

HOW WE PUNISHED THE SIOUX.

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The only way to fight an Indian to be more of an Indian than he.

This was my answer to Gen. N. A. Dudley when he asked my advice about his great Sioux campaign of 1874.

The Sioux were clever in choosing their time, for the spring floods were out, and this made pursuit almost impossible.

Knowing the country and Indian customs, I was pretty sure where the Sioux had their camp.

Ordinarily, a bridge spanned a branch of the stream in almost a straight line from the place. But when we got to the place we found it gone.

About ten miles down stream I found a crazy footbridge that had held in spite of the freshest it had held because the waters found outlet beyond each end of it.

So, in despair, I put my horse at the crazy footbridge. It wobbled and heaved, and the waters swerved up to its highest boards.

At midnight we started across. I went first. The men gave their horses free rein and the surefooted beasts picked their way along that perilous, swaying, food-swept footpath as daintily as minuet dancers.

Before the bugles sounded the recall we had killed thirty-two of the snapping savages. Then we halted to eat and to rest our horses.

No nation ever did or ever can maintain at all times a standing army sufficiently great to defend itself against all other powers.

HOW INDIAN GIGGERS.

Does the Trick Easily and Seldom Misses His Fish.

The mountain streams of Indian Territory, which abound in game fish principally black bass, have been as clear as crystal for the last ten days and the Indians have been having great sport giggering them.

In a mountain stream in the Territory when the water is clear the bottom can be seen through six feet of water, and this makes giggering a great sport for the Indians.

It is interesting to watch a couple of Indians gig fish. With the long, slender reed, tipped and barbed with steel, one Indian leans over the prow of the canoe while the other with his paddle gently and noiselessly lets the canoe slide up to the big rocks and around logs in deep water.

There is no struggle to land his fish. The excitement of winding in the line for the Indian lasts for some and not for sport.

When he throws the kite and his motion is so perfect and his balance even that there is scarcely a tremor in the boat, while the amateur is likely not only to miss his fish but to fall out of his head in the water besides.

Quaint Wedding Customs.

Few people who marry realize the historic significance of the various phases of the tender compact.

The history of the wedding ring is hard to trace, but our Puritan ancestors considered it a relic of heathenism.

At all weddings in that part of Ireland, when the wedding feast was served the "straw boys" refused to sit at the table, or to eat anything inside the house, though pressed to do so.

The Magdalen Islands.

Rarely does the world hear of the Magdalen islands or of the people who occupy them, the descendants of Longfellow's Arcadians.

FLYING KITES UNDER WATER.

Object to Warn Ships When Approaching Dangerous Places.

The flying of kites was for many years regarded as childish sport, but those toys, as men were wont to regard them, have become in the present day most valuable aids to science.

The novel kite is made of light canvas adjusted to a light but strong metal frame, and in shape is not dissimilar to the aerial kite except that it is made in two sections.

The object sought by Mr. Sjostrand was to provide ships with an ever ready automatic guard or watch that would give instant alarm if the vessel entered shallow waters and approaching a spot where the depth was not sufficient for safety.

At any time day or night, the lower section of the kite strikes bottom from the "signal pencil" as it is called, instantly releasing the couplet with which it is secured to the upper section and an alarm bell is sounded on the deck of the endangered vessel.

It has been shown by statistics that the average duration of human life has increased in Chicago 129 per cent in the last 50 years.

It will readily be seen that this method of calculation is open to some objections. It would not, of course, be safe to aver that the average citizen lives more than twice as long as he did in Chicago 50 years ago.

The average length of life of the people of urban communities is increasing in all parts of the civilized world, and as by means of trolley cars, telephone lines and rural free delivery the suburban reaches out into the rural, the same increase in average longevity is noted.

Formerly large cities were not self-supporting in a vital sense. That is to say, their deaths outnumbered their births.

Young Waldorf Astor is engaged.

The Pittsburgh millinery is great in variety.

A PROMISING SISTER

"She is absolutely perfect, Billy," said Billy's younger sister with enthusiasm.

"Is she blonde or brunette?" asked Billy with lazy interest for he and his sister had little similarity of taste when it came to girls.

"That's plenty about her, thank you. I have read all about that kind in books. You forgot to mention that she is matrimonially inclined and is liable to try to marry a promising person like myself."

The little blonde visitor accepted Billy's devotion together with that of all the other men who crossed her path, as a matter of course.

"I don't think Ruth need have upset the whole party the way she did last night," complained Billy's sister to Billy the next day.

"Poor little girl!" said Billy meditatively. "When'll she be back from the hair dresser's?"

"She may stay there all day for all I care," remarked Billy's sister, indifferently.

"Why, you were so fond of her and so anxious he should fall in love with her," said her mother with a puzzled expression.

When the little blond girl and Billy returned that night his sister was waiting up for them and met them with a worried frown.

"Go ahead—tell her," commanded Billy.

The little blond girl put up a little hand on which gleamed a new gold band ring.

ANCIENT BURIAL OF CROWNS.

Many Have Undergone This Experience, Others Still Underground.

St. Olaf's crown, with which King Haakon was invested at Dronninghjelms in obedience to the demands both of the National Constitution and of popular sentiment in the land of his adoption, has undergone many strange vicissitudes since the days, more than 1,000 years ago, when it surmounted the long mane of the earliest Christian ruler of Norway.

It is interesting to call attention to this just at a time when the searches pursued throughout many years for two of the missing crowns of England seem to be on the eve of a successful issue.

William the Conqueror by his son, Rufus, by Richard Coeur de Lion, the Crusader and by King John, whose principal claim to a place in the history is to be found in the fact that he is believed to have lost the crown of Alfred the Great with the scepter and the orb, the Sward of State, and all the other insignia of royalty.

Americans are engaged in pursuit of the search for the other missing crown of England, which was constructed for the coronation of King Charles II. and which the notorious Colonel Blood endeavored to steal during the reign of the "Merric Monarch."

The much-vaunted hospitality of Louis XIV. of France to his exiled brother-king was not of such a generous character as has been asserted.

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FINE DOG HOSPITAL.

Detroit Has One That Rivals Those for Human Beings.

In almost every city and town in the United States there are veterinary surgeons, a part of whose business is doctoring sick and injured dogs and cats, but in Detroit there is a dog hospital where dogs have their rooms and numbers, their nurses and special diets, and are treated and studied like so many human beings.

When an animal enters the hospital its name goes into a ledger, together with its owner's. A long slip, such as is used in hospitals for human beings, is filled out. The age of the dog, its breed and the nature of its malady or injury are first recorded. Then the dog undergoes a thorough examination by the doctor in charge, instructions for its treatment and care are given and the animal has become a patient.

With the exception of appendicitis, dogs are subject to ailments that beset human beings, and in the treatment pills, hypodermics, nerve tonics, heart stimulants and nearly all other drugs and medicines used by human beings are employed in this hospital.

Some Astan people, perhaps the Chinese discovered, many centuries ago that a kind of iron ore possessed a very peculiar quality, says a writer in Harper's Magazine.

It is an open question whether the Chinese utilized the directive power of the lodestone but it is certain that the first rude compass was not used in European vessels before the twelfth century of our era.

Shipping Fish Without Water.

Consul-General Richard Guenther writes that experiments made in Germany in the transportation of live fish have demonstrated that fish can live out of water for days.

The gills of fish are similar to the human lungs, and are constantly washed by water containing oxygen. The thin membrane of the gills separates the blood in them, vitiated with carbonic acid, from the water containing oxygen, and the practical result is the same as with the human lungs.

It had been noticed long ago that many kinds of fish could live out of water for some time provided that the gills remain wet. In order to keep the gills wet the evaporation of the moisture had to be prevented; for this purpose the fish were placed in an atmosphere thoroughly saturated with water vapor.

Through a tube oxygen was introduced. Before entering the box the oxygen passed through several water bottles, which thoroughly saturated it with vapor. In this way the fish are always in a pure oxygen atmosphere. The result of the experiment was surprising. Carp, tench, bream and other fish remained in the box for from three to four days perfectly well. When they were then placed in water they swam about in a lively manner and appeared perfectly fresh.