BILL ARP'S LETTER.

Talks About the Cold Days of Sixty Years ber of the Maryland Academy of Ago.

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was my day, rain or shine, cold or hot, heater. and my mother cried when father helped me on the old dromedary and I thanks to God for His mercy.' gave him the reins for home and held "Well, it was glorious to see the only two miles from home and my good horse paced on. They were looking for me-my father and motherand as the horse rounded up to the back door I almost fell into their from its frozen grip on the saddle. I Friday, and the next day was colder. member that birds were frozen in the woods and chickens on the roost. I don't know whether these thermomother morning I got up soon and made a fire in two rooms and then went out to the coalhouse to get more coal for upstairs. I noticed that the back cracked strangely as I walked on them, and I felt that it was cold-very cold -but I never looked at the thermometer for half an hour, and it was 7 mediately, for I had never seen the is that 10 degrees above zero is about | man told me he witnessed the experian hour than forty. He said no. "Can you run sixty as safe as forty?" "Yes," said he. "How about seven-

it gets below 20. here as up there, but didn't suffer party and froze them by dropping a long at a time-only a day or two; but | very small drep in each glass. up there it was several long, weary months. "Where I was raised," he said, "the mercury was far below zero for a month at a time, and I remember one long, weary night when it dropped to 30 and then 35 and 40. There was an old-fashioned box stove in the big room. It was made of thick melleable iron and on bitter nights we crowded in wood and pine until it was red hot

I remember-yes, I remember the | to 45, and the house cracked and popcold Friday and Saturday of '39, when ped like little guns. Father got I was a little male boy-I mean a mail alarmed, and, being an old-fashioned boy-and had to ride the mail from Christian man, said, 'Come, children, Lawrenceville to Rosewell, twenty- let us all kneel down and pray.' After four miles and back in a day. Friday prayer we piled more pine into the

"Father said to mother: 'When helped me on to the high dromedary Elisha Kent Kane was in the artics horse that morning; but I was bundled he said that he found that fatty matup good, and had warm woolen socks | ter was better than fire and he made over my shoes and a pair of home-knit his crew stuff themselves with whale mittens on my hands and a woolen | blubber and seal oil and grease and it comforter crossed around my neck and saved their lives. And so, mother, ears. I thought I could stand it, for | you had better bring us all the grease I was young and tough, and full of in the pantry.' Mother turned us all blood, and had been raised to work in loose on her lard and butter and fat the cold and to chop wood and go to meat and we crammed it down and it mill, and my father always said that did do us good. But the mercury boys who were raised easy would be kept dropping. Father had an old no account and die hard. I made the donkey that brayed incessantly all the trip to Rosewell in good time, but it forepart of the night, but about 3 was growing colder and colder, and o'clock he ceased and father said: the drizzling rain had turned into 'My children, the poor old donkey is sleet. For about an hour I sat by the dead.' About 4 o'clock there was a postmaster's fire and got thawed. He fire in the little village, but nobody urged me to stay all night, and said I went to it. The family fled to the would freeze to death on the road, nearest house for refuge. Just before but I knew my mother would imagine | daybreak the mercury began to rise a I was somewhere dead on the way and little and father said: 'Come chilbe distressed, and so the postmaster dren, let us kneel down and give

on to the horn of the saddle. He was big, round, red sun-rise and shine in a fine traveler, and paced up hill and the windows next morning. About down hill all the same. By the time this time we heard a racket in the I got to Gregory's bridge, on the barn which was near by and father Chattahoochee, I was pretty well clad said: 'Boys, go out and see if that in ice, and the horse's main was a donkey is alive.' And sure enough solid sheet and his ears were full. I he was and there he stood facing the stopped in the shelter of the covered door with an icicle sticking out of his bridge a few minutes and found I was mouth three feet long and as big at getting colder, for the sleet had blown the base as a coffee pot. His brays under me on the saddle and got into had frozen and frozen to a sharp point my socks. A feeling of alarm came and had stopped up his mouth so over me, for my fingers were numb effectually he couldn't bray any more." and my feet too. Desperately I That's what my friend told me, but clucked to the good horse, and away N. B. he was a newspaper man. Well, he went, for there were yet sixteen I'm not going to write a poem on the miles to make, and the blizzard was beautiful snow, for I don't like it, cson in earnest and it looked like the pecially when I am the boy-the only darkness of night had almost come. boy about the house, and have to keep Mile after mile was left behind, and I trotting to town or the woodpile or felt that we could make it; but all of | coalhouse, or somewhere. But the a sudden, when I got to Fairview | children like it, and there's some com-Church, I realized that I had about fort in that, and the other day while lost feeling, for I couldn't unclutch I was tramping slowly to town on the my hand from the horn of the saddle, slippery walk I met a pretty lady, a and I didn't know whether my feet middle-aged matron, and just before were in the stirrups or not. I was she got to me her foot slipped backward and the other extremity had to bend forward and she made me the prettiest little courtesy I ever had made to me. She never lost her perpendicular, but just come down gracearms, and my hand was wrenched fully on one knee like I have seen girls in the parlor dance. If course, remember that, for it was the cold I tipped my hat and said "Thank you, madam." She colored up and smiled I was rubbed with turpentine and oil and spoilt it all by saying, "I dind't and tenderly nursed, and in a few mean to." I havn't told my wife days was ready for another trip. We about it yet, for our golden wedding bad no thermometers then, and there is near at hand and it is no time for is no record how cold it was, but I re- these irregularities. It was the beautiful, the slickery, trickery snow that did it. I had to shovel it out of the pathway from my house to the street eters are any advantage or not. The | 50 yards so that my women folks could walk without wetting their shoes and stockings, but every one of them, even to my wife, prepared to wade in the beautiful snow and the girls found a hall floor and the steps and platform ditch where it was knee deep and waded in that. That's the way they impose on a poor old boy like me.

But there is not so much difference between heat and cold after all. Both degrees below zero. I got colder im- destroy sensation and vitality and wither and blast vegetation. They mercury that low before. My opinion are very close akin. Not long ago a as cold as 10 degrees below if you ments made in New York with liquihave no thermometer. I can't realize | fied air. He saw the discoverer place the difference, and that is the reason a tumbler half full of it in the center why our northern brethren make so of a large pan of water and in less little fuss about weather 30 and 40 than a minute the water was all frozen degrees below the mark. "It is like | into solid ice. Then he took an iron the engineer who was called in by a rod three feet long and as large round railroad committee to give his opinion | as a cedar pencil and put one end in about speed. They asked him if it the tumbler and while it rested there was more dangerous to run fifty miles he touched a lighted match to the other end, and it took fire and burned furiously until the whole rod was consumed. He declared that a teaspoonty or eighty?" "Just as safe as for- ful of this liquified air placed in a rety," he said, "for if you jump the frigerator would freeze everything in track at forty you will go to the devil, | it and keep it frozen for three or four and that is as far as you can go at 100 | days, and that ice would soon be made | miles an hour." Just so I don't care at 10 cents for a thousand pounds, much where the mercury goes to after and all the ice factories be closed forever, and he said that this liquified I was talking to an old friend from air had five times the destructive Maine about the weather, and he said power of dynamite. The operator he had suffered about as much down made lemonade and cocktails for the

> How is that? But-N. B. The gentleman who solemnly told me this is a newspaper man, too.

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Rev. E. Edwards, pastor of the English Baptist Church at Minersville, Pa., when suffering with rheumatism, was advised to try Chamberlain's Pain Balm. He says: "A few all round. On this particular night applications of this liniment proved of we boys had to turn round and round great service to me. It subdued the to keep from freezing on one side Should any sufferer profit by giving while we were scorching on the other. Pain Balm a trial it will please me. About midnight the mercury dropped For sale by Hill-Orr Drug Co.

Hot and Cold Waves.

Speaking about cold waves and weather in general yesterday, a mem-Sciences, said:

"We have some kinds of weather in the United States that are unknown abroad. Take the cold wave, for example, that struck the far south several years ago. It was a recordbreaker, you know, carrying the rigors of winter to a lower latitude than has been known for sixty years at least. Florida suffered \$4,000,000 worth of damage. At Pensacola the oranges froze hard on the trees. The thermometer at Tampa fell to 18 degrees above zero, five degress below the lowest ever noted. At Orange Park ice two inches thick formed on ponds. A cold wave of equal severity, it is said, struck the flowery peninsular in 1835, but temperatures were not recorded with reliable accuracy.

"Cold waves are unknown in Europe. We may justly pride ourselves upon them as an American institution. It is the same way with blizzards. Who ever heard of a blizzard in Eu-

"Cold waves are very strange phe-

nomena. Nobody knows with certainty where they come from or how they are formed. They are formed somewhere inland in the far northwest, in the latitude of greatest cold, which, as you know, is a good way south of the north pole. At the north pole it is that extremity of the earth's axis is perhaps surrounded by an open and unfrozen sea. As for the typical cold wave, my belief is that it is composed of air drawn from the higher and more frigid regions of the atmosphere. Ascend to an attitude of 30 miles above the earth's surface and you might find a rarefied air at a temperature of 100 degrees below zero, or even much lower. The body of cold formed by the downrush of this frigid air from above starts on a journey eastward across the continent, traveling at the speed of a fast railway train, 35 or 40 miles an hour. As it proceeds it spreads out. Obviously the cold air would be gradually warmed during the trip unless the waves were replenished with cold in some fashion. My notion is that while the wave is in transit fresh cold is continually drawn into it from above, where there is always an unlimited upply of air at an extremely low temperature. Finally, the wave passes off rupt the passage of cold waves, to a ser, and to regret the hard usage to this account it is very difficult to pretimore and Washington.

"The lowest temperature ever re-Werchojansk, in the interior of Siberia, January 15, 1885. It was 90 degrees and a fraction below zero. Werchojansk is in the latitude of the pole of cold. There the earth is frozen to a depth of about 100 feet, and in the proved in appearance. His rough, warmest season it never thaws. The highest temperature recorded is 124 degrees and a fraction, taken in Algeria, July 17, 1870. The lowest temperature on record in the United States is 64 degrees below zero, at Tobacco Garden, N. D. Greely, the arctic explorer, has probably experienced a wider range of temperature than any other living man. He recorded 60 degrees below zero at Fort Conger, on Lady Franklin Bay. On another occasion, in the Maricopa desert of Arizona, his thermometer in the shade ran up to 114 degrees above. A lucifer match dropped upon the burning sands of Sahara will catch fire. It is very difficult, even with the finest thermometers, to get accurate records of the extreme temperatures, and on that account such observations in general are to be regarded as only approximately correct."-Baltimore .1meri-

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"Cruiser, I think," said Lord Dorchester, in his challenge, "would be the right horse in the right place to try Mr. Rarey's skill; and the sooner the experiment is made the better. If he can ride Cruiser as a hack I guarantee him immortality and enough ready money to make a British bank director's mouth water."

"I will tell you," said Mr. Rarey in recounting this crowning incident probably comparatively warm, and of his career, "what happened at my first interview with Cruiser. I be lieve there is some cause for every thing a horse does. He acts according to the impressions on his mind. Instead of throwing out a stick to fight him, when I first approached Cruiser, I threw open the door and walked in. He was astonished at seeing this, and more so at my exhibiting no fear. He had on his head a large He had worn it three years, until it off, and he never wore it again."

In three hours Lord Dorchester was able to mount Cruiser, and Rarey rode the horse as a hack to London. Cruiser became the property of his tamer. All classes, headed by the nobility, sick day since. flocked to his lectures and exhibitions. Lord Palmerston opened the subscription list to Mr. Rarcy's private instructions, given in the riding academy of the Duke of Wellington. Queen over the ocean. In some manner the Victoria was among the first to ex-Alleghany mountains seem to inter- press joy at the regeneration of Cruicertain extent, as if the cold air was | which the horse had been subjected banked up against this range of hills, Frequently she caressed the beautiful and its passage thus impeded. On creature with her own hand. On the eve of the marriage of the Princes dict cold waves for the region of Bal- Royal, Mr. Rarey was invited by the Queen to give in the riding school at Buckingham Palace an exhibition becorded on the earth was taken at fore the royal guests summoned to the wedding. The next day he was honored with an invitation to the wedding

at St. James's Palace. Under the favorable influence of kind treatment, Cruiser rapidly imshaggy coat was shed for one of the lustre of satin. Festive in a royal purple silk bridle, with rosettes of gold filigree, and the look of a war horse in his high-bred nostrils, he followed his master through the Capitals of Europe. Everywhere throughout his travels in the Old World, Mr. Rarey gave free lectures and exhibitions to cab and truck drivers. In his remarkable collection of souvenirs is a gold medal of wonderfully fine workmanship, presented Mr. Rarey by the Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

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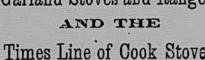
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