

A LION ON THE LOCOMOTIVE.

He Was Only a Mountain Lion, But Nobody Disturbed Him.

Last winter when the snowstorms were so fearful throughout the mountains in Utah and the earth was covered with snow to the depth of five to ten feet and remained hidden so long the wild animals were forced to desperation. The wolves, says the Detroit Free Press, were starved and weak, and what is known as the mountain lion almost perished from starvation. Its great strength failed it and a man with a knife could soon take the life of an animal that a short time before could hold a powerful ox or horse and make a meal of his flesh.

The hungry animals after awhile discovered that food was to be had along the railroad track, where passengers threw bones and scraps of victuals from passing trains. Often two starving coyotes would engage in deadly combat over a chicken bone that had a short time before been ridden of its last vestige of nourishment by some economical person who did not care to pay seventy-five cents for a meal. This was the condition of things.

Engineer Gast had charge of engine No. 151, which was known as "the helper," from the fact that it helped trains up the mountain and when at the summit cut off and dropped back down to the bottom ready to help another. One night when business on the road was slack Gast noticed something wrong with the gearing under the tender and remarked to the fireman that they would get off and repair it. When half way down the mountain side he brought the engine to a standstill, and the two men went to work at what proved to be a twenty minutes' job packing a hot box on the tender. The tallow pot was left at the boiler's head.

After completing the repairs the men were mounting the engine again, only to see a huge mountain lion devouring the tallow and holding full possession of the engine cab. It was a cold night and the snow drifting. The men had already remained outside until they were very cold, and the chances of dispossessing Mr. Lion were very meager, as he snapped his teeth and flashed his eyes and fast stored the tallow out of sight. The only consolation the men had was that the tallow would not last long at that rate, and even this thought was not entirely satisfying, as they had no way of determining that one of them would not go the same way at the conclusion of the tallow feast. Finally, after fifteen minutes' further delay, the tallow pot was empty, and giving a growl, as much as to say: "I am very thankful, gentlemen, and you ought to be," the animal leaped from the cab and disappeared in the hills.

SAMOAN FUNERALS.

The Profuse Ceremonials Observed When Death Occurs.

In Samoa it is impossible for a chief to die in peace and quiet. As soon as he is known to be near death, the people for miles around hasten to pay him a farewell visit. On one such occasion, according to a writer in Outing, the visitors, all of whom had to be entertained, devoured seven hundred pigs.

When death finally occurs, the relatives and friends come with their offerings of fine mats. Singly, or in small groups, they present the tokens of their sorrow to some old woman, deputed to receive them. The mats are spread over the corpse, until in some instances a hundred or more are piled up, entirely hiding the body from sight. They excite more attention than the dead chief, and after the burial are hung up for inspection.

Every mat has a name and history, and though the outsider could not easily distinguish one from another, yet the elderly people recognize them at first sight, and relate bits of history about each, as it is exposed to view.

After the funeral is over, within a day or two, there is a grand meeting for a division of the mats. Every one who brought a mat expects to take away one—a better one. All hands are seated in a circle, and the mats are piled up in the center.

The head of the family, who is always a high chief, opens a folded mat. All look at it carefully, discuss its merits and value, mention its various owners at different times and the great occasions at which it has figured, and the name of the donor on the present occasion.

Then the head of the family calls the name of some person who is in the circle, to intimate that the mat is given to him, or her, as the case may be. The recipient takes the mat, lifts it, and presses it to the top of the head, at the same time expressing audible thanks. The entire heap of mats is parcelled out in the same manner.

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