten and chewed to pieces. Now, what was the wolf killed for! I am almost positive that the dead wolf was the one that killed the deer. I have talked to many hunters about this matter, and have come across but two who had seen anything simi-ilar, and they have thought the wolf had been killed for lying. If this was so, it was the only time I ever knew a wolf to be killed wrongfully.

Thrilling Experience of a Captain With Stray Bullets.

While Taking it Easy Under a Caisson He Has a Close Call. practical optician at A Huge Tree Under Which He Was Resting Shattered.

HAIR-BREADTH ESCAPES.

"A man is not safe from bullets anywhere," was heard to recaisson with my head just behind

"The last thing in the world seemed the coming of a bullet into the shade of that caisson. But while I was lying there taking it easy I suddenly heard a sharp 'sping' just behind my head. It was unmistakably the noise of a bullet hitting something. Well, I turned over and looked at the neel, and, by George, there was

a bullet imbed hed in the tire of the whoad just about an inch from wheel just about an inch from feet deep into the ground in which where my head had been. If that tire had been a fraction less wide I'd have got the bullet in the head. I wasn't sleepy after that, I can tell you, and I moved away from bottom for the earthen vessel and there almost as quickly as I got puts it in. About it and upon it from behind the bole of that tree

"What tree at Chicamauga ?"

queried some one. "Well," replied Capt. May, "it's a long story, and I had almost forgotten it till I was reminded of it the other day by old Jim Dabney. The way the thing happened was this: Our section had been fighting it alone in a peach orchard until the other members of the battery joined us, when we moved forward and had quite a brisk engagement with the enemy. Our ammunition ex-pended and our men worn out, we halted at a spot in the woods to rest and to replenish our ammunition.

The fighting was going on all around us and stray bullets were coming along past us every now and then. I don't believe I was ever so tired in my life as I was after that engagement. It was absolutely necessary for me to take a rest, and perceiving a huge tree near by I concluded to plant my-self alongside of it. So I leaned against it with my back to the enemy's line, stretched out my feet and was having a splendid rest, when a twelve-pound shot came bounding along and struck the tree plumb on the opposite side from me at a joint just behind SPRING

my head. "Well, sir, I didn't know what didn't I run from under that tree, looking sideways up and expecting momentarily to see the whole enormous mass of wood and leaves come crashing down on me. I didn't know what had happened till I saw some of the boys dancing their hands and yelling at me. I felt for a week as if I had been struck on the back of the head with a sledge hammer."



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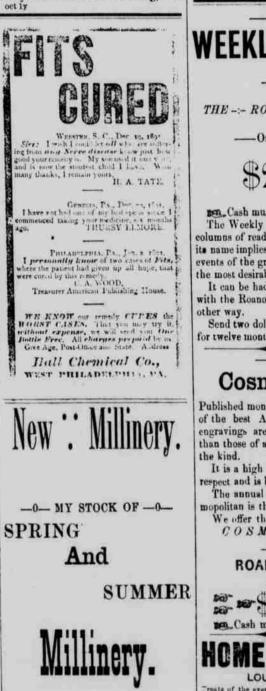
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The Violet.

Violets have always been regarded with especial favor, and their part in the world's history has not been an unimportant one. The Athenians wore them on all occasions, and wove them into garlands to decorate their deities. Ionians in their origin, they rec-ognized in the ion or violet an allusion to the name of their founder, and their classical and beautiful city was known far and wide under the name of Io-Stephanoi, which means violet-crowned.

To Tell the Speed of Trains.

Arthur G. Leonard, private sec-retary to H. Walter Webb, third Vice-President of the New York Gentral Railroad, has invented a watch which is said to enable the holder to measure the rate of speed at which he or she may be travelling on a railroad train, a steamboat, or any other conveyance. It is thus described: In the han is of a person on a swiftly moving train the watch may, by pressing a tiny lever, be started at a given point, say a mile post, and when the next mile post is reached a quick pressure on the lever will stop the hands of the watch on a figure which accurately indicates the rate of speed per hour at which the train is moving.

Young and Ardent.

Abbas Pasha, Khedive of Egypt, H who has been making such a stir

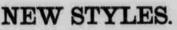
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because he thinks he is bigger man SH than Queen Victoria, will not be nineteen years old until July. As a child he attended the Ali School, founded and maintained by his Z at the age of thirteen he entered the celebrated Theresianum at Vienna, where he remained nearly six years. He speaks English, German and French, has traveled extensively in Europa and bit Paris.

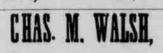
Never Too Old to Swear Off.

Mrs. Sarah Kipple of Scranton still persists in smoking, after seventy-nine years' seventy-nine years' experience of the noxious and deadly weed. As she is only 99 years old there is, however, time for her to reform. —Philadelphia Times.



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