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Just as he finished a prayer in a church at Dover, Del., Ferdinand Wolfe fell over dead.

Miss Florence Shankland, aged 21, a melancholy lady of Louisville, Ky., killed herself last Thursday because she feared that poisonous gases caused by Halley's comet would snuff out her life at any moment.

Sarah Peterson asked Seth E. Crews in Chicago if it would be legal if she married John R. Smith, a wealthy man, on his death bed. He

# BAGGING A BIG TIGER

## COLOSSAL ARCTURUS

The Jungle Monarch Was Trapped Lolling In His Bath. A FEAT OF MARKSMANSHIP.

The Fourth Brightest Star In All the Heavens. IN REALITY A MONSTER SUN.

Only the Brute's Head Showed Above the Water, and the Well Placed Bullet, Fired From an Elephant, Entered the Nestle and Broke His Neck.

An interesting account of a tiger hunt is given by one who had a wide experience in hunting this most dangerous of beasts. Mounted upon elephants, the writer and his companions had been beating the jungle without making a find until, as they were about to give up the search, a sudden disturbance among the elephants appeared to betoken a tiger near at hand. Giving directions to the others as to the order of marching their elephants, the writer ordered his mahout to turn into the thick feathered foliage to the left in search of a pool of water which he remembered to be there.

There was a slight descent to a long but narrow hollow about fifty or sixty yards wide. This was filled with clear water for an unknown length.

I was just about to make a remark when, instead of speaking, I gently grasped the mahout by the head as I leaned over the howdah and by this signal stopped the elephant.

There was a remarkable sight. About 120 yards distant on my right the head and neck of a large tiger clean and beautiful, reposed above the surface of the water, while the body was cooling, concealed from view. Here was our friend enjoying his quiet bath, while we had been pounding away up and down the jungles which he had left.

"Fire at him!" whispered the mahout, "or you will lose him! He will see us and be off."

"Hold your tongue!" I answered. "He can't see us, for the sun is at our back and is shining in his eyes. See how green they are."

At this moment the tiger quietly rose from his bath and sat up on end like a dog. I never saw such a sight. His head was beautiful, and the eyes shone like two green electric lights as the sun's rays reflected from them, but his huge body was dripping with muddy water, as he had been reclining upon the algal bottom.

For quite a minute the tiger sat up in the same position. At last, as if satisfied that he was in safety and security, he once more lay down with only the head and neck exposed above the surface.

"Back the elephant gently, but do not turn around," I whispered. Immediately the elephant backed through the feathery tamarisk without the slightest sound, and we found our selves outside the jungle. We could breathe freely.

"Go on, now, quite gently till I press your head, then turn to the right, descending through the tamarisk till I again touch your turban."

I counted the elephant's paces as she moved softly parallel with the jungle until I felt sure of my distance. A slight pressure upon the mahout's head and the elephant turned to the right. The waving plumes of the dark green tamarisk divided as we gently moved forward, and in another moment we stopped. There was the tiger in the same position, exactly facing me, but now about seventy-five paces distant.

"Keep the elephant quite steady," I whispered, and, sitting down upon the howdah seat, I took a rest with the rifle upon the front bar of the gun rack. A piece of tamarisk kept waving in the wind just in front of the rifle beyond my reach. The mahout leaned forward and gently bent it down. Now all was clear. The tiger's eyes were like green glass. The elephant for a moment stood like stone. I touched the trigger.

There was no response to the loud report of six drams of powder from the "five-seven-seven" rifle, no splash in the unbroken surface of the water. The tiger's head was still there, but in a different attitude, one-half below the surface and only one cheek and one large eye still glittering like an emerald above.

Upon examination it proved that there was no hole whatever in that tiger, the bullet having entered the nostril, broken the neck and run along the body. The animal consequently had never moved.

This tiger when laid out straight, but without being pulled to increase its length, measured exactly nine feet and eight inches from nose to tail.—Youth's Companion.

**His Last Request.**  
Charles Dickens used to relate an anecdote of the last moments of Fauntleroy, the great banker, hanged for forgery in 1824. His elegant dinners had always been followed by some remarkable and matchless curacao, the source of which he kept a deep secret. Three of his boon companions had an interview with him in the condemned cell the day before his execution. They were about to retire when the most impressive of the three stepped back and said: "Fauntleroy, you stand on the verge of the grave. Remember the text, my dear man, that 'we brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can take nothing out.' Have you any objection, therefore, to tell me now, as a friend, where you got that curacao?"

**Life is fruitful in the ratio in which it is laid out in noble action or patient perseverance.—Liddon.**

It is thought to be at least a Hundred Times Larger Than Our Sun in Diameter and is About Nine Hundred and Fifty Million Miles Distant.

Most of us are prone to think of our sun as being the largest body in the heavens, the grand high lord of all the little planets and the twinkling stars. Such is very far from being the case. Practically all of the fixed and twinkling stars are as large as, and some even larger than, our own sun. They appear small only because of their great distance, for they are just as truly suns with families of planets flying around them as is our central orb.

There is one of these stars in particular that has attracted the attention of astronomers, not only on account of its great size, but also its enormous distance from our solar system. This is the star Arcturus. To have some conception of the almost inconceivable distance that separates it from us the astronomical standard of measuring distance must be comprehended. Now, light does not come from a luminous body instantaneously to our eyes. It takes time to come, because it is a wave motion in a medium. The velocity of light as most recently determined is about 186,000 miles a second. Multiply this by the number of seconds in a year and we have a distance known in astronomy as a light year. Therefore when a star is, say, six trillion miles away we say it is one light year off, which means that the light from the star takes one year to reach us. It may be of some interest to know that there is no fixed star less than ten light years away, or sixty trillion miles. This is the one known as Alpha Centauri. Most of the stars are much farther even than that. Arcturus being the farthest one measured to date.

Arcturus is thought to be at least a hundred times larger than the sun in diameter. That would make it 10,000 times larger in surface, or the dimension that is ordinarily compared. By means of the photometer its brightness has been determined to be 6,200 times that of the sun. It is the fourth brightest star in all the heavens, Sirius, the dog star, being first in brightness. As regards the distance from us, it has been found to be a little over 100 light years, or 350 trillion miles. This distance, of course, cannot be conceived by mortal man. It is so stupendous and amazing. However, one can get a slight idea of it by means of an everyday analogy. Think of the fastest express train going at the rate of 100 miles an hour toward such a star and compute the time it would take. It is found to be in round numbers exactly 120,000,000 years! Now, as we exactly know it has taken its light so long to come to us and as there are a great many stars whose distance has never been measured exactly, but which have been computed to be approximately several million light years away, we have absolute proof of the great age of the world and the stellar universe.

The elements composing the sun, Arcturus are, peculiarly enough, very nearly the same as our sun. As it is one of the most wonderful and astounding things that a scientist can tell what a star so far away is composed of, a small explanation of the modus operandi would not come amiss here. It is done by means of a small instrument known as the spectroscope, which consists of glass prisms so arranged as to split up the light falling on them into its constituent parts. Now, every substance has the power to cause a certain color or line in the spectroscope if it is in a luminous condition, so this instrument is simply pointed at the star whose composition is sought, and if any line is found that corresponds to a substance that we know about we assume that this substance is found in the star examined.

Another interesting thing is the method pursued in determining the great distance of the stars. This is done by determining their parallax or angle made at the star between two rays from the star striking at two different points in space. As the greatest distance that we can measure off in this way and still take the angle is the diameter of the earth's orbit, that distance is invariably used. It is almost 200,000,000 miles, but that, as is seen, is very small compared with the enormous distance of the star. Now, the angle thus measured from Arcturus is only two-hundredths of a second! When it is remembered that there are 60 seconds in a minute, 60 minutes in a degree and 360 degrees in a circle, it is at once seen what a small angle the parallax is and how careful the astronomer has to be in his observations. Indeed, for a long time, before modern delicately measuring instruments were invented, no star's distance could be found, for there was seemingly no angle formed, and thus the old scientists had to assume the star to be at infinity.—Pittsburg Dispatch.

**Guess This Is So.**  
Mrs. Benham—How much did you pay the minister when we were married? Benham—I didn't pay him, but don't worry; no man ever had the heart to attach a man's wages for that kind of a debt.—New York Press.

**Beware so long as you live of judging people by appearances.—Z. Fontaine.**

## OVER GASTON COUNTY.

### MADEVILLE MATTERS.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

MADEVILLE, April 28.—Miss Vezlie Grisdale visited friends and relatives at Mayesworth and Belmont last week.—Miss Annie Hooper returned Saturday from Charlotte, where she spent several days with friends and relatives.—Miss Grace Albee is spending several weeks with friends at Salisbury and Spencer.—Mr. Frank Costner, of Gastonia, spent several days here last week assisting at the Taylor Drug Company's store.

The public school here closed last Friday after a seven-months session. The year just closed has been a most successful one. Prof. Ransom, of Bessemer City, was ably assisted by Misses Abbie Hall and Bertha Stowe, of Belmont.

The protracted meeting which has been going on here for the past two weeks, closed Sunday night. Rev. H. S. Howie, the pastor, preached a most excellent sermon Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, at which service the Lord's Supper was administered. Sunday evening the presiding elder, Rev. J. R. Scroggs, preached a strong sermon.

Miss Jessie Moore and Miss Drusilla Wilson were Charlotte shoppers Saturday.—Mr. R. R. Ray was a business visitor to Greensboro last week.—Mr. and Mrs. I. F. Matby were Concord visitors Saturday and Sunday.—Dr. G. W. Taylor spent Saturday and Sunday in Charlotte.—Miss Carrie Latimer was a Gastonia visitor Saturday.—Mrs. Dora Webb was a Charlotte visitor Saturday.—Mr. G. W. Ruffelt visited Charlotte Friday.—Mr. Ralph Ray, who has been in Baltimore for several months taking a course at a dental college, has returned to his home here for the summer.—Mr. J. H. Schofield, of New York, was a business visitor here Thursday.—Mr. J. B. Reid went to Gastonia Friday.—Mr. R. H. Smith, of Spartanburg, S. C., is here placing some additional work to the spinning frames. Mr. Smith has a patent on a spinning frame which he has invented. He has been offered a handsome sum for his patent but has not yet sold it.

Mr. J. I. Hammett has been appointed by Sheriff T. E. Shuford to serve out the unexpired term of Deputy Sheriff S. B. Brymer, who recently accepted a position on the Gastonia police force. Mr. Brymer has for several years a deputy sheriff here.

Mrs. J. L. Webb has returned from Hickory.—Miss Bessie Earnley went to Gastonia Thursday.—Miss Lottie Albee returned to her home Sunday from Salisbury and Lexington where she visited friends and relatives after being a patient in the Whitehead-Stokes Sanitarium, where she was greatly benefited.—Mrs. Alma Ezell, of Charlotte, is the guest this week of Miss Lottie Albee.

The five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cole died here Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock and was buried Tuesday in Goshen Cemetery.

The delegates from Liberty Bell Council, Daughters of Liberty, of Madenville, who attended the meeting of the State Council at Gastonia this week, have returned and report a very successful meeting. The delegates from this place were L. M. Rhvne, Miss Cora Mauney and G. W. Ruffelt.

### Lowell Locals.

Correspondence of The Gazette.

LOWELL, April 28.—Mr. W. T. Wilkinson, of Charlotte, was the guest of Mr. S. M. Robinson Tuesday.—Miss Kate Robinson left Wednesday to enter school at Banner Elk.—Mr. B. F. Leonhardt was a Gastonia visitor Wednesday.—Mrs. C. V. Flite and children, of Charlotte, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Adams.—Mr. D. W. Mitchem was a business visitor to Gastonia Tuesday.—Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Stowe, of Belmont, were in town Sunday.—Mrs. S. M. Robinson and Miss Edith were Gastonia shoppers Tuesday.—Mrs. L. E. Rankin and children visited relatives near Belmont Thursday.—Mrs. M. A. Cloniger and grand-daughter, Miss Verma, who spent a few days with Mrs. W. O. Cashion, left Monday to visit relatives in Gastonia.—Mrs. Cleveland Guin has been quite sick for some time.—Mrs. Dr. Frank Robinson and children are visiting her parents, Rev. and Mrs. M. T. Steele, at Mooresville this week.—Mr. William Grissom, who recently moved here from Florida, has taken the place of Mr. Will Huggins in the blacksmith shop.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bowman, who some time ago moved from Wadesboro to Oklahoma, has instituted habeas corpus proceedings at Wadesboro to secure possession of her three children from her uncle, Thomas R. Bowman.

## SEABOARD AIR LINE

SCHEDULE.

These arrivals, departures and connections with other companies are given only as information. Schedule taking effect February 6, 1910, subject to change without notice.

Trains leave Charlotte as follows:  
No. 40, daily, at 5:00 a. m., for Monroe, Hamlet and Wilmington, connecting at Monroe with 33 for Atlanta, Birmingham; with 38 for Raleigh, Weldon and Portsmouth. With 66 at Hamlet for Raleigh, Richmond, Washington, New York.  
No. 133, daily, at 10:35 a. m., for Lincolnton, Shelby and Rutherfordton.  
No. 44, daily, at 5 p. m., for Monroe, Hamlet, Wilmington and all local points, connecting at Hamlet with 43 for Columbia, Savannah and all Florida points.  
No. 47, daily, at 4:45 p. m., for Rutherfordton and all local points.  
No. 132, 7:15 p. m., connecting at Monroe for all points North, carries Portsmouth sleeper.  
Trains arrive in Charlotte as follows:  
No. 133, 9:50 a. m., from all points North, brings Portsmouth sleeper.  
No. 45, daily, at 11:55 a. m., from Wilmington and all local points North.  
No. 132, 7 p. m., from Rutherfordton, Shelby, Lincolnton and C. & N. W. Railway points, Johnson City.  
No. 46 arrives 10:30 a. m., from Rutherfordton and all local stations.  
No. 39, daily, at 10:50 p. m., from Wilmington, Hamlet and Monroe; also from points East, North and Southwest, connecting at Hamlet and Monroe.  
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## REV. J. G. DUKES

Writes: My wife has been in a very bad state of health. Nothing seemed to do her any good until she began TO USE PERUNA.

MRS. J. G. DUKES.

Rev. J. G. Dukes, Pastor of the Unitarian Church of Pinetown, N. C., writes:

"My wife has been in a very bad state of health for several years, and nothing seemed to do her any good until she began to use Peruna one month ago. Since then the color has returned to her face, and she is gaining in flesh every day, and I believe she is a well woman to day."

"My little boy, ten years old, was pale and had but little life. He began to use Peruna the day his mother began. To-day his face is rosy, and he is out in the yard running and jumping with the rest of the children."

**Stomach Trouble Relieved.**  
Mrs. T. J. Ballard, Pryor Creek, Indian Territory, writes: "I am happy to tell you that I keep free from my old stomach trouble; feel no entarrhal symptoms at all. I am able to do my work, eat and drink what I want, and rejoice that I found a sure cure in your valuable medicines, which I failed to find in the best of home physicians."

### Bishop Horner Coming.

Bishop Junius M. Horner, of Asheville, will preach at St. Mark's Episcopal church here Sunday evening at 7:45 o'clock and will also administer the apostolic rite of confirmation. Special music has been prepared for the occasion and the interior of the church will be attractively decorated. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Bishop Horner will preach at Bessemer City and Monday night at St. John's church, High Shoals.

The classis of North Carolina, Reformed Church of the United States, will meet in its eighth annual session at Lenoir Wednesday, May 4th. This body has a membership of seven thousand in this State.