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Marvels of the Jungle.

To see seven hundred elephants on the move, to photograph an old charging cow at 25 feet and to save his life by grabbing the tusks of an angry bull and swinging between them to the ground are some of the thrilling experiences of Mr. Carl Akeley, a representative of the American Museum of Natural History, in search of specimens in the forests of British East Africa. His stirring story is told in the World's Work.

That elephants will stay and take care of a wounded comrade is a human trait revealed to the astonishment of Mr. Akeley by some of that vast herd of seven hundred in the Budongo forest. Says Mr. Akeley: "I stood watching them a little time and suddenly caught sight of a fine tusk—an old bull, and just what I wanted for the group I was working on for the Museum of Natural History. I ran up behind a bush at the edge of the clearing and peeked through it. There, not more than twenty yards from me, was my bull, partially exposed and partially covered by the other animals. I could not get a shot at his brain as he was standing, but the foreleg on my side was forward, exposing his side so that I had a good shot at his heart—a shot I had never made before. The heart is eighteen or twenty inches long and perhaps a foot up and down—a good mark in size if one's guess at its location is accurate. If you can hit an elephant's vertebrae and break his back you can kill him. You can kill him by hitting his heart, or by hitting his brain. If you hit him anywhere else you are not likely to hurt him much and the brain and heart shots are the only safe bets. I fired at his heart, with both barrels and then grabbed my other gun from the gun boy, ready for their rush, but the whole herd, including the old bull, made off in the direction of the forest, raising a cloud of dust. I ran around and climbed an anti-hill four or five feet high to keep them in sight.

"When I caught sight of them they had gone about fifty yards and had stopped. And then I did learn something about elephants. My old bull was down on the ground on his side. Around him were ten or twelve other elephants, trying desperately with their trunks and tusks to get him on his feet again. They were doing their best to rescue their wounded comrade. They moved his great bulk fifteen or twenty feet in their efforts, but were unable to get him up. I don't know of any other big animals that will do this. I did not see the end of their efforts to raise the bull that I had shot."

In an interesting description of the remarkable equipment of the elephant Mr. Akeley states that it is known that an elephant has never been known to lie down. "In many other ways, besides its smelling ability," says Mr. Akeley, "the elephant's trunk is the most extraordinary part of this most extraordinary animal. A man's arm has a more or less universal joint at the shoulder. The elephant's trunk is absolutely flexible at every point. It can turn in any direction and in whatever position it is and has tre-

mendous strength. There is no bone in it, of course, but it is constructed of interwoven muscle and sinew so tough that one can hardly cut it with a knife. An elephant can shoot a stream of water out of it that would put out a fire. Lift a tree trunk weighing a ton and throw it easily, or it is delicate enough to pull a blade of grass with it. He drinks with it, feeds himself with it, smells with it, works with it, and at times fights with it. Incidentally a mouse that endeavored to frighten an elephant by the traditional nursery rhyme method of running up his trunk would be blown into the next county. There is nothing else like an elephant's trunk on earth.

"And, for that matter, there is nothing else like the elephant either. He has come down to us through the ages, surviving the conditions which killed off his earlier contemporaries, and he now adapts himself perfectly to more different conditions than any other animal in Africa.

"He can eat anything that is green or ever has been green, just so long as there is enough of it. He can get his water from the aloe plants on the arid plains, or dig a well in the sand of a dry river bed with his trunk and fore feet, and drink there, or he is equally at home on the low, hot plains of the seacoast at the equator, or on the cool slopes of Kenya and Elgon. There are elephants on Kenya that have never lain down for a hundred years. Some of the plains elephants do not lay down, but no one ever saw a Kenya elephant lying down or any evidence that he does lie down to rest. On good ground a good horse can outrun him, but on bad ground the horse would have no chance, and there are few animals that can cover more ground in a day than an elephant, and, in spite of his appearance, he can turn with surprising agility and move through the forest as quietly as a rabbit.

"An elephant's foot is almost as remarkable as his trunk. In the first place, his foot is encased in a bag-like skin with a heavy padded bottom, with some of the characteristics of an anti-skid tire. An elephant walks on his toes. His toes form the front part of his foot and the bones of his foot run not only back but up. Underneath these bones at the back of his foot is a gelatine-like substance, which is a much more effective shock absorber than rubber heels or any other device. One of the curious things about this kind of a foot is that it swells out when the weight is on it and contracts when the weight is removed."

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Immense Fish Concerns

IN THE HANDS OF RECEIVERS. The East Coast Fisheries Co., of Rockland, Me., and who last year had a branch of their industry in St. Peter's, is now in the hands of receivers. The company, perhaps one of the largest on the continent, like all other similar industries, was hit hard by the backward market and other adverse conditions.

A few days ago Colonel Goethals, of Boston, and H. M. Verrill, of Portland, Me., were appointed receivers of the East Coast Fisheries Co., and the East Coast Fisheries Products Co., by Judge Clarence Hale in the U. S. District Court recently upon petition of creditors. Temporary permanent injunctions were ordered giving them possession and the management of all the properties, which are located at Rockland.

The East Coast Fisheries Company is shown by the schedules filed to have liabilities and assets of approximately \$13,000,000 each while the subsidiary company incorporated to handle the products of the parent corporation has assets of \$7,196,000 with liabilities amounting to \$105,590,000 the capital stock of \$10,000,000 being included in both cases.

Allegations of the complainants, Harris Lattor & Co., of New York, who have claims of \$7,500 for services against both corporations and are acting on behalf of other creditors, are admitted by Charles O. Poor, vice-president of both concerns. It is alleged that the total quick and current liabilities of the fisheries company, given as \$2,620,765, many times exceed the total quick and current assets, given as \$187,000 and that the

appointment of the receivers was necessary to preserve the properties and obtain expert management.

Among the current liabilities of the fisheries company are debts for \$400,000 due this month and \$425,000 due next June.—North Sydney Herald.

Hodson, of "Hodson's Horse"

HERO AND DEVOUT LOVER.

(John O'London's Weekly.) In the drama of the Indian Mutiny there is no more romantic or heroic figure than that of Major William Hodson, of Hodson's Horse, "the very mention of whom," to quote General Sir Hugh Gough, "was a proverb and war-cry in the Punjab as 'The Great Hodson.'" A born soldier and leader of men, the finest swordsman in India, a man who revelled in risk and danger, and, as one of his comrades said, "won the V.C. every day of his life," he was also a man of singular charm, "combining the playfulness of the boy with the deep tenderness of a woman."

Supremely Happy.

Unfortunately, we know little of the early years of Hodson's love romance. We only know that when he was serving in the Guernsey Militia, after graduating at Cambridge, he first met and lost his heart to Susan Henry, daughter of a naval captain; and that seven years later, as "widow of John Mitford, Esquire, of Exbury, Hants," she crossed the sea and was married to him at the Cathedral in Calcutta on the 6th of January, 1852, when he was nearing his thirty-first birthday. "She is wonderfully little altered," wrote Hodson, "since I saw her in 1844; and, being in better health, she looks younger. Sir Lawrence Peel has placed a house at our disposal here and we are very comfortable indeed and supremely happy." This event, so prosaically described, was the crowning of a mutual love as strong and deep as any in human history; and never has long and weary waiting been more richly rewarded.

Many Partings.

By this time Hodson had already won many laurels. For so energetic a man there was small time for newly-wedded delights; and after a few happy weeks at Agra and Umballa he was called away to Ludhiana "to try a lot of gentlemen who have devoted their youthful energies to strangling their neighbours," leaving his wife to the care of his good friends, Colonel and Mrs. Trevor Wheeler.

Before they met again Hodson had realized his great ambition. Though only a lieutenant, he was appointed to the command of the Guides, which he had so long coveted; and he looked eagerly forward to making a home for his wife at Peshawar, at the mouth of the Khyber Pass. "My good wife and I," he writes later to a friend, "have been separated for some time, with only an occasional 'fluid interval' for a day or two. I am tied to this hill by my official duties; but it disagrees so much with her that I was obliged to send her to Simla. She is now quite well—thank God for her—and rides fifteen miles before breakfast without fatigue!"

But he was rewarded for all his perils and long waiting when, at last, in September, 1853, he was "able to enjoy a little holiday from arms and kitchenery with Susie."

The Mutiny.

Thus, with a few more sad partings followed by blissful reunions, three more years pass, and Hodson is swept into the maelstrom of the Mutiny, in which he was fated to play so heroic and immortal a part.

The Fight at Lucknow.

The story is written in letters that will endure. But the day came when Hodson's lucky star failed him; and it came during the storming of the palace of the Begam Kotli, at Lucknow, on the 11th of March, 1858.

Hodson had gone with the attacking party as a volunteer. The fighting was nearly over when he and Nihal Singh entered the courtyard, in which some of the sepoy were still lurking. "Where are the rebels?" he said. "I pointed to the door of the room," says Mr. Forbes-Mitchell; "and Hodson, shouting 'Come on!' was about to rush in. I implored him not to do so, saying, 'It's certain death—wait for the powder-bags.' Hodson made a step forward and fell back shot through the chest. He gasped out 'Oh, my wife,' but was immediately choked by blood."

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Princess Mary's Real Name.

It is not generally known that Princess Mary should be really called Princess Victoria, for that is her first name, and Mary is her last. Her full christian names are Victoria Alexandra Alice Mary. The reason that she adopts her mother's name is to avoid confusion with her aunt, Princess Victoria, whose other names are Alexandra Olga Mary. Victoria and Alexandra are favourite names in the Royal family. Princess Louise has both of them among her christian names, so has Princess Arthur of Connaught and her sister Princess Maud. The Prince of Wales and his two brothers have both Albert among

their christian names, the heir to the throne having more names than any other member of the Royal Family, namely, Edward Albert Christian George Andrew Patrick David.

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Too Many Wives.

In the cold and chilly dawn the kindly old gentleman was waiting outside the country gaol for the discharged prisoners. He went up to one and asked if he needed any help. "What brought you to this, my poor friend?" he asked kindly. "I dunno, sir," replied the man softly; "unless it was attendin' too many weddin's."

"Ah, you learnt to drink at these festivities, or to steal, perhaps?" the old gentleman suggested sympathetically.

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