

GETTING A GORILLA.

Story of a Vicious Struggle in the African Jungle.

Capt. Fritz Duquesne, the Boer ivory hunter, was commissioned by a German naturalist society to capture one of each species of African quadrumania.

"For four days," continues the captain, "we camped in this hotbed of disease. Beaters went out in all directions searching for the gorilla."

"After waiting some hours the leaves above rustled and then opened as a six-foot male gorilla descended unsuspectingly and entered the trap."

"At last the mighty arms of the gorilla broke a hole through the net and he tore the rest from him as though it were a rotten rag."

"I seized my rifle and fired in the air to frighten the animal. In my position I could not shoot at him without hitting my friend."

"Examining the professor, I found that his right arm was broken and that some of his ribs were crushed into his lungs."

Drugless Cure.

"William, dear," feebly called the invalid wife, who was supposed to be nearing the end of her earthly career, says an exchange.

"Yes, darling," answered the sorrowing husband. "What is it?"

"When I am gone," said she, "I feel that for the sake of the motherless little ones you should marry fainted."

"Do you really think it would be best, darling?" asked the faithful William.

"Yes, William, I really do," replied the invalid. "After a reasonable length of time you should seek the companionship of some good woman."

"Do you know, my dear," said the husband, "you have lifted a great burden from my mind? Now, there is that charming Widow Jones across the way."

"William Henry Brown!" exclaimed the female whose days were supposed to be numbered, as she partly raised herself upon the pillow.

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NEGROES CONDEMNED TO DIE.

Joe and Isham Taylor Found Guilty of Murder.

Richmond, Va., March 24.—At Powhatan Court House to-day the jury after 40 minutes' deliberation, returned a verdict finding Joe and Isham Taylor guilty of murder in the first degree and John Brown guilty of murder in the second degree.

The men are three of a number of negroes charged with murdering Mrs. Mary E. Skipwith and Walter E. Johnson, the manager of her estate, and afterwards setting fire to the historic home, "Southeast."

William Brown, son of John Brown, is also under indictment and his trial will commence to-morrow. It is expected that hearing will require only a few hours and that the verdict will be had in this case to-morrow afternoon.

There was no indication of trouble on the part of the large crowd in attendance at the trial and none is anticipated. The negroes seem not to realize their position and received the verdict calmly.

Revenue Officers Laid Off.

Greenville, March 24.—Internal revenue inspectors, several employees and raiding deputies, whose services are not absolutely necessary for the conduct of offices of revenue headquarters in South Carolina, have been told that they can take a rest of 60 days beginning with April 1.

The information coming in the form of a letter from United States Commissioner of Internal Revenue John G. Capers, in Washington, was conveyed to four men here this week. They are: Inspector V. B. McGaha, Special Employees J. C. McGravey and H. B. Hendrick, white men, and Jas. Bryer, a negro, who has drawn a salary from the government for looking after denatured alcohol.

BORN WHILE BATTLE RAGED

Woman Dies at New York at Age of Ninety-Three Years.

Detroit, March 24.—Mrs. Mary Ann Sullivan, who was born on the battlefield of Waterloo, is dead at St. Luke's hospital. She was ninety-three years old.

Just before the battle, Mrs. Southall started to cross the field to get some brandy for a sick soldier, but was ordered back by the Duke of Wellington, who shouted to her: "Go back, woman; the shooting has commenced!"

Married Men Change.

We wonder how many of our readers have noticed the difference between the man who has been married but a short time and one who has been married several years. You can always tell a young husband from an old one.

Boy's Kidnaper Lodged in Jail.

Mercer, Pa., March 26.—Heavily manacled to Sheriff Chess and guarded by several detectives, James Boyle one of the kidnapers of little Billie Whitla, was brought here to-day from Pittsburg and lodged in the Mercer county jail.

Traveling Man Put in Jail.

Lexington, March 24.—W. E. Lawrence, alias W. E. Lake, alias W. E. Landham, a traveling man, is in jail here to-night, having been arrested in Columbia by Sheriff P. H. Corley to-day on the charge of skipping his hotel bill here.

A Comparison.

A story is told of a married lady who compared her husband to a handsome piano lamp that he had presented to her.

TORNADO IN TEXAS.

Destructive Storm Sweeps Through Wise County.

Dallas, Texas, March 24.—Twelve known dead, property loss reaching into the thousands of dollars and possibly a score injured are the results of a tornado which swept over the northeastern part of Wise county late last night.

The general course of the tornado seems to have been from the west to southwest. Starting at Crafton, in the northeastern part of the county, it passed to the north of Decatur, the county seat, and struck several small settlements, of which St. Idell is the center.

The towns of Sanger and Greenwood were hit and a number of houses were moved from their foundations. The Good View school house, near Sanger, was wrecked.

At Crafton every business house save one was blown down. The Methodist and Baptist churches were completely wrecked.

Several residences and two churches were blown down at Brumlow. This town is located near St. Idell, which appears to be the storm center.

Heavy sand storms occurred yesterday at Dublin, Gainesville and other points in that vicinity. Fences, small buildings and wind mills were raised by the storm in the outlying districts.

Elephant's Strange Death.

An Agra correspondent sends to the London Standard a remarkable story concerning what is declared to be the deliberate suicide of an elephant.

The great annual mela or fair at Batesar, in the northwest provinces, is held on the banks of the Jumna, which is there crossed by a bridge of boats.

When he reached the opposite bank, however, he swerved around and swam back again. The mahout sought to force him around again, but without result, and when within a yard or two of the bank, the elephant, after trumpeting again, plunged down into the river.

Father to Help Daughter.

Pittsburg, Pa., March 27.—William McDermott, the retired Chicago fireman, who believes that Mrs. James H. Boyle, one of the alleged kidnappers of Willie Whitla, is his daughter, has retracted his declaration made yesterday that he would not assist the woman and on his arrival in this city to-day is said to have retained an attorney to look after the case.

A special to the Gazette-Times, of this city, from Mercer to-night says that Mrs. Boyle admitted to the correspondent that she was Anna McDermott and that her father was William McDermott, of Chicago.

SPRING GREETING TO THE LADIES! We invite your attention to our show of GENUINE HATS APRIL 1st and 2nd. MRS. K. I. SHUCK & CO. MILLINERY HEADQUARTERS.....BAMBERG, S. C.

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OPENING BIDS. Notice is hereby given that the Bamberg county dispensary board will open bids for liquors and supplies for the county dispensary for the ensuing quarter at their office in rear of the dispensary in Bamberg at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, April 5th, 1909. DR. GEO. FAIR. Dental Surgeon...Bamberg, S. C. W. E. FREE. Attorney-at-Law. All business entrusted to me will receive prompt attention. MEAT MARKET. Same men at a different place. BRONSON & GRANT. BAMBERG, S. C.

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