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MR FRAMPTONS INTRODUCTION to a royal tigel.
When I was a young shnver. having fived in the world sume twenty yenrs or soo, I Wiss enpard as $n$ sins of supirnumerary clerk in
the huuse of Wibon nud Brown, at Calcutta; the house of Wo hoon nibe Bmwn, yt Calcuttar ;
and huving no one, clie who cou ti be so ens. ilf spared, they determined to deyphech me on a busincuss a degotiations to one of the native
princes, about eight hundred miles ap the country. 1 truvelled with $n$ purty. of the Slingsloy. a min aluouti flve yeurs older zitnn Myself, and na gown a fellow ay ever,.lived. fancy to mei nod umthing woukd do birt thint I should uccompmny him in anl lis sporting expenticons-for 1 shouk tell you thet be jeritiond Aoure strange notion that he stopuld he abte to muke oue of me. One unforiun. ite nioriniag the cone into uy reiut, and
woke mé out of a sound sleep whicli 1 hid
night by the most diateolical lowls and
screnms that ever were heard out of llediam ex, iecting eyery sinute to sce some of their
performers step it to sulp, not wath me, but performers'step it to silj, not with me, but ufois the.
"Come, Frampton, wnie up, man! cried Slingslyy, " here's glorious reews."
"What is is it ?" suid I. " have they fuuni нnotlier lasaper of ale amones the bag gane ?"
"Ale-nonsensc." was the reply, "A shik karee (untive hunter) has just come into cimp to say, that $n$ young hallock was car-
rind off yesterday, wind is lying, hulf eaten, in rind off yesterday, nisd is lying, hulf cuten, in the jungle, about a mile from this place: so
ht last, my boy, I slaill have the plemsure of iutroducing gou to a real live tiger."
" Thank ye," snid I, " gou're-but if it's at all iuconvenient 10 you this morning, you well for me-I'm, not in the lenst hurry."
It was of no use, however: all I not for my puins wis a joke in the ribs, and an in juiction to lose no time in getting reidy.
"Befnre, we had lone brenkfast, the great man of the neighbouriood, Rijuh somebrily plunt, aitended by a mnin of tawnicg, who were to undertake the ngrecable duty of benting. Noz being considercl fit to talie care of mgself-a inelancholy fiut, of which was only $t 00$ conscious-it was decreed that Sting aby and I should occupy the sume how dath. Accordingly, pt the time appointed we mounted our elephant and, havisgen for niduble array of gune handed up to us, we niduble
sturted.
As my companion, and, indead, every one eboconcerned in the maller, evicenty con
enjny themselves too, I endeavoured to per suade myself that I did an too ; and, consorled loy the reflection that if the the tiger had pesitively entell halfa bullock yesterday nfter-
noon, it uever could be worth its while to noson, it never could be worth its while to
scale our eleplant, and run the risk of beins scale our elephant, nnd run the risk of being shot, for the sake of devouring me, I felt rnther bold thal otherivise. After proceeding for some distunce through the jungle, nni roused, as it seempid to Me, every beast thint had come out of Nualis Ark, except a tiger, our elephant, Who had hitherto conlenandy munner suddealy ruised lis trunk, and trintipethd severnl times, -a sure sign, as the mim. hout infurmed
cluse at hand.
"Nuw then, Frampton," cried my companion, cocking his double-barrel, " look out!"
"Forsqualls," ruturned 1 finishing the sentence fur him. "O Pny is there nuy purabouts shinll I nim?"'
Wherever you can. " replied Slingubs, "" be renily, thare he is, hy Jupiter! nol, ins he Nopoke, the long grass blout a hundred yarils in front of us was genily ngitated, and I caught
 site direction-" Tally ho!" shouted Slangsby, salutinas the tiger with both barrels. An hy, saluling the tiger with both barres. An
ningry rume uroved that the sloots hat tahen elleet, and in nouther moment, a lurge tiger hashing his sides with his tuil and his ejes glaring with ruge, came bounding townrds us.
"t Now what's to be done !' exclaimed I, -" if you had but left hith hlone, he was guing awny us quietly as prossible."
Slingsly's ouly reply was $n$ smile. and, seizing anmether gun, he fired agmin. On recriving this sho, the tiger stopped for a moMentr, had then, with a tremendous bound,
sprang towards us, alighting at the foot of $n$ sprang towards us, highting at the foot of $n$
small taee, not a yurd from the elephaut's sumalt
hemal.
"That lase shot crippled him," said my compuinn "or we shomh have find the
pleasure of his nenrer acquaintance-now for plensure of his nenrer acquaintance-now fur
the coup de grace, fire uway!" and as he sposke, he leaned furward to take a deliberate nim, when soddenly the front of the low dals gave way, and to my horror, Slingshy was
precipinated over the elephant's hend, into, as precipitated over the elephant's hend, into, ats
it seemed to inf, the very jaws of the tiger. it secmed to inf. the very jaws of the agary,
A fierce growl hnda suppressed cry of aginy, uroved that the monster had seized his prey. and I had canpletely givens my friend up for host, when the elephant, although grently alarmed, being urged on by the mahout, took A step forward, and, iwisting his trunk roulla the top of the young trec, bent. it down heross
the hoins of the tiper, thus forcing the forthe hoins of the tiper, thus furcing the tor-
tured animal to quit his hold, nad afforting tured animal to quit his hold, mad affording
Slingstiy an opportunity of crawling beyond Slingsty an opportunity of crawling beyona the rench of its teeth nud clawa. Forgeting
wy own fears in the immineluce of my friemi's dunger. 1 only waited till 1 could get $a$ shot at the tiger, without running the risk of hurt ing Slingshy, and then fired both burrels at
its lieni, und wiss lucky enough to wound it its liend, und wis lucky enough to wound it
mortally. The ollocr spoutsmen coming up mortally. The olloer aportsmen coming up
at the moment, the brute received his quietus, at the moment, the brute received his quietus, the tiper hand seized it with its teeth. and his shouhders and chest were severely lacernted
by ifs claws, nor did he entirely recover from thy its claws, nor did he entirely recover from
the shock for nnany months. And this was ang first introduction to a royal tizer, Sir. 1 snw many of them nitcrwneds, during the tiune 1 speut in Indiu, but 1 cun't say I ev
hud anuch liking for their society-umph

## A WOLF CHASE

During the winter of $1 S 44$, being engaged inihonortiern part of Maine, 1 hail mach leisure to devote tol the wild sports fa new country. To none of thase was more passionately addicied, than skating. The deep anil seque tered lakes of this northern state, frozen by intense cold, present a wide field to the lovers of this pastime. Often would I bind on my rusty skates, and glide away up the glittering river, and mazy streamlet that Gôwed ou towatds the parent ocean, and feel my pulse bound with the joyous exercise. It was during one of these ex cursions that 1 net with an adventure which event at this proriod of my life, review with wonder amd astonishment. I had left my fizend's house one evening just before dusk, with the intention of kating a shart distance up the noble Kunnebec, which glited directly heture the duar. The new moon peered from her lofty seat, and cast her lueams on the frödy pine thit skirted the shote unill They semed the realisation of a fairscune
All nature lay in anuiet which she some-
air. seemed to have sunk into repose Ihat goue up the river about two miles When coming to a stream which emptied into the larger, I turned to explore its conarse. Fir and hemlock of a century's growth met over head, and formed an growh met over head, and formed an
archway, radiant | with, ftost-work. All was dark within, but 1 was young and fearlesy us I peerel into the unbroken wood that reared itself to the borders of the stream. I laughed in very joyousness. My wild hurrah rung through the silent wood, and I stood and listened to the echon that reverberated again and again echon that roverberated again and again, niglit hitd wouldgep his wings from some tull oak.

The mighty lord of the forest stnox as if songlat but time could bow them. thought how oft the Indian hunter concenled himself lehind these very trees, how of the arrow hal pierce the deer at this very stream, and how of his wild hallo had rang for his victory. I watched the uwis as they filted by, until I almost fancied myselt one of them and held my breath to listen to their distant honting.
Suddenly a sound arose. It seemed from the very ice tieneath my feet. Loud and tremulaus.atarist, until it ended in one wild yell. I was appalled. Never befine had such a noise reached my ears I thought it more then mortal, so fierce and amid such unbroken solitude that it seemed a fend from leell had blown a blest from an infermal trampet. Presently I heard the twigs on shoro snap, as from the tread uf some beant, and the blond rushed back to my firehead with : hound that made my skin burn, and 1 felt received that 1 had to content with things earthly and not of spiritual mould My encrgies returned, and I looked round me for some place of retreat. The monn shone through the opening by which I entered the forest, and cons:do: ing this the best means of escape, I darted throuh it like an arrow. '1'was hard ly an hundred yards distant, and the swallow could scacely excel my desperate fight; yet as I turned my head towards the slure I could see two dark objects dashing through the underbrush, at a pace luearly double that of my own. By their great speed, and the short yells which they occasionally gave I knew at once that they were the much dreaded gray wale.
1 hal never mot with these animals but from the description given of them, I had but little pleasure in making their acquaintance.-Their untameable fiercenews, and untiring strength, which seems a part oftheirnature, renderthem cobjects of dread to every benigthed traveller.

With heir Inug, gallop which ceis ties,
The deer-hound ehate, the huniiers fire."
they pursue their pray, and nought hut death can seperate them. The bushes that skitted the shore flew past with the velocity of lightning, as I dashed on my flight. The out let was nearly gained; one second more and I would be com paraticely safe, when my pursuers appear ed on the bank directly aliove me. which here rose to the height often feet. There was no time fur thought, sol. hent my head and dashed madly forward. The wolves sprang, but miscalculating my
speed, surang behind, while their iutend ed, pray glided out into the river.

Nature iurned me towards home. The igglit fiak's snow spun from the iron of my skates, and I was some distance from my pursuers, when their ferce lwowl told me that I was atill the fugitive. I did not lonk back, I was not afraid, or sorry or glad; one thought of home of the bright faces awaiting, my reiurn, of their tears if they never should see ine, and then every energy. of boxly and mind wats exerted for an escape. I was perfectly at home on the ice. Many. were the days that I spunt on my good skates never thinking that at one time they would be my only means of safety. Every half minutean alternaic yelp from my fierce ittendants made me but $\mathbf{t o}$ certaiil that "hey were in close pursuit. Nearer and nearer they came; I. heard their foet pattering on the ice uearer still, until I fanciod. 1 could bear, their

