

Beauty and the Beast.

A South American puma lion, the fiercest animal of that half of the hemisphere, is the pet of little Miss Ethel Curzon, the 15-year-old daughter of Captain Henry F. Curzon, late of Her Majesty's service.

Damon is a fine, sleek and silken-haired specimen of his tribe. He was born three years ago among the pampas grass region of South America that is known locally as La Pampa. Curzon for years has been in that country as the representative of an English syndicate. He arrived in Philadelphia the other day accompanied by his daughter, and the puma came with them, making the long journey in a cage that was carried in the baggage car.

"Damon is the dearest creature next to papa—on earth," said Miss Ethel to a reporter. "He saved my life, and the debt of gratitude I owe him can never be repaid."

"Damon is a puma," said the captain. "Here in Pennsylvania the early settlers knew his congeners under the

name of panther, 'painter' or catamount. In California they call him the cougar, or 'mountain lion.' During the past decade and a half of years I have had an abundant opportunity to become pretty intimately acquainted with Sir Puma. The longer I know him the better I like him.

"He has been very unfortunate in his biographers. They give him, it is true, a high character for courage, but, at the same time, because of their ignorance of his true nature, they impute to him a cowardly fear of man that he is very far from possessing. He will not, as a rule, defend himself against man, and the gauchos of the pampas, understanding and appreciating the mysterious gentile instinct of this ungulate beast, call him 'amigo del cristiano.'

"Damon was full grown when we first became acquainted with him. He was never captured, and, except when we are traveling, is never restrained of his liberty. I am on my way back to my old home in England primarily to visit my aged parents and incidentally to place my daughter at school. When I return to South America I shall leave Damon behind, for it would be cruelly to both to separate him from Ethel.

"For the past five years—since the death of my dear wife—we have been living at a place called Saladillo, where I had an estancia. My daughter has been raised to an active, out-door life, and she rides a horse with all the grace and fearlessness of a gaucho. Last fall we had a grand 'cerco,' or assembly of ranchmen and hunters, to hunt ostriches and other game. The sport is exciting, but far from dangerous, and Ethel was one of the party. The hunters, numbering about thirty, spread themselves round in a vast ring, and advancing toward the center, drove the animals before them.

"During the excitement of the chase which followed, while we were all engaged in preventing the ostriches, deer, etc., from doubling back and escaping, I noticed that my daughter had disap-



MISS CURZON'S TAME PUMA LION.

appeared. Her absence did not alarm me at the time, for I thought she had become tired and gone back to the estancia. I was nearly frantic when, late at night, I reached home and found that Ethel's pony had come galloping home early in the afternoon without its rider. Dreading the worst I immediately got together a band of gauchos and we started out to search for my darling.

"Eventually one of the gauchos found Ethel in a bunch of scrub, lying on the ground with a broken leg. Her pony, early in the hunt, had stepped into an 'oulet' hole and thrown its rider. Being unable to move because of her fractured limb, Ethel had shouted for assistance, but her voice was drowned by the yells of excited hunters and the hope of rescue vanished. She is a brave girl, and, knowing that a search would be made for her as soon as her absence was discovered, she made herself as comfortable as possible and awaited the arrival of help.

"As night approached, and no one

came, she began to experience genuine alarm, and when, about an hour before dark, a puma—now her pet Damon—appeared and squatted down in the grass close beside her, she gave herself up for lost. The beast, however, did not seem to notice her, and her courage revived. She remembered that the puma rarely, if ever, molests a human being, and she began to hope that the creature would go away.

"After awhile the puma became restless, frequently going away and returning, and finally it stayed away so long that she thought it had left her for good. About midnight she heard the deep roar of a jaguar, and abandoned all hope, for the South American tiger is man's deadly foe.

"By raising herself on her elbow, she was able to see the outline of the jaguar crouching near her, but its face was turned from her, and it appeared to be intently watching some object upon which it was about to spring. Presently it crept out of sight, and there followed a deep silence, broken suddenly by frightful yells and screams of pain, coupled with the fierce growl and snarl of the puma, and the sounds of desperate conflict.

"The puma and the jaguar are sworn enemies, and the two great beasts were having a battle to the finish. The battle lasted for some time, but near morning the puma, sorely wounded, crept through the grass and crouched down beside my daughter, purring like a cat. The creature seemed so friendly that Ethel ventured to stroke his fur with her hand, whereupon the puma began to play and roll about like a kitten. When we rode up the puma crouched over her body and began to growl. Several rifles were leveled at the head of the brute, but Ethel begged us not to shoot, and from that day to this the two have been inseparable."

A woman always appreciates a rising young man—in a street car.

A FRENCH BABY.

Legal Formalities on the Birth of a Possible Soldier.

The birth of a new citizen in France at once gives rise to countless formalities and an avalanche of legal scribbles, which would teach him, could he but understand, that his country is par excellence the home of legal ceremony and administration, says the Century. Within the first twenty-four hours notice of the birth must be sent to the mayor's office (there is such an office in every village in France), so that the official physician may call and make the necessary legal statement. I suppose he wants to convince himself that the declaration already made is correct, and that the family, when it announced the birth of a girl, was not trying to screen a future soldier from his compulsory service. Then the father, accompanied by two witnesses, goes to fill out the birth certificate and gives his child its legitimate, documented position, to which he or she will be obliged to have recourse in all the great, and frequently in the minor, circumstances of life, from one end of it to the other. Without it the child could not enter a school, nor draw lots, nor be buried. The least mistake of form would have most serious consequences; the baptismal names declared must always be placed in the same order on all future deeds. These are usually saints' names. I recall the amusing anger of a young American father of my acquaintance who wished to give his son born in Paris the name of the great sailor Duquesne, in remembrance of the avenue where the baby had seen the light of day, and, in addition, the family name of one of his friends, which no Frenchman could pronounce. All this seemed so shocking and incongruous to the registrar that the certificate was made out only after interminable discussion.

Patent Right Swindlers.

An exchange says that a smooth patent right swindling scheme is being worked in some of the states. A man comes to a farmer with a patent wagon tongue for which great claims are made. He has only that one county left and will sell the right for two hundred and fifty dollars. A few days later, while the farmer is thinking over the matter, another man comes along, who has learned that the farmer has the right to the valuable invention, and offers him four hundred dollars for it, paying him ten dollars down. The farmer at once goes and closes the deal with the first party, giving his note or cash for the two hundred and fifty dollars. In the meantime the second man disappears and the two schemers meet and "divvy." If a note, it is discounted at the nearest bank.

His Mistake.

Mr. Foote (the shoemaker)—"Who was it invented this walking through the grass barefooted?" Mr. Block—"I believe it was a minister." "Well, he seems to have mistaken the kind of soles he should try to save."—Yonkers Statesman.

STAGE WHISPERS.

"She can do more in five seconds with her eyes than Anthony Comstock can undo in five years," says James G. Huneker of Anna Held, the latest sensation imported from Paris.

An English comedian says the only way to successfully spring a joke on British theater-goers is to first announce that a joke is about to be sprung, then to spring it, and lastly to explain that it has been sprung.

Clement Scott, the famous London critic, has a son playing in Daly's company in New York in "The Geisha." A son of William Winter and a grandson of Tom Haddaway, the famous American comedian, are also in the same organization.

It is probable that "Tom Grogan," which Augustus Thomas aided Hopkinson Smith in making into a play, may not be produced this season after all. Considerable work has to be done on it to get it into shape, as the first draught was far from satisfactory.

Boston is moving in the abolition of obstructive hats in theaters. One manager sends an usher to every offending woman, just before the rise of the curtain, to ask her to remove the nuisance, and in nearly every case she complies without ado.

Recent London papers have given much commendation to a performance by Miss Keith Wakeman, an American actress, who was formerly in Lawrence Barrett's company, and who went to England some time ago with that of E. S. Willard.

J. E. Dodson has discovered that stage limelight and stage goodness have some occult connection. "Possibly, were rectitude in real life pointed out by an extra bit of illumination," philosophizes the clever character comedian, "heroes might be more plentiful."

THE CHURCH MILITANT.

Over 1,000 delegates, representing 1,600,000 negro Baptists of America, assembled in the First Baptist church, St. Louis, Mo., recently. The occasion was the seventeenth annual convention of the National Colored Baptist association.

The corner stone of the new St. John's Lutheran church, on Fulton avenue, near 169th street, New York city, Rev. H. Bielerbecke, pastor, was laid last month. Rev. G. C. Berkhelm, of Mount Vernon, made the principal address.

It is said that \$40,000 are needed to make the Winona assembly grounds at Eagle Lake, Ind., suitable for the meeting there next summer of the Presbyterian general assembly. Illinois people have pledged \$10,000; Ohio, \$10,000, and Indiana will raise \$20,000 for the purpose.

The Temple, of Brooklyn, N. Y., celebrated its anniversary on September 14. The pastor stated that the church surpassed any Baptist church in America in additions last year. There were nearly 300. The Sunday school has grown to 1,500. The audience crowd the great building. At the anniversary services the great chorus of 300 were in their places.

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She says to Mrs. Pinkham:—"I wish you would publish the circumstances of my case, in order that other women may be benefited by my experience."

"I doctored nearly all the time for two years. I spent several hundred dollars without receiving much benefit. Last June I wrote you and described all my aches and pains. Such a long list as there was: headache, backache, bearing-down pains, terrible soreness, constipation, dizziness, feeling of extreme lassitude, irregularity and nausea; but you answered my letter and told me just what to do. I followed your advice.

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MISSIONS.

Rev. John Wier, after nine years of continuous labor in Japan, is soon to return with his family to this country. The annual report of the Moravian church gives 150 mission stations, 400 missionaries and 93,000 converts in heathen lands.

The native Christians in heathen lands last year gave \$550,000, more than one-ninth the amount raised in the United States.

The last of the heathen on Efate Island are being resettled into the church as the result of twenty-three years' faithful labor.

One hundred and fifty Chinese converts were baptized during the last twenty months by Rev. Hopkin Rees at Tientsin, north China.

As the American Baptist Home Mission society is heavily burdened with debt, the board of managers of that society, at a meeting held Sept. 14, decided to make no appropriations for missionary salaries for the present for a period extending beyond Dec. 31, 1896, unless the current receipts meantime shall be very considerably increased.

The vast possibilities open to an individual society of Christian Endeavor are shown in a report that comes from Geelong, Australia. The Yarra Street Wesleyan society, which contains five divisions and 500 members, has organized a boys' club, a men's club, a birthday league for missionary purposes and a Sunday school home department. During the year it held 208 cottage prayer meetings, besides seventy-eight open air services; 4,251 visits were paid and 2,488 loaves of bread distributed. The Juniors provided an outing for one hundred slum children, distributed 150 bouquets of flowers and made more than 500 visits. The other labors of the society were on a proportionate scale.

NOVELTIES IN SILVER.

Jelly-sellers are obtainable in gold and silver.

Mustache combs and brushes are mounted in Roman colored gold.

Gate purses in gold and silver are now furnished with chain and hook.

A gliding over silver, known as rose gold, is a novelty for purse and bag clasps.

The present style of dress demands for its enrichment gem-set and gold ornaments.

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Butter-making is encouraged by 4,432 patents, either on devices employed or methods of manufacture.

Wood-working tools have developed 4,235 patents, of which one is an auger which bores a square hole.

According to the reports of the patent office there are 4,389 different varieties of patented chairs.

The erection of fire-proof buildings is encouraged by 455 patents, taken out for materials or methods.

Over 25,000 inventions for the manipulation of metals have been patented in our government office.

The fisherman has at his command 2,667 patented devices for attracting or capturing the many tribe.

The inventors of artificial stone and the manufacturers of lime and cement have taken out 1,159 patents.

The surgeons of this country transact business with their patients by the aid of 3,335 patent appliances.

There is no leading country in the world whose natives have not taken out patents in the United States.

Harness-making has received the earnest attention of the inventor, there being 7,400 patents in this line.

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The number of patent medicines is not so great as might be supposed, there being only 1,332 in the reports.

FIGS AND THISTLES.

Misfortune and imprudence are often twins.

God goes with the man who is willing to take a hard place.

Better be a lamp in the house, than try to be a star in the sky.

God made man too great to find his life in the present moment.

There is no virtue in doing right simply because we have to.

Backsliding begins when the Christian begins to live on stale bread.

How many times good fortune has come to us through our mistakes.

The first aim will be well occupied whose first aim in life is to do God's will.

Do what you can do well, and you will soon be able to do much better.

If we try to please everybody, we shall soon have the respect of nobody.

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