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Important Geological and Biological Disc:veries Have Been Made In Equatorial Africa and the Great Age of the Inland Sea Has Been Definitely Established - Explorer Not In Love With the Country.

At the beginning of last year the late Mr. Digby Pigott, one of the As sistant Commissioners of British East Africa, while camping on the eastern shore of the Victoria Nyanza, discovered some fossil remains. One of the relics was brought to England by Mr. C. W. Hobley last June, and this on examination was found to be the jawbone of a Dinotherium, one of the mammals which flourished in the Lower Miocene or Middle Tertiary period, a period of time which is sometimes defined by geologists as being somewhere about three million years ago.

The discovery excited considerable interest in biological and geological circles, and the British Museum authorities, with whom the fossil was deposited, expressed the opinion that further investigations were desirable. Accordingly, Dr. Felix Oswald, the Probate Registrar of Nottingham, who will be remembered as the author of a book on the geology of Armenia, volunteered to undertake the work dur ing his "leave" from professional duties. Dr. Oswald's offer was accepted and last November he started for the spot on Victoria Nyanza where the discovery had been made.

It may be recalled here that Mr. Pigott met his death while shooting hippopotami on the lake. A wounded hippo charged the raft on which he

w-s standing, upsetting its occupants into the water, where they were at once devoured by crocodiles.

At Port Florence Dr. Oswald was provided with a schooner by Sir Percy Girouard, the Governor of British Fort Africa, in which the result of the control of the East Africa, in which to make the journey to Karungu, the station on the lake where the remains were found. The place was reached on November 15 of last year. It consists of a mere huddle of native dwellings, with not a single white man nearer than Kisli, some five days' journey north.

Dr. Oswald was accompanied only by three natives, one an interpreter speaking the language of the Kaviron speaking the language of the Kaviron-do, the people of the district, and two native soldiers. Incidentally he had learned on his journey that all the published maps of the n-rtheastern portion of the Victoria Nyanza were inaccurate, and it is his intention to prepare a corrected map so soon as he can find time.

Once on shore he started work on

his wearying and lonesome task. The time of the year was summer, and the heat was terrific, for the season was the hottest yet known in that quarter of the world. To a press representative he has described the labors and the difficulties attending his sojourn in these solitudes just of the Equator

"The exact point," said Dr. Oswald, where we started our investigations was close to Karungu, in what is apparently the delta of an old river which formerly ran into the lake at that point. The heat was terrific, and the glare of the sun was blinding, and, unfortunately for me, I had for-We carry the following makes of Flour, which are giving the ST OF SATISFACTION;

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defined indeed.
"At the top of all was a cliff of basalt, and below that was the sloping bed of the delta. The top of this bed was the ordinary black cotton soil of the district, and immediately below we found the ordinary lacus-

below we found the ordinary lacustrum beds, the top one of grey clay, the second one of red clay and white sandstone, and the third one of buff sandstone and gravel.

"In each bed we found shells in plenty — all fresh-water shells — but there were very few fossils of any other character in the top bed, though we found a fair number in the seve found a fair number in the se cond. It was in the third bed—the bed of the Lower Miocene period—however, that we had our best finds, finding another Dinotherium, with teeth, and also some bones of Aceratherium and Anthracotherium, the ancient tyre of phiocenes. These were cient type of rhinoceros. These were all found close to the mouth of the Kuji or Kuya River, but we found other traces of fossils at points five and fifteen miles distant, in what appeared to be the same gully.

'My great trouble was the insect

'My great trouble was the insect life, which abounded to a degree which I had never experienced before, and did not believe existed. Every form of insect seemed common. Tsetse flies abounded, and I have seen Testse fies abounded, and I have seen the midges coming over the lake in such a cloud that the face of the sun was abscured, while the noise of their humming as they passed over me was like a great sustained note on the lower C pipe of an organ.

"Flying crickets as large as sparrows were common, and each particular form of cricket had a different noise, which he appeared to make all

noise, which he appeared to make all through the night. In addition, there were great bloodsucking ticks, which.

after they had settled on you in the night, you would find in the morning on your body as large as peas.

"Every evening when I took my soup I had between each mouthful to skim a coating of insects from the top. Ants of every description abounded, the worst of all being the 'stink ant,' a creature about three-quarters of an inch long, which emitted such a of an inch long, which emitted such a dreadful odor, that it was impossible to sleep if one of these things got into your tent. Still, insects were not my worst trouble. What oppressed me most and affected me most was the dreadful loneliness. I would never go there again by myself, and I would never advise any other white man to do so."

LAUGHED AND LOST.

Smiles That Came at the Wrong Time and Proved Costly.

must be most careful how he laughs or even smiles in the pres-ence of the great ones of the earth, as is evidenced in the following in-

stances:
Milbanke, a clever but blunt Scot, who was an expert in colonial admin-istration, was once summoned by William of Germany in order that his valuable advice touching eastern af-fairs might be obtained for German guidance. The Kaiser had about de-cided to intrust Milbanke with a most important office in China with considerable supervision over German interests there.

It appears that during one of their conferences the Kaiser offered some absurd suggestion as to oriental diplomacy, whereat the Scot laughed. Immediately the Emperor wished him good-day and never saw him again.

It was another Scot, Duncan McVea, who advised the amiable but sensitive King Carlos of Portugal in the Government of the Cape Verde is lands, at the time in a very shaky condition. It was practically decided to give McVea entire control over the islands at the handsome salary of \$25,000 a year. During one of their consultations his Majesty became greatly excited and made a mess of the control of their consultations has been presently excited and made a mess of the English which was parally as a second of the control of the his English, which was usually excellent. McVea could not help smiling audibly, with the result that he was summarily dismissed and never-

permitted to come to court again.

It is related that once, when he was very weary after a long journey and consequently in no mood to be trified with, the Czar of Russia, in passing through an apartment in the palace at St. Petersburg, slipped on a mat that lay on the polished floor and nearly fell. Clutching wildly at one of his attendants, the Emperor of all the Russias went through a series of gyrations extremely ludiorous to behold that nearly brought himself and his subject to the floor. Enidoff, at the time a prominent and confidential adviser to the throne. permitted to come to court again.

It is related that once, when he confidential adviser to the throne, could not check a smile, a smile that the Czar turned just in time to catch. The very next day Baron Enidoff lost his post, carrying a salary of \$60,000 annually.

Van Tromp's Way of Fighting.

The Dutch Admiral Van Tromp, who was a large, heavy man, was once challenged by a thin, active French officer. "We are not upon equal terms with rapiers," said Van Tromp, "but call upon me to-morrow morning, and we will adjust the affair." When the Frenchman called he found the Dutch admiral bestridhe found the Dutch admiral bestrid-ing a barrel of gunpowder. "There ing a barrel of gunpowder. "There is room enough for you," said Van Tromp, "at the other end of the barrel. Sit down. There is the match, and as you are the challenger give fire." The Frenchman was thunderstruck at this terrible mode of fight ing, but as the Dutch admiral told him he would fight no other way terms of reconciliation ensued.

A Guide to Apiculture. By direction of the Hon. Martin Bur-

by the rection of the non. Martin Burrell, Minister of Agriculture, a timely bulletin on bee-keeping has been issued by the Federal Department of Agriculture. According to a statement of the author, Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt, Dominion author, Dr. C. Gordon Hewitt, Dominion Entomologist, this work has been prepared to meet a very persistent demand for information by persons who wish to learn how to begin and to continue the industry of apiculture. It was the further object of the author to increase the number of bee-keepers in Canada by indicating the advantages of bee-keeping. It is pointed out that bee-keeping returns the direct profit of a honey crop and the indirect one of improvement to yields of clover seed and fruit. It is observed that a bullock after being fed and cared for during an entire winter will not realize much more than the produce of a colony of bees in a single season. Beginners are recommended to start on a a colony of bees in a single season. Beginners are recommended to start on a small scale with one or two hives increasing the number annually as experience is gained. This treatise of 45 pages, which is helpfully illustrated, covers in plain language the whole field of apiculture, including equipment, management, the production of honey and wax, diseases, legislation of the various provinces against bee diseases, etc. It is designated "The Honey Bee," Bulletin No. 2. Division of Entomology and No. 69, Experimental Farms. Copies may had free by applying to the Publications Branch, Department of Agriculture, Ottawa. Ottawa.

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