

EXPERIENCE IN THE ALPS.

The Rescue of a German Tourist from a Crevasse.

An interesting account of the discovery and rescue of the missing German tourist in Switzerland, Herr Sachs, of Breauvaux, was recently given in the London Daily News.

Herr Sachs, while on a mountain expedition from Zermatt, sank into a deep crevasse, beyond hope of recovery by the guides unaided. The accident happened about noon, and the guides had brought assistance by about seven o'clock in the evening, a body of Zermatt guides reaching the spot in little more than half the time they usually spend upon the distance.

There were in all 15 guides present. Guide Mozer, the elder, taking command, and there were plenty of ropes. The guide Julien was the first to bend over the black hole in the glacier crevice, and to shout down. A second or two interval, and then he turned, and cried, overjoyed: "The gentleman lives," and the others bent down and shouted and listened anxiously.

No answer. Several anxious moments, and then the shout again: "Are you alive?" "I am alive, and have only broken my arm," came in a hollow voice from the depths. "The gentleman lives," they all cried, deeply moved, and all the Zermatt helpers began to pick their way up again.

"The crevasse was first examined. It was about a yard and a half across, and widened out greatly at the bottom. The place where Sachs had fallen through was marked by a hole just large enough for a man's body to pass. On a snow-covered bank of ice, at a depth of about 200 feet, sat Herr Sachs, above a still deeper ice-abyss, which seemed to be fathomless.

A regular dispute now took place between the guides, each of whom wished to have the honor of being let down into the awful chasm. Julien claimed the first right, but after a short debate, Josef Maria Kronig, who was the lightest, was chosen. He was tied to a rope and lowered. Three glacier-rope lengths were necessary before he reached Sachs. Sachs, a medium-sized, sturdy man, sat frozen fast on his gloves, which he had placed under him as a protection from the cold. The jutting ice edges had traces of blood on them.

"A second rope was now let down for Sachs to be tied to. As he was rather heavy a third one was lowered. Kronig then bound him, and he was drawn up. He had nearly reached the upper layer of snow when it appeared almost impossible to get him into the top, as the ropes cut deep into the snow. At last a guide seized his coat collar and dragged him over. "Thank God—so I am out," cried Sachs. The guide Julien wept tears of joy. Then the brave Kronig was drawn up, not without difficulty.

"When Sachs came up to the light of day again he was quite dazed. Nevertheless, the first thing he did on his return to Zermatt was to send a telegram to his wife and to discharge by telegraph an important business affair."

FREAK EYES.

A Girl Who Carries in Her Optics the Image of a Doll.

Emma Byers, a 15-year-old girl, who lives at No. 1123 Budd street, Cincinnati, is in the pupil of each eye the perfect image of a fully dressed doll. This freak of nature is ascribed to parental influence. Shortly before Emma's birth her mother saw a number of dolls in the window of a shop, and, being attracted by them, she stopped every time any errand brought her that way and spent some time looking at the playthings.

A LOBSTER'S TOILET.

The Interesting Experience of Seeing One Cast His Shell.

It has not happened to everyone to see a lobster cast his shell. Last summer I had an opportunity of watching the process. I was staying for several weeks in a secluded little village on the south coast, and one day, when the only fisherman in the place returned after taking up his "pots," he flung upon the beach a specimen too small for sale or home consumption. The prize was taken possession of by a boy, who presented it to my improvised aquarium, for which all the little boys of the village were enthusiastic collectors. I kept the water well aerated, and devoted a great deal of time and attention to my various live stock; and at last my reward came.

At the time of his capture my lobster had already begun to think about getting a new suit; and, as the days went by, the old shell became so small for him that he could no longer avoid discarding his ever-tightening armor. One morning, therefore, I found my lobster apparently in his last agonies. He lay on his back and rubbed his legs convulsively together as if in intense pain; and then he wriggled about, or jerked himself violently upwards by means of his tail. I suppose these actions had for their object the loosening of the claws and limbs in their sheaths. The rapid movements somewhat disturbed the sand and clouded the water; but, as the patient lay close to the glass, I never entirely lost sight of him. Nevertheless I do not quite know how it all occurred. The throes continued for an hour or more, and efforts were apparently made to burst the shell open from within; but it was not until I saw that the lobster had actually divested himself of his head covering that I understood what my guest was about. A great deal more wriggling and struggling followed, the lobster gradually squeezing himself, as it were, out of the shoulders of his suit of armor.

The operation looked as if it were extremely painful and exhausting; but at last I had the satisfaction of seeing my lobster and his discarded shell lying side by side. The latter looked much the smaller of the two; and, save that it was motionless, it might have been mistaken for a live and healthy crustacean in full dress. The orifice through which the ancient tenant had evicted himself was very small, and the headpiece had not been completely thrown off, but was left hanging, as by a hinge. But now the naked lobster did not look at all like his old self. His colors were so bright as to suggest that he had been parboiled, and he had the tender appearance of human flesh from which the skin had just been removed. I took out the shell, and found that my guest had got rid not only of the major part of his eyes, but also of the lining of his stomach, including his internal teeth, and of some of the bones of his thorax; yet he seemed to be little the worse for his thorough turn out. On my return from luncheon I touched him, and found that, although quite soft, he was covered with an incipient shell of the approximate softness of oiled tissue paper. He did not like being touched. During the three following days the shrimps worried him a great deal; but he grew with marvelous rapidity until he was fully half as big again as he had been, and when I once more touched him the shell on his big claws was sufficiently hard to enable him to give me a nip.—London Freisidee.

Not Worth Mentioning.

The queen was once informed by the manager of her Shaw farm that a Scottish farmer was a breeder of superior collie dogs, and she thereupon expressed a wish to possess one of them. Accordingly, the farmer forwarded two beautiful dogs, and her majesty gave orders that the next time he came to the farm he should immediately be taken to the castle. The farmer was somewhat uneasy as to how he should comport himself in the presence of royalty, and the manager put him through his paces. At last the fateful day arrived, and he was ushered into the presence of the queen. Her majesty shook hands with him and said: "I have to thank you for the two beautiful collies you sent me!" And to this gracious remark the farmer replied: "Touts, touts, wumman! hand yer tongue! What's the matter o' pair o' dowgs between you and me?"—Argonaut.

Provided for Her Cat.

"By the death of a cat, the Temple quarter in Paris," says the Boston Transcript, "receives a legacy of 10,000 francs for its elementary schools. The cat's mistress, who died in 1892, left the money for the maintenance of her pet cat, with the reversion at its death to the district municipality if it would look after the cat. It speaks well for the honesty of the trustees that the cat, which is now dead at the age of 16 years, should have survived its mistress five years."

The growth of nails on the left hand requires eight or ten days longer than those on the right.

AN INEBRIATE'S FATE.

A Man Who Can Get Drunk Without Taking a Drop.

Maine has the proud honor of having within her precincts a man who can get more intoxicated on less money than any other man in the world. In fact, his spree cost him absolutely nothing, yet he can get as "full as a boiled owl."

The man's name is Cyrus Gates and he lives near Blue Hill, adjoining an abandoned copper mine. Years ago Gates was wealthy and spent most of his money on various liquors which inebriated. Then came ill-fortune, for he lost his wealth and his eyesight simultaneously. Then he wore off, and for some years did not touch a drop.

About three years ago the old hankering returned, and Gates decided to spend all the money he had for one rousing spree. He sent to Ellsworth for a quart of real New England rum, warranted to gladden the heart and warm the inner man. No sooner had the order been given than Gates became uproariously drunk. He danced about, sang, smashed what little furniture he had and had a rousing good time. His pulse rose to an abnormal pitch and his eyes became watery and clear. He was "full" to the fullest degree.

Finally he took to his bed and slept off the drunk. When he awoke he suffered from that picturesque complaint known as "katzenjammer," or sick headache. When the rum had had ordered arrived he used it to get sober again. This has been the man's experience a dozen times since then.

The case is so peculiar that medical men from all over Maine and New England have visited the old man for the purpose of putting his alleged inebriation to a test. They can talk with him about drinking and sing bacchanalian songs to him for hours without producing any effect, but as soon as one of his visitors promises to buy liquor for him and lets him take the money Gates gets hilarious and follows up the self-created hilarity until he is in that condition which is popularly known as a jag.

One time when the liquor had been promised him and had failed to arrive the old man had an attack of delirium tremens which came near killing him. Since then the expected stimulants have always arrived on time. A New York doctor, who is staying in Blue Hill this summer and making experiments upon Gates, says it is the most puzzling case he has ever seen, and when he gets back to the city he will write it up for a medical journal.

Meantime old man Gates gets drunk upon big draughts of imagination whenever his fingers assure him that he has money enough to buy liquor to make him sober again. Remembering his former attack of delirium tremens, he is controlling his imagination and will take nobody's word without the cash.—N. Y. Journal.

A GREAT TEMPTATION.

The Penitentiary Preacher Offered the Dearly Too Big a Test. A few days ago a minister preached at the Virginia penitentiary. In his congregation was one Washington Mills, a convict from Buckingham county, and a preacher, too, a "zortzer," as he styled himself, before he became an inmate of our "state hotel." The minister, wishing to learn something of the history of Mills' crime, asked him what he was imprisoned for.

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