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A Levee - I saw one.
She will not smile;
She will not stare;
I marvel while
I look on her.

Among the Buffaloes.

Whoever desires to shoot a buffalo on the soil of America must do it very soon. It is said, by good authority, that there are now left on the Continent but two large herds.

State legislators may do what they please in trying to protect this noble game from destruction, but it will be all in vain. The laws are not enforced, and cannot be enforced without the presence of an army larger than that required to keep the Indians in subjection.

The pursuit of this noble game is most inspiring sport, and a chapter of the actual experiences of a hunting party for a month would prove very attractive reading. It would be sometimes thrilling, and at others indelibly laughable, for both tragically and comically have their place in this wild life.

A few years ago a gentleman from one of the Eastern states spent some weeks in the buffalo country, and during his stay had the following very remarkable experience. He had been out one day for several hours without finding game, and as the weather was excessively hot, had stopped to rest beneath a large cotton-wood tree, which stood on a gently sloping hill about half-way up its side.

Accustomed to life on the prairies, he instantly guessed what it meant, and springing to his feet and glancing in the direction whence the sound came, he saw a herd of a thousand buffaloes pouring over the hill at a terrific pace, and coming directly toward him.

Quick as thought he saw what he must do, and in less time than it takes to tell, he had hidden himself away behind the trunk of a tree under whose boughs he had been reclining.

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will face him and drive him away; but if he once sets his teeth upon the throat of one of the number, the whole herd are seized with a panic and begin to run for life, leaving their unfortunate companion to her fate.

Our friend was so much surprised, the herd had gone several rods before he thought of shooting at one of them; but suddenly coming to himself, and touched with a feeling of pity for the poor beast lagging behind with the panther at her throat, he raised his rifle and sent a ball after her tormentor. It struck the panther, inflicting a severe wound.

The man had only a single-barreled rifle, and so, springing behind the tree, he drew his long hunting-knife and nerved himself for a terrible contest.

To his surprise, the wounded animal did not attack him, but sprang up into the tree with all possible speed.

The foliage was dense and heavy, and in a moment the great beast was out of sight. He supposed, however, that this was only done by the panther to obtain a foothold for springing upon its enemy, its usual custom. For a moment or two he stood grasping his knife, looking upward and dreading the attack.

So, thrusting his knife into the back of the tree, that it might be ready for instant use, and keeping careful watch for the movements of his dreaded foe, he remained quietly to reload his rifle. Then, creeping softly around the cotton-wood, he peered carefully through the branches till he saw the panther crouched on a large limb, about thirty feet from the ground.

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he tried to follow them; but his wound so troubled him that before he disappeared from sight in a small ravine, he had fallen into a walk.

Just then an idea—a brilliant idea—entered M's head. Why not follow on till within a fair distance of the animal, and then set the camera and photograph him? The photograph of a bull buffalo, taken while the animal actually stood holding his pursuers at bay, oh! that would be immense.

So while M took his rifle, H took the "machine," and they followed on after his majesty. They soon found him lying down, but he rose at their approach, and after looking about him curiously for a while, started for them at a speed which compelled their retreat. When at a safe distance, however, M suggested to his companion:

"Now, H—, I'll go round by that ledge and attract the old fellow's attention, and you plant your camera just beside that ash-tree, and then we shall get a magnificent view of him."

With all his power, the poor fellow sprang through the cotton-woods, with hair on end and tail extended, and the bull close at his heels.

They took out the creature's tongue as a trophy of victory, and after picking up the fragments of the camera, with its supporting tripod, they sought their horses, and journeyed on with the settled determination not to attempt to photograph another wounded buffalo, unless it should be at long range and from a safe hiding-place.

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THE FAMILY DOCTOR.

Sunshine for Sleepless People.—Sleepless people—and they are many in America—should court the sun. The very worst soporific is laudanum, and the very best, sunshine.

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Figures of Interest.

The vastness of the sum which would have resulted from an investment of one million dollars, made at the time the Pyramid "Cheops" was built (if it had then been possible to have so "planted" or lodged it, or its equivalent, that it would have, in any case, increased at an average rate of one per cent per annum), it is very difficult to comprehend.

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WAR'S HORRORS.

A Vivid Description of the Battle of Franklin.

It was the 30th of November, 1864. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the line of battle was formed, Stewart on the right, Cleburne on the left, their right and left flanks, interlocked like Parthian shields, composing the center.

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The Silver Lining.

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