

contorting in every direction, and they began to poke their snouts over the side of the launch and snap at us. So we started up full speed for the ship. To our utter dismay the whole herd of crocodiles not only came along with us, but others seemed to spring up on all sides and join in the pursuit.

Fearing they would board us we adopted a novel expedient.

We poured a quantity of kerosene on the water all around the launch, and, as they usually swim with their eyes on a level with the surface, the stuff got into their eyes and annoyed them to such an extent that they kept at a distance, and we got safely away.



An Unusually Large Crocodile Raised Its Head