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COMPOSITE SEA SERPENT

Capture of a
Strange Monster
Off British Colum-
bia—Combination
Of Snake,
Animal and Fish.
Natives Frightened
And Scientists
Puzzled.

The sea serpent, so long regarded as hardly more than a myth, can be held so no longer, says the San Francisco Examiner, for a creature that answers very well to the description so often given of it has been captured in Esqueltat rapids, not far from Vancouver, B. C., and exhibited before its death to thousands of people there.

Cover the body of a 17 foot serpent with scales, attach to it above and below and for its full length a long, flowing mane, and to this creature add the head of a wolf, with two rows of grinning teeth, and the result will be very much such a monster as has just died in that city, its body now being in process of preservation. It has been viewed by members of the Harlan Smith and Dr.

Ronz parties, now representing the Smithsonian institution, but they have not been able to classify it.

D. H. Forbes and Simon Ryan, two Vancouver fishermen, were its captors. They were fishing for cod in Esqueltat rapids when they first saw it in pursuit of a fish which one of the men was drawing to their canoe. Forbes threw a cod spear at it and succeeded in striking it.

But it was one thing to strike and quite another thing to capture it. The spear held, and the monster started away at a rate that threatened to capsize the boat dragging behind it. Finally Ryan succeeded in planting his spear in the creature's body, and by means of the double hold thus secured they at last hauled their strange captive into the canoe.

But the question whether they were captors or captured was in abeyance for some time longer, for the hideous serpent made a desperate fight for life and liberty. With his paddle Ryan attempted to hold it down, but it seized the paddle blade between its teeth and splintered it into fragments. In the meantime, however, Forbes was beating it with his paddle, and it apparently succumbed. It was then placed in a box of water, and the men concluded that they were the victors in the struggle. This conclusion seemed subject to revision thereafter, as the monster once again revived and made another unsuccessful attempt to get at its captors.

Forbes and Ryan took their captive, still living, to Shoal bay, where the Indians regarded it with a mixture of fear and superstitious reverence, refusing to come near the sloop in which it was kept. Thence it was brought to Vancouver, and in that city it was viewed by thousands before its death, four days later. Among these thousands, scientists and others, was not a person who had either seen or heard of such a creature except it might have been in the presumably fabulous narratives relating to sea serpents. After the body has been preserved it will be sold either to the British Columbia museum or to some similar British institution.

The serpent's body is 17 feet in length and about 5 inches in diameter. It is covered with scales. Two manes, one above and the other below its body, extend from its head to the end of its tail, each mane being about 5 inches in length. The head, which is repulsive and brutish beyond description, is fitted as to its jawing mouth with a double row of teeth. The front set are sharp and cruel, teeth for battle, while those in the rear are molars. Its every motion was that of a snake.



STRANGE SEA MONSTER CAUGHT OFF VANCOUVER

Slight protuberances on the back of its skull might be considered embryo horns. Take it for all in all, this strange, ugly resident of the deep might well pass for the sea serpent of the many tales. It lacks nothing except it be in length and if it had chased that Fishermen Forbes and Ryan had run upon a larger specimen of the same genus—well, there would have been left no Forbes and Ryan to tell the tale.

The daring fishermen make the following affidavit, which is duly attested before a notary public:

"These are the facts as to the capture of the sea serpent, wolf fish or whatever it may be that we, the undersigned, take our oath to: While fishing for cod in the Esqueltat rapids, a furiously running stream up the coast from Vancouver, B.

C., an animal's head suddenly appeared above the water with a snake-like body trailing after it. The strange monster was following a cod about to be hauled into the boat. Fearing that the canoe would be upset by the onrush, one of us, an old fisherman known throughout British Columbia as the 'White Frenchman,' snatched the uncanny monster in the side two feet from the head and after a struggle hauled him in the canoe, which happened to be a very large one. There the monster made a desperate fight for liberty. The strange marine animal was finally stunned by a blow from the canoe paddle, but not before it had crumpled the paddle in pieces between its strong tooth ribbed, vicious looking jaws. The strange creature was taken quickly to land and placed in a tank of salt water to keep it alive. From Esqueltat rapids we shipped him to Shoal bay and from Shoal bay to Vancouver, where we exhibited him for four days, when he died from his wounds. Three thousand people have seen the monster, and not any of them have ventured to name what appears to be part snake and part animal and part fish, or attempt to classify it."

SOUTH SEA STYLE.

How a San Francisco Woman Lived on Tahiti Island.

Mrs. A. A. d'Ancona, wife of a physician of this city, has just added a delightful chapter to her experiences, says the San Francisco Chronicle. She made a trip to the south sea islands on the Tropic Bird. This voyage has given Mrs.



MRS. A. A. D'ANCONA

d'Ancona a book full of the most entertaining notes and cabinets of rare things. She is a wide awake traveler, saw things with intelligent and alert eyes and has the rare faculty of being able to tell all about it in graphic narrative. She entered into the very spirit of the country, dressed like the natives during her stay among them and got more out of her weeks there than others have out of years. The voyage, she says, from the time the ship left San Francisco until she dropped anchor again in the home port was like a sail upon a still pond. Through the balmy days of the Tropic Bird slipped down to the islands in 31 days, but the return trip, because the winds were fickle and would not blow except in zephyrs, took 13 days longer. Mrs. d'Ancona enters a protest against every book that has been written about these far-away islands. She says that they do not give the reader even a suggestion of these happy Isles, where no one is busy, where the natives live while the food comes gratuitously or drift about on the clearest of waters on fishing excursions. The longest stay was at Tahiti, where Mrs. d'Ancona dressed like the natives and went among them. She traveled far into the country from the main settlement and found the natives, whenever they could, reverting to their original grass dresses and interesting ways of living.

What the Animals Do.

The machinist employs a dog on his lathe. He takes a hog out, if the tool will stand it, and the castings are made from pigs of iron.

A mechanic puts his work upon a horse, or buck, and punches or bends it by a convenient bear. Hoisting is done by a crab, and a convenient cat is a part of the outfit of a shop crane, and a kit of tools is ever on hand.

A crow helps to straighten work, a jack to lift it. A mule pulley aids in driving machinery that a donkey engine turns. A fish connects parts end to end or staggers a broken beam. Shells are used all over. A worm does powerful but quiet work.

A cock shuts off the water, one kind of ram lifts it, and another does heavy work. A prating press is a fly, the first locomotive had a grasshopper valve motion, and drive and butterfly valves are common.

Herringbone gears are used by the best builders, turtles fit printing press cylinders, and flywheels are running all over the world. In drilling, even, an old man is called into service, and doctors prevent faulty lathe work—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Australian Aborigines.

At the close of the last century there were supposed to be 1,000,000 aborigines in Australia. There are now fewer than 100,000, and among them are still some cannibals.

THE DISTRICT.

MITCHELL'S BAY.

A party of sports, consisting of Wallaceburg's elite, paid us a flying visit last Friday. We are sorry to state that fish were not biting very freely, which made it necessary to use a silver hook.

Quite a number of our young friends attended the party given by Richard Bark recently.

Geo. S. Foster, soliciting agent for the United States Express Co., called on some of our fishermen last week.

Mrs. Bird and Mrs. H. H. H. were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Huff.

CHATHAM TOWNSHIP.

On the 14th of March there was a grand dance at David Forsyth's. It was very largely attended and everyone expressed themselves well pleased with the evening's enjoyment.

James Griffiths took a party to his brother Miles' home on the River road, Chatham township, on March 7th. The evening was spent in dancing, pedro and crokinole. All who were there enjoyed themselves until a late hour.

Our genial and popular young friend, Frank Green, who has been visiting at William Weaver's, has returned to his home.

Bruce Weaver had his valuable horse severely cut last week.

John Griffiths is very busy hauling wood.

Lovell Weaver and Miss Ethel Weaver, who have been ill the past week, are recovering.

Mrs. James Cormode, who has been visiting in town has returned home.

A sleighing party drove out to Mr. Wm. Weaver's, 23 in number, on Thursday last. They met with a slight mishap, but arrived home about four o'clock in the morning.

HUFFMAN'S CORNERS.

S. D. Barnes, of Birnam, Lambton Co., was a guest at the parsonage Sunday, March 13th.

On March 3th Mrs. Campbell celebrated her 77th birthday. A number of friends from the immediate vicinity spent the day with her.

The attendance at the Epworth League Tuesday evening was good. Miss M. Bustin led the meeting.

Mrs. A. Rockie has been indisposed for a few days.

J. W. Huffman has been adding down material for a small addition to his home.

Quite a number attended the anniversary service in Glenside Methodist church on Sunday.

This neighborhood was represented at the funeral of the late Ethel Newcombe, of the townline.

FOLLOWED THE BOOK

He was Certainly a Past Master in Politeness

An Example set and Some Amusement Created by His Advent.

Some men are born polite; some achieve politeness. Whether any ever have politeness thrust upon them is an open question for the debating societies. To the second class—those who achieve politeness—must be assigned a young man who has lately appeared on the social horizon of St. Paul—a young man of limited intellectual capacity, but a paragon of politeness, at least in his own estimation. He makes a living, and apparently a good living, by selling a pocket dictionary. To his credit it is said, he has so diligently studied his dictionary as to have mastered every line of its varied contents, so that he knows exactly what he is talking about when he offers it for sale. Said contents include, among other things, a set of "rules for deportment," a copy of which was at hand. There, in the "Rules for Deportment," was found a direction to this effect: "When you are introduced to a person, you should say, 'I am happy to meet you,' or the equivalent." The secret was out. The paragon of politeness had deemed the last three words of the quoted phrase a necessary part of the prescribed greeting and had "followed the rule."

A few evenings since he was at a social gathering where to most of the company he was a stranger. A kind friend essayed to introduce him. Presenting him to Miss Smith as "My friend, Mr. X—," she was amazed to hear him say to the lady, "I am happy to meet you or the equivalent." Introducing him to Miss Jones, his greeting was the same, "I am happy to meet you or the equivalent." Announcing Miss Robinson, the wonder deepened, as to her also he said, "I am happy to meet you or the equivalent."

By this time the whole company was in a titter—wonder as to what Mr. X— meant being no small ingredient in the general amusement. Finally a person present had a thought which impelled him to consult the "pocket dictionary," a copy of which was at hand. There, in the "Rules for Deportment," was found a direction to this effect: "When you are introduced to a person, you should say, 'I am happy to meet you,' or the equivalent." The secret was out. The paragon of politeness had deemed the last three words of the quoted phrase a necessary part of the prescribed greeting and had "followed the rule."

Desirous of saving the young man from mortification through a repetition of his error, a friend took him aside and endeavored to show him that the three words which had provoked so much fun at his expense should be "left off" his greeting. But X— would not admit this. He indignantly pointed to the phrase as it was printed in that infallible dictionary and insisted that he was right. And at last accounts he was still saying to every person whose acquaintance he made, "I am happy to meet you or the equivalent."—St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

SHE AND REVENGE.

"Do you know," he said, "that every time I look at you I have thoughts of revenge?"

"Why?" she gasped.

"Because," he answered, "revenge is sweet."

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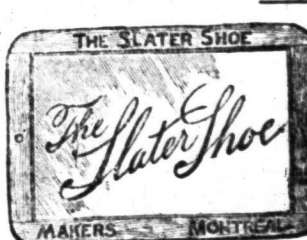
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