

The Peculiar Liquid Which This Curious Animal Ejects.

The cuttlefish are caught in great numbers off the Cape coast and are used as a bait for the conger eel, for which this part of the world is celebrated. The cuttlefish possesses no real mouth, but has a long, cylindrical sucker with which it adheres firmly to the bait. The method of capturing the fish is as follows: A long line from which are suspended from 200 to 300 hooks baited with portions of pilchards (almost the only bait the cuttlefish will take) is let down into the sea and allowed to stop there for about half an hour. It is then drawn up, and the cuttlefish are found hanging by means of their suckers to the bait.

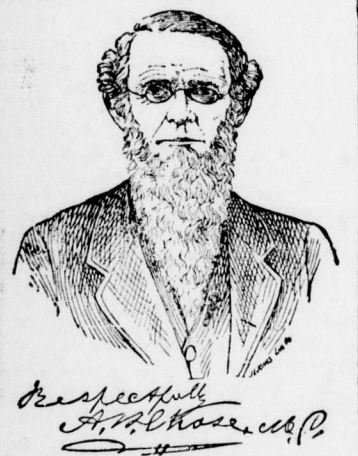
The moment that they leave the waters they eject with considerable force a great quantity of deep, black, viscous substance which is about the consistency of treacle, and the stain made by it upon the clothes of the fishermen is permanent if it happens to fall upon them.

I had a conversation with one man who has several times received a full charge in his face, and he assured me that beyond the smell, which is most nauseous, he felt no inconvenience at all, no smarting or pain in his eyes and no bad after-effects.

If any of the liquid gets upon the nets, it rots them beyond repair unless it is washed off immediately. Another curious fact is that this fluid will not injure cloth in the slightest degree beyond making a permanent stain. One man told me that he had used a jersey for several years which had been squirted all over at different times by these cephalopods, but that except for the cloth being stained it was as good as ever.

When this "ink" is ejected under water, it hangs in a sort of cloud and does not spread.—London Leader.

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PURSUANT to Section 38, of Chapter 129, of the Revised Statutes of Ontario, notice is hereby given that all Creditors and others having claims upon or against the estate of Margaret Little, late of the Town of Aylmer in the County of Elgin, widow, who died on or about the twenty-first day of March, A. D. 1900, are on or before the fifteenth day of June, A. D. 1900, to send by post, prepaid, to Miller & Backhouse, Solicitors, their Christian names and surnames, addresses and descriptions, the full particulars of their claims, a statement of the amount thereof, and the nature of the securities (if any) held by them, and that after the day last aforesaid the undersigned Executors will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased, among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to such claims of which notice shall have been given as above required, and the said Executors will not be liable for the said assets or any part thereof, to any person or persons of whose claims or claims notice shall not have been received by them at the time of such distribution.

Dated at Aylmer this third day of May, A. D. 1900.

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E. A. MILLER,
Executors, Aylmer, Ont.
MILLER & BACKHOUSE,
Solicitors for Executors, Aylmer, Ont.

PETITIONS

FOR CEMENT PAVEMENTS.

Any persons desirous of having cement pavements constructed during the session of 1900 must have their petitions in the hands of the council not later than June 1st, 1900.

JUNIOR BRADLEY,
Municipal Clerk.

BULLER CAPTURES DUNDEE.

Slight Loss Attends the Success of His Skillful Plans.

Nothing Definite as to Mafeking's Fate—Boers Attempted to Storm the Town on May 12, But There Is No News as to the Result From British Sources—British Relief Column Is Due There Now.

London, May 16. — The War Office has received the following despatch from Gen. Buller: "Dundee, May 15.—(1 p.m.)—We have occupied Dundee. About 2,500 of the enemy left yesterday for Glen-uccoe, where they entrained. Their wagons also left yesterday by De Jagers Drift, and the Danhauser road. Their Kaffirs said they were going to Laing's Nek. Almost every house in Dundee is completely looted. The Navigation colliery is all right. The machinery of the Dundee collieries is destroyed. The houses of the town are damaged, but are structurally intact."

Details of the Operations.

The War Office yesterday received the following despatch from General Buller:

"Kemp's Farm, May 15. — The following telegram sent to Lord Roberts are now repeated to you. They begin under date of May 13:

"In accordance with instructions to keep the enemy occupied at the Biggarsberg, on May 11 I concentrated the third cavalry brigade of the second division and some corps of artillery at Sunday's River Drift, on the Helpmakaar road, and directed Col. Bethune to advance on Greytown with the Bethune Infantry, the Unweil Mounted Rifles and the Imperial Light Infantry. On May 12 we moved to Waschbank, and Bethune to Pomeroy, while General Hildyard from Elandsbaagte, occupied Indoda Mountain. On May 13 I sent General Hamilton, with three battalions, up the steep slope of Witkoff Hill. The third cavalry brigade crowned a hill on each side of the main road, and Bethune attacked by the Pomeroy road from three sides. The enemy hurriedly abandoned the position, which they had strongly entrenched, and retired to the nek in front of Helpmakaar, whence we hope to dislodge them tomorrow, as many of them have retired. We have gained the summit of the Berg with the loss of only a few men wounded. I advance tomorrow on Bethune, and Hildyard moves on Wessel's Nek. Our small loss, I think, was certainly due to the excellent troop leading of Generals Hamilton and Lord Dundonald and Col. Bethune."

The Enemy Still Active.

A second despatch dated May 14, says: "The enemy evacuated Helpmakaar Nek during the night, leaving a rear guard of about 1,000 men in front of us. These we have forced back throughout the day under considerable difficulties, as they fired all the grass on top of the berg as they retreated and the wind being unfavorable to us, we were scarcely able to see at all. I halted the infantry, who marched very well throughout the hot smoke, at Bethune. The cavalry have not yet reported, but are some miles ahead. We have taken a few prisoners. Our casualties are small."

Dundonald's Good Work.

A third despatch dated from Kemp's Farm, May 15, says: "Dundonald reported late last night that he had driven the rear guard on the main body of the enemy, near Buralandine, where they occupied in force, a strong position with three powerful guns. Major Gough, with the composite regiment, manoeuvred to the right round their left flank, and they retired. Dundonald then halted. He was 25 miles, as the crow flies, from his previous night's bivouac, and had covered nearly 40 miles during the day in a waterless country, most of the time riding through smoke. I think the very fine performance. From prisoners I learn that the enemy numbered over 2,000 at Helpmakaar, and being now joined by those who left Van Jondra's Pass, they must total nearly 3,000 men. We move on Dundee today."

Hildyard is also Working.

"Hildyard reports the occupation of Wessel's Nek and is repairing the line."

WORD FROM BADEN-POWELL

All Was Going Well May 7—Garrison Peaceful, Food Enough to Last Till June 10.

London, May 16. — The War Office has received the following from Lord Roberts, dated Kroonstad, May 15: "Baden-Powell reports, under date of May 7, all going well. Fever is decreasing. The garrison is peaceful and the food will last until about June 10."

Both Claim Victory.

A special despatch from Lorenzo Marquez says it has been reported that a large force of Boers had been captured by the British at Mafeking. Pretoria, it is added, reports on the other hand, that Mafeking has fallen.

Drawn Made From Hides.

Mafeking, May 1 (via Lorenzo Marquez, May 14).—Excellent "bragwa" is being made from horse and ox hides and is eaten by whites and blacks. The garrison is very cheerful, very dry and very hungry.

FIERCE FIGHTING AT MAFEKING.

Boers Attacked the Town With Artillery, But Were Surrounded.

London, May 16. — A despatch to The Daily Mail from Lorenzo Marquez, dated yesterday, says:

"There is now no doubt that there was desperate fighting at Mafeking Saturday, but it is believed to have gone in favor of the garrison. All that can be ascertained of a reliable character follows: "The Boers, using artillery, attack-

ed the town Saturday. Very soon the Kaffir location was in flames, some say as the result of shell fire, others as the result of treachery. Fighting at close quarters became general, and in the midst of the confusion the Boers gained possession of the Kaffir location, from which point of vantage they brought guns to bear on the town at close range.

"By an adroit move, the garrison, despite its attenuated numbers, succeeded in actually surrounding the party of Boers who had captured the Kaffirs' location. Severe fighting followed, but, according to the latest reports, the Boers still hold the location in which they are probably surrounded."

"The truth is, I believe, that the Pretoria authorities, knowing of the progress of the relief columns, gave orders to Gen. Symman to storm the place. As soon as the location was in flames, Boer bullets of victory were flying about everywhere to encourage the weak-kneed burghers. Boers who came down here yesterday from Pretoria produced, for the edification of incredulous Britishers, two telegrams by officials, one of which was signed 'Symman,' and said: 'I was lucky enough to capture Baden-Powell with 900 this morning.'"

"There is no doubt about the heavy fighting, and quite recently the Portuguese Consul to the Governor-General here, confirms this, and there is little doubt of the occupation of the Kaffirstad, but similar telegrams were published at Pretoria about Ladysmoor, just before Col. Dalgely was relieved."

British Relief Column Due.

London, May 16. — The British relief column is due at Mafeking now. Ten days ago Gen. Symman was having difficulty in keeping the burghers together, owing to the approach of the British and when the last despatch left Mafeking on May 7, the Boers had killed on the previous day one of the Horse Guards and had captured several of Col. Baden-Powell's few remaining horses.

Major F. D. Baillie has sent to The Morning Post from Mafeking, under date of May 7, this message: "This morning the Boers attacked us. Result as usual. There is an aching void here. Pass the loaf."

CASUALTIES OVER 20,000

Gen. Roberts Cannot Predict End of the Campaign.

London, May 16. — (4.30 a.m.)—The War Office last evening issued an abstract of the British casualties since the beginning of the war. This shows a total of 20,036, exclusive of the sick in the field, and the invalids, including the wounded sent home, who number 8,961.

When Will the War End?

Lord Roberts contributes a line to the discussion going on in the press as to when the war will end by the following telegram, dated Monday, and sent through a correspondent who had made the direct inquiry: "I regret that I cannot give any reply to your question, as it is impossible at present to predict when the campaign may end."

Where the Boer Army Is.

The Transvaal army has taken a position at Blaauwbaasdrift Pass, near Heilbronstad Station, 50 miles north of Kroonstad. Its rear guard is still holding the hills north of the Vaal River, where the Boer scouts are in touch with British reconnoitering parties 20 miles north of Kroonstad.

Urban Takes Ladybrand.

Maseru, Basutoland, May 15. — A portion of Brabant's Horse occupied Ladybrand to-day, and another portion is pushing on to Clocolan.

Kruger After the Portuguese.

Lisbon, May 15. — It is rumored here to-day that President Kruger has ordered the Portuguese Consul to leave the Transvaal Republic.

Winnipeg Man Dangerously Ill.

London, May 15. — Pte. C. C. Thompson of "A" Company, Royal Canadian Regiment, is dangerously ill in the hospital at Wynberg. Before enlisting he belonged to the 34th Regiment Canadian Artillery at Winnipeg.

The Canadian Casualties.

Kroonstad, May 13. — (Toronto Globe Special). — The Royal Canadian Regiment reached here yesterday. The following casualties have occurred since my last message:

Killed—Pte. Hy. Cotton, Carlton Rifles, at Tabya Mountain, April 30. Pte. F. G. Floyd, 7th Fusiliers, at Zand River, May 10.

Wounded—At Tabya Mountain, May 1: Lieut. J. M. Ross, 22nd Oxford Rifles, slightly; Pte. R. Irvine, 19th St. Catharines, slightly; Pte. Rorison, 21st Essex Fusiliers, slightly; Pte. Huger Foster, Montreal, slightly; Pte. J. Lutz and Pte. J. Letson, 62nd Batt., both slightly.

At Zand River, May 10: Pte. G. W. Leonard, 22nd Batt., dangerous; Pte. E. Armstrong, R.C.A., Quebec, and A. F. McLean, 36th Buffers Rifles, slightly; Stanley McKeown Brown, the Mail and Empire's correspondent, was wounded in the thigh at the Zand River fight, May 10.—Frederick Hamilton.

WILL TRY TO RUSH THE CORDON

Sir Fred Hodgson Will Endeavor to Get Out of Coomassie.

Accra, May 16. — The situation is unchanged. It is said in official circles that the Governor and Commander-in-Chief of the Gold Coast Colony, Sir Frederick Hodgson, has announced his intention, unless immediately relieved, to make an attempt to rush the cordon.

Today now 450 troops at Coomassie, 450 between Cape Coast and Prahau, and 500 on their way from Jebba.

The disaffection is spreading among the Asantes, and the Kings Take and Cudgong of Accra have been approached by the Asantes.

Fearful Heat in Chicago.

Chicago, May 16. — One death and four prostrations were caused by the heat yesterday. The maximum temperature was 86.

Deadly Storm at St. Paul.

St. Paul, Minn., May 15. — Three persons were killed and two injured yesterday in a fierce wind and rain-storm which passed over the city. Fannie Mullen, John M. Land and Patrick Sexton were killed, and Miss Mary Sexton and Patrick Sexton, Jr., were injured. The Sextons were driving when the storm broke. A board walk was blown into the carriage, killing Mr. Sexton instantly.

Charged With Manslaughter.

Ailsa Craig, Ont., May 16. — The coroner's jury, in the case of Christina Ann Charlton, has returned a verdict that the woman came to her death because of improper medical treatment at the hands of the so-called Dr. Victor B. Hall. The prisoner Hall was arraigned before the police magistrate at Ailsa Craig yesterday morning on the charge of manslaughter, and was remanded one week.

Hot in New York and Philadelphia.

New York, May 16. — Thermometers on the street here registered 95 degrees at 1 p.m. yesterday. Up to 2 o'clock one fatality had been reported.

Philadelphia, May 16. — The Weather Bureau thermometer recorded a maximum of 94 degrees here yesterday afternoon.

The Pope Saw Mgr. Corrigan.

Rome, May 16. — The Pope yesterday gave an audience to Archbishop Corrigan of New York.

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Toronto World April 7th, 1899—"Within the past few weeks we have had Sauer with a Knabe, Rosenthal with a Steinway and Carreno with a Chickering. Last night we had a great artist with a piano made right here, and all present must have felt gratified with the feeling that the home-made article is as good as can be had. Indeed some remarked that the bass of the Heintzman & Co. was the firmest and roundest of all, while the upper tones possessed a singing yet mellow quality that could not be excelled. Mr. Burmeister certainly brought out the finest effect, particularly in the Wagner music. The crashing effects characteristic of Wagner's music were brought fully out. The finale from 'Tristan and Isolde' and the Liszt rhapsodic were also fine exhibitions of fine bravura playing, while Beethoven and Chopin furnished the means of displaying the subdued tonal effects of the great instrument."

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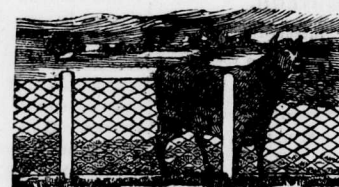
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The Giving Of

"Now, mother, then talking about it; you go on living here, Sister Hannah and I all over, and we thin for you to do is to co us. We've both got cable room and you (the time with me and with Hannah; can't. "Yes, you can, me sooner you make up the better, for, as Sister we're not willing that on living here alone er's gone." Little o looked helplessly and the faces of the two l mined looking women they noticed the half-r ling of her lips or the a ber dim eyes they gav leting on that accout Hannah and Martha their minds," and whe done this they were n by quivering lips not really felt that they wisest and best thing or by insisting upon with their wishes. Th been a widow for two lived alone in her co house ever since the de band. Her daughters i time been telling her to "give up" and live v the old lady did not tak to this suggestion.

"I've kept house ever I was married," she s opposition to her daugh ter. "I've always had own, an' it don't seem give up now an' go an' where I wouldn't be I've a mind to, I know it'd be happy outside my

But Hannah and said that this was "all r they had now decided th er should sell her com house and spend the re with them. She knew t be treated as a child i either of her daughter ways were not her way; that she would not have of her own small incom Hannah and Martha w directing her expensitu Her daughters were prosperous men, and th and showy homes in mother had never felt even when visiting the errands and living wab ly felt to be "style," and had always lived in the s and had never been happy in her own cozy and little kitchen. And Han "A woman of your years c out of the kitchen and b also and tidy all the dainty little cap and a apron."

"I don't know what in do if I couldn't get up day an' do out my wash, and my own iron day. And I can't tell when I ain't baked on We gone to the sewing circle trayer meeting at the o afternoon and had some tea with me as often as o Then I don't know what I couldn't make up a when curran's got ripe, a preserve all summer. I a onesome livin' alone here either Hannah's or Mar Oh, I can't go there to s give up my own home a ways, I can't, I can't!"

And yet Hannah had sai and Martha were about "Now, mother, you can ju your mind that you are go up and come and live wi me the first of the yea come over then to help yo up."

She was still sitting in t rying on her gray head tent a name a knock at the reai Rising hastily she went to t ink and quickly bathed h and water before opening i

"Why, Jared!" she said v opened the door and foun about, kindly looking man s blue as the sky and twin every good humor, standin little back porch. "I'd an Philena Moss. She said ti she would come over to-da, my copper kettle to do som singin. Come in."

"It ain't hardly wuth whi got so little time to stay. ed just come over and see if waid me to come over some week and gather that tree o' for you. They ought to be go and you can't do it. Or, an ain't going to do it while I'm 'littin' up in the top of a pickin' apples ain't no fit wo woman."

"No, it isn't, and I was that I'd have got someon ay apples for me on shars. good of you, Jared, to offer ed I'll pay you—" "Stop rig you are, Biddah!" exclaimed with a fine show of u "When the time comes th Hawkins wants pay for gat tree or a dozen trees of apple idow of his best and truest well let you know. If you ee my dander rise and hear language unbecomin' to a N ferin' to pay me for pickin' les. Can't a man who ha ou from the time you was k a duck an' who used to c a school on his sled when you