

TIDAL WAVE IN A RIVER.

Something Held the Spectator Fascinated to the Spot.

The moon was riding at the very zenith, says the Century, and it dazzled us to look up to it. Each one stood evenly within the circle of his own clear-cut shadow on the ground, at that moment of the moon's transit, and the bore was due; but it was a calm night, and it was three-quarters of an hour after our unaccustomed ears had caught the first far-distant, muttering undertone before the white thing was seen, a ghastly line advancing as evenly over the water, and as quickly, as the dark shadow of an eclipse sweeps over a landscape. Nearer and nearer it roared, growing greater and whiter, until we could see the whole cascading, bubbling, frothing front, with spray-drops showering from the crest higher up in the moonlight. With the roar of awful waters the dread thing came on, raising its white crest higher and higher as it licked the edges of the plies beyond which the junks lay. There were shouts and yells, and the usual boatmen's pandemonium let loose on the junks as the roaring wave approached. A rocket sizzed, some fire-crackers sputtered and gongs resounded, but all small sound of earth's creatures were drowned as the fearful white thing crashed past, and a frightful hissing, a seething, lashing and swirling of still higher billows succeeded—the most sinister sound of water ever heard—still speeding, rushing, whirling madly, irresistibly on. As the ten-foot wall of foam reached the edge of the piling and the junk platform, it floated the junk loose at the instant. Each junk rode to the flood's fury bow on, and continued to rise, to lift itself bodily up, along the sea wall before one's fascinated gaze. In the fierce after-rush, the water went swifter and more swiftly by, until one had a dizzying sense of danger to come, but past feeling from. Something held one fascinated to the spot, although in the fewest minutes, barely a quarter of an hour, two-thirds of the whole body and mass of the flood-tide had flung itself against the wall, and, it seemed, might continue to rise with the same force for hours. A salt, fresh smell of the sea, the breath of the ocean's coolest, deepest under-world, came in with the awful tide. A ghastly mist succeeded. Shreds of vapor scudded over the triumphant moon, and the sea's curtain fell on one of the most sensational, spectacular performances the Pacific ocean and the moon ever make together.

OOM PAUL'S HUMOR.

How He Fooled a Lobbyist at a Hotel.

Many years ago, when President Kruger was in England, he was approached concerning some concession, railway or otherwise, by a business man here in London. The negotiations lasted for some time. One evening the Londoner, who was staying at the same hotel, having spent many hours with Mr. Kruger and his companion, went to bed much exhausted, and feeling he had not got quite all he wanted. Next morning he arose at 9 and went along the corridor to Mr. Kruger's bedroom. To his astonishment it was empty and all the luggage was gone. "Oh, sir," said the chambermaid, "Mr. Kruger and his friend left at 6 this morning." Then, with a giggle of amused reminiscence, the girl added: "They was a queer couple, sir, and no mistake. When 'e passed your door, sir, Mr. Kruger, 'e started dancin' right outside your door, sir, 'e and his friend. They didn't know as any one saw them, sir, but Bessie and I see them, unbeknown, from the top of the stairs. Then they went downstairs, sir, fairly splittin' their sides with laughin', though they didn't say a word."—London Daily News.

A New Idea in Rat Traps.

A rat and mouse trap which has been patented in all the countries throughout the civilized world issuing patents, the invention of Heinrich Bengeler, of Beinrode, Germany, is really an ingenious arrangement, as the animal never gets a chance even to nibble at the bait, and when it once gets into the trap it is automatically locked; there without a possible chance of escape. A modified form of this bottle-shaped trap, however, is employed for catching rats and vermin in the house. The small end of the field trap is inserted in the mouse hole, the tubular passageway forming a continuation of the underground passages. The animal in trying to get the bait naturally enters the hole and is thus induced to enter the tubular passage from which it cannot escape.

A Fad in Entertaining.

An ingenious woman in Cincinnati has inaugurated a "luncheon day." She has sent out cards to her most intimate friends reading "Tuesdays in April. Luncheon from 1 till 3 p. m." The table is to be set with extra places, and at 1 o'clock the hostess will take her seat with those who may be present. As friends drop in they will go directly to the dining-room, and, after greeting the hostess, will sit where they please at table. The affairs promise to be delightfully informal. The menu will never be elaborate, and those who have had the good fortune to receive cards will not fall to drop in between the 'hours named, for they are doubly sure of congenial company.

Sleep Protects Them.

A medical paper says that in railway collisions nearly all the passengers who are asleep escape the bad effects of shaking and concussion, nature's own anaesthetic preserving them.

SOME WONDERFUL WOUNDS.

Seen at the Front in the South African War.

From Mool river Sir William MacCormac, England's distinguished surgeon, who took the field with the soldiers in South Africa, sends to the London Lancet an interesting set of notes on the remarkable bullet wounds he has seen recently. "The greater number of these wounds," he says, "were caused by the Mauser bullet, and nearly all presented the characteristic features—a small circular, slightly depressed area covered by a black scab. The exit wounds often were similar, but a little larger, sometimes presenting a scar like an incised wound and difficult to discover. When I saw them a week or ten days after the injury they were for the most part healed. How these bullets fail to damage vital structures lying immediately in their path is nothing short of marvelous. The proportion of fatal chest wounds to those that are recovered from is believed to be small, but what the proportion precisely is cannot yet be learned. It is abundantly clear that one lung and often both lungs may be traversed, and in many directions, without causing grave symptoms, and often without producing any symptoms of lung trouble at all." A private who looked extremely well and said he had nothing to complain of had a hole seven inches long and three inches wide in his chest, which involved the lungs. Part of three of his ribs were carried away and the lung was exposed. The soldier lay in a trench on the field from 2:30 to 5 o'clock before he could be attended to. He was carried to the hospital at 12:30 o'clock that night. Another private was hit in the middle of the nose and the bullet passed out the back of the neck. He had a little headache, and some trouble in swallowing, but in ten days the wound healed and the man apparently was perfectly well.

TRANSPLANTING A RACE.

Africans Undergo a Complete Transition Here.

Negroes who came to North America had to undergo as complete a transition as ever fell to the lot of man, without the least chance to undergo an acclimatizing process. They were brought from the hottest part of the earth to the region where the winter's cold is of almost Arctic severity—from an exceedingly humid to a dry air. They came to service under alien taskmasters, strange to them in speech and in purpose. They had to betake themselves to unaccustomed food and to clothing such as they had never worn before, writes Prof. Shaler in Appleton's Popular Science Monthly. Rarely could one of them find about him a familiar face of a friend, parent or child, or an object that recalled his past life to him. It was an appalling change. Only those who know how the negro cleaves to the familiar things of life, how fond he is of warmth and friendliness, can conceive the physical and mental shock that this introduction to new conditions meant to them. To people of our own race it could have meant death. But these wonderful folk appear to have withstood the trials of their deportation in a marvelous way. If we compare the Algonquin Indian, in appearance a sturdy fellow, with these negroes, we see of what stuff the blacks are made. A touch of housework and of honest toil took the breath of the aborigines away, but these tropical exotics fell to their tasks and trials far better than the men of our own kind have done.

Proposed Highway for Bicycles.

A perfect highway from New York to San Francisco, in as near a straight line as it is possible to make it, with a width of 120 feet, for the use of automobiles and bicycles, as well as for the use of the farmer, is a thing that the Automobile club of America will try to bring about. The subject was seriously discussed at a banquet, in honor of members of the National Highway Commission, at the Waldorf-Astoria, in New York, when plans were made and the route announced. Besides a direct path from New York to San Francisco, passing through Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha and Ogden, the club wants a highway along each coast. Congress will be asked to appropriate one-third of the expense, and the states, counties, townships and cities en route will be asked to pay the rest; the owners of property benefited to donate the right-of-way. The club and highway commission have on their list of membership the names of some of the foremost men of America.

List's Kindness Exemplified.

A young composer, being desirous of having his composition criticised by Liszt, called on the master by the advice of his friends. So as not to interfere with Liszt's time he made his visit at 7:30 a. m., and explained his errand to the old servant, who remarked that it was rather early. Liszt overheard the colloquy from the head of the stairs, and demanded of the servant who was there. Hearing that the caller was a poor artist, the great musician ran downstairs to the gate in his shirt sleeves, called the visitor back, took him up to the piano, played off his composition, criticised it, and sent him away feeling like a master in counterpoint.

Rio Janeiro's English.

The following amusing notice is written in a cemetery at Rio Janeiro in several languages: "Noble messengers and gentlemen who may desire a dog to follow in this tombyard will not be permission unless him drawn by a cable round him throttle."

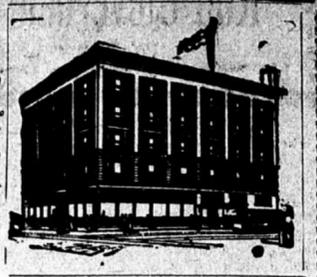
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Ginghams—250 pieces of fine 3/4c Apron Ginghams—all sizes, all colors—big value.

Dress Prints—Three cases best 3/4c quality China Blue Dress Prints, mill end lengths—worth 7 cents.

Batiste Lawns—2 cases mill end lengths 82-inches Batiste Lawns—worth 12 1/2c in any other house.

Percales—2 cases 35-inch Percales—choice styles, medium and dark colors, regular 10c value.

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Silesia—2 cases of mill ends, all colors, 36 in. wide, assorted lot, with values up to 15c.

Outing Flannel—5 cases of mill end lengths, all sizes and colors—regular 7 1/2c quality.

DRESS GOODS BARGAINS.

We make here a few notes of the genuine bargains offered during our three day opening, and have added for a guide the prices charged in other stores for the same goods. These prices include the whole range of colors, styles and patterns.

8 1/2c for the goods others sell at 12 1/2c-15c. 15c for the goods others sell at 25c. 19c for the goods others sell at 29c-35c. 39c for the goods others sell at 60c.

Basement Hosiery and Underwear.

Ladies Hose—Fast black seamless hose. You never saw their equal for the price. 4c

School Hose—2 pair for 25c. Heavy strong, durable knee, heel and toe—warranted to wear—best value you ever saw. 13c

Miscellaneous Bargains

16c for good, heavy grain sacks. 23c for 35c Men's Jumpers. 25c for good, heavy jeans for pants. 45c for 58c Men's Denim Jumpers. 9 1/2c blue and brown Denims, worth 12 1/2c. 48c for Men's soft Neglige working shirts worth 60c. 21c for best Carpet warp, all colors in stock. 23c for good, heavy Men's work Shirts. 47c for 60c Men's Denim and Duck Overalls—home made. 4c for Men's heavy work Socks.

Standard Domestic.

Unbleached Muslin—Yard 4 1/2c extra good 7c quality Unbleached Muslin.

Bleached Muslins—33 inch 6 1/2c good quality soft finish Bleached Muslins—a decided bargain

Sheeting—72-inch two yards wide 12 1/2c regular 18c grade Unbleached Sheetting.

Sheeting—Full width, 9-4 heavy unbleached sheetting, marked 20c elsewhere. 15c

Sheeting—72 inches wide, soft finish bleached sheetting, sold elsewhere at 27 cents. 19c

Cambric—Remarkable value in a 7 1/2c yard wide, soft finish Unbleached Cambric—others ask 10c.

Ticking—32-inch extra soft finish 12 1/2c and extra heavy grade feather ticking—worth 18c.

Table Oil Cloth—Great value in 12 1/2c 5-4 size Table Oil Cloth in white, marble and fancy styles.

CLINTON.

Mr. T. W. Stepp spent a couple of days in Chicago this week.

Harrison the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Cassius Clark is quite ill.

Died—Mrs. Sarah Phillips wife of Leonard Phillips at her home in this city, Sunday morning at 11:30 deceased had been quite feeble for some months past but her closest friends did not think the end so near, she had been a resident of this city for a number of years, a devoted member of the stewardess board for several years. The funeral services were held from Bethel A. M. E. church Monday afternoon, Rev. Holly officiating.

Quarterly meeting will take place on Sunday, Presiding Elder Bundy is expected to be in attendance.

Rev. Holly has been ill for a few days.

Mr. Geo. Robinson has returned from Philadelphia and other parts of the East where he has been taking a needed rest for a few weeks past.

KANSAS CITY, (Mo.) ITEMS

(Gathered by the BYSTANDER'S Observer.)

Mr. Dan Lucas bears the distinction of having the finest and complete up-to-date tontorial parlor in Kansas City.

The services of Rev. Jones' First Baptist church were largely attended last Sunday, and the reverend beautifully illustrated how observable God has often called men to places of dignity and honor when they have been busy in the honest employment of their vocation. Rev. Jones is a remarkable divine and puts more than ordinary power, force and eloquence into his words.

Prof. Will Ewing and his unique colored string band are playing nightly to an appreciative audience at the Delaware club. Their instrumentalists are grand and inspiring and such as to elicit commendation.

AN HOUR WITH THE COMPOSERS AND THE PLAYERS.

"What Happened to Jones," which appeared at the Coats opera house last evening is a most humorously suggestive name for a farce; yet it is wholly inadequate to insinuate the numerous and varied things that occur to the fellow whose homely appellation figure in the title. Two hours of farce comedy abounding in bright lines and comical situations. The laughs of the audience was almost a mass of punctuation marks, and that's "What Happened to Jones."

Your clothes may be swell and snug in their fit As the skin on a Dago banan, But subscribe for the "BYSTANDER" and find, in IT— Good advice to the poor colored man.

TOPEKA, KANSAS ITEMS.

(Gathered by the BYSTANDER'S Observer.)

The colored populace of Topeka are progressing nicely and have in all about nineteen or twenty different churches.

Services at the Second Baptist church on Sunday last, were largely attended. Their pastor Rev. J. D. Olden is an able divine.

In a recent visit to the office of the Topeka Plaindealer, the visitor can note that the office is strictly up-to-date and the typo's are kept busy in manipulating the movable alphabet.

Mr. Nick Chiles, the business manager of the Plaindealer is also proprietor of the Chiles Hotel it is on 114 7th St. Three well known and popular

EVANS NEWS.

There were five candidates baptized Sunday.

Mrs. Jennie Tucker and Mrs. Davison of Des Moines were in the city Sunday.

Mrs. C. Thomas' little boy also Mrs. C. Webb's boy have the small-pox.

Mr. John Bryant is making quite a success with his millinery work, he has ordered more hats.

Mr. Luther Allen and Tom Carrington left the 18th for Bradwood, Ill. to attend the funeral of their niece.

The literary society will start again Tuesday night.

ACUTE SENSES OF THE SAVAGE

Scientific View of Their Alleged Superiority to Civilized Man.

In his last lecture on the "Senses of Primitive Man" W. H. R. Rivers discussed the acuteness of hearing in savages. In this respect none of the Torres Straits natives were superior to one of the Europeans composing the expedition, while the majority were inferior. No great weight, however, could be attached to the observations, because all the people were divers—an occupation that certainly damaged the ears to some extent. To investigate their range of hearing a Galton's whistle was used, and it was shown that they could hear very high notes. Their sense of smell was tested by means of a series of tubes containing solutions, of varying strength, of odorous substances like valerian and camphor, and the results, while not altogether satisfactory, tended to show they had no marked superiority in this respect over the members of the expedition. With regard to taste it was very difficult to get information, as the natives, naturally enough, did not like strange objects being put into their mouths. One fact, however, was noticed, which was interesting when it was remembered that sweet and bitter were probably our most definite sensations and that was the complete absence of any word for bitter. For the sense of temperature the data were very scanty, but it was found that the natives had points on their skin specially sensitive to cold exactly as was the case with Europeans. As to touch, when tested to see how close the points of a pair of compasses must be put on the skin before they ceased to be felt as two, their sensitiveness was in general better than Europeans, but there was always the doubt whether they were really able to bear pain with more fortitude. However, the conclusion that the Murray Islanders were distinctly less sensitive than the Europeans in the expedition was supported not only by their subjective statements, but also by objective tests depending on the conditions of the blood pressure. In the discrimination of weight it was curious that these natives, who had no abstract idea of weight and no word to express it, and who, moreover, could have had no practice, were more accurate than a practiced European. Finally Dr. Rivers, while commenting on the defective knowledge of some of the senses he had treated and on the absence of comparative data, concluded that in general the sense organs of the savage were not markedly superior to those of the normal average European, and that the recorded instances of apparent extraordinary acuteness were to be explained by his habits of observation and specialized knowledge.



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CEDAR RAPIDS BUDGETARIAN.

Sunday was quarterly meeting at the A. M. E. church, in the absence of Presiding Elder Bundy, Rev. Bass was assisted in administering the holy sacrament by Rev. Lockwood of St. Paul's M. E. church (white) who also delivered an excellent sermon in the afternoon, those who failed to hear Rev. Lockwood missed a rare treat.

The Sunday School board will meet this week with Mrs. Della Marshall. Every one is busy now cleaning house, before warm weather appears.

Rev. Bass preached at the Sunshine Mission on the 14th inst.

Word has been received from Mrs. Harry Martin that her brother passed peacefully away at his home in Bedford, after a lingering illness of consumption.

Mrs. Martin will return home this week. Laurence Morgan and brother are in the city visiting their cousin Frank Morgan.

The large Easter chorus repeated their exercises at the A. M. E. church Sunday night.

Besure and attend the baby show at the A. M. E. church Thursday evening. May the 10th several babies will be on exhibition. Handsome prizes will be awarded.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Brown had their baby Myrtle Annette christened at the Quarterly meeting with Mrs. Raspberry as God mother.

It has been said that the Rapid's A. M. E. church choir is one of the finest in the State. There are nine in number and can compete with any choir. Rev. Bass certainly feels proud of them and we fail to see why he should not. The anticipate an outing sometime in the near future.