

CANOEING ALONG NICARAGUA.

Adventures on Sea and Shore Among the Mosquito Indians.

By DR. J. HAMPDEN PORTER.

Shortly after the black jaguar's death some Poyer Indians gave us an account of his enormities; heavens knows how many of that unfortunate tribe he had eaten, and they had hunted him vainly again and again.

Another narrative concerning an animal of this species remains to be written, for which no excuse is offered on the ground of repetition, since its subject-matter differs greatly from that already recorded.

Our party reached the last ridge of those heights which slope northwards toward Honduras, and on the west run downward into Nicaragua. It was through this latter state we intended journeying on.

From the mountain summit where our camp was made, vast bodies of vapor mounted and piled themselves mass upon mass along the western side of the range.

beast acted under some demon's direction, or must be a devil itself, most men sallied forth next day with lances, bows and arrows, machetes and old muskets, to take vengeance. They lost the trail, however, and since nobody could see how, suspicions of supernatural interference instantly suggested themselves as an explanation.

Only the second murder should have been perpetrated among members of one household was evidently accidental. It did not take place upon the premises, and, of course, this destroyer had not picked out Isidor, but simply killed the first man who came within reach. It was not looked upon in any such manner by that community,

development refer anything inexplicable to the action of unseen powers. Such an opinion was, moreover, greatly strengthened only a few nights afterwards.

One of those workmen while lying awake in this ill-omened house heard the long yearning whine of a hungry tiger, and looking through its creviced wall saw what he declared to be an animal of that kind bigger than a tapir, pacing expectantly to and fro in the starlight.

might as well inquire why this grown-up child was not an altogether different kind of person. The dimness of a fast-closing tropical evening which has no twilight, lay upon his path, and they who saw him disappear among the shadows lost sight of their comrade forever as a living man.

besides knowing where to look for danger, he narrowly escaped being killed outright. Not even native sight can separate a crowing from those of other colors, which is generally surrounded. It failed to do so then, but the herbage quivered, and that saved him. No cat, except an Asiatic panther, can keep perfectly still when prey is at hand, and the delight of bloodshed thrills its fierce heart.

He fell with lacerated arteries spurting, but lived to tell his story. As for "scarred face" as the brute was henceforth called, that when he drew off his coat, he was attempting anything further, and as their demon-tiger's tracks were by now as well known to all as their comrades' counter-attacks of these horrors were well known elsewhere, and beside which their own misfortunes were insignificant, indeed.

For a day these people raved, threatened, cursed and danced; then they quieted down completely. Their false prophet escaped from popular indignation at the first intimation of what had happened, while the man who told us this tale went away shortly afterwards. His dreams became very bad, he said, and he regarded them as warnings. No doubt a demon could go anywhere, but experience proved that evil spirits had preferences for particular places, of which this was one.

It has been calculated that there are in Italy 5,400,000 orange trees which yield on an average 1,600,000,000 oranges per year, or 20 oranges per tree, in the Province of Sicily in Spain, where the largest quantity of oranges is grown in Europe, the average annual yield per tree is 100 oranges.

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Rebel Sympathizers in Clay County, Ind., and the Failure of Their Plans.

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At this time the treasonable organizations in this State had reached their most effective development. Large numbers of men had been armed, and were under effective discipline. A general insurrection was planned, which was to be carried into execution as soon as Morgan's raid had progressed far enough to effect a conquest of the State.

In Clay County the Butternuts were not behind their brethren in other localities. About this time the organization of a rebel auxiliary force began. These were to be drawn from the northern part of Clay County and from the Racoon region of Parke County. A place of rendezvous was established in Van Buren Township, Clay County, on the farm of John Frump, a warm rebel sympathizer.

At this place they remained for two days, concealing as far as possible their movements. The Union men of Brazil received information of this remarkable gathering, and preparations for resistance were begun without delay. It was understood that the force was to advance upon Brazil and take possession of the place. They had made arrangements for hay and corn for their horses when they should establish their headquarters in Brazil.

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