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Noblesse Oblige If I am weak and you are strong, Why then, why then, To you the braver deeds belong...

THE MAN KILLER.

BY M. QUAIN.

We had almost reached the source of the Nerulunda River, in the Province of Bengal, India, when we heard of a man-eating tiger which had terrorized a space of country as large as any two counties in the state of New York.

No foreigner can understand the feelings of a native of India towards this dreaded animal, the tiger. Fear and awe and helplessness are all mixed up, and between them the beast has his own sweet way until some white man comes along and offers to rid the district of the terrible pest.

Next morning, after receiving the news, we broke camp and marched across the country to one of the villages, arriving there about mid-afternoon. We found the entire population shut up in their cabins and in mortal terror, as the beast had visited them the night before, broken into a cabin and killed three persons.

It is a fact that has been verified a hundred times that a man-eating tiger somehow discovers the presence of white hunters about. This fellow had been in the habit of walking into the village daily for two weeks, but we knew that he need not be expected on the first night of our arrival.

The tents were very primitive affairs, being made of light poles and having thatched roofs. The one I occupied belonged to the family recently slaughtered by the tiger.

During the day they told us several stories, showing the remarkable boldness and ferocity of the beast. On his first appearance in the neighbor-

hood he had waylaid three women going to the spring for water. This was about an hour before sundown. He killed two and terribly clawed the third before she got away.

The day being cloudy, the tiger would probably visit the village a little earlier than usual, if at all. At 4 o'clock we ordered all the people to retire to their tents, and soon thereafter the three of us took up our stations, each of us having a man to keep us company.

"The beast knows the white hunters are here, and he dare not show his face. He may even have even left the neighborhood."

"I lay back on my elbow on the dirt floor to converse with him, and a quarter of an hour had slipped away when we heard a heavy breathing at the door of the hut.

"Shoot, Sahib—for God's sake, shoot him!" cried the native, as he grovelled on the floor in terror.

"Don't go, Sahib! for the love of heaven, don't go!" pleaded the badly frightened man. "Everybody is secure and the tiger knows it. He has seen us. He knows you are a white hunter. He runs away thinking you will be foolish enough to follow. Take my word for it, it is a trick of his."

"The tiger has seized some of the villagers and is off to the thickets!" Every native in that village knew the danger of quitting his hut that night, but one of them, waking out of his sleep and feeling thirsty, decided to open the door and secure a drink from a calabash kept in a hole in the earth at the back end of the hut.

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The instant the bullet struck him he uttered a terrible roar and rushed at the wicket, and threw himself against it with such force that the whole hut trembled. Standing on his hind legs he used teeth and claws to try and pull the poles away, and he did not cease his efforts until I gave him another bullet.

"It happened one day in November that the father was returning from a drive, and as he neared his house he noticed the dog in a pasture which was separated by a stone wall from the road.

"Leaving his horse and going to the spot he found his little girl seated on a stone, with the collar wagging his tail and keeping guard beside her.

"Fruitful Hard-Ship. The census of several leading nations has been taken lately, and with greater exactitude in the chief foreign countries than we have as yet found possible here.

"Most of our readers know the safety lamp of Sir Humphrey Davy, which has done so much in preserving miners from explosions of fire-damp. We have given an illustration of it, and may say here that it is a light enclosed in a lantern of fine wire cloth.

"This lamp he lighted and set in a most explosive mixture of gases, and, to his delight, it did not explode; but when he showed it to Mr. Tomkin, that gentleman, while applauding the result, stimulated him to give it greater perfection.

"A Sometime City Now a Corn Field. Hindostan, Martin County, Ind., in 1820 was an important manufacturing and trading post. Eastern capitalists owned all the business and the town was settled by Eastern people.

"It Will be Chilly for Him. Hunker (who wants to propose)—Miss Scaddles, let us go out on the porch. Shall I get your wraps?"

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

"Only a boy," did you say? Yes, but the boys of today, Shall be the men of tomorrow.

"Men that work not only today Sooner or later pass away, Leaving their labors to others. Sues for their fathers' mast stand, Youth shall inherit the land— Learn ye the lesson my brothers.

"Learn to be steadfast and wise, Fully and shame to deserve, Be like the heroes of story, Ready with penicils to cope? Ye are America's hope— Be her defense and her glory!"

GLOVES AND GLOVES. Gloves are common enough now; anybody and everybody can have them; but it was not always so.

"You would little dream of one use found for them as far back as the third century, when knives and forks were not in general use. We are told of one greedy man who always wore gloves at the table, to be able to handle the meat while hot, and so get ahead of the rest of the company, who were not so well protected."

A gentleman in Southern Connecticut took long ago a collie from the Latham Kennels at Steper.

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AN ELEPHANT RANCH.

The Novel Scheme of an Enterprising Californian.

He Proposes to Raise Elephants for Various Uses.

"It was several years ago that people ceased to be surprised at anything which California does. It has come to be accepted without question that everything in either the animal or the vegetable kingdoms will thrive there.

"What Mr. Newbury proposes to do, as we learn from an interview in the Los Angeles Mirror, is to raise elephants in Southern California. He is enthusiastic on the subject and says that he will have an elephant ranch in operation inside of one year.

"In the first place, Mr. Newbury points out that elephant meat is an excellent article of food. All African explorers speak highly of elephant steaks.

"Two Pairs of Shoes in One. A new way in the shoe manufacturing line is of English invention, and consists of a removable sole and top lift which can be changed when worn without consulting the shoemaker.

"The shank is of steel, spanned back, and the joint end of the half sole is counter sunk to fit under the shank, where it is fastened and held in place by two screws.

"A former resident of Cayuga, founder, describes from personal observation the habits of a pair of swallows which to the best of his belief must have their nest somewhere in the upper Arch of Ontario.

"What Goes Down. De Broker—Hear about De Curdie, De Ledger—No. What's happened to him? Knocked flat. You don't say so? Was he caught by the drop in wheat? Well, yes, something like that. A barrel of flour fell on him.—New York Weekly

Pillows.

The use of a pillow is not a matter of mere blind usage. It has a physiological basis. We sleep, for the most part, on the side, and without a pillow the head would be uncomfortably and harmfully lower than the body.

"A consideration of the physiological reason for pillows will suggest their proper thickness. They should merely bring the head to the natural level. Some pillows are much too thick. By bowing the neck unnaturally, they interfere with the motion of the vertebrae in the head.

"Should be remembered that more blood, and hence more heat, goes to the head than to any other part of the body. Head-levelling pillows are against the wholesome maxim, 'Keep the feet warm, but the head cool!'

"Early special care should be taken of infants in this matter. We have seen their heads smother deep in the softest and thickest of pillows, and their faces as a natural consequence, covered with great beads of perspiration.

"The feature of the invention is said to be a metal plate riveted to the bottom of the shoe when laced. The sole, in the shape of a top sole, is provided with a stitched welt. Under the welt is a thin band or strip of metal which slides under the edges of the plate riveted to the bottom of the shoe.

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Only to You.

Dear how many the songs I bring to you, Woven of dreamstuff, pleasure, and pain. All the songs of my life I sing to you, And you hear and answer again.

"The dog has had their day, and now the leaves will have their turn. The person who is chased by a bear has good reason to think that trouble's a lawless.

"The enterprising bee keeps up with the times by having his apartments arranged in sweets. Griffin coming to the point at once—kitty you have me? Kitty (equally businesslike)—Thanks, Mr. Griffin, but I really can't afford 399.

"The Boer of South Africa. The Boer farmer performs modest business, writes Lord Randolph Churchill. Occupying a farm of four thousand acres, he contents himself with raising a herd of a few hundred head of cattle, which are bred almost entirely to the care of the native whom he employs.

"The simple ignorance is unforfeitable. And this, in outside composure, he shares with his wife, his sons and his daughters, being proud that his children should grow up as ignorant, as uneducated, as hopelessly unprogressive as himself.

"I have, I must admit, met some persons in government circles and elsewhere of Boer or Dutch birth who are entirely excluded from the scope of these remarks, whose manners were polite and amiable, who were anxious to show kindness and hospitality, and whose conversation was distinguished by original ideas and liberal sentiments.

"These, however, are but bright exceptions. I speak of the nation as a whole, as I think I have seen it. I turn my back gladly on these people, hastening northward to lands possessing a hope, equal wealth, brighter prospects, reserved for more worthy possessors and entitled to happier destinies.

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