

THE BLUE-JACKETS AND THE PYTHON. — An exciting and amusing affair which recently occurred on board H. M. S. *Rattler*, and while it lasted gave the ship's company a lively quarter of an hour, is thus described by the *Singapore Free Press*:—"There are two pets on board, a big Borneo orang-outang, and the other a fine sample of a python about 19 or 2 feet in length. This creature, which had dined heartily on a deer about three weeks before, had begun to feel its appetite come back again, and in searching about its box for an exit found a place in the side in bad repair. His sneakship was through that in a twinkling unobserved, and seeing the orang-outang, who was chained up a few yards off, invited himself on the spur of the moment to pot-luck upon that unfortunate quadruman. The python at once coiled for his spring—his mode of saying grace before meat—when suddenly the quartermaster, Dickson, taking all this in at a glance, promptly cut poor excited Jack loose, who was up to the masthead in a brace of shakes. Lieut. Larking, the proprietor of the orang-outang, the quartermaster and another of the crew, who were all on the scene, flung themselves instantly on the hungry python, one at the head,

another at the tail, and one in the middle. Then the band began to play, for the python wanted to get one of the aggressors in his coils, cuddled up against something hard, and the others meant to keep him straight, and free from such uncomfortable kinks. For a moment it was the Laocoon group over again, only in this case three men and one snake, and sprawling all over the deck instead of standing upright in classic marble attitude. But reinforcements arrived in hot haste, and about twenty sturdy blue-jackets, each embracing a foot of python, reduced the reptile to comparative quiescence. The procession marched back to the python's box, coiled him down inside, and shut him up. But Jack sat like a little cherub aloft at the masthead for a long time before he came to the conclusion that he was 'off' the menu of the day."

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that under the Companies' Act, Letters Patent have been issued under the Great Seal of Canada, bearing date the 24th day of July, 1900, incorporating the Honorable Alfred Arthur Thibault, Senator, Richard Wilson Smith, broker, Garnett Henry Meldrum, broker, all of the City of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, Thomas Bliss Stillman, analytical chemist, and Humes Hall, analytical chemist, both of the City of New York, in the State of New York, one of the United States of America, for the following purposes, namely:—

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(b) To carry on the business of timber merchants and saw mill proprietors;

(c) To buy, sell, grow and prepare for market, manufacture, import, export and deal in timber and wood of all kinds;

(d) To acquire, own and hold all patents and patent rights covering the process for rendering such materials fireproof, and all patents relating to the manufacture and use of the same; the operations of the Company to be carried on at the City of Montreal and elsewhere throughout the Dominion of Canada by the name of "THE ELECTRIC FIREPROOFING COMPANY OF CANADA, LIMITED," with a total capital stock of Three Hundred Thousand (\$300,000.00) dollars, divided into three thousand (3,000) shares of \$100.00. Dated at the office of the Secretary of State of Canada, this twentieth day of July, nineteen hundred.

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