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The story of the awful night of the torture and death spent by 146 English prisoners in the Black Hole of Calcutta on June 18, 1756, has been read with a feeling of horror for nearly a century and a half.

In an old paper recently resurrected in a garret in this city there was found a short and graphic account of the night of suffering and death as told in the words of one of the survivors.

It would seem from this tale that the confining of the prisoners in this small dungeon on a hot and torrid night was an accident rather than design, as the prisoners were ordered into the Black Hole, near which they were being guarded, after some attempt to find a more suitable location, and that they suffered and died chiefly because no one would order their removal when it was discovered that the dungeon was literally a place of death, without orders from the Nabob, who was asleep, his attendants fearing the consequences of awakening him.

In an hour after the door closed on the victims of his merciless order a number were dead, and most of the rest were raving maniacs, clamoring for air and water.

In four hours nearly 100 of the 146 prisoners were dead, an awful mortality which probably saved those who survived from a similar fate.

When the order of release was issued twelve hours had not expired since the fatal door was closed, but only twenty-three half dead victims survived, and marched out into the morning light and air. Most of the survivors were immediately released, and told to go where they pleased. The story of a survivor is as follows:

Mr. Holwell, the chief man among the prisoners, on returning from its interview with the Nabob, Suraja Dowla, found his unfortunate companions assembled and surrounded by a strong guard.

Strong buildings on the north and south sides of the fort were already in flames, which approached with so thick a smoke on either hand that the prisoners imagined their enemies had caused this conflagration in order to suffocate them between the two fires.

On each side of the eastern gate of the fort, extended a range of chambers, adjoining to the curtain, and before the chambers a veranda, or open gallery, it was an arched masonry, and intended to shelter the soldiers from the sun and rain, but being low, almost totally obstructed the chambers behind from the light and air, and whilst some of the guard were looking in other parts of the factory for proper places to confine the prisoners during the night, the rest ordered them to assemble in ranks under the veranda on the right hand of the gateway, where they remained for some time with so little suspicion of their impending fate, that they laughed among themselves at the seeming oddity of this disposition, and amused themselves with conjecturing what they should next be ordered to do.

About 8 o'clock those who had been sent to examine the rooms reported that they had found none fit for the purpose, on which the principal officer commanded the prisoners to go into one of the rooms which stood behind them along the veranda.

It was the common dungeon of the garrison, and was called the Black Hole. Many of the prisoners, knowing the place, began to expostulate, upon which the officer ordered his men to cut down those who hesitated, on which the prisoners obeyed, but before all were within, the room was so thronged that the last entered with difficulty. The guard immediately closed and locked the door, confining 146 persons in a room not twenty feet square, with only two small windows, and these were obstructed by the veranda.

It was the hottest season of the year and the atmosphere was sultry, even at this period. The excessive pressure of their bodies against one another and the intolerable heat which prevailed as soon as the door was shut, convinced the prisoners that it was impossible to live through the night in this horrible confinement, and violent attempts were immediately made to force the door, but without effect, for it opened inward, at which many became frantic with fright and suffering.

Mr. Holwell, who had placed himself at one of the windows, expected them to remain composed both in mind and body as the only means of surviving the night, and his reasonings produced a short interval of quiet, during which he applied to an old Jemadar, who bore some marks of humanity in his countenance, promising to give him one thousand rupees in the morning if he would separate the prisoners into two chambers.

The old man went to try, but returning in a few minutes, said it was impossible, when Mr. Holwell offered him a larger sum, but he returned with the fatal sentence that no relief could be expected, as the Nabob was asleep, and no one dared to awaken him.

In the meantime every minute had increased their sufferings. The first effect of their confinement was a profuse and continued sweat, which soon produced intolerable thirst, succeeded by excruciating pains in the breast, with difficulty of breathing, little short of suffocation.

Various means were tried to obtain more room and air; every one stripped of his clothes; every hat was put in motion, but these methods afforded no relief; then it was proposed that they should all set down on the floor at the same time, and, after remaining a little while in this posture, rise all together.

This fatal expedient was thrice repeated before they had been confined in that place one hour, and every time several, unable to rise again,

were trampled to death by their companions.

Attempts were again made to force the door, which failing as before, redoubled their rage, their thirst increasing, nothing but "water, water" became soon after the general cry.

The good Jemadar immediately ordered some skins of water to be brought to the windows, but instead of relief his benevolence became a more dreadful cause of destruction, for the sight of water threw every one into such excessive agitations and ravings that, unable to resist this violent impulse of nature, none could wait to be regularly served, but each, with the utmost ferocity, battled against those who were like him, to get it before him, and in these conflicts many were either pressed to death by the efforts of others, or suffocated by their own.

This scene, instead of producing compassion on the guard, only excited their mirth, and they held up lights to the bars in order to have the diabolical satisfaction of viewing the deplorable contentions of the sufferers within, who, finding it impossible to get any water, whilst it was thus furiously disputed, at length suffered those who were nearest to the windows to convey it in their hats to those behind them.

It proved no relief either to their thirst or other sufferings, for the ver increased every moment with the increasing depravity of the air in the dungeon, which had been so often respired and was saturated with the hot and deleterious effluvia of putrefying bodies, the effect of which was little less than mortal.

Before midnight all who were alive and had not partaken of the air at the window were either in a lethargic stupor, or raving with delirium.

Every kind of invective and abuse was uttered in hopes of provoking the guard to put an end to their misery, by firing into the dungeon, and whilst some were blaspheming their Creator with the frantic exclamations of torment, others, who still survived in the inward part of the dungeon finding that the water had afforded them no relief, made efforts to obtain air by endeavoring to scramble over the heads of those who stood between them and the windows, where the utmost strength of every one was employed for two hours, either in maintaining his own ground or in endeavoring to get that of which others were in possession.

All regards of compassion were lost, and no one would receive or give way for the relief of another, faintness sometimes giving short pauses of quiet, but the first motion of any one renewed the struggle through all, under which ever and anon some one sunk to rise no more.

At 2 o'clock not more than fifty remained alive, but even this number were too many to partake of the saving air, the contest for which continued until the morning, long after the first dawn of day, when the survivors, who were so thronged and the survivors had so little strength remaining that they were employed nearly half an hour in removing the bodies which lay against the door, where they could clear a passage to go out or at a time, when, of 146 who went in, not more than twenty-three came out alive, the ghastliest forms that ever were seen.

The Nabob's troops beheld them, and the havoc of death from which they had escaped with indifference, which did not prevent them from removing to a distance, but were immediately obliged by the intolerable stench to clear the distance, while others dug a ditch on the outside of the fort, into which all the dead bodies were promiscuously thrown.

Mr. Holwell, unable to stand, was soon after carried to the Nabob, who was so far from showing any compassion for his condition or remorse for the death of the other prisoners, which he only talked of the treasures which the English had buried.

The officers to whose charge he was delivered ordered him put into fetters, together with Messrs. Court and Walcot, who were likewise supposed to know something of the treasures. The rest of the survivors, among whom were Messrs. Court and Mills, were old they might go where they pleased.

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## WITH THE STOVE-PIPES.

"To swear is vulgar," said Mrs. Androscroggin, severely.

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Mrs. Androscroggin didn't reply. She pursed up her lips and tried to look as dignified as possible. Seeing that there was a bad streak of soon across the centre of her heated countenance, the effect was not altogether a success.

Mr. Androscroggin came down off the stove to take rest, wholly unconscious of the fact that he was being watched by his wife, who was sitting on the stove again. He tried to put them up again, but he was too tired to do so.

"Of course I blame you," said Mrs. Androscroggin. "Because you're not man enough to put a dozen lengths of stove-pipe together! Oh, yes, it's my fault."

"There you go," said Mr. Androscroggin, "tantalizing and exasperating again as if I hadn't enough to worry me."

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Washington, Nov. 18. — The shower of leontides will not occur this season. The brilliant spectacle has been announced one year too soon. This announcement is made by Dr. L. J. See, one of the astronomers in the government service. Dr. See says the meteoric display, which has been a mere sputter this year, will be repeated at about this date in November, 1900. He believes the display will be as brilliant as the one observed by Humboldt in Venezuela in 1799.

WERE NOT ABUNDANT.

New York, Nov. 18. — A despatch to the Herald from Paris quotes Camille Flammarion: "As I had calculated, the shower of shooting stars was not very abundant. Instead of the hundreds of thousands observed in 1799 and in 1833, it has not been possible to register even a thousand."

## BEST 'NEATH WAVES.

A Complete History of the Diamond Dollars of 1804

Only Four of the Original Coinage of 19 570 in Existence.

"Every now and then one reads about the discovery of another of the famous 'diamond dollars' of 1804," said a gentleman of this city who owns one of the finest private collections of coins and medals in the south. "The dollars of that date are popularly supposed to be worth from \$1,500 to \$2,000 apiece, and if a few originals could be produced I dare say they would bring that figure easily enough. But it happens, unluckily, that there are only four on earth, and they are locked up in the vaults of the treasury building at Washington and couldn't be bought at any price. They are what are known as the 'test pieces,' which are always laid aside whenever a new coin is struck, and the rest of the issue is at this moment quietly reposing under several miles of deep blue sea. The true story is rather interesting. In 1804 the mint at Philadelphia is known to have turned out 19,570 silver dollars. That was the entire issue, barring the test pieces I have just spoken of, and it was never put into circulation. The whole lot, just as it came from the stamping presses, was dumped into an iron chest and put on board a merchantman bound for China. It was directed to the captain of a United States frigate then in oriental waters, and was intended to be used in paying certain expenses connected with the service. The merchantman ran into a Chinese typhoon and went to the bottom, where to the best of my information she had just struck. The test pieces are the only collector in the world who has a complete set of American dollars. Every other collection, including my own, is short one issue, and the gap will never be filled until the sea gives up its owl."

"Do you mean to tell us, then," said a listener to the foregoing, "that all the 'diamond dollars' now in private cabinets are counterfeit?" "By no means," replied the collector. "I own an 1804 dollar myself, and there are at least three others, to my knowledge, in the south. They were issued by the government and are perfectly good and legal coins, but they are not originals. They are what are known technically as 'restrikes.' In the early days, when the mints had a few coins left over from one year to another, they would change the date by striking them with a special die, an operation that can at times be detected by an expert. For some reason or other, nobody knows just why, a few dollars of the 1800 issue were restruck in 1804 and put in circulation. It is probable that the total number was not over 40 or 50, and a good many have been lost. The ones in existence are worth \$150 apiece, and you may rest assured that all the 'diamond dollars' not mere imitations belong to this little lot of restrikes."

"Of course, some of them have been sold to green collectors as originals, and I was myself the innocent cause of such a transaction only a few years ago. A friend of mine, who lives in an adjoining state, and who owns a great many rare and beautiful coins, telegraphed me one day asking whether \$500 was too much for a genuine 1804 dollar. I took it for granted that he knew the facts about the issue, and after puzzling over the message for a considerable time concluded that it was an obscure joke of some kind and that I was simply too stupid to see the point. So I wired back advising him to buy a bushel at that figure, and he promptly closed the deal. It turned out afterward that the coin was a restrike, and my friend had never quite forgiven me. What deceived him was the fact that the piece was known positively to have been locked up in an old chest at Savannah since 1812. That did away with the counterfeit theory, and the only thing he was doubtful about was the price."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

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