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A British Officer's Exciting Experiences With "Big Cats" in the Jungles of Southwestern India - Shooting Tigers on Foota Very Different Thing from Gunning for Them on the Back of an Elephant-Their Tremendous Strength Even in the Throes of Death.

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is not that which is found in beating and shooting from the comparatively safe position of a "howdah," securely girthed to a bold and well trained "tusker's" back, but in shooting him on foot and following him up when wound-There is the expectation of comed. ing upon him every moment, or of him coming upon you: the feeling of a tinge of danger, yet the trust one places in his nerve and coolness, and the accuracy of his rifle, are what lend enchantment to the sportsman whose heart is in the jungle and whose quarry is "stripes" himself. The vitality of the feline species when

wounded is remarkable, the "nine lives of the cat" proverbial, and the tenacity with which an almost immediately fatally wounded tiger clings to life and maintains its fearful strength and desperate savageness to the last fraction a second are so extraordinary that few people, with the exception of those who have actually hunted and killed the striped denizen of the Indian jun-gle, the "blg cat." will believe the enormous feats of strength he is capa ble of performing and the terrific amount of damage he can inflict, when to all intents and purposes he is practically dead.

My language may appear somewhat far fetched, but the following account of some experiences with these animals when most seriously and mortally wounded, will go to prove that what I have said is not without foundation.

I was hunting in the Western Ghats of Southern India, had been out about two months, and had had fair but not extraordinary sport. The monsoon had been light, the succeeding hot weather very hot, water scarce and game, of course, more plentiful in its vicinity,

I had struck camp and marched some thirty miles southeast, into a thick broken, difficult country and camped in what from all appearances was a sportsman's paradise. Deer, bear and panthers were reported plentiful, an oc casional tiger was no uncommon visitor and small game of all sorts abounded. At this particular time tigers were known to be in the neighborhood: in fact, it was "kubba" (news) of this kind that brought me to the district my head shikarry, the ever active and vigilant Ramiah, who, I believe, could "wind" tigers across an ocean, was sanguine, and the second morning after my arrival, while I was sitting outsid my tent, taking "chotahazree," a light, early breakfast, consisting of a cup of tea, toast and fruit, he appeared with his usual salaam and an almost imperceptible half smile, half cry, which was peculiar to him on such occasions, and which spoke for itself. Ramiah had got "kubba, and suggested that "master" should get on his pony and come and

A hot ride of some two or three miles, through a most wild, romantic and beautiful country, brought us to the

The real fascination of tiger shooting | jungle, and I should imagine about sev enty or eighty yards away. After coming somewhat nearer the tiger or tigress, as she really was, slood still and elevated her head, as it trying to see the buffalo, which she evidently did, for she immediately rouched like a cat and commenced alking the dead cow in that manner have often thought of this curious ocedure. The tigress must hav known that the buffalo was dead and ould not get away from her, and that t was an easy matter for her to re denish her appetite without going through the formalities of a "kill," she kept creeping noiselessly an stealthily up to within a few yards o carcass, stopping every now and hen, rocking on her feet and gathering them under her, while her tail which she carried on the ground straight out behind her, would give a nervous cur at the tip. She then, when within unding distance, sprang upon prostrate form, with a soft, satisfied, half growl, half purr, smelt about the haunch or quarter, from which she had feasted the night before, and which, may mention, is the part that a tige always commences to feed upon, and soon began to tear and eat; she was in

no hurry, and every now and then stopped and listened. After a time, and evidently becoming satisfied, she began to play with a piece of meat she had torn off, and I saw it was time to act, as she would evidently soon be off.

A GLANCE TO REMEMBER.

She lay over the buffalo, almost facing me, but still giving me a fair mark at the proper spot. I flattened myself out, and raising my elbows slowly brought my rifle quietly to my shoul She saw me the fraction of an instant before I pulled the trigger, her eyes caught mine fair and square, and I shall never forget them.

I had fired by this time; the tigress sprang up, made 'two tremendous bounds in rapid succession, and the next instant her head and both forepaws appeared well onto the top of the rock, to which she hung. I had jumped up, but she was so close to me, and the top of the rock so narrow, that I could not get far enough away to raise my to give her the second barrel with out falling off backward; so I grabbed the rifle by the neck, pistol fashion, with right hand, holding the barrels in my my left, with the intention of shooting her through the brain, but before could do so she fell off dead, after covering me with blood and froth, which was escaping from her nose and mouth. Ramiah was down the moment he saw her fall off the rock-she was dead before she reached the ground-and after salaaming and shahbazing (shahbaz-bravo) with much profusion, as-sisted me from my perch. and glad enough was I to get down and stretch myself, drink a whiskey and soda he had kept very tolerably cool for me and

light a ripping "Beehive cheroot." have only to add that when this tigress was skinned, which she was on after, for it was not long before dawn, I found she had been hit about the center of the shoulder, three-quar ters of the way up, and in a downward direction. The bullet had split up tre mendously, for the heart, lungs and the entire contents of the thorax were blown into a jelly, a mass of pulp, and in this fearfully damaged condition the tigress had not only accomplished these two tremendous bounds on the ground but had succeeded in springing and gaining with her head and forepaws the top of a perpendicular rock nearly sixteen feet high when she was practi

other picked men to follow up our wounded tiger. The jungle was thick, the heat intense and the business a dangerous one, but this, as I have said, is where the real fascination of tiger shooting comes in. The blood on the

fuse that I felt sure we should soon come up with him, but not so; he went in a straight line, leaving his spoor, red and plain, behind him.

DIED WITH LAST EFFORT.

As we cautiously proceeded, myself ace or two ahead, and at the "ready." with Ramiah in my wake, I felt con-vinced he must be dead from loss of blood, a very short distance away; but no, the blood became less marked, until it dwindled down to a drop here and there, with an occasional splash, as the lot on the wound had been brushed off by the jungle growth. We had 101owed in this manner for a good mile, when the spoor brought us to a thick bed of tall reeds and rushes fringing the edge of a large tank (lake), through which was a narrow beaten roadway leading to a "bund," or bank, which ran through it, dividing the lake into Through this track, which was two. just wide enough for a "bullock bandy" (native card) to puss the tiger had gone. We looked ahead to see if we could discover him, but there was no sign, although we could see straight down to the water, the best part of a quarter of a mile away, Under ordi-nary circumstances, I mean if I had shot and wounded the tiger in the im mediate vicinity of this bed of rushes, I should have considered it foolhardi-ness to have followed him into them, unless on an elephant, but, feeling post-tive that when found he would be dead,

bestoming few and far betweens we proceeded very slowly, and as a drop was discovered cautiously advanced. We had got to about the middle of the rushes and had passed by several yards the last sign of blood, when I noticed by the pugs that the tiger had turned into the rushes, which had closed in upon ground and foliage was at first so pro him, evidently to die. I turned toward that direction to look

for any sign or sound, and at the same time held up my left hand as a signal Ramiah, who was several paces behind, to stop, when, without the warn-ing of a sound or a second. I just caught a glimpse of a pair of enormous paws, a wide open mouth, a yellow streak in the air, and I was knocked sprawling into the rushes on the other side. Strange to say, I was not stunned, nor did I lose my presence of mind. I fell soft-but remember the great weight upon me. My rifle was gone and I was pinned to the ground. There it ended. The tiger was dead. His last effort had killed him. His muscular system, still held in command by the nervous, and controlled and governed by the wondrous brain, was by that organ once more and for the last time called to arms, and bravely had it responded and put into lightning action for one last brief, desperate moment that terrible energy and extraordinary vitality for which this noble animal particularly, and his entire family in lesser degree, are notoriously remarkable

One word for Ramiah. He was on to the tiger as soon as the tiger was on to me, but his services were not re-autred further than to help pull him off. I determined to go on, although with his ever ready knife bared in his Ramlah, who did not know what fear hand, he philosophically remarked, "No was, did suggest that "Master keep good spoiling skin, sah." as he stood smiling and

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Annual Congress of Indian Educators at Buffalo - Its Aims and Purposes - The Work of the National Superintendent, Miss Estelle Reel - Notable Exhibit Installed by Miss Alice Fletcher.

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Buffalo, July 8 .- That there are many , of Indian education is self-support, and people who do not subscribe to the doctrine that "the only good Indian is a dead Indian" will be concretely demonstrated in this city next week, when there will be gathened here all the prominent men and women of the country interested in the education and uplifting of the red man. The occasion is the meeting of the congress of Indian educators, and the time and place are well chosen. This is a time when Buffalo is the Mecca of the western world, when the brain, the intelligence and the statesmanship of the American nations are centered here. The place gives special pertinency and interest to the gathering, as the Indian exhibits in connection with the Pan-American exposition afford opportunities for the study of aboriginal life and conditions which must be of great val-

The membership of the association comprising the congress numbers sev-eral thousands and is drawn chielly from the ranks of the teachers in the government Indian schools, the various religious and private schools and from the large number of educators throughout our land who are watching with

DESERET EVENING NEWS: SATURDAY, JULY 13, 1901. plenty watch." The blood marks now | principle and plant -----Suppose people, after listening to our shoe story day after day, would come and find out the story was not true you think they would keep a coming? You try a pair of these \$3.00 shoes for man or woman and we'll venture you'll keep a coming. cleco... **ROBINSON BROS. CO.,** SHOE BUILDERS, 124 Main St. er woman in the country. Miss Fletcher, who is also well known for her lit-erary and ethnological studies, has for many years been engaged in work for Indians, some portion of the time as a special agent of the government in carrying out the provisions of the act of congress allotting lands in severalty. The exhibit shows both her knowledge of the subject and her artistic appreciation of Indian character. At its entrance there is a case full of Indian relics antedating the discovery of America which shows the aborigi-nal condition of the race. Then the evolution of the Indian under the influ-ence of civilization is told in the syste-

matic installation, until the final group, nelosed in beautiful grillwork, shows the ducated Indian to be an artist artisan, poet, scholar and author. Thi epresents a modern sitting room, mainy designed by Angel de Cora, an Indian girl who graduated from the institute at Hampton, Va., and is now tudying art, her cosen profession, in Boston. The fireplace is a poem A conventionalized eagle-the wood. thunder bird of the Indian-in dark wood is inlaid on the light panel which supports the mantelshelf. It is placed ere because the thunder bird also a type of the sun, the source of all heat and fire. Around the entire mantel is a wood carved scroll made up of the sacred fire sticks with which the Indians produced fire by friction. In the this will be the dominant note of all the discussions of the congress. In opmost panel is an oil painting representing a fiery sunset on the prairie. In the left of the picture is a group of journeys through the Indian country she urges constantly upon the In-Indian tents, through which the glow dians the necessity for more and better of the evening fires shines. On a knoll farming, and her persistant endeavor is to make the school course such as will prepare the pupils to support them. near the center are an Indian maiden and an Indian brave grouped so as to indicate the formation of another hearthstone in the near future. In this selves as useful citizens in their respective communities. Miss Reel is the first woman to hold the office of room are articles of furniture, hand carved and inlaid with onys. national superintendent of Indian schools and seems admirably fitted for This dainty apartment is entered by beautiful portiers woven by the Navajo Inthe work. She was appointed by Pres-ident McKinley in 1898. At that time she was superintendent of schools in Near the entrance is a column dians. of different colored woods arranged so Wyoming. In discharging the duties as to look from a distance like a costly mosaic. The pedestal has four faces, on of that office and in her travels in the West she had become familiar with the Indians and their educational needs. which are inlaid mythological designs and symbols of Indian allegories much older than the advent of the paleface She now has under her supervision something over 500 Indian schools, with an attendance of about 60,000 to this hemisphere, which cannot be interpreted by Miss Fletcher or any other expert in the history or religion of the American Indian. The capital is as or-nate as that of a Corinthian column Personally Miss Reel is a very charming young woman, with nothing man-nish about her. She has that most "exand reproduces four heads of Moqu cellent thing in a woman," the low sweet voice in conversation. She has maidens, clusters of oak leaves and acorns, etc. On top of this column is an ancient urn of classic shape, which suggests those seen at Pompeil and the museums of Greece. Around the bot-



dry and sandy bed of a small river. In the middle of which were some patche of rush and grass, kept green by a kind of boggy formation common in that part: to one of these patches Ramiah led me, and from and to the furthest bank were the well defined pugs (foot-prints) of a tiger, or as Ramish said, tigress. She had been there only once, and that, the night before; and there in the near vicinity she was now.

SITITING UP OVER "KILLS."

About a quarter of a mile from the river was a dry nullah, and across this she had also gone, for Ramlah had tracked her there before he had informed me; but after that the jungle was dense, rocky and difficult, and as tracking further would not only have been useless, but possibly have resulted in disturbing the tigress before we were ready for her, we returned to camp. To beat this part of the country would have been impossible with any chance for a single gun. It would have re quired three or four rifles at least, and more beaters than I believe I could mustered from the neighboring villages.

I told Ramiah that the only chance lay in "tying up" and sitting up over the "kill;" this was no information for him, however, for he replied, with a gesture like a Frenchman, "Master know yery well." Before sunset that night I had six water buffaloes tied up along the course of the nullah, which was clear and free from growth, and the nights, as good luck would have it, were very light.

Sitting up over "kills" is only one way of shooting sigers, and I would say at the same time not by any means the most pleasant or exciting, although there is the ever constant expectancy of the striped monster, creeping, catlike, up to its victim in the dead of night, amid such strange surroundings, phantom shapes and shadows, near and distant jungle noises, the thunderless lightning so common in India, the great orb as his rises in her stately glory, the southern cross, us he slowly but steadily turns upside down; the flitting of the night birds, the hum of innumer-able insects, and the howl of the kola-chalu, or jackals.

Soon after dawn next morning Ramiah reported a kill. This meant a quiet day in camp and preparations for the night's sentry duty. The buffalo which had been killed was tied to a tree that grew on a slight elevation in the center of the nullah, at a point where it flattened out and divided into two, and where the banks and edges, instead of being abrupt and steep, sloped gradually up until they became in the jungle growth. A spot more suitable for the purpose could not have been found; the dead cow lay where she had been killed, about twelve yards from a huge rock or bowlder nearly sixteen feet high, perpendicular on the side facing the carcass of the cow, and almost flat on the top, which was about a yard and a half across its widest

With the help of Ramiah and a ropfor the rock was almost unscalable even on the most accessible side, I succeeded in gaining the summit, and with a resai and pillow made myself as com-fortable as circumstances would per-mit, Ramiah, after handing up my rifle, a .500 Holland & Holland express, re-tired to a tree some five and twenty yards to my left front. I shall never forget that night: the heat was stifling, the stench from the cow was aborninthe stench from the cow was abomin able and the mosquitoes were past un derstanding: they bit through every part of my khaki clothing, they punctured me through the lace holes of my shoes, my putties might have been a many feet of gauge rolled round my legs, and altogether the undisguised y they manifested at my helplessness knowing full well that I dare not move for fear of attracting attention, was most maddening.

I do not know how long I had been lying there, gazing first at the cow and then glancing at Ramiah, who sat in a fork of the tree with a jhool cloth a fork of the free with a pool cloth over his head, never moving a muscle, and looking for all the world like a graven image, when I saw the tiger walking quictly from the edge of the

cally dead. She saw me the fraction of a second before she was hit, and the nervous im-pulse this created, and which was doubtless intensified by her rage and fury to get at me, had enabled her to go through a feat which, to say the least, was little less than marvellous. At another time, when out after tigers with two companions, a brother and intimate friend of mine had shot and wounded a tiger which, notwith-standing, that it was badly hit, go away and was followed all through the day, eventually crossing to a reed cov-ered island in the middle of a shallow river. We had an elephant with us for such emergencies, and getting into the howdah we went after him. The beaters, all of whom had followed, lined up on the edge of the river to see the fun. The elephant had not been in the rushes a minute before back he rushed, trumpeting with terror, the tiger clinging to his shoulders, and half into the howdah. In this position

he was shot through the head, but to ow to interfere with the brain, the pullet coming out where the throat bullet joins the neck, entering the chest, and in turn coming out again at the flank. The tiger fell from the elephant, who, panic struck, continued to bolt; he had almost got out of the water, on the side of which the beaters were standing, when the tiger, which any one though was dead, charged with a roar from th edge of the rushes, the elephant crashing headlong into the jungle, heedless alike of mahoot, howdah and occupants; and the beaters, taken by surprise, and, like the elephant, terror truck, as the charging brute bore struck own upon them, with one accord, made for the nearest trees, as fast as their legs would carry them. Fortunately here were numbers of trees at their isposal, and al, save one man, suc ecded in gaining a place of safety; he noor fellow, was too slow to get out of narm's way, but my friend, who afterward measured the height of the lim which he was climbing, found it to eighteen feet from the gound.

Allowing a foot or a foot and a half for the body of the man, as he clung, with arms and legs to the under sur-face of the bough, would make him about sixteen and a half feel from the ground. The time bough ground. The tiger, however, succeeded not only in reaching him with one of his paws, but struck him just at the top of the buttock and tore away the whole of the muscles of that part, the thigh, calf and "heel. The man and the tiber both fell to the ground to etger, the latter never moving a mu le, lying, in fact, as he inflicted, with frightful accuracy, a wound which one would have considered to have been imsible at such a distance from the ground.

On another occasion, while beating for a tiger which had killed a cow the night before, a similar instance of this extraordinary power of "bottling up"-If I may use the expression his strength energy and rage, and then ex-ploding it with terrific force at the last woment, may be mentioned. I had shot and badly wounded the tiger at a mo nent when he had stopped to liste and look back in the direction of th posters, and, hearing the nuise and possibly having caught sight of some f them, he charged straight bac mong them, mauling and killing on back fellow less fortunate than Seing that he had charged back TSL. no knowing that he would go straigh head. I went to the spot at which has fired at him, and found that he had been badly hit, for there was a great quantity of blood around. I now started with Ramiah and two

the art of gowning herself tastefully and stylishly. She has the due regard for the conventionalities of life which women who mix in politics are some-times accused of forgetting, and she deep interest the progress of teaching among the Indian tribes.

The aim of the congress of Indian educators is a noble one-the reclamation of a race-and the purpose of the sessions is to devise ways and means to improve and increase the efficiency of the system of Indian education and in every way to better the conditions, moral and material, of the aborigines of this country. Much has already been accomplished in this direction by the devited mean and more better. the devoted men and women who have interested themselves in behalf of the red brothers whose ancestors were treated none too humanely by our people in the earlier years, but there still remains a vast amount of arduous and self sacrificing work to be done before the nation's wards will cease to need special care and guidance. The annual conferences of the Indian educators have been very helpful in carrying on the work. Through them the isolated schools scattered throughout the country are molded into one connected whole, and the disconnected and indeschool is made of benefit to all the oth-ers, and the whole becomes an organized and harmonious movement to-ward the goal for which all are striv-

The work of organizing and making preparations for the forthcoming congress has been under the supervision of the national superintendent of In-dian schools, Miss Estelle Reel, to whom much eredit is due for the suc-cessful manner in which she has per-formed this duty and the resulting bright prospects for the meeting. Miss Read is a women of the meeting.

has a magnetic personality which makes her popular with both men and women. It is said that she could have had the Republican nomination for governor of Wyoming two years ago had she desired it.

she desired it. At the sessions of the congress, which begin next Monday and continue through the week, there will be a com-parison and interchange of ideas, plans and methods as practiced in the vario-ous sections of the country, the object being to give each school the benefit of the experiences of the others. The Indian educators do not come together to consider a new and untried problem to consider a new and untried problem, but rather to discuss means and methods of promoting the progress toward successful completion of a task already well on the way toward solution. Nei-ther do they gather to discuss theories, but to consider practical common sense methods found to in effectual by their own experience. In addition to these discussions, they will have the advantage of addresses and lectures by some of the ablest educators in America who are especially qualified to give advice and instruction in matters of Indian education. The program embraces a wide range of pertinent subjects, and the attendance and instruction of the subjects. the attendance will include practically all the superintendents and a host of

the teachers of Indian schools from all parts of the country where the aboriginal Americans still dwell. The members of the congress will, besides, have for their entertainment and instruction one of the most re-markable Indian exhibits ever brought markable Indian exhibits ever brought together in this country, which is a notably attractive feature of the Pan-American exposition. This exhibit is in the United States government build-ing and was installed by Miss Alice Fletcher, who perhaps knows more of bright prospects for the meeting. Also Reel is a woman of great ability and an educator of national reputation. Un der her direction the Indian schools have rapidly advanced in efficiency and usefulness. The keyrote of her plan

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