

### WATER IN DESERT

#### Australian Bushmen Can Invariably Find It.

#### Trees, Leaves, and Even Animals and Reptiles Lived On the Precious Fluid.

No man who has not mastered the last subtleties of bushcraft should penetrate alone the western dry lands of Australia. A Canadian woodsman would find nothing in his experience to enlighten him. A North American Indian would perish of ignorance. A Bedouin of the sandy Arabian deserts would die helpless. Australian bushcraft is peculiar to itself. It concerns itself less with killing the crawling desert life for food than with divining the whereabouts of water in a land that is as dry as a brick in the sun.

In the midcontinental deserts, when sun and dry winds suck the moisture from deep in the ground and all the world runs dry, the aboriginals draw water from the roots of small desert trees by cutting them into short lengths and letting them drain, drop by drop, into a wooden bowl. But there may be no water trees or the roots may shrivel and dry up. What then?

"Ah, well," said the bushman, "they do with what they have."

"What have they?" I asked him.

"They lick the dew from the leaves and grass!" It is related by a celebrated Australian traveler, Baldwin Spencer, that, having come in a dry season to a dry clay pan, bordered with withered shrubs, his company was amazed by an exhibition of aboriginal craft. There was no water, no moisture within miles, and the clay was baked so hard that to be penetrated at all it must be broken with a hatchet. A keen native guide presently discerned little tracks on the ground—faintest indications of life, apparently—and, having hacked into the clay to the depth of about a foot, unearthed a spherical little chamber, about three inches in diameter, in which lay a dirty yellow frog. It was a water-holding frog and it was distended with a supply sufficient, perhaps, to enable it to survive a drought for a year and a half. And the water was pure and fresh. Being heartily squeezed, these frogs may yield a saving draft to lost and perishing travelers.

"Find a black fellow," said our bushman, "and you'll get water."

"What if the aboriginal is obdurate?"

"Ah, well, if he won't tell," the bushman explained, "you rope him by the neck to your saddle. When he gets thirsty he'll go to the water right enough."

**Embarrassing.**

I was an excellent student in history, and the professor delighted in holding me up as an example to the other pupils—much to my annoyance. One day, endeavoring to tell us how our note books should be kept, he picked up mine, held it by the cover in front of the class, and proceeded to turn the pages—lauding the work as he went.

When half-way through he turned a leaf and there lying in full view was my humble powder puff, held in place with a rubber band! The rest of the pages, as well as the powder puff, being retained by the rubber, it was impossible to go on, and no one will ever know how I felt while he stood with bushy eyebrows upraised, dangling my note book with its burden, while the whole class howled itself hoarse.—Chicago Tribune.

**He Couldn't Wait Forever.**

A young fellow who was the crack runner of his town—somewhere in the South—was unfortunate enough to have a very dilatory laundress. One evening when he was out for a practice run in his rather airy costume, he chanced to dash past the dusky lady who at the time was a couple of weeks in arrears with his washing. He had scarcely reached home again, when the bell rang furiously and an excited voice was wafted in from the porch:

"For de Lawd's sake, won't you all tell Marae Bob please not to go out no more till I kin git his clo'es round to him?"

**Hard Names, All Right.**

They were cousins, lived close to each other, and so were inseparable. But that didn't prevent "spats." They were just toddlers and quite too young to be versed in profane language. One day in the course of their play they became furiously angry with each other and John came running in with tears of rage rolling down his cheeks.

"Say! I'm mad at Jack and I slapped him an' I swore at him, too."

"Why, John! What did you say?"

"I called him a— a stick, an'—an' a stone, an' a rock, an'—an' a devil and I'm not goin' never to play with him any more!"

**Approved the Money.**

Irritated Lady—No, it doesn't fit, and I shall expect the money back.

Mr. Moses—But, good gracious—

Irritated Lady—Your advertisements say: Money returned if not approved.

Mr. Moses—So they do, ma dear madam, so they do; but your money was approved—it was very good money.

**Expensive Luxury.**

"You ought to have a chauffeur. Can't you afford one?"

"I might afford the chauffeur," replied Mr. Chuggins. "But I couldn't afford the kind of a car he'd want to take his friends out riding in."

No man can claim protection from laws he would repeal, or prosperity from conditions he would destroy. Right to both comes from upbuilding the one and contributing to the other according to ability and the needs of society.—Orin.

### RIVERDALE

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Battles and son, Vincent, visited relatives near Mt. Pleasant Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Raby southeast of town were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Miner Sunday.

Frank Rice spent the week end in Saginaw.

Harley Schnepf spent Friday with relatives at Vestaburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Harry entertained relatives from Shepherd and Alma Sunday.

Mrs. Alan Sadler of Alma was a guest of Mrs. Low Forquer Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Brownridge have returned from their two weeks' visit with relatives at Grand Rapids and Stanton.

Mrs. Harry White and son, Jack, of Seville Center spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Adam Britten.

Mrs. John Freed entertained relatives from near Elwell Sunday.

Ryan Schnepf and sons, Frank and Jim, are on a hunting trip in the upper peninsula.

Miss Twila Bradley of St. Louis spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Chandler Bradley.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Webb visited relatives near Alma Sunday.

Quite a number of our citizens enjoyed the celebration at Vestaburg last Friday afternoon and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bywater were Alma visitors last Thursday.

Miss Tella VanAlstine spent Friday and Saturday with friends at Vestaburg.

Forrest Lapaugh of Blanchard was a Riverdale caller Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Johnson visited relatives near Alma Sunday.

Mrs. George Reid spent Saturday with friends at St. Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. James Fisher spent Saturday with relatives near Summer.

Allen Highfield was home from Alma Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Corton southeast of town were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Nunn Sunday.

Mrs. Jack Mobble spent several days last week with her grandparents at Grand Rapids.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hopkins were in Breckenridge last week visiting at the home of Mrs. Agnes Crawford.

Miss Genevieve LaMay returned Saturday evening from Houghton Lake, where she has been since last spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Jean Valance and son spent Sunday at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Valance north of town.

Doctor E. M. Highfield attended the County Medical Society meeting held in Alma Thursday.

Mrs. David Dutt has returned from her four weeks' visit with her daughter, Mrs. Roscoe Haines, of Fremont.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hall are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Melvin Budge, of Ithaca.

Mr. and Mrs. Clair Mallory and son north of Elwell were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Horton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Johnson visited relatives at Summer Center Sunday.

### SOUTHEAST COE

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Nelson called on relatives in Alma Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Parks visited relatives at Vestaburg Friday.

Mrs. Wm. Bradley and son, Forest, visited Mrs. Carrie Tallon and Mrs. Mary Whitney of St. Louis, Sunday.

Miss Mary Holland was an Alma visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Going and daughter, Thelma, visited relatives near Elwell Sunday.

Miss Catherine Cummings spent the week end with her parents at Vestaburg.

Wm. White of Edmore was in Riverdale Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Scofield and children spent Sunday near Vestaburg, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cash Erskin.

### ELY DISTRICT

Mrs. Nelson Husted and baby, Irene, visited her sister, Mrs. R. D. Bradford, one day last week.

Ruth Bacon spelled the school down Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Alfred Nestle called on Mrs. R. Uttley of Alma one day last week.

Mrs. Lucy Speicher who has been visiting her father, Mr. S. Dalrymple, received a telegram saying her husband had passed away quite suddenly. She left immediately for her home in Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Horton and son, Howard, were Sunday visitors at the home of Chas. E. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Cline received word from their son, Alton, who lives in Grand Rapids saying his wife was very ill with diphtheria.

Lonnie Studebaker and family have moved to Ithaca where he has employment.

Herbert Campbell has purchased a new horse to replace the one that got kicked, and had to be killed not long ago.

Mrs. McCully has been visiting at her brother's, Warren Simmons.

Pearl and Billy Wrench were Sunday visitors in this vicinity.

A number from this locality attended the sale at Clare Fosters, on Monday, Nov. 14.

### TOWN LINE

Josephine Johnson spent Sunday with Virginia Joseph.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wiley and children called on relatives in Riverdale on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Leonard are the parents of a baby girl born to them last week.

James McCully and daughter, Mildred, went to Owosso Thursday where he has employment for the winter.

Josephine Johnson and Virgil Whitcraft spent Saturday afternoon with Thelma and Zelma Isham.

Frank and Paul Whitcraft and Geo. Shoemaker autoed to Midland county hunting Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wiley and children spent Sunday with relatives at Riverdale.

### ELY DISTRICT

Charlotte Powers of Belding was a visitor at the home of her parents for a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. George Culver attended the funeral of Mrs. Culver's uncle at the home of Mrs. Metcalf, west of Alma Sunday.

Miss Garlock, who has been seriously ill for some little time, died Friday morning. The remains were taken to her girlhood home near Grand Ledge for burial Sunday. She was 64 years of age. She was a member of the church here and of the Ladies' Aid Society.

Elder Kimberling is planning for a program and entertainment at the Coe Church of Christ Thanksgiving night. The ladies are being asked to bake pumpkin pies for the affair. Coffee and doughnuts will be served by the Ladies Aid Society.

**A Lady in Chicago Telegraphs for Rat-Snap**

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## Tuesday, Nov. 22

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### CATTLE

- Holstein Cow, 8 years old, due May 15
- Holstein Cow, 5 years old, due Feb. 14
- Red Cow, 7 years old, due Mar. 4
- Jersey Cow, 12 years old, due Nov. 26
- Red Heifer, 2 years old, due April 23
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- 90-tooth Spike Drag
- Ohio Beet and Bean Cultivator
- Combination Hay and Stock Rack
- Triple deck Grain Box
- Pair Heavy Sleighs
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- 60 gallon Feed Cooker
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