

STRANGER THAN FICTION.

Born as a slave and sold as a slave, we commence a history.

Bishop Cattin, a Frenchman, about eighty years ago, on the Bonne River, the largest tributary of the Niger. He was a little savage boy, and none of his people had ever seen white men, when in 1821 Mohammedan slave traders attacked the little settlement where the lad lived. Among their captives was his mother and her three children, including the boy, Adel, who was to become the famous bishop of the Niger. His father, who belonged to the Fulah tribe, died in defense of his country.

The little boy was separated from his captives until he was two years old, and it was many years before he saw them again. In a few months Adel became the property in succession of four masters, having been sold from one to another, for tobacco and rum. The great fear that followed him through all those changes was that he might be sold to the cannibal whites north. The poor boy saw slaves on the coast. His heart beat like a drum, as he thought he would be forced to throw himself into a river, and on several occasions attempted to struggle himself with his bonds.

The fate he found, however, overcame him, for he found himself at last confined in a stifling elephant on the coast, with iron fetters around his neck, and a chain fastening him to life beneath in misery. One night he was taken on board a slave ship with a cargo of 120 slaves, and was sent on his way to Dakar, Senegal. The helpless boy, the British war ship Hornbeam and the sloop as also started on his journey and went in prison.

The slaver was captured, and Adel and his fellow slaves were taken on board the war ship, and on June 17, 1862, they were landed at Sierra Leone, the home of the free. The story of the poor little boy's flight as he was taken on board the man-of-war has often been told. His thoughts were the first of his freedom, and he missed hanging up his plow in dry soil, and he was bound to the dredging boats, and took for their heads lying in order of the deck. They were jolts of gods and sudden bolts.

The boy was taken to Battambang, where his education began. He was a bright student, and finally took an extensive educational course in England, where he graduated from the college at Edinburgh—*Graduate Magazine*.

Stack Caught by a Master.

"I never had any starting adventures or hairbreadth escapes," said Captain William Smith, of the fishing boat Maria, "but I have seen some queer things in my day. I used to be engaged in the codfish trade," said the captain, "and once when sailing in the south a large shark made a desperate snap at the rudder, so I dashed him to the side when I saw it, and the shark went swimming away with a tail full of holes."

"There were some large fish boards by which the rudder was secured and a space between the rudder and the hull, and the shark's teeth became fast in this space, and about the boards some of them had penetrated the wood. We dragged him three days until the vessel made a port and then cut him away."—*Blarney News*.

Cannibals in Japan.

Cannibals still exist in Japan. There are six communities in which the bodies of at least one-third of the dead are burned. In 1890, 11,000 of the 24,432 persons who died were cremated, and since burial in the city was forbidden the number has been increased. According to the style of cremation, the price is \$2.75, \$2 or \$1. Sixty-six pounds of wood, which costs approximately twenty-five cents, suffices for the burning of these in these houses.—*New York Sun*.

Curious Practices.

At the most celebrated aquarium in England, the Brighton Zoo, the female lioness recently cast her shell, she screened herself up together on the tree and tail and suddenly bent her body, being sent to the center, and the case of the back came away in one piece. The claws were still attached, and were used as a support for a long time.

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CARE OF EX-CONFEDERATES.

How the Southern States Treat Their Wounded Veterans of the War.
Great and gallant soldiers, you may move from Ex to Ex, for a month, and receive an arduous trial.

But the gallant veterans are entitled to the care, but it is not enough to accept and maintain the houses near the city, in order to complete the good work. It will be of interest to review the situation in other southern states.

Virginia had in movement, and established a Confederate house at Richmond, for the support of which the state expends \$20,000 a year. Paid to the amount of \$50,000 annually are also given.

Alabama has six houses, but pays \$25,000 a year in pensions.

Arkansas has a home at Little Rock, built by private subscription, supported by those who have moved in the state since.

Mississippi has no home, but makes liberal provision for her indigent ex-Confederates.

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Louisiana has a home near New Orleans, and the state grants it \$10,000 a year.

North Carolina has only pensioners, and has appropriated \$20,000 for a home.

South Carolina pays about \$50,000 in pensions, but has no home.

Texas has been established by subscription. It costs \$3,000 a year.

Tennessee has established a home at the old home of Andrew Jackson, "The Hermitage," the state having given 475 acres of land and \$10,000 for improvements in 1888. The legislature in 1891 appropriated \$22,000 for a building and \$5,000 a year for its support, and by addition \$20,000 or as much as is necessary to keep the cost of its interests, which funds will be expended, leaving the remainder for pensions. The system of one master has been adopted.

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Family History.

Family history is history dramatized. It has been said that the obscured individual life truthfully written, will surpass any romance, and this is true of the obscure family life. All families are equally ancient. On earth individual immortality is represented in the multiplying life of every family; it requires that a life be a family to round out the estate, individual as well as national.

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He Opens Sale for a Living.

There is a man in this city who only a short time ago opened his big vault in the safe-deposit room of the First National Bank, kept without hindrance the combination of the lock and without a word of complaint, and, in measure, the vault is open to all.

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Society Gists of Long Ago.

I chanced to find an old school book which probably had never been opened since its cover, a girl student, died forty years ago. The book was filled with notes and pages covered with handwriting of a quite remarkable character. There were scores of poems and their respective leaves and blossoms. These were carefully written notes of lyrics, copies of poems which were fresh then, but however become standard and selected. Some difficult mathematical problems were also worked out, and the whole was the work of an amateur student.

My conclusion was, as I reverently half closed the book, that this will be stronger than confirmation.

The high school girl of today, bright and cheery, cannot share her work with this New England farmer's daughter, of what our girls would then "look like."—*New England Farmer*.

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