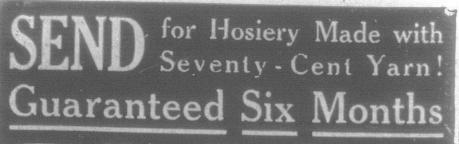
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The things of earth have filled our thought, And trifles of the passing hour.

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Some Old-Time Echoes. ON TREK IN THE TRANSVAAL.

XIV.

I have been challenged as to the accuracy of a statement made in my last Echo, that tigers were to be met with in the wilder parts of South Africa. "Why," said the voice through the telephone, "there are no tigers in South Africa at all." This was, of course, somewhat disconcerting, and all for want of an explanatory word. The animal mentioned in my Log, and known in the then local parlance of the Transvaal as the tiggr, was, perhaps, more accurately speaking, the "Cape leopard," of which here are two distinct species.

were tigers prowling round the mine. as Missus knows."

word "tigers" was explanatory mough when the best wisdom of those for whom the excitement of the chase had no thurns, was to keep in safe hiding until the danger of a nocturnal

visit was over. SPORT IN THE TRANSVAAL.

Sport in plenty there was, and probably is still in South Africa-no battles, no "dilly, dilly, come and be killed" style of fun, but an exciting hunt, narrow escapes, sudden surprises, etc., requiring keen sight, steady aim, and an A1 rifle. Add to these good powers of endurance, an appetite above squeamishness, which can even swallow uncooked food at a pinch, unlimited climbing and whole-hearted love for an adventurous life, and what more can your thorough ortsman require?

On the 8th of July, my notes say, "This is our last day out, and as we wend our way through Kafir gardens and mealie grounds and realize that one long quietus to any further efforts in that trek more will bring us to Eersteling, the center of the mining operations which my husband has beer deputed to rate gangs worked the mine, under the inspect, it seems almost too good to

come and offer thy gift." Once a very near the goal to which you have Christian was expecting to die as a been so wearily journeying, so as to martyr for his faith. The night before his death he dreamed that he was in morning. But to this proposal I make a vigorous objection. We cannot have bath, bed, and a roof over our heads too soon. My companions applaud my resolution, and uphold me in carrying it out, therefore in the dim twilight, so nearly dark that the glimmer of lamp and candle from the windows of the houses in the little mining settlement we enter, seems as a welcome, we, weary wanderers that we are, reach the "haven where we would be," and sink to sleep, oh! so thankfully, oh! so restfully, with our heads upon the real pillows, and our bodies between the real sheets, which had been thoughtfully and kindly provided for us at the Company's house, the headquarters of the manager of the

AT EERSTELING

I suppose, before closing my somewhat overlong story, I should add a few descriptive words as to the goal we had reached at last.

On the 20th of July, 1875, the Log says: "We have now been a fortnight at Eersteling, and its natural beauties grow upon us daily. Hills are around and about us everywhere, some in ranges, with here and there a gap between, or alone, standing out boldly with grand outlines, and with smaller kopjes nigh at hand, bearing a fantastic resemblance to an old hen with her brood of overgrown chickens fossilized for their greediness in the very act of meddling with man's own particular right in South Africa to scratch and grub for the gold which mother earth so cunningly hides, and yet sometimes so unexpectedly reveals.

It gives one a curious sensation, at least while the novelty lasts, to think of the untold treasures one may at the very moment be trampling under foot.

Though its gullies and spruits have been the home of many a nugget, and possibly hold the secret of many more, yet Eersteling has more of reef than alluvial gold.

Do any of you picture us sauntering under our broad, flapping hats, or big, white, but color-lined umbrellas, picking up here a nugget and there a "nobbly bit" of stone flecker with yellow, putting them into our pockets as one does when gathering pebbles or shells upon the sea shore? Not so, oh, Enquirer; gold is not to be had for the bare stooping for it, although you may pick up a bit of quartz and cast it away as valueless, all unknowing in your inexperience that a tiny speck was there, I can recall one morning very clearly nevertheless. As cart after cart passes when John said, "Good job missus and repasses us, we know that the big didn't go outside last night, for there stamps will have to pound away upon tons' weight of the Look, Missus, there's their spoor in the to produce, at the end of the several Wherever there are baboons," he careful processes yet to be gone through, added, "there's sure to be tigers, and one of those handsome-looking cakes there's plenty baboons around Eersteling, much about the size, and of much the The term "Felis leopardus" was utterly gingerbread so dear to the school-boy same appearance, as the slabs of golden unknown amongst the primitive folks in heart. One of these was handed to me the wilds of South Africa, but the sim- once with the somewhat late caution, as my hand nearly dropped it from its unexpected weight, "Look out, it is heavier than it appears!" And, truly, who could have thought so small a thing could have been so weighty or have cost so much time and labor to produce?

That there was gold and to spare in the Transvaal no one could doubt, but the necessary outlay, for the conveyance of heavy machinery, for the salaries of competent men to work it, with their travelling expenses from Cornwall, England, to the Transvaal, etc., made expenditures outweigh profits, consequently it did not take long to discover that the sooner the enterprise was discontinued the better for the shareholders walking capabilities, and an honest, of the Company which my husband represented.

Perhaps these difficulties might have been in some measure overcome under other conditions, but the outbreak of the Kafir War and the disturbing influences incident to it, put the final direction. The three hundred or more Kafirs of different tribes, who, in sepaskilled direction of the thirty or forty Cornishmen, were constantly being sum-It appears that the etiquette of travel- moned by mysterious messengers to preling in South Africa demands that you pare for battle, thus depleting the workshould outspan for the last night out, ing power upon which so much depended.

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