A BEAR STORY.

Which Has a Somewhat Sheepish Termination.

Editor Deseret News:

A few days since we traveled the very up-hill road from the Sevier Valley to this place. Soon after mounting the rim of the Basin we were enjoying a down-hill spin, when we discovered an indefinite something upon the road, coming towards us. Nearing the object we saw there was a short-legged man sitting astride a horse, with his heels beating a perpetual tattoo upon the animal's ribs, as he rode with outstretched arm, pulling another horse along. We met and halted; a glance was sufficient to tell us that something unusual had occurred. We knew the gentleman's face as that of a well known Salt Lake drummer. His first salute was "Did you see any bears up there?" Being naturally of a timid disposition ourselves, we instinctively looked around us and answered, "No." He then told us that when about seven miles out from Loa, traveling over the rocky ridges, there suddenly "came bounding from the pines two large brown bears in front and within two or three rods of his wagon." He said, "bounding," and we thought "bears bounding from the pines" sounded pretty. His earnestness could not be doubted as he told of his defenseless condition, having nothing more formidable than a monkey wrench, with which he made a racket upon the side of the wagon, and at the same time, with his mouth, he made all the horrid noises that that organ was capable of. To add to his peril, whilst thus engaged the wagon gave another lump and down broke the hind axle. There he sat, holding tightly to the horses and keeping up a full band until the bears disappeared in a hollow, coming our way. He also told how the smaller of the two bears (which he thought was probably the female) looked over its shoulder—he imitated the licking of its lips and the grimaces, which plainly indicated that she, differing from some of her sex, did not desire to sample the caller merchant's goods.

After listening to the earnest narration of the above, and receiving messages to interested parties in Loa, with our eyes open for bears we journeyed on till we came to the "place." There were about a dozen gnarled and scattered pinions, not the poetic pines through which the "breezes sigh" and in the hollows of which young bears are hidden. Here we found the wagon as described. We alighted and found that it contained the usual drummer's trunk, and in a sample case we observed the gentleman's lunch, which was but a trifle to one who had so recently single-handed stood off two bears. We also examined the ground for tracks, and found plenty; but, judging from the shape and size, we concluded that these bears were not vandyke, but more probably of the graded merino species. We have since learned that the gentleman continued his equestrian labor twenty miles, to Koosharem, where he arrived in the usual condition of bareback riders. We are not all Daniel Boone's, but the stimulus of heroism should be recognized, and I write that further details may find their way into an enlarged edition of "Drumming," and would suggest that those who venture into these altitudes be furnished with the necessary weapons of defense, say a syringe charged with Edison's electric water; then the paralyzed animals can be boxed, or trunked, and taken home as an advertisement to the house that catches the most bears.

Respectfully, A. BIRD.

Loa, Wayne Co., Utah, April, 1892.

MOORE'S MISFORTUNE.

He is Exceedingly Sorry That His Gifts to the County Prisoners, Miscarried.

A close inspection of all articles sent to the prisoners at the county jail, by their friends, has always been made by the officers of that institution, and the box of matches and the package of tobacco sent by an ex-convict on Sunday last, by a boy, to a pal named Mary, who is serving time, were no exception to this old and well established rule. And it is well they were not, or the consequences might have been serious. The powder which fell from the match box when it was examined, has proven to be finely pulverized vitriol, of the strongest quality, and the four small steel saws found in the tobacco sack were of the most exquisite workmanship and material.

That this dangerous combination was intended to assist Mary and other inmates to escape from the jail is evident.

Moore of course is again in custody for attempting to carry out a cleverly conceived jail delivery and will be called upon to explain himself. He is said to being lamenting the failure of his scheme.

AMBROSE BIERCE.

AN AMERICAN GENIUS DISCOVERED AT SIXTY YEARS OF AGE.

"Ambrose Bierce is a wit, a philosopher, a genius," says Walter Blackburn Harte in a Corner at Dodsley's, in the May *New England Magazine*. "The reason he has not been heard of in the East is, that editors are horribly afraid of genius. He is now sixty years of age, being remembered in London as a brilliant journalist some twenty years ago. His work is too virile, too unusual for the magazines. His style is peculiar to himself; it is like that of no other living writer. His stories are unique in contemporary literature. If they suggest any influence at all, it is that of Edgar Allan Poe. Bierce is a past-master of the realistically horrible and the unexpected. Like Poe he has weighed every word; not one could be replaced by a synonym without losing the delicate shades of meaning of the sentence. He has, too, like Poe, solved the difficulty of creating an atmosphere of horror. He has more nearly approached the intensely logical illogicalness of Poe than any other writer in English.

Mr. Edwin D. Meade at the Editors' Table in the May *New England Magazine* writes a strong indictment of eastern provincialism in regard to Chicago and the World's Fair. Mr. Meade has just spent several weeks in the West, and he denies the charge made by some eastern papers that the Exposition will be a gigantic cattle show.

SPRING MANAGEMENT OF BEES.

A Talk by the President of the Ohio Beekeepers' Association.

President Charles F. Muth, of Cincinnati, in his address before the Ohio state convention, had the following to say on the subject of spring management of bees.

Every beekeeper must decide for himself whether he shall produce comb or extracted honey, or both. The main question is how to produce the largest crop. He may have the most prolific queens, he may have a successful wintering, and his colonies be in fine condition four or five weeks previous to the beginning of the honey harvest, but, misled by fine weather and the lively flight of his bees, he forgets that flowers generally yield no honey just at that period, and that the consumption of their stores is greatest when brood rearing is at its best. Everything may seem prosperous until he sees dead larvæ at the alighting board.

Upon examination he finds the hives full of bees, no stores and little or no larvæ in the cells. The bees, being short of food and moved by a sense of self preservation, had sacrificed their young. They had pulled their larvæ out of the cells and out of the hives in order to make their stores hold out as long as possible.

The bees ought to have been fed a month previous to this time, and now they must be fed without delay, and plentifully, so as to induce them to breed up again. But as it requires three weeks before the first young bees will hatch out after the eggs are laid and two weeks more before they will become foragers, and as the honey harvests hardly ever last longer than four or five weeks, the colonies will be in good condition again just in time to be too late for that season. The beekeeper has lost the earning of his year's labor, while by a timely feeding he would have secured a good crop of honey. It is just there where most beekeepers make their mistake.

The bees' consumption of their united stores begins with brood rearing, and in the same ratio that the brood increases the stores decrease. The question whether more honey is consumed by outdoor or indoor wintering is therefore immaterial. The difference is small. The old bees only are foragers, while their young stay at home taking care of the brood, preparing the cells for the reception of eggs and honey, ripen the honey and close the cells when filled. It is therefore of great importance to have the colonies strong in old and young bees and ready for the harvest at the time the season begins, which is, in southern Ohio, the latter part of May, the time when the white clover comes into bloom.

Raising Turkeys.

Of the many varieties the bronze is at present a favorite, writes a Kentucky farmer's daughter in The Country Gentleman. She says:

Have pure bred stock by all means to begin with, as their early maturity renders them more desirable for home use, as well as for market purposes; and if the strain be brought to anything like perfection there is always a demand for young stock as well as for eggs. Many make the mistake of trying to keep turkeys in the same yard with chickens. They are most aristocratic fowls, abhorring all uncleanliness and disdaining to associate with what they consider the lower classes. In fact, their well being demands a clean, dry run, well drained and sunny, and an extensive range where they may gather for themselves the food their wild nature suggests. And although in all pleasant weather their best roosting place is an airy perch in the tree tops, yet a shelter at night from the severe cold, the snow, and even from chilling spring rains would be of great advantage.

Unlike chickens, turkeys will not eat any and everything; mine were always healthier when allowed no meat or rich food of any kind, dry grain of good quality being preferred. Their drinking vessels and feeding pans must be kept very clean and wholesome, or they will refuse to touch anything. At and just previous to laying time the hens are very fastidious, and all the variety procurable should be offered them, taking care to feed them lightly on those grains at all fattening in tendency, as Indian corn in its various preparations, allowing instead a generous proportion of those grains said to contain a preponderance of egg producing elements, as wheat, oats and the like. Mine were very fond of sorghum seed and of grass seed from the floor of the hay loft, while of ground feeds wheat bran was their favorite, especially if it was slightly moistened with sweet milk. Milk, either sweet or sour, buttermilk or clabber, is highly appreciated, and as this is said to be an excellent egg food the hens should have all they will drink at this time, care being taken to allow none to remain in the trough over night, and so become rancid and unwholesome. Some green food they must have, and until grass comes again this may be supplied either in the shape of raw garden vegetables, ensilage or sweet clover hay, cut in half inch lengths and steamed.

Catarrh and lung troubles make the embrace of apes in northern Europe only a brief pathway to the grave. Edgar Aka, the noted Paris chimpanzee, has recently died of consumption, and the successor to "Sally," in the London Zoological gardens, has a cough which is almost human.

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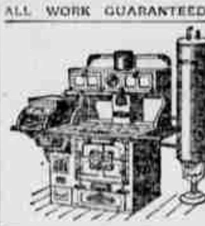

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