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An Ursine Biography.

Grace Greenwood, in a letter to the New York Times from Colorado Springs, gives the following interesting biographical sketch of a pet bear known as "Macluff":

Little Bruin was an unfortunate, motherless foundling—more unfortunate and more motherless than ever foundling was before—for he never saw his mother and his mother never beheld him. He was emphatically "an unlicked cub"—in fact, he was never born at all. An Indian hunter, well armed, came across a monstrous cinnamon bear, and killed her—quadruple, in short, our little bear was a sort of Macluff. He was a native, if that term can be used, of the Raton mountains, in New Mexico. The aboriginal hunter who slew his mother was a Ute. Moved by a strange touch of tenderness, he wrapped up the tiny little creature, and took it to Trinidad, where he sold it to a Philadelphia traveler, Dr. J. M., who took a fancy to bring it to his friend, Mrs. M., of Glen Kyrie. It oddly happened that this lady had always had in the "many mansions" of her great, tender heart, a little house set apart for a pet bear, which had never come to her. Now he was on the way—traveling as fast as the stage-coach could carry him. He had to be fed on milk, from a bottle, and when hungry, as was frequently the case, would cry so like a child, that passengers, seeing in the doctor's arms a bundle very like a baby, were moved to gentlest sympathy. At Colorado Springs the doctor had a chance to present his offspring in person. Mrs. M. graciously received it in a box, which was deposited in the bottom of her carriage. Then she set out for home. But the way was long, the bottle was empty, the bear was hungry, and missed his late guardian. He cried, he whined, he roared, he broke from his box, bore around the carriage, and had to be held by two strong hands. Even at that age his mite of an ursine minor displayed extraordinary strength and spirit. Arrived at the house he was fed till he was gorged and grateful, and dropped off into a happy slumber, lying on his back, with four feet in the air. It was soon found impracticable to bring him up on the bottle, as his fierce appetite caused him to devour the indigestible India-rubber tops. He was next taught to drink from his mistress's fingers, laid in a saucer of milk. He would always grasp her hand with both his paws, and hold it firm till he was through. He was allowed to run freely about the house, and while from the first singularly playful and cunning, was gentle and affectionate. Little Daisy, the loveliest child alive, would trot about with him in her arms. If she squeezed him ever so hard, or pulled his morsel of a tail, he would grunt a little, but never use his teeth or his claws. It was a new and charming little version of Beauty and the Beast. He delighted to play with the three little boys, running, jumping, clambering and tumbling about, in a marvellously jolly and childish way. When it came to climbing trees, after one of them, it was a question whether the bear was most of a boy or the boy most of a bear. He learned easily various tricks, such as walking on his hind legs, and standing on his head. For music he showed a strong liking, preferring that of a lively character. Whenever he heard the piano he would prink up his ears, leave play, his bed, anything but his dinner, go and seat himself beside the player, and listen with all the air of a musical critic. In mischief he surpassed small boys, puppies and monkeys. He delighted to get at a nicely made bed, and turn it into a "mare's nest." He was the torment of the poor Chinaman's life—slyly creeping into the laundry, and in an instant turning his basket of nicely ironed clothes topsy-turvy. More than once he rescued Ah Shi to despair and tears. At last he began to make foraging raids into the storeroom, and one day was found heels over head in a cask of sugar, having "a sweet, refreshing season." Soon after this he was banished to the barn, where, as he frightened the horses and cows, he was chained in his little pen. But he worked at the spring of his chain till he opened it and escaped to the house. He stole in, went directly up stairs, turning the knobs of the doors that hindered his progress, made his way to the chamber of his mistress, tore all the clothes off the bed, danced and tumbled, and had a high old time generally. Once again he broke jail, and wandered off to parts unknown, and all one night his kind mistress was troubled with fears that some one would find him and sell him to a showman, and that he would grow up a demoralized, vagabond, learned bear. But he returned, like a prodigal son, and humbly licked her hand, and then his own paw, in token of hunger. He showed decided favoritism. On one of the servants, who had been kind to him, he lavished caresses, but always turned a cold, hard shoulder on the cook, who had teased him, and objected to his lawless fondness for sugar and pickles. When eating he gave his whole attention to the business, and did not like to be talked to, or interfered with in any way. Over his pan of milk he was as cross as an old man over his plate of turtle soup. If any one touched it, he would take it up and carry it, growling, to the other side of the pen.

One day, when he was about four months old, the eldest of the little lads, his favorite comrade, annoyed him by idle fooling, at the supreme moment of solemn feasting, and for all his gentle Christian training, and exclusively human associations, he showed in spite of original cinnamon—in fact, turned on his playfellow and bit him. The boy, in turn, whipped him severely. This was the crisis—poor little Bruin was declared dangerous. "Beware, Macluff!" was the cry, and in family council it was resolved to send him from home—to banish him to Manitou. He went with evident reluctance—giving the Irishman who led him no end of trouble. He would stand on his hind feet and fall back with all his might—then suddenly rush forward and catch Pat by the legs.

Little Macluff, now about six months old, is seeing life and having a tolerably good time at the gay watering-place. He is petted, he is praised and sugared—he stands erect, and balances on his head for very distinguished people, who condescend to laugh at his droll and jolly ways. He has been promoted to a meat diet, but he

has not forgotten his old home and earliest friends. When his mistress and the children go over to see him, his bear's heart melts within him. He is overjoyed to see them all, except the lad with whom he had that "little unpleasantness." Him he has not forgiven, and never will forgive, unless the millennium should come, and reconstruct both bear and boy.

An Incident at Last Chance Bar.

It was but seldom that anything occurred to rattle the placid course of events in Last Chance Bar, but one bright summer morning in '71 the little population was in a fever of excitement. Big Jake, the gambler, and Lucky Joe, who was working a hill claim up near Run Gulch, had quarreled over their rums and winnings the night before and had vowed they would commence hostilities at sight. Accordingly, when Big Jake, who was sunning himself in front of the saloon on this particularly pleasant morning, saw Joe strolling down the street towards the saloon, he rose, stretched himself, crossed lazily over to the opposite side and walked slowly towards his man. Both belligerents were divested of all unnecessary clothing and each was armed with a belt which supported a large army revolver. As nobody cared to be in the line of fire, the two men had the street to themselves, and as they approached each other on opposite sides, each kept his eye riveted on every motion of the other and, when they were just even, stopped, mechanically drew his pistol from his side and fired a hasty shot at his opponent. Joe seemed to be a little the quicker, and the few spectators who occupied positions of comparative safety thought that Jake was hit. He stood still however, and tried to cock his pistol for another shot. Somehow or other it wouldn't work, the cylinder wouldn't revolve, and there he stood fooling with the worthless thing while Joe was sending in his leaden compliments as fast as he could shoot. Joe saw the situation, and after the second shot he called out to Jake to throw away his weapon and he would quit, but Jake kept trying to fix the cylinder and never moved from his tracks. Joe had fired four times, and with his pistol raised for the fifth shot he called out in agony, "Throw the thing away, Jake, you ain't got no show and I don't want to shoot you this way." He waited a minute, but Jake never spoke nor looked away from that wretched revolver which wouldn't revolve. He probably thought he could still fix it in time to finish his friend over the way. Joe was loth to kill so brave yet so helpless a man, but he knew that it would not do to take any chances, as Jake might get his weapon in trim and accordingly, taking deliberate aim he fired his fifth shot. Jake slowly settled down to his knees and then fell forward on his face, dropping his pistol and gasping for breath. Joe ran quickly over to him and gave him his last bullet in the head, just as a safeguard against any future difficulty, and then the people rushed forward to examine the scene.

They found Joe uninjured and Jake was quite dead, having been hit no less than four times. Upon examining Jake's revolver it was discovered that the exploded cap had become so firmly wedged in at the base of the cylinder as to defy all his efforts to turn it. "He thought a heap of that same gun," remarked one of the investigating committee, "he used to say it was as sure as a knife, but it beat him at last." "I tell ye boys," said Joe, "I never hated to do anything so in my life when I drewed my head and him standin' there so cool, not even lookin' for a chance to dodge, but I happened to think what such a feller might do if he should get his fixin' in workin' order, and that made me desperate. I felt my finger press on the trigger. Ugh! Give me some lickin'." "He was the pluckiest and coolest chap I ever see," said one. "And the biggest fool," put in an old Scotloman, "not to run when he couldn't fight."

They buried him the next day. The funeral procession was not a grand one, but all the saloons and stores were closed and every man, woman and child, for miles around was present. The procession passed slowly across the creek and up the sloping foothill of the big South mountain. There among the tall pines, at the base of the giant, snow-capped sentinel which frowns upon the living and the dead, they buried him. There was no funeral service, they laid him at rest beside some old comrades of his, men who had been unfortunate, like him.

Strange Exploit of a Whirlwind.

The neatest achievement of a tornado which passed over Sullivan county, New Hampshire, some days ago, was the removal of the house of Bushwell Benway, of East Unity. The house was a heavy one, forty-two by twenty-eight feet. It was instantaneously taken from its foundation and moved forty feet, as if it had slid on ice. Scarcely an underpinning stone was displaced; not a thing was dropped into the cellar, which was deep and of the size of the whole house; nor was the ground where it stopped much disturbed. Mr. Benway was pumping a pail of water in the back room, and his wife was in the front room. Both were carried along, only being aware that some terrible blow had fallen upon their dwelling, but having no suspicion that it had been moved, and neither of them was hurt. Many of the windows were dashed out, every article of crockery or glass was broken to pieces, clothes that were hanging about, and other things, were scattered rods away. The back side of the house coming in contact with the front doorstep, and perhaps the underpinning, the latter was handsomely laid upon the ground inside down, and although badly raked, the house stood, while the shed, some thirty feet in length, at the end, was entirely demolished.—Boston Transcript.

—Tomato Soup.—Take six large tomatoes, boil in one pint of water until done; then take them off the stove and stir in one teaspoon of saleratus. Then add one quart of milk, and season with plenty of butter, pepper and salt. Let it all come to a boil, when it is ready for use. We think it the next thing to oyster soup.

—To keep elder sweet, heat it until it boils, and pour into bottles, which have been previously heated to prevent cracking. Cork tight, and seal immediately, as in canning fruit. The elder will keep unchanged for years.

An Arizona Editor's Wedding.

(From the Prescott (Arizona) Miner, Sept. 28.) In the Miner, Sept. 2, its editor, J. H. Marion, announced a new departure, and it is now the pleasing duty of the sub-editor to chronicle the fact that the event foretold has occurred. On Tuesday, Sept. 16, J. H. Marion and Flora E. Banghart were made man and wife, by virtue of the ceremony performed by Judge H. W. Fleury. The marriage took place at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. W. Wells, at 12 M., and was quite a private affair, only the relatives of the family and a very few others being present. After the customary intimate friends made congratulatory calls, and the four employees of the Miner office marched up to Mr. Wells' house, about the middle of the afternoon, and assured Mr. M. of their good will, etc. Wine and cake were tasted of and the party returned to the office and decorated the outside door with the legend, "Marion has departed," in large letters, surrounded with emblems of gladness and respect, and then devoted the rest of the day to jollity and bibulous compounds. O. A. who has a tall flag-staff near the office, displayed the bunting at half-mast; S. C. Rogers and A. Miller ran a foot-race for five dollars, and Rogers and somebody else ran another for a keg of beer, in front of the Miner office, and Rogers won both races and brought the beer inside, and the boys distributed it, and a stranger passing might have supposed that our *deuil* was celebrating his birthday.

In the evening the happy pair kept open house at their new home on Carleton street, and from dark until the hours grew thin the house was thronged. General Crook and his staff officers and their wives, and all the bachelor officers from Fort Whipple were there. The Mayor and Council of Prescott presented themselves. Everybody in Prescott, and many citizens from outside precincts, filed through the front room, shook hands with the bride and bridegroom, nipped slices of cake and bunches of grapes in the dining-room, and got everything they wanted to drink in the kitchen, which did a better business in fluids than any establishment in Prescott that night.

At last the hilarities were over, and the hilarious dispersed; the lights were put out and it seemed as though quiet would last till the dawn of another day at least, but the hoodlums broke loose; with harp, violin, bass viol and flute, they surrounded the house of the departed, and dis-coursed sweet music until the departed resurrected himself and appeared on the porch and asked the crowd to take a drink with him in the kitchen aforesaid, which invitation was unanimously applauded, and the way that crowd disposed of champagne, egg-salad, and more common stimulants was astonishing. The goose was elevated to the ceiling, and then the crowd left the house, and after another tune on the wind and stringed instruments they too departed and left the world to darkness and to John.

Naturalists, botanists and herbalists have been seen in this section talking learnedly about the flora and fauna of the territory. We notify them that Marion has carried off all the Flora of Chino valley, so they need search for no more specimens in that region.

TRM.—All the boys in the Miner office are talking about marrying in the spring. The editor of the Miner protem, has the honor to thus convey to the public and the particular friends of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Marion, their grateful appreciation of the many marked and pleasurable public and private favors and compliments bestowed upon them during the present week, and hopes that the community may be as well satisfied as the two principals in the affair evidently are.

Important to Shippers and Transporters of Cattle.

The attention of all persons interested in the transportation of cattle by boat or rail is called to the following act of Congress, which took effect October 1 last:

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no railroad within the United States whose road forms any part of a line of road over which any other vessel or other animals shall be conveyed from one state to another, or the owners or masters of steam, sailing or other vessels carrying or transporting cattle, sheep, swine or other animals from one state to another, shall, under the same or any other name, or under any description for a longer period than twenty-eight consecutive hours, without unloading the same for rest, water and feeding, for a period of at least five consecutive hours, unless prevented from so unloading by storm or accidental causes. In estimating such consecutive time during which the animals have been confined without such rest on connecting roads from which they are received shall be included, it being the intent of this act to prohibit their continuous confinement beyond the period of twenty-eight hours, except upon contingencies hereinafter stated. Animals so unloaded shall be properly fed and watered during such rest by the owner or person having the custody thereof, or by another, shall continue the same in boats, cars or vessels of any description for a longer period than twenty-eight consecutive hours, without unloading the same for rest, water and feeding, for a period of at least five consecutive hours, unless prevented from so unloading by storm or accidental causes. 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