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The Evening Telegram
ST. JOHiN'S, JANUARY 31, 1888.

 IMPRISONED BY A SNAKE. Twenty years ago I was the managing clerk in an English merchant's office. My work was
heavy. Many nights I sat at my books until heavy. Many nights I sat at my books untin
far into the small hours of the morning. Once tar into the small hours of the morning.
or twice I actually dozed off into a sleep, to
awasened by the woman who cleaned awakened by the woman who cleaned the
various rooms coming to her work. The house
I was connected wth had a branch establishI was connected with had a branch, establish
ment in India doing a large business, and many ment in India doing a large business, sid mais of our asual articles of commerce, passed
through our handa. Priceless cloths and native fabrics, brass and gold ornaments se with precions stones, collections of stones
botanical specimens, birds, animals-every botanical specimens, birds, animals-every
thing, in fact, until at times the contents of the cases, if opened and spread out, would hav made a very average museum. One afternoo a large box was delivered from one of the ships
labelled "To be kept in a moderately warm place." I was away from the warehouse a
the time of its arrival, and the men placed it in the outer office. Oa my return I casually
noticed the case on passing, and saw that one noticed the case on passing, and saw that one
end was slightly crushed, as if by some heavier case falling on it. This was a mere accidental
observance. My private office was just four walls, hung with maps and charts. A writing
bureasu in the centre of the floor behind the door; behind the bureau a large iron fireproof safe some six feet high and forr feet square
standing twelve or fourteen inches from the

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 nest room, and quite as undeniably movin I rose to my feet, and as I did so the head and neck of a huge snake protraded through thedoorway into the well-lit room. I stood transfixed with torror. When the reptile saw me it more aflame until they resembled two lurid balls of fire, its tongue darted in and out of its
moanth, and the head raised higher and higher until nearly leve wh own. body coiling and recoiling in fary in the narmed, and apparently unable even to move. looked once around in a despairing searc yes from those of the borrible reptile, Another second and it would have caught me, hen, seeing the open safe, I rushed in and oo the floor, half in, half out of the safe, holdgg the door open about half an ineh. But for
tat book I would have speedily suffocated. Not thinking of that I stooped and tried to
draw the book inside, but the snake, moving imultaneoously with myself, had dashed itsel gainst the safe, and in its brute fary, thinking the safe part and parcel of myself, had thrown igbtly that I fortunately could not remove the cor, which was sole my means of ventilatio $t$ it without avail. The perspiration rolled own my face, my heart beat almost to burs g , and even with the book holding the doo
jar $I$ seemed to be at the point of suffocation Gasping for breath and utterly nerveless I fell against the door and slideto the floor in a dead perhaps an hour. At last my senses return ed, and, although dreadfolly cramped by the pace, I felt I had not the power to rise, and the two folde which encircled my retug
feeling a horrible fascination, that I shall neve forget. I even passed my inger ouven
touched one, feeling a quivering movemen
that told me the reptile had drawn its coils to that told me the reptile had drawn its coils to
the utmost tension, in. hope of crushing the shel the atmost tension, in. hope of crushing the shat held the precious kernel of myself. By
that hell
an effort I collected my idess, snd, remember an effort I collected my ideas, and, remember-
ing the box and the crushed end, could readily ing the box and the crushed end, could readil
account for the presence of the intruder. knew that it was customary to feed them to satiety before shipping, send them off, and, a
a rule, that they arrived here still in a state o stupor. This one might have had a long pas
sage, and coming out of the sleep, wante sage, and coming out of the sleep, wanted
water, grew furions, burst the weak end of the
case, and, finding me, attacked me by instinct. I grew calmer and investigated my position
thoroughly. I rose to my feet, and as I did so thorooghly. I rose to my feet, and as I did so
my foot rested on something uneven. I icked my foot rested on something aneven. I picke
it up and found it to be one of, those long ink erasers, having a blade about four inches long,
sharp as a razor, tempered like a Damascus blade, the handle being about five inches lon and flat in shape. It must have fallen ont of
the cash-book, these knives frequently being shat in the books by the careless clerks
Taking the knife in my right hand, I thrust i Taking the knife in my right hand, I thrust it
into the thinnest fold with all my strength.
There was a horrible, sickening, tearing sound and quickly withdrawing the blade I thrust it again and again into the folds, until at the
third or fourth stab I saw the folds relax and go sliding down the sides of the safe to th
floor, lying there squirming and writhing in convulsions. I dared not move for nearly an
hour, until all seemed quiet; then opening the door, I dashed across the room into the out
office, banged to the door, locked it, and, ha less, rushed to the nesrest police-station.
first my story was discredited, and I wa first my story was discredited, and I wa
most locked up as being drunk, but eventu
our officers armed with revolvers came wh
me. We found the reptile nearly dead, but
still tremulous when touched, the cuts wit still tremulous when touched, the cuts wit
the keen knife, owing to the extreme tension
the coils, having nearly severed the body

## THE PRIZ̈E FICHT.



## On Thurdary afternoon a meeting took place at the Sporting Life office of Smith and Kilrain,

their seconds, and other officials, and a
numerous body of the supporters of both-men.
The fact that the meeting was to be held was
Tbe fact that the meeting was to be held was
generally known, and as a consequence, at the
with spectators, who loudly cheered both th
American and English champions, as they dro
$\qquad$ up. Mr. Charles White, Smith's backer, took
the chair. As a preliminary to the proceedings, be chair. As a preliminary to the proceedings,
both Smith and Kilrain appeared at an open cheered again and again as they saw them standing band-in-hand. The healths of the a. succession of complimentary tosasts followed. subsequently it was stated by the chairman that Smith would receive the whole of the stake of $1,000 \mathrm{l}$. laid on him by his backers, and that both men to a banquet, at which a belt would
be presented to the English champion by his
admirers.
The Rev. R. S. Stoney, viear of Wrea-green speaking at a charch tea-meeting, referred to the pugilistic encounter between Smith an Kilrain, and ssid be felt proud to see men in
these degenerate days standing up and fighting Cose degenerate days standing up and fighting into one another in such a way that at the end bracing 106 rounds, and no one could tell which was the better man,

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