

STRANGE ROW BOAT OF INDIA



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On the rivers of India the clumsy-looking craft above seen are common sights. The vessel is considerably different from the American row boat; the prow of the craft is open and the oars are long, overlapping each other, and are lashed to upright posts fastened to the sides of the boat.

BEARS FEAR MAN.

SOME GOOD STORIES UPSET BY CHARLES SHELDON.

New York Millionaire Hunter Says Bruins Are Not So Big as Generally Supposed, But Skin Can Be Stretched.

Spokane, Wash.—Charles Sheldon of New York, millionaire, clubman, author, mighty hunter and a Yale man of 1890, has just returned from a hunting expedition in the interest of science. He has camped at the base and above the timber line on Mount McKinley, the highest peak in the United States, for the last 12 months.

Mr. Sheldon offered his services to the biological survey of the agricultural department five years ago, and since that time has given all the specimens of animals and birds he secured to the government. He says that the 12 months he has spent in the wilderness near McKinley have been a most pleasant year. It gave him opportunity to study nature, which is his hobby.

He asks nothing for his work, and does not even take a set of moose horns or a pelt of any of the many big animals he has killed. He laid among other things, in the course of a chat the other day:

"I have killed about 40 or 50 grizzlies, and never have I seen one of

them that did not try to get away. I never had any thrilling escapes, nor did a bear ever charge me. Bears are afraid of men and I have never seen any other kind. That might not sound like a good story, but the fact is I have longed to meet a bear that would have put up a fight. Then, again, I have never killed a bear that measured over 6½ feet. I have heard of bears being larger than that, but I have never seen them. I can take a bear skin and make it 12 feet long, but that would not only be stretching the skin, but the truth, and I prefer the truth when it comes to my work. Yes, my work, or sport, as it may be called.

"I spent a pleasant winter in the Tanana, and I am bringing back hundreds of specimens of mammals from the little wood mouse to the moose. I have not any big heads. They are what we call mature heads. In fact, all that I brought down were mature specimens. Nothing will be known as to whether I found any specimens until the department at Washington examines and compares them.

"I got between ten and fifteen grizzlies. The largest was 6½ feet long. We only measure the bear from the tip of the nose to the base of the tail. And all the measurements are made when the animal after being killed is laid out on the level ground. It is very easy to get a ten or twelve-foot pelt out of a six-foot bear, for few skins stretch so easily as a bear's hide. I could have made some of mine large, but preferred to be accurate.

"The moose and other mammals killed or trapped were mature specimens. I could have killed many animals during the winter, but preferred to select only what I thought either big or fairly good specimens. I got many mountain sheep, but those, too, were the same as killed in other parts of Alaska. In fact, I saw no new specimens of any kind of animals or birds."

When Mr. Sheldon went into the McKinley district last July he chartered a steamer to carry his supplies up the Kantishna, and he then used pack horses to the head of the Toklat, where he established headquarters. He had "Kid" Cartons, a noted guide of the Tanana, running between Fairbanks and his cabin all winter, carrying in supplies and taking out pelts and specimens of game. During December and January Mr. Sheldon made his way up the slopes of McKinley to see what altitude sheep and other game roamed in midwinter. He lived above timber line for some time.



GATHERED SMILES

HE WAS CURIOUS.

"So you wish for the hand of my daughter, do you?" asked the great lawyer of the young man who had sought an interview.

"Yes, Mr. Smith," said the young man in question, "Gertie loves me and I am making a good income."

The lawyer mused for a second or so, rubbing his chin thoughtfully, then he looked up:

"Gertie approves of you, you say, Mr. Spilka, and no doubt you are fully aware that what Gertie determines upon it is of no use for me to raise objection to?"

Spilka modestly admitted that he did possess the imputed knowledge.

"Then," said papa, going on with the conversation, "it is an open secret that Mrs. Smith favours your suit, and you know that when Mrs. Smith insists, it matters not one jot whether I raise objection or not?"

Young Spilka owned that the case had been stated exactly.

"Then," said Smith, and for the first time a shade of interest crept into his voice, "why in the name of common sense did you call to ask my consent?"

"Why, to tell the truth, Mr. Smith," said Spilka, frankly, "I was curious to know how you would conduct the defense, so to speak."

"Young man," said Smith, solemnly, "take the girl and welcome; there's a great career before you if you will but leave the banking business and take up reporting for the Mally Daily."

A RELIEF.



Jessie—I suppose you are enjoying your vacation?

Jack—Yes. It is something of a relief to have a real excuse for not doing something.

Not Indemnifiable.

The unhappy man was now seeking to recover, under the Employer's Liability Act.

"My boss," he testified, "raised my wages, and I got married. No, I swear, I shouldn't have got married if he hadn't raised my wages."

But the court held, after bearing all the evidence, that the plaintiff had been guilty of contributory negligence, and the suit was dismissed.—Puck.

When the Wind Blows Right.

Stranger—How far is it to the stock yards?

Native—Right here. Can't you tell by your nose?

Stranger—No; been smelling just like this ever since I came in sight of the town.—Chicago Tribune.

GENEROUS MAN.



Boy (who expected sixpence for carrying luggage, and has received a penny)—Ere, kuv'ner, ain't yer made a mistake?

Jones—No! That's all right. I never give less.

Merely a Delusion.

"It hurts, doesn't it?" asked the surgeon, probing away.

"No!" answered the patient, through his set teeth. "I only think it does!"—Chicago Tribune.

The Handy Man.

While we are much in favor of each man his merits giving, The chap who's handy round the house Can seldom make a living. He may be good at driving nails And washing up the dishes, But when it comes to getting rich, He takes it out in wishes.

CHEAPER.



To summer in a swell resort Is more or less a treat, But it is rather costly sport— Your money has winged feet. And so the fellow who is wise Will buy some drug-store tan And for his breezy compromise On the electric fan.—Chicago Daily News.

Giving the Boy a Start.

"I wish," said Mrs. Struckoyle, in great perplexity, "I could think of some good name for the baby."

"Suppose," suggested her husband, "we call him after a distant relative of mine, who is a preacher. I think I've never spoken of him, but—"

"Is he a good preacher?"

"Oh, yes; he's orthodox, and—"

"That suits me exactly!" exclaimed Mrs. Struckoyle. "We'll call him Orthodox."—Chicago Tribune.

A Mutual Service.

"You always start the phonograph when that young man calls."

"Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "He thinks it is a polite attention on my part and it protects me from his tiresome efforts at conversation."—Washington Star.

FINE FINANCE.



"He said you were extravagant." "Yes—he expects me to live on nothing—and save half."—Chicago Journal.

Back Numbers.

"Pop?" "Yes, my son." "Are all the hairs of our heads numbered?"

"Yes, my son." "Well, pop," continued the boy, contemplating his father's bald head, "what are the numbers of those you've got left?"—Yonkers Statesman.

The Professional Smile.

"I suppose you must often smile in spite of personal cares that oppress you?"

"Yes," answered Mr. Stormington Barnes, "but only on the stage. I am thankful not to be under the constant strain of a political candidate."—Washington Star.

No Need to Steal.

Stella—Jack stole a kiss from me last night.

Mabel—Poor fellow!

Stella—Why do you say that? Mabel—Had he been wealthy there would have been no occasion for him to steal it.—Chicago Daily News.

Up-to-Date.

"You have made this Cupid with a revolver," said the editor to his artist.

"Isn't it customary to arm the god of lovers with a bow and arrows?" "Yes, sir," replied the artist; "but art must keep up with the times."

DIVORCE COURT ON RIVERSIDE.

Judge Parts Wisconsin Pair at Trial Held in Open Air.

Appleton, Wis.—A half rotted stump of what once was a giant of the forest served as the witness stand, while all outdoors, with a river view to the fore and a gentle, sloping hillside to the rear, was the courtroom when Judge John Goodland, who for 12 years has presided over higher judicial matters in the Tenth Wisconsin judicial circuit, granted a divorce decree to Mrs. Ada Ebeling from William Ebeling.

Late in the afternoon Mrs. Ebeling, accompanied by her attorneys, made a flying trip in an automobile from Green Bay to Appleton, with a view to securing a divorce. Judge Goodland was at his summer home at Telulah Springs, on the Fox river, a few miles east of Appleton.

Undaunted by this condition, they sped to the jurist's home. The attorneys hastily presented their case and convinced the judge that the defendant was willing that the action go by default, and without the formality of going to the courthouse Judge Goodland called a session of court on the river bank. Mrs. Ebeling was asked a few stereotyped but necessary questions and the decree separating her from the man whose wife she became only three months previously was issued.

BIRTH; LAND VALUE RISES \$1,000.

Each Baby Born in New York Adds Big Sum to Real Estate Worth.

New York.—The tax department has sent its annual report to the mayor. The total assessment of real and personal property in this city is \$7,158,190,400. The assessed value of ordinary real estate, exclusive of special franchises, is \$6,141,500,119, and the increase in the assessed value of ordinary real estate is \$437,490,467.

The increase in the assessed value of ordinary real estate exceeded the aggregate assessed value of real estate of the five states of Florida, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Oregon and Wyoming, which have an area more than eight times as great as the whole state of New York.

The assessed value of real estate in the city of New York, it is asserted, not only increases rapidly in the aggregate, but at the same time increases per capita, and on the average the increase in the value of New York land amounts to \$1,000 and in taxable real estate to \$1,500 for every baby born in the city.

DESIGNED NEW AMERICAN FLAG



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A. C. Wrenn, the man who designed the new American flag which contains 46 stars. The additional star is added for the new state of Oklahoma which was admitted to the union on July 4 last.

Pension Office Saves Big Sum.

Commissioner Warner Reports, Showing Results Since He Took Post.

Washington.—An increase of 371,089 pensions issued, with a saving of \$1,343,666 out of the reduced appropriations for the maintenance of the bureau during 1905-8, covering Pension Commissioner Warner's administration, as against the period of 1901-4, is announced in a compilation of figures given out at the interior department. The figures are taken from Commissioner Warner's report, which will be issued shortly. The statement follows:

"From 1901 to 1904, inclusive, there were issued 516,251 certificates of pension. From 1905 to 1908, inclusive, there were issued, not including 202,

577 increases under the act of April 19, 1908, made by directions to pension agents, 887,340. This makes an increase of 371,089.

"From 1901 to 1904, inclusive, there was paid as pensions \$554,888,977, and from 1905 to 1908, inclusive, \$571,391,648, an increase of \$16,502,671.

"The operating expenses of the bureau from 1901 to 1904, inclusive, were \$15,281,748, and from 1905 to 1908, inclusive, \$13,077,162, a decrease of \$2,204,586.

"While the appropriations for the maintenance of the bureau have been reduced each year since 1904, there have been saved and covered into the treasury as unexpended of such appropriations since that year \$1,343,666."