

THE ORINOCO COUNTRY.

Explorers in South America Discover a Wonderful Waterfall. S. A. Thompson, who went to Venezuela last year in company with L. O. Dent and others to investigate the Orinoco country for the Faribault syndicate, was in the city recently. To Messrs. Thompson and Dent belongs the honor of discovering probably the highest cascade in the world. The most exhaustive search in all records has failed to disclose any record of the cascade heretofore.

THE MOST VIOLOUS BRUTE.

Peccaries Are Absolute Strangers to the Sensation of Fear. "The most vicious and fearless of the brute creation is the peccary, or wild hog of Mexico," said C. W. Bartlett, of Laredo, Tex. "This animal seems utterly devoid of the emotion of fear. I have never seen it turn a hair's breadth out of its path for any living thing. Man is its special prey. It displays an intelligence in fighting the human stranger, and its variance with its apparently complete lack of any mental attributes, save the very lowest order of instinct. They are rarely found singly, but go in droves of from a hundred to thousands. Their ability to scent men is particularly marked. I have known a drove of them to scent a man a mile off and strike as straight for him as the arrow flies. There is no use to try to frighten them with guns. The cannonading of a full battery would have no more effect on them than the popping of a firecracker. The only thing to do when they get after you is to run away from them as fast as a horse can carry you. And then there is no certainty that they won't catch you. They are nearly as swift as a horse, and their endurance is as great as their viciousness.

BUILT BY BEN FRANKLIN.

A Journalist Tells of Working an Ancient Printing Press. "I once worked a printing press that was built and operated for a long while by Ben Franklin," said Col. Charles Gontier. "The machine was quite a primitive affair, but it answered the purpose. I was then a boy in Lancaster, Pa., and was learning the printer's trade in the office of the Lancaster Union. John F. Forney, now one of the most influential newspaper editors in the United States, and who has made a success of the Philadelphia Press, was a prentice with me, and we took turns working the old Franklin press. It was made entirely of wood except for a marble slab that answered the purpose of a bed. On the slab the forms of type were placed, and they would have to be inked with a long, clumsy roller before each impression. One day Forney would wield the roller and the next day it fell my turn to smear on the ink. We could print about 50 or 75 sheets an hour. The work was laborious, but we performed it cheerfully because of the knowledge that Ben Franklin had done the very same work on the press many a day before we were born. James Buchanan used to come in occasionally and encourage us at our task and predict a brilliant career for both of us if we stuck to the trade we were then learning.

BREVITIES OF FUN.

"Read the news about the war in Europe, Dolan?" said Mr. Rafferty. "I would be no use 'o' me thyrin'," was the reply. "There's too many words in it Oi only know by sight. Ty my mind the way they got mixed up an' the rethraets ought to teach 'em a lesson."—Washington Star. "In the Chemical Laboratory.—"Professor, what has become of Tom Appleton? Wasn't he studying with the class last year?" "Ah, yes; Appleton—poor fellow! A fine student, but absent-minded in the use of chemicals—very. That discoloration on the ceiling—notice it?" "Yes," "That's him."—Tit-Bits. "I presume," said the talkative man to his seat mate in the railway train, "from your manner and conversation, that you have family ties." "Yes," replied Mr. Meekton; "I suppose you might as well call 'em that. I buy 'em for myself, but my wife and the girls wear 'em whenever they feel like it."—Washington Star. "A prisoner at the sessions had been duly convicted of theft, when it was seen, on "proving previous convictions," that he had actually been in prison at the time the theft was committed. "Why didn't you say so?" asked the judge of the prisoner, angrily. "Your lordship, I was afraid of prejudicing the jury against me."—Household Words. "A Modern Idea.—"Yes," said the wealthy member of congress, "I will name your charitable institution in my will for a considerable sum of money." "You are very kind," said the philanthropist, "but—" "Speak frankly, I beg of you." "We need the money now, and I called to see if we couldn't devise an arrangement by which the bequest could be made retroactive."—Washington Star. "No Wonder He Looked Sad.—"May I ask what is going on in the village?" inquired the observant stranger. "We're celebrating the birthday of the oldest inhabitant, sir," replied the native. "She's a hundred an' one to-day, sir." "And tell me, pray, who is that little man with the dreadfully sad countenance who walks by the old lady's side?" "That's her son-in-law, sir. He's been keepin' up her life insurance for the last 30 years."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

IN FUTURE WARFARE.

The Electric Current May Play an Important Part. There has been considerable discussion recently about the application of electricity in naval construction; but this use of electricity has been more as a matter of convenience and speed in operating naval vessels and their guns and mortars. The other branch of the service has not utilized the current as largely. It may be that our present mode of warfare will be entirely revolutionized. Recently while target shooting in Switzerland, the sportsmen noticed that the steel tipped bullets were largely deflected toward some adjacent telephone wires. The matter being brought to the attention of the federal authorities, thorough experiments were undertaken to test the influence of electricity in deflecting bullets, with the result that at 275 yards the deflection from the straight course was no less than 75 feet toward the charged wires. In a trial of the slender Japanese bullet the result was startling, "the minute bullet went straight for the wires, broke two insulators and followed along the course of the electric wires, finally wearing out its energy with the friction." The conclusions reached by these experiments were that by means of an electric current generated by dynamo or accumulator it would be entirely feasible to protect troops from rifle fire at a distance of 300 yards, and that at from 900 to 1,400 yards, artillery would thus be rendered harmless. It would appear that the advance guard of an army should be electrical engineers to erect non-breakworks of earth, but to string wires and thereby render the murderous missiles of the enemy abundantly supplied with electric potential, could render themselves immune from hostile naval attacks by erecting wires to deflect and neutralize the enemy's projectiles. Coast cities could thus be protected much more cheaply than by frowning forts. I fancy before long that the water approaches to our coast cities will be so guarded by submerged electro-magnets as to bring a hostile armored vessel to a complete standstill far beyond the danger line.—St. Louis Republic.

VINIS A L'E CAN.

VENTE DU MARSHALL DES ETATS UNIS No. 12,578. F. L. Richardson, receveur de la Banque Nationale d'Amérique vs Henry Gardes. Cour de Circuit des Etats Unis pour le Cinquieme Circuit et du District Est de la Louisiane. EN vertu d'un writ de fieri facias issu par le Cour Civil de District pour le District de la Louisiane, dans le cas de F. L. Richardson, receveur de la Banque Nationale d'Amérique, contre Henry Gardes, le dit Gardes a été condamné à payer à la Banque Nationale d'Amérique la somme de \$1,200.00, plus les intérêts et les frais de la cause. Le dit Gardes a été condamné à payer à la Banque Nationale d'Amérique la somme de \$1,200.00, plus les intérêts et les frais de la cause. Le dit Gardes a été condamné à payer à la Banque Nationale d'Amérique la somme de \$1,200.00, plus les intérêts et les frais de la cause.

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PAR ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE Dans l'Affaire de la McARDIE & Sinclair Mfg Co. Ltd. En Liquidation. Grande Terrain de Valeur pour Manufacture Dans le Sixieme District. PAR CURTIS & WALMSLEY CO. LTD. 24 Juin 1897. Le dit McARDIE & Sinclair Mfg Co. Ltd. a été déclaré en liquidation par le Cour Civil de District pour le District de la Louisiane, dans le cas de la McARDIE & Sinclair Mfg Co. Ltd. En Liquidation. Grande Terrain de Valeur pour Manufacture Dans le Sixieme District.

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PAR BAUMGARDEN & STERN. ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE EXCELLENTES PROPRIETES GRANDEMENT ENCLAVES DANS LE QUATRIEME DISTRICT. TIMOTHY BROPHY vs SES CREANCIERS No. 44,112.—Cour Civile de District pour la Paroisse d'Orléans—Division B.

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