

INDIAN AND TIGER.

A Clever Trick by Which the Former Outwitted the Latter.

According to a good and true tiger story in Cornhill, an Indian who had learned some of the elementary principles of juggling and contortion went out one evening to walk upon a ridge plain. When he reached the top of one of the mounds, he saw a tiger ahead of him, 500 or 600 yards away. Before the man could hide behind a mound the tiger had seen him and began to bound toward him at its utmost speed.

Having no means of defense, there was nothing for the man to do but to race for the nearest tree, but though he tried it and put forth his utmost strength the tiger steadily gained upon him.

What was he to do? In sheer desperation he resolved upon an unusual scheme. As he disappeared for an instant from the tiger's sight in running over a ridge he halted, stretched out his legs at right angles, curled down his head so as to look between his legs to the rear and extended his arms upward in a fantastic manner, like the sails of a windmill.

In a few seconds the tiger howled in sight, and as he looked at the face of the object assumed a hideous grimace. A prolonged yell arose, such as had perhaps never before pierced the ear of any tiger, and the sails of the windmill began to revolve backward and forward as if a sudden whirlwind had burst upon the scene.

The tiger recoiled. What, he evidently thought, is this? There stood a ferocious star shaped monster, gigantic against the sky. Its hideous head was situated in the very center of its body—nay, its visible jaws, between which those ferocious roars were issuing, were actually placed above its two fiery eyes. Its limbs were furiously clanking for action, and the man he had been chasing, where was he? Already devoured by this terrible beast! The tiger could not pause to reflect. He turned tail, and as he disappeared over the ridge a last yell caused him to redouble his pace. He was conquered by the unknown.

THE POWER OF SHADOWS.

A Gloomy View of the Power of Certain Popular Superstitions.

As antique runners passed from hand to hand the sacred torch, so the generations transmit to the generations which succeed them all that they have of light and knowledge, leaving them as a heritage the cunning of the diviner work of enchantment and of helping to dissipate the shadows of ignorance.

Little by little these clouds are vanquished and disappear, and the touch of intelligence dawns the more radiantly in the midst of the travelling masses. But all of a sudden a veil covers the torch—something surges up which seems like the darkness of another age. One feels that in the corner of this civilization monstrous things have place. Here they burn a woman accused of sorcery; there in Scania a tribunal condemns to four days of imprisonment a laborer who had disinterred the corpse of an infant. He wanted to make bracelets of his finger nails, which, according to a belief held in that country, constitute a sovereign remedy against colic.

And all the stories of vampires, of elfe, return to the mind with all the victims they have made and are making still. It seems in reading such things that the "power of shadows" is still imperishable to all that science has done and that, as I have said, the effort is vain.—Figaro.

THE FIRST BABY.

Its Coming is Looked Forward to With Both Joy and Fear and its Safe Arrival is Hailed With Pride and Delight by All.

The arrival of the first baby in the household is the happiest and most important event in the life of the young wife who is to become a mother delighted to think of the happiness in store for her when the little one shall nestle upon her breast and lazily she shall hear it hiss the sweet and holy name, "mother." But her happy anticipation quickly vanishes when she realizes the terrible pain and suffering through which she must pass while bringing the little one into the world. An expectant mother who of the danger attendant upon the ordeal soon dissipates her joyfulness.

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A GREAT BOAT RACE.

THE BENNINGTON'S CRACK CREW GOT A COSTLY SURPRISE.

The Story of a Fourth of July Rowing Contest at Honolulu Which Emptied the Pockets and Lacerated the Feelings of Uncle Sam's Jockies.

"About as dismal a Fourth of July as ever I experienced on board a man-of-war," said an ex-sailor of the navy now living in Washington to a reporter. "Was Independence day not many years ago down in the harbor of Honolulu. The Bennington had an all star racing boat's crew. The eight had just happened to be assigned to the Bennington in a bunch before she left for the Pacific cruise, and several of the oarsmen had been members of the Columbia's crack boat's crew that walloped all of the British navy's boats' crews in English waters a few years before.

The Bennington's cutter was one of the best in the navy, and she had been built for a race. Before we left the Maro Island navy yard for south Pacific waters the ship's racing crew had easily beaten all of the other crews of the ships lying at the yard, including the tiptop crew of the Olympia and the Boston's fine crew. We thought that we were about as warm as they make 'em after our crew put it on so many other man-o'-war crews, giving them a couple of minutes the start of us, though we were on numerous occasions and still beating them disgracefully.

"The people of Honolulu arranged an aquatic festival for the Fourth of July—the Americans down there celebrated the Fourth just as enthusiastically as we do up here—and the Bennington's crew figured in it largely. Our ship's colors were at the fore in the first two races that were run with picked Kanaka crews, and the third and last race of the day was one in which our crackjack eight was to figure, the other races having been won by subverses practically picked at random from among the strongest seamen.

"We thought this race was at our mercy. It was to be a four sided affair—one crew of Kanaka sugar field workers, a crew of Kanaka policemen and the racing crew of the yacht Eleonor, belonging to Mr. Slater of Honolulu, heeding to Japan a few days before. Our crew didn't pay much attention to the ship's racing crew and were only figuring on the distance they could beat the crew of Kanaka policemen, which seemed the most formidable.

"The race was over the four mile course carefully blocked out in the harbor—which was very smooth—by the Honolulu aquatic sportsmen, and the start was first made. There wasn't a man, fore or aft, on the Bennington that didn't stand to go broke to the extent of at least a month's pay on the success of the Bennington's crew, and we had to give 3 to 1, too, for it was generally conceded that we had the race at our mercy.

"The start, as I said, was good, and the Bennington's crew showed in front first and started out apparently to make a runaway race of it. The Kanaka policemen's crew trailed after them, pulling steadily, then the Kanaka sugar workers and a good ten lengths to the rear, the Eleonor's crew. This was the way it looked for the finish when the Bennington's crew rounded the stake-boat and started for the return trip.

"Some of the Honolulu men who had their money up on the two Kanaka crews actually began to squawk accounts, and the cry, 'It's all over—Bennington!' was heard all over the bay. When the stakeboat was rounded, it was noticed that the Eleonor's boat was sort of getting a move on itself, and the men were working like machines at a long, steady stroke that certainly looked as if it was cutting down the Bennington's lead and the lead of the two-Kanaka boats.

"Two minutes after the stakeboat was rounded the Eleonor's gang were right abreast of the Kanaka cutters and gaining on them with every stroke, and the cox'wain of the Bennington's cutter, hearing the yells of warning from the Bennington bluejackets ashore, looked behind him and saw the Eleonor cutting only two lengths behind him and coming like an electric launch. Our crew was tired, and that's all there was about it.

"The Eleonor's crew had held themselves in for the finish, and they certainly did make a Garrison finish of it. The yacht's cutter shot ahead of our cutter a good mile from home, and they, to make the thing more galling, the crew actually stopped rowing until the Bennington's crew was alongside again. Then they took to the oars again, and then they on it was a howling farce. The Eleonor's crew just rapped their cutter in ten lengths ahead of our cutter and the Kanakas a quarter of a mile in the rear.

"You never saw such a disgusted lot of men in your life as the men and officers on the Bennington. The Eleonor's ship company had taken all of the 3 to 1 money they could get on board our ship, for they knew they had a good thing up for the finish. The Eleonor's crew on the whole trip around the world that was wound up at San Francisco had not been beaten once in a cutter race, and the yacht's sailors had made all kinds of money in betting on their crew. It was a minor sort of consolation for us when we found out that five of the Eleonor's racing crew were ex-American man-o'-war's men."

Washington Star.

The allowance of the lord mayor of London, up to the majority of Sir Sidney Waterlow in 1873, was \$40,000 annually, but it was increased in that year to \$50,000, at which sum it has ever since remained.

A Former Chinese Fleet.

It consisted chiefly of old junk which had not been in the water for more than 30 years. During this lengthened period the sea had receded, and the land had formed to the extent of more than a mile, the consequence being that these ancient vessels were high and dry, their masts, sails and gear had rotted away from the long exposure to the sun and rain, the paint had peeled from their sides, and, in some cases, the very planking had been stolen for firewood.—"Pioneering in Formosa," by W. A. Pickering.

Moved Nine Million Pounds.
American engineers have just performed a feat at Bismarck, N. D., which has never before been equalled. It took them an entire year to make their preparations, and when all was ready they moved a pier of the Northern Pacific railway bridge, weighing 9,000,000 pounds, about four feet in a few days.

Russian Liars.
Russian diplomats hold that it is no disgrace or dishonor to lie in the most unblushing manner in order to promote the interests of their country and of their sovereign. When the late czar asked one of Count Ignatieff how he came to be nicknamed "The Father of Lies" while ambassador at Constantinople, he with a low bow responded, "In the service of your majesty."

Seamen Vote Ahead of Time.
Norwegian seamen are entitled to vote before leaving their country if the polling day is within three months of their departure, or they can vote at a foreign port within the same time by having their votes sent home through a Norwegian consul.

Crippled by Rheumatism.

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