## SWAMS OF MAN-EATERS,

SOME UNPLEASANT EXPERIENCES IN THE CARIBBEAN SEA.

Sharks Provi About the Fleets in Southern Waters – Exciting Experiences With the Terrible Fish.

A Key West, Fla., despatch says Shark hunting has become a favorite sport among the men in the fleet and on the despatch boats. The Southern waters are alive with the ugly monsters, and they are the boldest, hungriest kind of man-eaters. The "sailor man" from the North at first laughs at the shark stories, but he does not cruise in these waters long before he joins in the general stampede to quarters, and gets as much excited as the natives whenever a man-eater comes alongside. And they come frequently and in large numbers.

It would be difficult to imagine a more hideous Cooking object than a hungry shark of the Caribbean sea, as he comes gliding along through the elear water and pokes his nose against the hull of a ship: When the water is quiet and the sun is shinning he can be seen many feet down in the water, and the closer he approaches the more hideous he looks. Few stories told about the greed and villainy of the Southern the greed and villaring of the Southern shark are overdrawn. He is just as black as he has been painted. The thoroughbred sailor hates him as fiercely as he does a Spaniard, and fights him with the same spirit as he would fight a Spaniard. Sharks about the coast of (Duba are unusually bold and ferocious, and the Cubans say it is because thay here here a long accurs. because they have been so long accus-tomed to feed on human flesh Havana harbor is swarming with ravenous sharks, and the Cubans believe that -they are lured there by the number of human bodies which have been tossed out to them from Morro Castle.

FOLLOWED BY SHARKS,

Harq is a little story of an experience the crew of the Associated Press des-patch-boat Wanda, had with the maneaters while drifting with Rear-Admiral Sampson's fleet along the North coast of Cuba last week: The boat had been drifting for several

hours. The sea was as smooth as a millpond, and the water so clear that an object fifty feet down could easily be seen. Three of the sailors had been be seen. Three of the sallors had been lowered in one of the small boats, and were at work painting the sides of the ship. A little before noon the members of the crew on deck were started by an outcry from the sailors in the boat, outery from the sailors in the boat, and, going to the rail, they saw circling about, not ten yards distant from the about, not ten yards distant from the small boat, a huge shark, a most un-uncivil-looking neighbor. Round and round he circled, each time coming a little closer to ihe small boat; and oc-casionally lifting his huge head above the surface to snap at a tuft of sea-weed or some object that had been thrown overboard from the ship. Glid-ing along just above his none ware ing along, just above his nose, were three pilot fish, which are always seen swimming close to a shark. They never leaves him, and he never makes any effort to disturb them although he the mortal foe of every fish that vins the salt water. is the

Is the interfait the off every fish that swims the salt water. Sometimes the sprightly little pilot fish will rest upon the shark's ugly nose or snuggle close down upon his back, just behind his fins, as he glides through the water. As 'the shark circ-led closer to the small boat the sailors became more frantic with rage and alarm. One of the negro sailors on deck nearly had hysterics. 'Bress de Lawdl' he shouted, 'dat shark jump in de boat such. I seen um get right in de boat and eat two Nassau niggahs just last yeah. O de good Lawd I Dem seilors gone such!' But the sailors were not eaten, although several times were not eaten, although several times the shark came up close to the boat and poked his great nose against the tiller.

### BAITING THE MONSTERS.

Captain Miller, of the Wanda, had been watching the game, and, calling to the cook to bring him the carving knife, told the sailors to throw - out small bits of bisouit to the shark and

#### ITEMS OF INTEREST. Few Paragraphs Which Will Prove

Worth Reading Beggars are seldom seen in Melourne.

Gloves made from frog skins are popular in Paris.

The most violent thunder storms are experienced in French Guiana. Flour, pressed into bricks, is in use in the army to facilitate transporta-

tion In Milwaukee there is a full brass band composed exclusively of police

Eggs command ten cents each in Havana, and the hens are beginning to strut proudly, as if the price would advance to fifteen cents next week. Only eleven popes have reigned more than twenty years, and the present pope has reigned twenty-one years. Al together there have been 253 popes. At the University of Berlin female students are not permitted to wear

their hair in braids down the back. Two young ladies who persisted in doing so were dismissed. A gun which discharges 30,000 bullets a minute has been invented by an English engineer. One minute's work of this gun, under favorable conditions, would mow down a full regiment. It is a common sight at balls in Cuba to see a negro girl dancing with a white man, or a white girl with a man of tawny complexion, and males and females smoking as they whirl in the mazy waltz.

Miss Eliza E. Smith has presented to the city of Lancaster, Penn., a fine residence valued at \$25,000 for a public library building, and promises to pro-vide for the permanent endowment of the library.

The women of Paris who desire to run horseless carriages are compelled to pass examinations as engineers. Many ladies of the higher class are licensed for this purpose; and among them is the Duchess, d' Uzes.

Five pairs of corsets were burned by Philip Stile, of Parkersburg, W. Va. who objected to his wife wearing them. The sixth pair she brought home one day last week and he also burned them. Then he packed his traps, and deserted his home.

The largest check ever drawn on the Bank of England was recently cashed by that institution. It was drawn by China, in favor of Japan, and was in settlement of the Japanese indemnity. The amount was £11,008,857, 16 shil-lings and 9 pence.

A New Haven photographer took a picture of a young lady. He then, without her knowledge, contrived to so arrange the photograph that she appeared riding on an ostrich. He sold some of these to her acquaintan-

ces, and she has begun suit for dam-ages.

and 1,344,526,650 one-cent stamps. The smallest number of any one variety will be 4,420 fifty-dollar stamps. These are used for postage upon newspapers mailed in bulk.

A theatrical joke was lately perpetrated at a Boston place of amuse ment. A veiled creature in the audience, wearing a huge lat, declined to remove it. An altercation ensued. An usher forcibly tore off the hat and véil, and exposed a bald headed man con-nected with the show.

At the opening of the Hofbrauhaus in Munich, on Sunday afternoon, when

the bock beer season began, the pa trons consumed 10,000 quarts of the foaming beverage. Eight hundred pro-minent officials, headed by the Gover-nor of Upper Bavaria, had tested the beer on the previous day.

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attitudes. Then will come carriages contain-Then will come carriages contain-ing those who look from the windows as they pass at objects unfamiliar, and then there are carriages containing people who do not hesitate to talk and people who do not hesitate to talk and who set back in the comfortable cush-ions and enjoy the ride."

The trustees of New Hampshire savings banks are required to have the books of all depositors examined and verified every third year. The examined and inations must be made by some per-son who is not the treasurer or his son w clerk.

### To Cure a Corn,

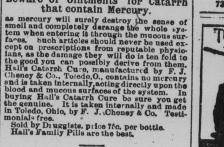
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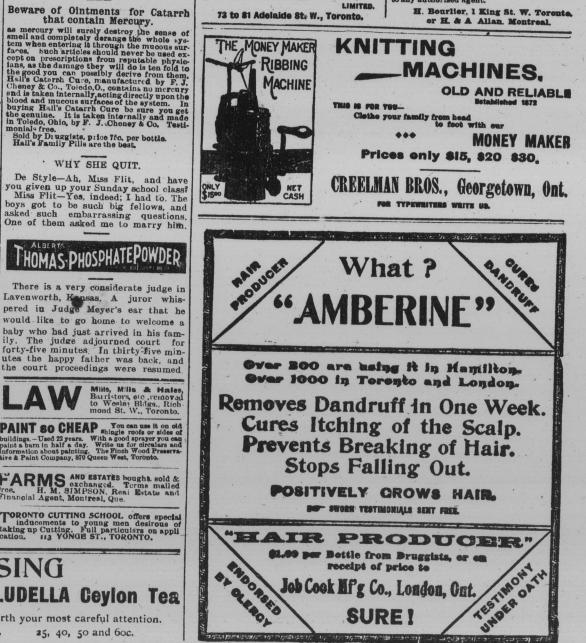
. WHY SHE QUIT.

De Style-Ah, Muss Flit, and have you given up your Sunday school class? Miss Flit-Yes, indeed; I had to. The boys got to be such big fellows, and asked such embarrassing questions, One of them asked me to marry him.

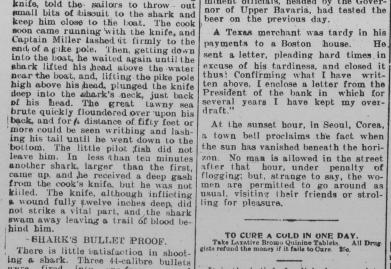


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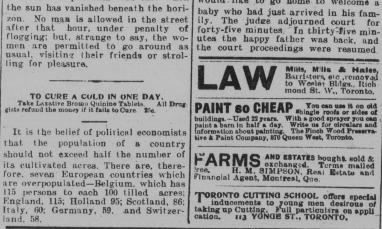






There is little satisfaction in shoot-ing a shark. Three 44-calibre bullets were fired into one from one of the battle-ships, and after the third shot the shark swam back after more refuse meat that had been thrown to him

not the shark shark been thrown to refuse meat that had been thrown to him. Nearly all the battle ships and guns boats are equipped with sharkhooks, but the most original apparatus for killing the ugly creatures is used by one of the gunboats of the mosquito fleet now guarding Havana Harbor. This beat has a small electric battery, with a long wire attached to it, and small dynamite cartridges are attach-ed to the end of the wire. A piece of fresh pork is lashed to the cartridge and thrown overboard to the shark. After he has swallowed the pork and dynamite, the electric current is turned on exploding the dynamite and blowing the shark to atoms.



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