

# CROCODILE HUNT THRILLING SPORT

Field Museum Collectors Find  
Ample Excitement in the  
Swamps of Honduras.

Chicago.—"Have you ever played hide and seek with a crocodile at night?" asks Karl O. Schmidt, who, with Leon L. Walters, just returned from the Field museum after four months in Honduras collecting reptiles. "The game is exciting, especially if you are in a swampy forest. And if the crocodile tags you you'll certainly realize you're it." But in this case, he holds up the skin of a vicious five-footer. "I got him first."

"This specimen I got in British Honduras. We had caught several smaller ones but wanted a big fellow. They only grow to about five feet there—only grow to about seven-footers in the republic of Honduras. But on this trip Walters and I went out with the customary headlights on our forehead, all ready to kill. The headlight dazzles the eyes of the animal and gives the hunter the advantage. Pretty soon I saw this brawny chap slithering around in a puddle about a foot deep, blinded Creature Good Wrestler."

"I shot twice for his ear but missed. The second bullet scraped his head and about half-stunned him so that he began to navigate wildly in circles. I thought I'd lose him then, but all at once I found him right near me. I didn't take a chance on shooting, but just poked my fingers into his eyes and pulled him out like that. The eye sockets are rather deep and give you a good hold on the chap. Well, then I grabbed his mouth, but he kept squirming around in my hands so I could hardly hold him. Walters came up just in time to keep the beast from getting away."

"We tried him, but even after that his muscles were so strong that he could roll himself around on the ground like an animated cylinder. He could have got away into the swamp in no time if we hadn't tied him to a tree. Well, here he is, poor fellow. And there is the plaster mold Walters made of him. I have a sort of affection for him now. He gave me a good time of it all right. But I didn't try to get any bigger ones by hand. No, not after that."

The collection brought home by Schmidt and Walters also includes specimens of a tree-climbing salamander, an animal about four inches long that lives in the tubular leaves of the air plant. These leaves always contain water in their bottoms. It is here that the salamander exists. Among the specimens of this kind taken by the explorers are several new species.

### Heller En Route With Specimens.

John T. Zimmer has returned from a year of explorations in Peru. He told of meeting Edmund Heller, another of the Field museum's collectors, in Peru in April, 1922.

For more than a year Heller and his wife have been scouring South American hills and forests in search of specimens of mammals to stuff and bring back to the Field museum. They are also bringing a few live rarities for the Lincoln park zoo. The two are now on their way here from New York.

Among the collection to be mounted for the museum are the leaf-nosed bat; the owl bird, or owl that is not an owl, a species of which thousands of specimens were found in the Lechuza cave and from whose fat young the natives make a fine salad oil; a "vampire" animal like a bear with a tooth like the blade of a knife, and others equally odd.

## ONE SYSTEM TO SUPPLY ALL U. S. ELECTRICITY

Plan Would Require Investment  
of \$5,000,000,000.

New York.—Details of the plan to develop a huge, unified, privately-owned electrical system, capable of supplying the power needs of the entire country, are being worked out with the support of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company.

Its fulfillment, requiring years, would mean an investment of \$5,000,000,000, and an increase of probably \$1,000,000,000 a year in money spent for electricity. It would bring electric light to millions of farms. It would offer a practical method of electrifying almost all of the steam railroads of the country.

The need for such a system was outlined before the convention of the National Electric Light association by Guy E. Tripp, chairman of the Westinghouse board of directors.

The plan contemplates carefully directed extensions, by the efforts of existing private companies, of present central stations and transmission lines. Within a few years almost all important generating stations and transmission lines would be pooled in half a dozen "supersystems." Later the "supersystems" would be linked up into one unit. The unified system, selling in one city power it has obtained from a station 1,000 miles away, would be to electricity what the federal reserve banks are to finance.

### MEXICAN WAR VETERAN



Photograph of James Curran, a veteran of the Mexican and Civil wars, now residing at Riverside, Ill., who is said to be one of the seven survivors of the Mexican war. Mr. Curran was born in Constableville, N. Y., Aug. 10, 1832. The city of Riverside will honor him with a big celebration July 4. He is enjoying the best of health and is anxious to get in touch with the other six survivors of the Mexican war.

### Papyrus Shows Realty Deal 2,230 Years Ago

Philadelphia.—A notary's agreement for the sale of a city house 2,230 years ago has just been discovered at the University of Pennsylvania museum on a strip of papyrus brought recently from Thebes, Egypt, and translated by Dr. Nathaniel Reich.

In the agreement Petesche, the notary, took great pains to locate the building in question, so that there would be no possibility of litigation. "It stands in the northern quarter of Thebes," he wrote, "at the western place of the wall. Its neighbors are on the north, the houses of Petcharpe, the King's street lying between them; east, a house which is 2 1/2 cubits of land (250 square cubits) which I sold to Khenseu, son of Uzeher."

The agreement was between a soldier named Paret and a locksmith named Paul. The parchment on which it is contained measures 90x15 inches. It is signed by sixteen witnesses.

### Holds Doctors Liable for Wrong Diagnosis

Berlin.—That physicians are responsible for their diagnoses of diseases and are liable to the patient for damages if the diagnosis is wrong, is, in effect, the decision of the German Supreme court.

A vineyard owner named Braun fell from a street car. His injuries caused him to be taken to a hospital, where the doctor diagnosed his injury as a fracture of the hip joint. He was treated accordingly, but it later developed he had merely suffered a dislocation of the hip.

Through the treatment the hip became stiff and the patient sued the doctor.

The court, in its decision, declared that in intrusting his body to the doctor the patient had intrusted his future happiness in the hand of the physician and, therefore, had the right to expect that the physician would avail himself of the most modern means of removing all doubt as to his condition.

### Dentist Breaks Man's Leg Pulling Tooth

Pottstown, Pa.—As Maurice Bryan, forty-two years old, arose from a dentist's chair after having a molar tooth extracted he cried: "My leg is broken." Then he collapsed on the floor. Both bones of the right leg had snapped between the ankle and the knee.

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Tryon, N. C.

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Young Love's Ending.  
I had taken my girl to a box social held in a country school. I told her to describe her box and I would buy it. I bought the box she had described, and on opening it I found it belonged to a sour old maid. I was real angry, especially so when I saw that a nice young fellow had bought my girl's box. Our friendship ended there.—Exchange.

Uplifting Sentiments.  
Love, charity, benevolence, kindness, good will towards others arouse the noblest feelings and sentiments within us. They are life-giving, uplifting. They make for health, money, power. They all tend to normal, to put us in tune with the universe.

Putting the cat out is a job that is not so much with us. But clock winding is all that it used to be. There is the tin alarm clock to wind, the wrist watch, the pocket watch, the ticking wedding present on the desk, and the large eight-day clock, all in one family. And it is seldom that any two of them agree as to what the time is.

# Announcement!

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### How Bull Was Taught Fear of Automobile

Toledo, O.—A fight with an enraged bull resulted in a narrow escape from injury for Dr. Charles J. Henzler, Lucas county coroner, and the damaging of his automobile recently in a farm lot near Temperance, Mich.

Coroner Henzler parked his machine in the cow pasture while he went to a stream 200 yards away to pick mushrooms. A herd of cows grouped around him to watch the proceedings. A bull standing on a hill nearby became enraged at the coroner and started for him.

Doctor Henzler broke all speed records in covering the distance to his automobile. As he started to drive away the bull rammed the rear of the machine. A rack on the automobile containing a tire was caught on the bull's horns but did not deter his fighting ability. He continued to ram the machine while the coroner stepped on the accelerator.

When Doctor Henzler thought the bull had damaged his automobile enough he turned around, switched on the lights and started for the animal. The latter dodged, the tire rack became unfastened and he galloped away. After the bull had put quite a distance between himself and the gate Doctor Henzler turned his machine around, sped back, picked up the tire rack and made a quick getaway.

Chemist Bares Hafnium Secrets.  
Copenhagen.—Prof. Nils Bohr, the discoverer of the new element, hafnium, has now determined its atomic weight. The element, which was named in honor of the city of Copenhagen, is still not completely isolated, but the professor's efforts in this direction are nearing completion. Five of the ninety-two elements which remain to be discovered.