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# HE WILD MAN

EEMS TO HAVE STRAYED TO LANES--SOUNDS LIKE AN IM-AGINATIVE STORY.

thrilling story of the capture of pical wild man of the jungle, a ro, covered from head to foot h black, bristling hair, as thick and long as that on some giant gorilla, on the edge of Santee swamp, in South Carolina, near Lanes junction, fifty miles north of Charleston is told by W S Damon, conductor in harge of the Atlantic Coast Line enger train which arrived at 3:25 p. m. from Florence yesterday, says the Savannah Morning News Monday.

The wild man, Mr Damon states, and and, when discovered, fought many years. lendishly until overpowered and he conductor says.

transfers are made for Columbia, feet tall, broad and muscular, with The authorities of Lanes are fol- n't stay here anyway and she didn't o'clock the little town was in a state whose eyes gleamed like those of strayed off and was never heard of caused me to be here now." After ever, for longer than five minutes ture which molested him. stricken, Mr Damon says.

man will be sent there for confinement and observation. The man is a burly negro and speaks some English says the conductor.

It is generally thought, the conductor says, that the negro is either an escaped convict or a fugitive from justice. He says it is the general belief at Lanes that the man went into Santee swamp to hide mal in appearance than human, was from officers of the law and, frightened by the loneliness of the place

driven from Santee swamp by a appearance of the negro, it is stated, human held in the barn of the negro reshet in the Santee river, hid in a would indicate that he had been family. ern near the edge of the marsh living in the swamp for probably

owed into subjection. The man is members of a family of negroes restreets of Lanes with here and there w chained and tied with ropes in siding on a small farm on the edge a larger gathering of white men with he barn in which he was captured, of Santee swamp, went out to a a few awe-stricken negroes on the ramshackled barn in the rear of outskirts who would listen for a few Details of the capture of the man, their little cabin, about daybreak moments to the trend of the discus-Mr Damon states, are unknown to yesterday, they were frightened by sion, and then go back to those of again took up his story. "I wouldhim Lanes is a division point where the terrible sight of a man, over six their own race to report. Georgetown and Savannah. He great brawny arms and heavy lowing up every case where a crimi-marry some one else either, nor did said that when he reached the junc- shoulders, covered from head to nal has been thought to have hidden she turn me down. I won't tell you tion yesterday morning at 11:10 foot with thick, black hair and in Santee swamp, or where a negro what she did, but it was a girl that cintense excitement over the cap- some wild animal, crouched in one again, in an effort to identify the man. which he gave a deep sigh and reof the man. The Savannah corner of the shack as though ready The negro, it is said, will not talk, mained silent until the reporter

meagre information of the affair. were thrown into a panic and went to the queries being propounded. The negroes of Lanes are panic- hurrying in all directions in search of aid. Residents in that neighbor-What disposition will be made of hood went in response to the frightan Mr Damon declares he does ened cries and pleas for help. A

not know. He says that it is his small mob, it is said, formed around supposition, however, that the mat- the barn within half an hour and ter will be reported to the author- plans were hastily made for the capities of the State Hospital for the ture of the man alive, if possible, like the growl of some terrible, man-Insane at Columbia and that the and with as little injury to him as eating beast than of a human.necessary.

The negro showed signs of fight and when the effort to catch him continued fought viciously. Finally, however, without any of the mob being hurt and without inflicting any injuries upon the man further than a few bruises of a minor nature, the burly stranger, more anioverpowered and tied hand and foot.

Quickly the news of the fight with gro, already mad, wandered into Lanes, began to pour into that little the swamp and remained there. The town to view the strange species of woman.

Little groups and circles of people, the blacks and the whites to them-According to Mr Damon, when selves, began to form all over the

did not stop at Lanes, how- to spring upon the first living crea- glowering in a ferocious, sullen man- questioned him further. ner at his questioners at times, and and so Mr Damon could get but The family of negroes, it is said, at others appearing wholly oblivious and another I don't," he answered

When any one goes near the man he strains and tears at his tethers and makes a throaty, horrible sound more News and Courier.

WOULD-BE SUICIDE TALKS. Tried to Kitl Himself Because of Girl, Says W. F. Coltrane.

head sunk deep in the soft, white to kill himself. He said that he pillow and the cover drawn close up went into a drug store on King so as to almost hide his face from street and purchased the poison tabview, W F Coltrane, the young man lets, went to the Battery and took who took three tablets of bi-chloride them. A short while afterwards, he and the fear of capture, became in- and the capture of the man spread late Saturday afternoon, on South says, when he felt that he was about over the surrounding country and Battery, yesterday afternoon told a to fall from the bench unconscious. Another theory of how the man people from adjoining settlements representative of The News and he called to a man passing by. He reached his present state of savage- and residing on small farms and along Conrier that he didn't give a rap said that he did not remember anyry, Mr Damon says, is that the ne- the railroads in all directions from whether he was alive or dead, and thing after that until he was restor- for the sale of these nuts to Huyler, laid the blame for his act upon a

> He did not appear to be nervous and his voice was soft and clear. He did not even appear to be ill. At first he refused to make any statement whatever, but when asked a few questions, consented to tell of the circumstances that led to his attempt at suicide. "It was a girl," he said, and then he seemed to choke and hesitate for a moment before he n't tell you her name, but she does

> "Yes,I regret what I did one way in reply to the question whether he

was glad that he failed in his attempt to kill himself.

According to his story, he was a telegraph operator for the Western Union Company at Kingstree, SC, and came here last Tuesday to visit the wireless station at the Navy Yard and not to seek for a position as was first stated. While here he said that he began to think of the trouble with the young lady and he Tossing about on his cot, with his decided the best way out of it was ed to consciousness at the Roper the famous candy manufacturer. Hospital, whither he was taken in the police patrol.

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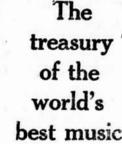
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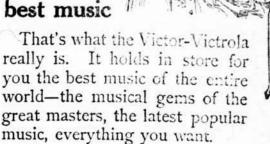
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