

MONEY IN A WOLF HUNT.

Michigan Man Clears Tidy Sum in a Two Days' War Upon a Pack.

"The prize wolf story of the season comes from Ewen, Mich.," said A. D. Roth, of Grand Rapids, Mich.

Partly to investigate, but prepared for action, he went to the scene. Wolves were there, and they were raising havoc with the deer, as numerous carcasses testified.

It so happened that he was but a short distance from the lake. He figured that the deer would run out on the ice, with the wolves in close pursuit.

FIGHT WITH HUGE SEA BAT

Encounter with a Fish That Leaps Into the Air and Turns a Somersault.

Imagine a jet black bat of 15 or more feet across, with a long slender tail, the fins rising and falling like wings with a motion the perfection of grace.

As the dinghy moved nearer I saw that rare spectacle—a huge ray turn completely over, throwing a somersault as it swung around, a picture of grace, yet never losing its position.

Dogs in the Ambulance Service. The Austria-Hungarian War Dogs' club lately held its first show of dogs for war and ambulance service.

Good Work of a Volcano. In the Santa Maria district of Guatemala the coffee crop of the past year has far exceeded those of many preceding years in both quality and quantity.

Chinese Sewing Machine. The Chinese are learning to love the things of the present, among them the sewing machine, which is winning its way into China's tailor shops.

A HAZARDOUS FEAT.

Englishman Runs a Motor Car Down a Waterchute and Back Again in London.

London.—Although there are few motor car feats which have not been attempted by Americans, it is just possible that so far no trans-Atlantic automobile has driven a car up and down a water chute.

Really, it was a ticklish proceeding, which demonstrated strikingly how complete is the control of the expert motorist over his car.

The run up the chute was accomplished with comparative ease in 22-25 seconds, but the return journey was more exciting.

POLLY STOPS A TRAIN.

Then the Talkative Bird Wanted to Know What All the Fuss Was About.

New York.—Engineer Rafferty, while taking his train down Red Ant hill, near Suffern, N. Y., the other day, spied on the track before him a small, brightly colored object.

Polly never moved a feather, but seemed highly delighted at the commotion she caused.

One man attempted to climb the tree, but desisted when Conductor Howe said there was no time for parrot hunting on the Erie railroad.

Miners' Narrow Escape. Hoisted to Top of a Michigan Shaft and Dumped into the Ore Chute.

Iron Mountain, Mich.—Hoisted to the surface at the rate of nearly a mile per minute, three men employed at the Florence mine came with a small margin of losing their lives through disobedience of the stringent rule prohibiting the use of the skip in ascending the shaft.

After American Machines. Great Success of Home Make Causes Domestic Dealers to Drop Foreign.

New York.—As in the days of the bicycle, those dealers in this country who have been importing and selling foreign automobiles, are now hastening to take up with the perfected American product.

The Higher Education. Two great universities having their students holding a cocking main and taking the issue thereof as an omen for the coming boat races between the two is an indication, remarks the Baltimore American, that something is lacking with the higher intelligence as developed by collegiate training.

A Reasonable Explanation. A church which has been under construction for 1,600 years has just been completed at Paris. The Chicago Record-Herald remarks that it must have been put up under a government contract.

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NEW AUTOMATIC GUN

WAR WEAPON WHICH HAS MANY GOOD POINTS.

Is Capable of Firing 750 Shots a Minute—Fitted with Mechanism Which Insures Accuracy of Fire.

Springfield, Ill.—The new 30-caliber tripod-mounted automatic gun was exhibited recently at the armory here before a board of army officers.

The chief points of interest in this gun are: (1) It is operated by a piston contained in the cartridge, without loss of powder gas; (2) without a barrel vent; (3) without utilizing the recoil; and (4) without a sliding barrel; also, the sensible recoil is greatly reduced.

The ammunition for this gun is of standard design, so far as exterior is concerned. It can be used in any rifle that is chambered to receive it.

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Oldest Mississippi Mule. He Is 36 Years of Age and the Property of Venerable Darky Who Is Very Proud of Him.

Jackson, Miss.—The oldest mule in Mississippi is the property of a negro farmer named T. J. Jefferson, who lives in Copiah county, about 30 miles from this city, and the old darkey is inordinately proud of his venerable possession.

Eriskiest Squire at Ninety. Dressed in his Sunday best, Squire George Applegate, the largest individual property owner of Bethlehem, Pa., and a nonagenarian at that, strolled into a grain field the other afternoon, cut with a cradle half a dozen shocks of wheat, and a few minutes later, while mopping the perspiration from his brow at the wedding of his nephew, challenged the bridegroom to a jig.

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ANOTHER TUNNEL PROJECT

There Is Plan Afoot to Connect Prince Edward Island with the Mainland.

One of the most important and interesting of engineering problems in these days of tunnels is that of connection between Prince Edward Island and the mainland of Canada.

It is an independent province of Canada, with its own local legislature, lieutenant governor and all the legal machinery of any other province, but for three or four months in the year is so cut off from communication as to make transit difficult and dangerous.

The trouble is with the ice. The gulf does not freeze up solidly, as does the St. Lawrence river, but the swift tides and currents coming from the straits of Belle Isle, the Cabot straits (between Cape Breton and Newfoundland) and the strait of Canso, swirl through the Northumberland straits, which separates Prince Edward Island from the mainland, and carry with them fields and bergs of ice that are often impenetrable by the most powerful steamers.

It is stated that the distance at the narrowest point of the shores across the strait is about 6 1/2 nautical miles, and with approaches the tunnel would be in all about 8 1/2 miles.

The province is an old one, capable of prosperity, and could support 300,000 people easily. It has valuable fisheries as well as agriculture.

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It happened on a Ferryville car early the other morning, says the Pittsburgh Dispatch. It is said that soon after the car left the terminus of the line for the initial run to the city it bumped a wagon loaded with boxes.

Directly the motorman heard a strange buzzing sound. Thinking it came from the machinery, he stopped the car to make an examination.

With a yell he leaped back to the platform, and, throwing on the current, started down the hill at top speed.

This did not daunt the bees, and a second later they filled the car, an open one. Some sailed through the car, causing the women to scream, the children to cry and the men shrink in terror.

Once the motorman attempted to stop, and the bees immediately settled. A chorus of shrieks and yells arose from the passengers, and a yell louder than the general chorus showed that a bee was at work.

Women attempted to beat them off with their fans and handkerchiefs, while the men resorted to hats, but this only aroused the ire of the bees, and the succession of yells showed that the bees were getting the best of the battle.

When North avenue and East street was reached the queen bee settled on a piece of burlap on a telegraph pole, and in an instant the other bees had settled. They formed in the shape of a heart, a foot long and half as thick. The car continued until the motorman was sure the bees had given up the chase and was then stopped.

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TREE WITH HISTORY

A SILENT WITNESS OF CRIMES AND MIRACLES.

Giant Sycamore of California, Said to Be 500 Years Old, Which Might Tell Interesting Tales If It Could Talk.

Santa Monica, Cal.—Near the Soldiers' home here stands a giant sycamore tree with a history almost as interesting as that of the Charter oak.

No one knows the age of this sycamore, though Indian legends have it that about 500 years ago the tree was brought, a slender sapling, by a band of northern Indians, who planted it and lived beneath its ever-spreading shade for many generations, until the conquering white men drove them off.

When Father Junipero Sera, founder of the California missions, and his band of Franciscan friars made their way along the coast from San Diego northward, the little company found grateful shelter from the sun beneath this sycamore, and abiding there for many days, inscribed the cross of their order upon it and blessed the tree when at last they journeyed on their way.

When this became known, Indians and Mexicans attached to it a superstitious power for good and, many sick and halt and blind and otherwise oppressed made pilgrimages to the valley of the holy sycamore, hoping to be cured.

In the dark days of the civil war the holy sycamore saw its first tragedy, for ten men were hanged from its limbs. It is alleged, for sympathizing with the union cause. As the result of this the religious pilgrimages were abandoned and the tree began to be shunted, especially by Mexicans.

Tramp Sleeps in Boudoir. Luxury of a Rich Man's House More Than the Wanderer Can Withstand.

Stamford, Conn.—Marion Terrell, a negro tramp, forced an entrance to the residence of Thomas K. Milliken of Henry street, a manufacturer of linens in New York one night recently.

Terrell, in exploring the house, reached Mrs. Milliken's boudoir and its magnificence made him sleepy, he told the police. He dozed and went to sleep on the soft, downy, canopied couch. He awoke greatly refreshed.

The tramp next escaped from police headquarters by leaping from a window thirty feet high. He was recaptured in Sound Beach and there made a confession. He had stolen no article of value, but was charged with burglary and was bound over to the superior court for trial.

HORSE 52 YEARS OLD.

Hamilton County (La.) Man Claims to Be Owner of Oldest Equine in America.

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TAILOR REVISED HIS LIST.

Became Convinced That One of the Entries Was a Trifle Dangerous.

There is a little Irish tailor in Harlem who prides himself on a reputation for courage. The reputation, however, says the New York Times, was won and is maintained much like that of the tailor in the old story who "killed nine at a blow."

One morning Mrs. Murphy, a customer, entered the shop, and finding the tailor busy with pencil and paper, asked him what he was doing.

"I'm making a list av the min on this block who I can lick," said he, pompously.

"Have ye Murphy's name down?" asked she.

"Murphy heads the list," was his reply.

Mrs. Murphy hurried home with the news, and Mr. Murphy came down to the shop with fire in his eye.

"The woman tells me," he roared, "that you're after making a list of the men you can lick, and that you've got me down at the head of it. Is it true?"

"Sure, and it's true. What of it?"

"Why, you good-for-nothing little grasshopper, I could wipe you out with my little finger. I could wipe the floor with you with both me hands tied."

"Are you sure about that?" asked the tailor, anxiously.

"Sure? Sure I'm sure about it."

"Well," sighed the tailor, regretfully, "then I'll have to scratch you off the list."

DIAMOND IS TOO LARGE.

The Great Stone Lately Taken from South African Mine to Be Broken Up.

Some idea of the remarkable character of the diamond weighing 3,032 carats, recently found in a South African mine, may be formed when one recalls that the Kohinoor weighs only a fraction more than 106 carats, and the Matan diamond, one of the largest hitherto known, weighs 367 carats, says Youth's Companion.

The Kohinoor, however, weighs nearly 800 carats before it was cut. The Hope diamond, one of the most noted of the smaller stones, weighs only 44 1/2 carats. The Kohinoor adorns the British crown, and the people of India believe that the king who owns it shall be the ruler of that country.

Angora Goat Farm Pays. Maryland Boy Winning Fame and Fortune by Raising the Animals.

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