

FIGHTING AN ELEPHANT.

A Bishop's Story of an Exciting Experience in Africa.

The strongest opponents to the advance of civilization in west Central Africa, says Bishop Lambuth, the Methodist missionary, are the wild elephants.

The boat, with three white men, including the bishop, and a crew of five negroes, had tied up on the edge of a forest in a quiet bend of the river.

Thundering after, with red gullet open, tusks flashing and trunk flailing the air, he planted both tremendous fore feet on the gangplank.

In another moment the elephant had crossed the plank and was astride it with blind feet on the shore and fore feet on the boat.

What might have happened if the monster had come aboard with all his frenzied weight can only be imagined.

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American Inventive Ingenuity. Of the epoch making inventions of the world during the past fifty years, forty-eight in number, Americans are credited with thirty-five.

Also Spoke In Devan. Though "sone" is recognized as an Americanism today, it has really been borrowed from us, one of our verbal emigrants that have found a wider application in a new environment.

He Got a Hough. The agricultural education that we hear about should not be confined to the country. The city needs it too.

Putting Out Gasoline Fires. Experiments by the British fire prevention committee show that the best way to put out a small gasoline fire is to spread over the burning liquid a mixture of ten pounds of bicarbonate of soda and twelve pounds of common sawdust.

Keep It Dark. May—Of course you know that our engagement is secret. June—Oh, yes; so I am told by everybody!—Pearson's Weekly

QUESTIONS TO ANSWER.

See How Well Posted You Are, and Figure Out Your Percentage.

Raymond A. Kent, assistant professor of education and principal of the University high school, gave an examination to the junior and senior classes of the College of Education to test their general knowledge.

Fifty questions were asked, as follows: Name the vice president of the United States; governor of Minnesota, ruler, with title, of England; ruler, with title, of Germany; United States senators from Minnesota.

Locate Petrograd, Vatican, Coliseum, Parthenon, Golden Horn, Golden Gate. Who was the "Little Corporal"? Played the harp before Saul? Invented the telegraph? Discovered the Pacific ocean? Wrote nine symphonies? Received the Ten Commandments?

What is the motto of the United States? Is the triple entente? Is the blood forcing organ? Is the center of the nervous system? Is the normal temperature of the body? Is the maximum weight carried by the parcel post?

Why are the following famous: Alexander Graham Bell? Father Damien? Daniel Boone? Edward McDowell? Florence Nightingale? Fritz Kreisler? Mary Pickford?

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BATTLE WITH A BOG.

Redmire's Suction Tore the Leather Gaiters Off a Man's Legs.

Readers of "Lorna Doone" can never forget the terrible drowning of Carver in the bog. That death trap is still to be seen in the Exmoor country.

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Food and Strength. Remember that the food you take one day supplies the strength you put forth the next. It is then a mistake to take a heavy meal on the day of heavy work.

Wise stablesmen know this, and when a horse has a long day's drive before him they give him only what is called a "check-feed," a very light meal, to be followed at night with a heavy one.

So there are two good reasons for a man's not eating much on the day of stress. It adds nothing to his strength on that day, and the process of digestion calls the blood to work at the stomach when every ounce of it is needed at the brain.

Surveying Land. The art of land surveying owes its origin to the fact that the Egyptians were unable to keep permanent monuments on land which was overflowed every year by the Nile.

Preliminaries. "You ought to forgive your enemies," "I may eventually," replied Senator Borah.

What's the Use? He—Do you think I ought to see your husband about my marrying your daughter? She—Dear me, no! He will read all about it in the papers.—Pack.

Always Waiting. Dasher—You have splendid looking clothes, old man. Who is your tailor? Cleverton—He's the first man you see as you go out.—Life.

MEXICAN REPUBLIC

It Owes Its Very Existence to the United States.

A MONROE DOCTRINE VICTORY

At a Time When We Had Troubles of Our Own We Said "Hands Off!" to the Powers of Europe That Tried to Raise a Monarchy in America.

If it had not been for the United States there would now be no republic of Mexico.

Like all the twenty republics south of us, Mexico has been under the protection of the Monroe doctrine. The doctrine has been often questioned by European powers, but only once has a serious attempt been made to violate it.

England and Spain soon withdrew, but it became evident that Napoleon III. intended to overthrow the republic of Mexico as he had the republic of France. A pretentious empire was forced upon Mexico by French troops, and an Austrian archduke, Maximilian, was selected as the puppet sovereign.

The hands of the American government were tied, but the voice of the American people could not be silenced. In the midst of our own war, when war with England seemed imminent, the house of representatives risked a war with France by passing a vote of 109 to nothing that "It does not accord with the policy of the United States to acknowledge any monarchical government erected upon the ruins of any republican government in America under the auspices of any European power."

Nothing more could be done at the time, but just as soon as our war was over General Grant proposed to organize an army of combined Union and Confederate soldiers who would volunteer to march to the City of Mexico and expel the Austrian emperor. He selected General Schofield to enlist troops for service on the republican side of Mexico.

But fortunately force was not necessary. The show of force was sufficient and Schofield was sent to Paris to negotiate the retirement of the French troops instead of into Mexico to drive them out. The secretary of state notified Napoleon in November, 1865, that the United States "still regarded the effort to establish permanently a foreign and imperial government in Mexico as disallowable and impracticable."

The Mexican republicans under Juarez had been keeping up a brave fight for freedom, although Maximilian had ordered all of them shot whenever caught, without trial or the possibility of pardon. As soon as the United States had compelled the withdrawal of the French the republicans were able to overcome the imperialists with no official assistance from the United States.

But the United States had to say "Hands off!" to Austria as well as to France. Rather than have an Austrian archduke ignominiously dismounted from the throne it was planned to ship 10,000 Austrian troops from Trieste to Vera Cruz. But our minister at Vienna, Mr. Motley, was told by Secretary Seward that if Austria allowed a single soldier to embark for Mexico the United States would break off relations at once.

What It Is That Wins. A countrywoman remarked to her neighbor during a conversation on their return from market. "How is it, Mary, that you have been married four times and I've never been married at all and I'm much handsomer than you?"

Worthy of Admiration. Her Dad—So you want to marry my daughter? I like your nerve, Sultor—Well, sir, you ought to. I spent a whole lot of time working it up.—Boston Transcript.



FALL MATINEE OUTFIT.

All shades of purple loom large in autumn tints. So this beautiful suit is made of a dark purple velvet set off with silk braid and a bit of fur around the short coat's bottom.



MILITARY LINES.

Her soldier boy's coat has served as a natty model here. Tan broadcloth is cut with a full skirt, double capes and wide revers. This severity is relieved a bit by four rows of stitching done in points around the skirt at the knee line, the cuffs, the collar and the shoulder line of the capes.

Velocity of Raindrops. Of course we all know that it would be an utter impossibility for storm clouds to form and rain to fall were it not for the miles of atmosphere that rises above our heads.

Heartless Husband. "Want to go to the theater tonight?" "I have nothing to wear," said the wife pointedly. "Then we'd go to one of those moving picture shows where it's dark!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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