THE MEXICAN LIZARD

DELICIOUS EATING, HIS FLESH LIKE THAT OF CHICKEN.

A Tale of the Curions Tail of the Iguana - The Way This Peculiar Creature Can Grow a New Append-age in Place of One Lost or Stolen. My tale is of the tail of a lizard. We had steamed and railroaded many hun-dreds of miles and at the end of civili-**Grees of miles and at the end of civin-ration had started over a steep and narrow trall with horses and pack muffes, finally inding ourselves en-camped in a deep canyon or barranca in west central Mexico. Iguanas, great, black lizards, three feet or more in length, were abundant it the deen caves of the cliff coming** 

Let the deep caves of the cliff, coming out early in the morning to sun them-Successful the morning to sub them-selves and bobbing up and down as an owl drocks his head to get a better look at us as our Mexican cook sfarted the form of there and the camp. Age found them delicious eating. Though the Mexican denormed at first, preju-dice was soon cost aside. Their limbs might bé black skinned and scaly with-out, but within all was sweet, while man, like that of chickens and frogs'. legs,

The Iguanas, which had their bur-rows in the ground, would climb up each morning, up, up to the topmost simbs of gome trees, and there bask in the grow. They had a most startling way of descending: a headong dive to the welchewhat ar into the water. As the underbrush or into the water. As twilight fell the sight of these great twillight fell ti

twillight fell the sight of these great black apparitions brawling cardiavard was most remarkable. If one of themy had ever struck us in its descent our interest in this strange half would suddenly have become lessened. Our usual method of procuring these giant lizards for our inder was to smoot them high above us, when they would tumble headiong to our feet. Sometimes we could approach close to one when it was fast asleep in the georching heat of midday. Once I seized a big fellow by the tail. I was sorry a moment later, but as I did not series a big felow by the till. I want to be beaten by a fixed bot want to be beaten by a fixed I held ison using a beaten by a fixed I held stouly on. Never before had I taken hold of such a steel spring. The crea-ture excited and fwisted and simpled its body about the sharp scales hav-be excited by the sharp scales having anything but a pleasant feeling di ing anything but a pleasant feeling on the paim of my hind. Suidenly some thing gave way, and I fell on my back, while the ignama shot off in the op-posite direction into a deep hollow mong the rocks. When I regained my feet I found some mine inches of tail in my hind, almost one-third of the entire, and the ability to part with so considerable a portion of their statemy insures many an escape from what would otherwise be ineyltable death.

death. Almest all animals with backbones

Almest all animals with backbones have a thick, pliable cyshion of car-tilage between each of the bones in their spinal column, which permits them to bend and twist it with much freedom. The backbone of the lyanna is at first all cartilage, and when the hard cells of the bone begin to be de-vailed a loss number works or number hard cells of the bone begin to be de-posited a deep, narrow wedge or erack is left in each trill bone. This is filled with soft cartilage, so these bones are greatly weakened near their centers. Instead of an accidential defect this is an all wise provision of nature, foreseeing that hawks, vagrant naturalists seeing that hawks, vagrant naturalists and ether enemies may some day be too guick for the repiile and will selze its till before it can escape. When this happens, as in my case, the strain of the struggling creature's heady is the creat for the weak spots in

body is too great for the weak spots in its tail bones, and one of these gives

A Story of an Editor and a Life Insurance Solicitor. There are today some thousands of carieties of life insurance policies, each of which has a technical n me and is capable of being made quite unintel-lights to the average men. Some one arretues of life insurance polytics, each f which has a technical to use and is apable of being made quite unintel-gible to the average man. Some un-computer agents trade on this. Many o not really understand the meaning terms themselves, but have learned

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of terms then every so, but have learned their lesson parrotike, and most of them apparently find it unnecessary to describe has plain. English to those about to insure what they are contract-ing for. The result is a mass of mis-information, and confusion about the whole addred. hole subject.

thole subject, For instance, an agent was trying to naure an editor on some new plan. The editor had a theory that any fact ould be put into plain, everyday Eng-ish if the man behind the fact really accorded to generative accorded to the subnew what he was talking about. Aftr listening to an involved flow of premiums, "deferred dividends," ash surrender values" and "optional

cash surrender values and "optional holces" he said gravely: "See here, I don't understand what ou're talking about. But I'll tell you that I'll do. If you'll write that propition out in ordinary English so that sition out in ordinary English so that n'ordinary ugan can understand it I'll tot only take the policy, but I'll pub-ish the explanation as an article and any you a hundred dollars for it." "Will,I's Sure, I will," exclaimed the averjoyed agent, thinking he had in-level astrock air easy job. And he de-acted activity the action to forrted, adjuring the editor not to for-

et. A week passed by. The agent called p on the telephone to say that he was carding on the thing. There was less suitation in his voice. Two weeks more elapsed. The edi.

Two weeks more elapsed. The edi-or had forgotten the whole thing, when the agent's card came in one ay. It was followed by the man himlay. "Well," said the editors "got my ar-

"Nano," said the agent sheepishty, "The fact is, I guess, I can't do it the way you want it safter all." Let's call it off." It is hardly too much to-say that this

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WEDDING SUPERSTITIONS. The bridegroom who carries a thus

The bride who dreams of fairies he night before her wedding will be brice blessed.

Never give a telegram to a bride or ridegroom on the way to the church. t is a sure omen of evil.

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If a bride should by chance s offin as she starts off on her wedding bur, she should order the driver of the rriage to turn back and start over

sain. Sheechless. Two workmen were engaged in dig ting a well when suddenly a portion of he earth gave way, falling on and anocking down one of the men. His sumpanion called to him and listened invitually for a reply. "Pat, speak, man?" cried Mike again rom abové. "Are ye dead?" — Xo, Mike," came the answer, with a rom. "I'm not dead, but I'm spach-Two worksmen were engaged in dig-ging a well when suddenly a portion of the earth gave way, falling on and knocking down one of the men. His companion called to him and listened



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any man through the Valley of the Shadow, were he Christian or Faint-heart." Her glance did not droop before his. In such moments heart speaks to heart without concealment. "We still have a little water," she cried. "Fortunately we are not thirsty. You have not forgotten our supply of champagne and brandy ?" There was a species of mad humor in the suggestion. Oh for another mirkcle that should change the wine into water?

A TRUCE. Though his eyes, like live coals, glowered with sullen fire at the strip-of sand and the rocks in front, his troubled brain paid perfunctory heed to bis task. The stern sense of duty, the ingrained force of long years of military discipline and soldierly thought, compelled him to keep watch and ward over his fortress, but he could not help asking himself what wounde. There was one enemy more potent than these skulking Dyaks, a foe more in strength, whose assaults would tax to the utmost their powers of re-sistance. In another hour the sun would help high in the heavens, pouring he strength, whose assaults would tax to the utmost their powers of re-sistance. In another hour the sun would be high in the heavens, pouring he stored in her very. There was one trees, hut or cave, he power of unrestricted movement and the possession of water in any de-he doality, robbed the tropical heaving and ity robbed the tropical heaving to the bown rock, which were doantity, robbed the tropical heaving to the bown rock, which were don't to the bown rock, which and the power of unrestricted movement and the power of bow with radiated energy heaving and the proventing of a furnace-door. This he had foreseen all along. The tarpaulin would gived them some de-In the suggestion. On her aubliner miracle that should change the wine into water ! He could only fall in with her unre-flective mood and leave the dreadful truth to its own evil time. If their little nock the power of the sus had not yet made itself felt. By ordinary computation it was about nine o'clock. Loug before noon they would be grill-ing. Throughout the next few hours they must suffer the torture of Dives with one meager pint of water to share between them. Of course the wine and spirit must be shunned like a pesti-lence. To touch either under such con-ditions would be courting heat, apop-lexy, and death. "And next day ! He tightened his jaws before he anywerd— "We will console puselyse, with a anto the opening of a furnace-door. This he had foreseen all along. The tarpaulin would yield them some de-gree of uneasy protection, and they both were in perfect physical condi-tion. But-if Iris were wounded 1 If the extra strain brought fever in its wake! That way he saw nothing but blank despair, to be ended, for her, by delirium and merciful death, for hum by a Berserk rush among the Dyaks, and one last mad fight against over-whelming numbers. Then the girl's voice reached him, relieved almost cheerful— You will be glad to hear that the forth has stopped bleeding. It is only a scratch. So a kindly Providence had samed

He tightened his jaws before he answered— "We will console ourselves with a lottle of champagne for dinner. Meanwhile, I hear our friends shout-ing to those left on this side of the island. T must take an active interest in the conversation." He grasped arifle and lay down on the ledge, already gratefully warm. There was a good deal of sustained shouting going on. Jenks thought he recognized the chief's voice, giving in-structions to those who had come from Smugglers' Cove and were now stand-ing on the beach near the quarry. "I wonder if he is hungry," he thought. "If so, I will interfere with the commissariat." Iris peeped forth at him. "Mr. Jenks!"

"What! expose yoursen on the ledge!" "Yes, even that. I am so tired of sitting here alone," "Well, there is no danger at present. But they might chance to see you, and you remember what I ---" ""Yes, I remember quite well. If that is all ---" There was a rustle of gar-ments. "I am very mannish in appear-ance. If you promise not to look at me I will join you."

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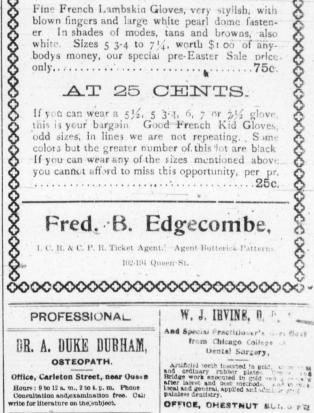
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ont has stopped bleeding. It is only a scratch. So a kindly Providence had spared them yet a little while. The cloud passed from his mind, the gathering mist from his eyes. In that instant he thought he detected a slight rustling among the trees where the cliff shelved up from the house. Standing as he was on the could not guard against. When her welcome assurance recalled back to speak to her ock, this was a point he could not guard against. When her welcome assurance recalled back to speak to her and in the same instant a couple of bullets crashed against the rock overhead. Iris had unwithingly saved him from a serious, perhaps tatal, wound. He sprang to the extreme right of the ledge and boldly looked into, the trees hereath. Two Dyaks were there, belated wanderers cut off from the main body. They lived headleng into andergrowth for safety, but one of thereached him, and its reverberating concusion, tossed back and forth by the echoing rocks, drowned his parting scream. new it was an ordinary question. "May I come top?" "What! expose yourself on the

its tall bones, and one of these gives way, with the result above narrated. The mascles, too, are arranged to ald this phenomenon. They are short and thick and conical instead of running the whole length of the tail, and, being only dovetailed together, they readily give way. Only a' few drons of blood cscape; then the stump heals over, and before long a new tail begins to shoot out.

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This, of course, contains no bones, but instead a long, unfointed rod of cartilage exactly like the ancestral one cartilying exactly, like the ancestral one which was present in the embryo igu-ina. Stranger still, the scales on this new fail are unlike those on the rest of the creature's body and actually may be like those of some bygone ancestor. the smaller lizards, called geckos, is seems always to be the case.

this seems always to be the case. When I closely examined the tail which the ignana had left in my hands I saw that it was one of these "frand" tails and had long ago supplanted the original appendage, with which is some other commy, doubtless a feathered one, had absconded. Two new vertebrae or tail bones had come off with the base

of my plece. But the owner cares nothing for the number or character of his new tails. They serve him well, and he is content. It is a curious fact that the tail making It is a curious fact that the tail making machinery in his backbone is so active that sometimes a double or even a triple tall will push out at the stump, and when the original tail is even only slightly injured at one side a tiny tail wall aften sprout out where it has no right be be.-C. William Beebe in New York Tribune.

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eye. Jenks took careful aim, fired, and a whiff of sand flew up. Perhaps be had used too fine a sight and ploughed a furrow beneath the Dyak's ear. He only heard a faint yell, uf more ado Mike set off for ip as fast as his legs could carry Thumping builty on the door of it's kinsfolk, he summoned help, ex aning that Pat had been knocked pachless" and was buried by the rth in the well. "Who told ye so?" was the mexpect-

who told ye so?" was the unexpect matter of fact inquiry. "He told me himself," retorted Mike, dignant at his word being doubtel," and, begorra, woman, if ye don't be-we me come and ask him, and he'll ll ye it's the truth I'm speaking?"--mion Tatler.

and ploughed a furrow beneath the Dyak's car. He only heard a faint yell, hut the enterprising head vanished and there were no more volunteers for that particular service. He was still peering at the place when a cry of unnitigated anguish came from Iris. "Oh, come quick! Our water! The casks have burst!" It was not until Jenks had torn the tarpaulin from off their stores, and he was whilly striving with both hands to scoop up some precious drops col-lected in the small hollows of the ledge, that he realized the full magnitude of the disaster which had befallen them. During the first rapid exchange of fire, belove the enemy vacated the cliff, several bullets had pierced the tarpaulin. By a stroke of exceeding bad fortune two of them had struck each of the water-barrels and started the start, the francial the broad sheet, and flowing inwards by reason of the sharp shoe of the ledge, percolated through the fault. It is and he, notwith starding their frenzied efforts, were not. able to save more, than a pint of gritty discolored fluid. The rest, infinitely more valuable to them than all the diamonds of De Beers, was now oczing through the natural channel cut by centuries of storm, dripping upon the headless skeleton in the cave, soaking down to the very heart of their barned treas-ure. Realistic Music. Once, during his second term, Grover evoluted was, asked to speak at a netton in a certain-town, and when arrived at the depot the wind was owing a gale, sleet was driving and distones nearly as forge as marbles ABSOLUTE cere hereign as large as marples cere hereign falling. Of course, the levitable brass band was there, and t, the sight of the president the per-ormers struck up with all the stren-osity at their command. "That is the nost realistic music I ever heard," re-narked Cleveland. "What are they ying to play?" asked Societary Ol. ying to play?" asked Secretary Ol-oy, who accompanied him, " Hall to be Chief?" replied the president, with cheerful smile.

skeleton in the cave, soaking down to the very heart of their baried treas-ure. Jenks was so paralyzed by this catastrophe that Iris became alarmed. As yet she did not grasp its awful sig-nificance. That he, her hero, so brave, so gontident in the face of many dangers, should betray such sence of irredeemable loes, frightened her much moze than the incident itself. Her lips whitened. Her words be-came incoherent. "Tell me," she whispered. "I can bear anything but silence, Tell me, I implore you, Is it so bad?" "The sight of her distress sobered him. He ground his teeth together as a man does who submits to 3 painful operation and resplyees not to flinch be-neath the knife. "It is very bad," he said ; "not quite the end, but near it." "The eight of her alswewed. "is death! We are living and uninjured. You mus fight on. If the Lord wills it we shall not die." "He looked in her blue eyes and saw there the light of Heaven. "God bless you, dear girl," he mur-mured brokenty. "You would cheet

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