LOCUST PLAGUE ON THE RAND

PLACE VISITED BY MILLIONS OF BIG BROWN INSECTS.

Formed Carpet Inches Thick, Caused Trains To Stall, and Brought Ruin to Farmers.

memory in vain to parallel.

the advance guard fallen in the streets town. than the town experienced the dim religious light of a London fog. The

They descended like flakes of snow. the same story. streets, millions ravaged the gardens

a carpet inches thick, mangled by ve- of controversy. hicles, cut up by cycles and motor cars. Moffat, the missionary, recorded a and often imprisoned as well. The Women fought them vigorously, para- tremendous invasion about Kuruman methods of thawing dynamite and many thaw houses came to a sudden sol in one hand, the other clutching in 1826, which he said had been un- other nitroglycerine explosives are and unexpected end. frantically at their skirts. Men beat paralleled for twenty years and had specified by law and infractions are down the invaders with books and pa- not been equaled since (he wrote in punished by the courts. pers and sticks. The most active dogs 1840). In Natal there was no locust Magazines for storage are examined steam or hot pipes. The pipes or radisoon gave up the struggle in despair trouble between 1851 and 1893, but in by government inspectors and licenses ators are placed at one end of the room and slunk away to quiet corners. The the latter year the scourge was awful. issued before they can be used. Even and encased in such a manner that it telephone service was interrupted by One swarm took ten days to cross the the keys to magazines must be given is not possible for anyone to put dynathe weight of the insects clinging to farm of the Hon. Joseph Baynes, and to responsible persons, whose sole mite where it can touch them or where the wires. The houses had a living another took 21 days flying over. roof of crawling locusts.

CAUSED TRAINS TO STALL.

On the Reef trains were brought to wheels would not grip, and all the he will star Henrietta Crosman in the While a fire which destroyed a pier in an English blue book of 1905. A sand available was useless. Down plece before the season ends.

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salts from water, nor the organic matter.

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I Why not drink a water that is zestful, sparkling,

was the swarm on the Berea that the CARELESSNESS chauffeur of a large motor car drove into a post and was overturned and had to be removed to a hospital.

In the suburbs gardens were eaten bare and the unfortunate owners bare and the unfortunate owners fought in vain with sticks and tennis racquets against the millions of invaders. The great tailing dumps, the "Alps of the Rand," were no longer white as snow. They were all brown -brown with a covering of locusts. In town they penetrated everywhere. Tea rooms and bars, houses and offices, all contained locusts. It was useless to Nitroglycerine is Queer Stuff-Curious close doors and windows. They crawled in by pipes and chimney, crept through crevices or ventilators or arrived in the clothing of visitors, Johannesburg was flooded-with locusts.

Shortly after midday on Friday the RUIN BROUGHT UPON FARMERS. wark cloud which had been seen away The main army crossed the town a powder monkey" is a phrase that debeyond the mines on the south of Jo- in four or five hours and disappeared scribes a well established condition. hannesburg drew nearer, covering the in the north, but millions which fell by The experience of a certain Jersey City entire skyline, writes a Johannesburg I have twice had to get up and destroy On entering a small shanty

And a storm it was. But it was a at the window, and in the street be- a hot radiator were a dozen sticks of storm of locusts—and one which even low the crushed bodies are as the sand dynamite, thawing, while over their the oldest Rand pioneer searched his on the shore, and the Kaffirs are tired heads was stored 400 pounds more. Hardly had the detached spies of the advance guard fallen in the streets of decomposing locusts pervades the breaking open a box of gelatine com-

term "darkened the sky" was literally with the ruin brought upon the farm- the box there would have been an extrue. The sun was hidden by an ers. South Africa is indeed a land of plosion which would have killed him phormicus, almost solid, mass of flying plagues. South Africa is indeed a land of plosion which would have killed him plagues. Disease kills the stock, lo- and left a hole in the ground big courts not the court beat the crops. Last year it was shough to hold a house. brown locusts—the most destructive kind. They passed in millions—billions —myriads. Upward, as far as the eye could see, locusts shut out the blue sky. Eastward to Germiston, westward to the cross and left a noie in the ground of the ground of the ground of the stamp out caught fire, he attempted to stamp out the flames with his boot heel. Strange as it may seem that fellow recovered watchman sitting in the shade of the sky. Eastward to Germiston, westward toward Krugersdorp, the swarm seemed valley, near Pretoria, the damage was corrugated iron magazine smoking a lost one leg. toward Krugersdorp, the swarm seemed numberless, limitless. The whole world appeared to be filled with locusts.

"In extensive works like this tunnel pipe. He had been repeatedly warned that smoking was contrary to orders, and the officer beckoned to him. Because of the swarm seemed pipe. He had been repeatedly warned that smoking was contrary to orders, and the officer beckoned to him. Because of the swarm seemed set down at £7,000, and many indicated from magnetic field with set down at £7,000, and many pears to be worse than ever, and re- fore the Kaffir could rise there was an common homemade thaw house is a FORMED CARPET INCHES THICK. pears to be worse than ever, and re- fore the kamr could rise there was an box with a steam coil on the floor over explosion of 75.000 pounds of high ex-

in the suburbs. But those which fell It is curlous how small are the data ed out through a crack in the house. formed an infinitesimal section of the available regarding locusts in South In European countries rules governmain body passing overhead. They Africa. These invasions seem to come ing the manufacture, transportation and for it to drop on the hot iron pipe. were as a handful of sand taken from in cycles, but why they come and and storage of the dangerous products

a standstill. The locusts crushed on the rails made them so slippery the

in Chicago to DeWitt C. Jennings, a yards, water was turned on, and the death. The corpse was placed in an

cases are cured by Catarrhozone; this ceremony took place in the apart- Yet a spark from a passing locomo- scientific treatment is a perfect suc- ments of Miss Antoinette Perry Mr. the following the Warfield's leading woman. Calling a water "pure"

drink. Water can be pure and killed and dynamite was scattered all over the right of way; but there was to the man as to the dor

plosion of a car of dynamite. An in- have learned for sure about it after bevestigation showed that the car had ing around the works where it is made sense, because heat destroyed the bacteria it | vestigation showed that the car had | ling around the works where it is made | been shot into by a person using one | is that it blows out the walls of buildof the powder cards as a target. Shooting into dynamite seems to be blows off the roof. contained, but heat does not remove harmful

I Distilled | causing an explosion. The records are | work that makes it look like a small by ignorant people shooting at the water, used so much on shipboard, is chemically pure; but by ignoran magazines. The explosion of three cars of dyna-

because the salts it should contain have been distilled out I Some spring water is fairly pure; but even the with lessening the tramp population. The desire of all experimenters in sulphate of lime, carbonate of lime, magnesia, common

too much of some of these salts, does you harm. . I, So hot iron pushed through. "Winter is the open season for dynamite explosions," said one of the men who had charge of a thawing house at the Pennsylvania tunnel excavation in New York. "Dynamite freezes at a temperature between 45 and 50 degrees spring waters have too much of the wrong kind of salts. What are

to its summer temperature. pure, but in which are naturally present exactly the salts that are "This is not as easy as it sounds, for it is no small matter to get the tricky stuff just warm enough and not too warm. It must be just warm enough in order to gain its full effi-Impid, with no excess of mineral, no trace of harmful salts? That is ciency, while if it gets too warm it will

become efficient too soon. "We read in the papers that somewhere out in the coal mining districts of Pennsylvania a miner's hut has been blown up. It is ten to one that that fellow had put a stick of dynamite on Wholesome — Limpid — Refreshing the kitchen stove to thaw it out, and had gone away and forgotten it. Or else he had left it underneath the stove Bottled at the Springs for surety of purity and sold in and the baby had got it and made a

> for another powder monkey. "If the sun is not hot enough they generally build a fire near by and ex-pect the warmth of the flames to put iffe into the dynamite. But if a spark happens to shoot over into the bunch it not infrequently has a sudden and

WITH DYNAMITE

ACCIDENTS ATTRIBUTED TO THE RECKLESS HANDLING BY WORKMEN.

Stories of Its Effects and Be-

The carelessness of men who handle dynamite is proverbial. "As careless as

On entering a small shanty where correspondent of the London Daily stragglers, rustling about under newspapers or attempting to jump into the inkpot. On the roof outside there are thousands upon thousands; ten stall dozen men and boys shooting craps supply of afternoon thunderstorms.

And a storm it was But it was a

> pound even more powerful than dyna-But the inconvenience and damage mite with his boot heel. Had his heel in the town are nothing contrasted gone a fraction of an inch too far into as far as possible. The Italian threw

plosives and 16,000 pounds of gun-Millions crawled and jumped in the streets millions rayaged the gardens SMALL DATA ABOUT INVASIONS. powder. A spark from the pipe had slats. ignited some powder which had leak-

> whence, and the conditions under are made by the different governments, the height of a foot on a hot metallic laws is not only discharged, but fined yourself by dropping a little on the

> > duty is to look after explosives. In any drop of nitroglycerine which might Great Britain the law even specifies exude from the cartridges would come

Maurice Campbell recently returned that an employe of a factory making in contact with the pipes or radiators from a hasty trip to Europe, bringing explosives must be provided with cloth-

Hospital Hill three tramway cars ran away for the same reason. So thick field's company was married last week rushed, blazing fiercely, back into the afterward by the roadside frozen to

were exploded, causing great damage who in trying to kill a dog fastened it pieces over some perfectly absurd thing to property and serious injury to many to a tree, tied a dynamite cartridge to outside.

yet be harmful. Boiled water is pure, in one killed and many injured by the ex-

causing an explosion. The records are around a nitroglycerine house an earth- wanted to see, he said, how the stuff

seafaring men will warn you against drinking too much mite at Johannesburg, South Africa, in can see of what was there before is a was laid to a stray bullet. Boys shooting into old buildings that were for- space. merly used for storing explosives have on several occasions been credited

shall have great power and also be safe for those who must handle it. Some compounds of nitroglycerine are salt, potash, iron. C. Even pure water, if it contains said to withstand even the shooting test and also the test of having a red

Fahrenheit, and if you want to do anything with it you must get it back (Why not drink a water that is not only ideally

> plaything of it. Out in the west in constructing roads and building tunnels the workmen often set the sticks up along a roadside to dry in the sun. The method is good enough if the sticks do not fall against each other, or if some one does not fire off a gun near by. If either of these things should happen the chances are there will be a big hole in the ground and an opening

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ian was left to watch some dynamite | drying thus, and the boss had told sticks to pick it up and hurl it away

away two or three sticks. "Then his sense of economy got the better of him, and when the next ore "In extensive works like this tunnel

which the dynamite is supported on

"This method offered an excellent opportunity for nitroglycerine to exude Well, nitroglycerine that drops from In Commissioner street they formed which they breed, are largely matters and an employe who violates these surface will explode—you can try this top of a stove-and as a result a good

"The method which is employed here is to have a small building heated by "One of the most remarkable inci-

dents in the thawing line is reported in Hoboken, N. Y., in May, 1904, was farmhand at Wheatley, near St. Paul,

hear some strange

its tail and ran. "But the dog broke loose and fol-

does not certify it safe for you to pounds of dynamite was struck by a lowed him. The man took refuge in the house, and opened up a fusillade passenger train at a crossing near St. the house, and opened up a fusillade of household utensils to drive the beast of household utensils the household utensils the house house hous monished, the mule attached to it was away. The animal retreated beneath without much remonstrance and walkkilled and dynamite was scattered all the house, where the cartridge explod-

ings when it explodes, while powder

"For that reason you will fortress. Whenever there is an explosion you can look over the walls of this rampart and about all that you which a score of people were killed, lot of kindling wood piled up somewhat recklessly in the center of the

"People who work with the dangerous stuff seem to get mightly careless fellow, and he went happily back to in its use. I remember a gang of workmen over in New Jersey who were high explosives is to make one that playing cards at a table where one of A the legs was too short.

"One of the fellows thought to reme dy this by putting a piece of dynamite, which was the most convenient thing at hand, under it. It was all and fulsome expressions of flattery and right until the discussion became heated and they began to pound on the table. When the smoke cleared away there were several missing arms and

"Grumpiness is the worse fault these workers. Whenever a man gets grumpy the best thing that can happen, to him is to get fired. Just out of pure cussedness you will find that fellow beginning to bring knives and pieces of metal into the works in strict violation of orders. Just as likely as not you will find him hiding about himself a pipe and matches and at noontime he will be out smoking under a tree talking to himself about things. "I don't know just why this is. It is





When they say asthma is incurable member of the stock company playing flames were extinguished. There was outbuilding, near a stove, in order that for these men working over the company playing flames were extinguished. There was outbuilding, near a stove, in order that for these men working over the company playing flames were extinguished. zona, caused an explosion in which stories. One that was told me as hap- a man who is daily exposed to peril in 1,000 pounds of powder and dynamite pening in Lusted, Ore., was of a man his work in the factory will go all to

"This past winter on a ferryboa crossing the Delaware were a number pounds of dynamite was struck by a lowed him. The man took refuge in of people employed in the nitroglycer-Louis, Mo. The wagon was de- of household utensils to drive the beast ice and most of the passengers got off nitroglycerine workmen was afraid to leave the boat, and they spent part of the night there rather than take the

"A big fellow who carries cartridges of giant gelatine down into submarine works, which most anybody would consider as the most dangerous employment in the world, was down at find one of the nitroglycerine factories. He

"After he had been through the plant he went up to one of the workmen and

"'How much do you get a day here?" "'Two dollars and a half,' was the "'Why, I wouldn't stay around here

another day for \$250,000,' said the big his gelatine toting."

PLAIN-SPOKEN POTENTATE

One great charm about the Ameer of Afghanistan in an Englishman's eyes is his way of dispensing with the ridiculous humility which are necessary, according to the rules of the east, in polite conversation. Why asked if he had a good journey through the Khyber to Peshawar, he

should have replied: "With the prospect of the joy and felic ity of gazing upon the noble and heroic features of the brave and handsome representatives of the greatest kingdom of the world, the stony roads appeared to me like beds of down, the snowstorms and blizzards like zephyrs on a summer's eve. and the miserable desert like a garden of

But he said nothing of the sort. What he did say was: "No; I did not have a good journey. It pleased Allah to bestrew my path with every form of difficulty and annoyance, and I am glad it's over." London Standard.

CAN'T STAND KEROSENE.

"I never knew until this winter," said the superintendent of a dog and cat ospital, "how thoroughly most animals detest the smell of kerosene. Şeveral times the steam heating apparatus in this place went on a strike, and we tried to raise the temperature by means of an oil stove. The smell of the oil produced a regular mutiny among the animals. Cats are particularly sensitive to the odor of kerosene. Next door to my house is a stationery store which has been heated all winter by an oll stoye. In the beginning of the season the proprietor owned a fine cat that seemed well satisfied with his comfortable quarters. No scoper, how-ever, was that stove lighted than the cat deserted the stationer and sought a nome for the winter in a steam-heated flat farther down the street. He come back once in a while on a visit, but the smell of the oil prevents his becom-ing a regular inhabitant of that store."

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