

Wichita Eagle THE DRETFUL SEA PUSS.

HUMAN SACRIFICES CLAIMED BY THIS MONSTER OF THE DEEP.

Frivolous Fights with Death—The Unlucky Bather Who Is Once Caught in the Tolls Rarely Escapes to Tell the Story—What Causes the Puss.

Few persons as they sit on the shore and gaze on the ocean realize the whole truth of the waves. Fewer still comprehend the many dangers that lurk along the sands within two or three hundred feet of the shore. The white caps chase each other in rollicksome frolic, the waves in their undulating motion give a restful and quieting feeling to the spectator, and the fascination of plunging in and toying with the breakers grows apace.

Who would suspect, much less suspicion, that there could be any danger within a hundred feet of the shore? Why, the water scarcely reaches to one's hips. There are hundreds of people in the surf, and a suggestion of panic would be tantamount to disaster. And yet the very moment the sense of security seems greatest, that moment the "sea puss" selects for its work. A swirl of water, a sinking of the sand under one's feet, a sudden current of mighty strength, and the "sea puss" has seized the bather for its own.

A BATTLE WITH DEATH. Those who have seen a victim succumb to the "sea puss" never forget it. The scene begets description. The victim sportively and wantonly plunges and plays in the surf, entirely unconscious of danger. The shore is only a little distance away. Suddenly a wave sweeps in, the victim is seized by a mighty force, and finds himself powerless to reach the beach. Every effort to do so not only exhausts his strength, but sends him further into the ocean. In the awful excitement of the moment despair comes upon him. Suddenly he sinks once, then twice, and now all is over.

The "sea puss" has claimed its tribute—a human sacrifice. Lifesoft and lifeline seem too slow to effect a rescue. The victim has passed beyond the pale of human assistance.

The "sea puss" is an outward current of great power between two sand flats. This current carves a channel of greater or less depth in its course, which extends to the bar or ocean proper. The channel is almost always at right angles to the shore, and serves as a sluiceway for a great volume of water. The "sea puss" has several peculiar spots with the wind slope easily, the bottom is sandy and the small waves roll in with musical cadences.

On a day, even while he is standing on the spot, he feels the ground under his feet cut away, and lo! the "sea puss" is at hand! Again, the bather will go into the surf after day, and thinks himself perfectly at home. What is his surprise on entering the ocean a little later to find that a great channel has been cut through his accustomed place, and that one misstep will perhaps send him to eternity. This "sea puss" seems to be here and there and everywhere, and easy to find, but is only to be had at the price of eternal vigilance.

AN EXPERT OPINION. A reporter talking with several persons along the coast regarding the "sea puss." Perhaps the best opinion was received from Capt. Lambert Edwards, of the Deal Life Saving Station, at Lock Harbor. Capt. Edwards is a veteran in the service, and has a crew of seven men under him to man the life boat.

"The 'sea puss' is one of the worst enemies of the bather," said he. "and claims more victims than any other monster of the beach—the undertow. The reason so few escape from its clutches is that its operations are so sudden and unexpected that few recover from their fright at its appearance in time to save themselves. People go in, bathing on the sand flats and bars near the shore, and think themselves out of harm's reach. They move lithely and thither, driven by the big waves or the undertow, when suddenly they find themselves in a strong current, and at the same time the water becomes quite deep. The current has carried them to a channel whose depth is over their heads, when disaster is theirs. On the other side the water's depth is only to the waist. Of course the bather becomes frightened beyond measure at this sudden turn of affairs, and loses all presence of mind. He wildly strikes out, vainly endeavoring to make headway against the force that is driving him seaward. If he understood the nature of the 'sea puss' and would keep cool he might save himself. But it almost invariably happens that he loses his head and does the thing which most surely hastens his destruction—namely, tries to oppose his strength to that of the current. The best antidote to the 'sea puss' is to swim along with it, but at the same time to lead for the flats on either side. In this way he gets out of the dangerous channel, and consequently the tremendous strength of the current, and soon lands on one of the sand bars."

"Our experiences with the 'sea puss' covers many years, and we know no more about it now than when we first saw its workings. It appears suddenly along our strips of beach, stays maybe a few hours, and then disappears, only to turn up again at an unlooked for moment and in an unexpected place. We have known it to remain in one spot all summer—yes, all the year—and then, again, to tarry hardly an hour."

"It seems to be caused by flats of sand, like a gridiron, over which the waves dash as they plunge toward shore. The volume of water in the intervening spaces must find an outlet to the sea. Accordingly, all the eddying currents north and south unite in one great channel with which to return this vast volume of water to the sea. The 'sea puss' is, in fact, nothing more than a mighty undertow concentrated in one small ditch leading seaward."

"As a general thing a 'sea puss' is not more than fifty feet wide, so that if you were ever caught in the center of the channel you would have only twenty-five feet to swim on either side."—Spring Lake Cur. New York World.

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Mr. Hotchkiss has gathered in one year from the 5 branches 85 bushels of fruit, and his predecessor had harvested a crop of 110 bushels from the same 5 branches. By careful measurement the circumference of the trunk 1 foot above the ground, above all enlargements of the trunk, is 19 feet 8 inches. The girth of the largest single limb is 6 feet 8 inches. The height of the tree has been carefully measured and

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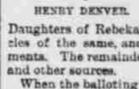
INTERESTING INFORMATION FROM LODGE ROOM AND CASTLE HALL.

Something About the Condition of Odd Fellowship in Massachusetts, and a Portrait of the Newly Elected Grand Master, Henry Deaver, of Springfield.

At the recent session of the grand lodge of Massachusetts, I. O. O. F. 120 lodges were represented. In his address Grand Master Kavanagh said that since the semi-annual session two lodges had been formed, and that there were now 198 lodges in the Bay state. The report of the grand secretary for the year showed a total membership of 40,000, a net gain of 1,281 members during twelve months. Seven lodges of the Rebekah degree had been instituted since the semi-annual session, which swell the total in that degree to 900. The number of brothers relieved was 3,265; widowed families relieved, 211; amount paid for benefits to brothers, \$48,000.88; amount paid widowed families, \$2,478.67; for burying dead, \$13,705.72; and for other charitable purposes, \$6,506.34; total amount for relief, \$60,807.51; total receipts, \$220,010.91.

The estimate of the trustees of expenses for the grand lodge for the ensuing year is \$6,100.

A handsome design, according to the trustees' report, has been selected for the Massachusetts Odd Fellows' Home. It is to be built of brick with stone trimmings. Up to Aug. 1, 1890, \$76,575 was pledged for the home, \$29,457.57 paid in. To the amount pledged, \$46,117.92, of the 20 subordinate lodges have contributed, 20 of 28 degree lodges of the



Daughters of Rebekah, with a sewing circle of the same, and 5 of the 28 degree lodges. The order is from individuals and other sources. When the balloting for officers was concluded it was found that these had been elected: Grand master, Henry Deaver, deputy grand master, J. B. Crawford; grand warden, J. M. Price; grand secretary, Charles D. Cole; grand treasurer, Julius L. Clarke; grand representative for two years, Edward H. Kavanagh; grand representative for one year, Alfred S. Pinkerton; trustee of funds for one year, Corlies Walling; trustee of home for five years, J. S. Joslin. Bro. Deaver has been grand master, has been an Odd Fellow for a long time, and his election shows that he is very popular throughout the state. He is a hard worker in the interests of the order, and his term will undoubtedly be a period of prosperity for Odd Fellowship in Massachusetts.

MASONIC. A Masonic Register for the Year of Masonry 3025-Notes. We were shown a few days ago a small book, published in 1835 at No. 70 Bowery, by Teyrel & Tompkins, entitled "Masonic Register and Pocket Magazine for the Year of Masonry 3025; comprising a correct list of the lodges, chapters, encampments, grand consistory, etc.; also a list of past masters of the different lodges, together with a chronological table of the most remarkable Masonic events from the year 887 to the present time. By Henry Marsh." From it there appear to have been thirty-two lodges, five chapters and two encampments—Columbia No. 1 and Morton No. 4—in New York city. Mark Hoffman was grand master and Elias Hicks grand secretary of the grand lodge. Dr. Wm. Chittenden was grand high priest of the grand chapter and grand master of the general grand encampment of the United States and of the state of New York.

Bro. J. Morrison McLeod has been elected secretary of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys, to succeed Bro. Frederick Rhincker, who served the institution so long and so ably. The new secretary is said to be a man of marked integrity and ability.

An effort is being made to erect a memorial temple in Fredericksburg, Va., to perpetuate the Masonic life and character of illustrious Bro. George Washington.

The board of directors of the Masonic Temple Building association of Kansas City has decided on a site for the proposed temple. It is at Tenth street and Baltimore avenue. An additional forty-two feet front has just been purchased. The plans for the temple have not yet been drawn.

The Prince of Wales is the twenty-third prince of that name, and was made a Mason at Stockholm in 1866. William III was initiated in 1693.

Every elective officer of the grand lodge of Virginia is compelled to stand the test of a secret ballot, taken in his absence from the lodge room.

The late Earl of Carnarvon, provincial grand master of Masons in England, provincial grand master of Somersetshire, and one of the most distinguished of the craft, was practically the executive head of the fraternity in England, presiding at the business meetings of the grand lodge, and taking the leading part in all its movements. He was born in 1811, and his family name was Herbert.

A new lodge called the "Victoria" has been consecrated in Buenos Ayres, the capital of the Argentine Republic. An ode in eulogy of Queen Victoria was recited by the officiating brother, Bro. G. J. Ryan, D. G. M.

The General Masonic Relief Association of the United States and Canada have issued an index of all the tramps and impostors reported from date of organization in 1885 to the present time. The book contains a complete record of 800 unworthy cases, and should be in the possession of every lodge in the country.

The Penalty of Pride. "The father of a princess! Then why does he look so shabby?" "Because the prince happened to marry his daughter for love, and there isn't quite enough money to live up to the title."—Lile.

A Lesson in Kindness. Sunday School Superintendent—My dear children, I want you to tell me what special act of kindness you have done this past week.

Kind Boy—I did one. I was trying to lick a boy in a rowboat, but I fell in, and he pulled me out, and then I went right home and got dry clothes on.

Superintendent—Hem! I do not see where your kindness comes in.

Boy—Why, I didn't lick him.—Street & Smith's Good News.

A Promising Young Man. Her father—Mabel, I have been talking it over with your Uncle George, and he agrees with me that the engagement cannot be permitted. Remember that the young man is nothing more than a clerk in my office.

She—Oh, but papa, you don't know how smart Jack is. He told me the other day that he expected he would soon own more of the business than you do—but he told me not to tell you.—Munsey's Weekly.

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A True Bill. Jones—I don't think you ought to go around saying that Robinson is the biggest coward alive. Brown—Why, he shows in every way he's afraid of us. Jones—So? Well, you're justifiable.—Munsey's Weekly.

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