

HOW THE OLD COLONEL FELL.

A Rocky Mountain Story of the O. P. R.

Being a Faithful Record of the Downfall of a Man with a Larger Stock of Imagination Than He Was Endowed With.

Old Colonel Henderson used to be a light-hearted wayfarer, but he has experienced a change of heart, and to-day he takes life most seriously.

Eli Perkins was on a trip out west, on his way to Japan, over the C. P. R., and it was before Eli that the colonel fell.

"Shake hands with Mr. Jothan Beech, of Price's Corners, Ontario, Col. Henderson," said Eli.

"Remarkable country, this Mr. Beech," he remarked hospitably, as he sidled down into the seat.

"It is that, sir," returned Eli with a vigorous farmerish bob of the head.

"No, Jothan," continued the colonel, in an ingratiating, whole-hearted way.

"The colonel's 'run' was from Medicine Hat, out on the plains, in what is known as the 'banana belt'."

"If it wouldn't be too much trouble, sir," began the other. The colonel wanted to be pressed.

"Yes, sir, and right back of there I have a reasonable farm, and I find it a most profitable business."

"By gum, I should say that was a turn," exclaimed Eli, whose open-mouthed and wild-eyed astonishment hugely delighted the railway man.

The colonel was simply dumbfounded when he saw his pseudo agricultural friend on the platform.

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"A country of magnificent distances!" bawled Eli. "Where is there the equal of it?"

"That's so," from the colonel, who was growing enthusiastic.

And here the colonel fell. "Three hundred and sixty-four miles, he prompted in a loud voice, feeling it would be wrong to keep silent when a man he had so wronged was in deep distress."

"Is it necessary to tell more? The colonel does not know how he lived through the lecture, and the first thing he remembers afterwards was taking a drink with the man from the east."

TROUBLE IN SOUTH AFRICA.

An Attempt to Overrule British Authority. A Zanzibar despatch says—Albin Said, Sultan of Zanzibar, is dead.

He died with a son, and as soon as his death was known his son Kalid gained admittance to the palace by a back entrance, evidently with the intention of claiming the throne in defiance of British authority.

The British commissioner to examine the situation in that country, took a prompt and vigorous course. Proceeding to the palace with a strong force of troops he demanded that the gate be opened.

Peace has been maintained without a breach through the prompt and vigorous action of the British.

The true site of the Garden of Eden has been the subject of almost endless controversy.

One sharp cry of terror burst forth from us all. As we saw the huge mass topple over and fall, we stood as if bound to the spot dumb of speech.

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POETRY.

That Jack's life blood was red on the engine wheel. Brave Jack Chiddy! Now don't you sneer. At the name which I own is burly to the core.

The Mother's Prayer. BY THORODOR TILTON. A mother's holy arm caressed. A babe that lay upon her breast.

To Those Who Fail. Courage, brave heart, nor in thy purpose falter. Go and win the fight at any cost.

The Insignia of Greatness. In support of the respect and homage thus voluntarily extended to me I informed the chief "Ngor" that in the white man's land (Mputu) none but the biggest of chiefs were permitted to wear such gorgeous attire.

At night groups of dancers, young and old, loudly sang the praises of the distinguished visitor with the colored coat.

Brave Jack Chiddy—oh, well you may sneer. But the name isn't one that sounds nice in the ear.

Jack Chiddy—where you are smiling again at the name which I own is both common and plain.

Very soon after this I had command of an expedition up the Oubanghi, a river people cannibals savage and warlike, and during this journey I was stubbornly attacked.

When stacking some blocks, all at once, down a slope. A huge log of stone from the rest shoved its way.

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TAMING WILD ELEPHANTS.

Novel Method of Capturing the Animals in Indo-China. Dr. C. W. Rosset, the traveller and explorer, who is well known for his contributions to ethnography, is now in this country.

The animals were unsaddled and the baggage was taken off and left in charge of a number of men.

Each elephant was ridden by two men. One who was called the capturer, rode astride on its back.

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We advanced with all speed on the trail. Every moment I was in danger of being hurled to the ground by the branches of trees.

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