

FIGHTING CHIHUAHUA TIGERS.

A Hunter Tells of an Exciting Adventure in the Mountains.

Paul Gillett is an old Indian trader and hunter of Yuma. For fifty years he has been a conspicuous figure in the Colorado and Gila River districts. He has taken part in a number of severe brushes with the Apaches and other tribes, but in his old age, owing to the military forces on the frontier and the lessening of Indian difficulties, he is now devoting more attention to hunting. His eye is yet undimmed, and though now nearly 70 years of age, he is strong and stalwart. It would take a book to tell of his varied experiences. Moreover, he is inclined not to talk much of himself. However, the other day he consented to tell the newspaper representative of a strange experience he had with royal Chihuahua tigers, as an animal of which nothing is known quite so far north as San Francisco.

"You must know," said he, "that these tigers are the most beautiful animals in America. They are robust and seven or eight feet long, a beautiful golden color and spotted like a leopard. The royal tiger of Bengal is striped and has no dots on him. Moreover his general color is dun, and not gold, like the tiger of the Arctics. A thoroughgoing cat in all his movements, sly and light of tread, and with strength of a Hercules; a man cannot afford to fool round much when he meets one out under

THE SOUTHERN PINON TREES.

It was in September that myself Tim Estabrook and John Wilkinson were camped at our mines at the head of Dolores canon. A party of Mexicans came in and reported that they had found an old Spanish mine a few miles out. The Spanish mines were to a large extent covered over and concealed at the time of the revolution and many of them were lost. It was one of those lost mines that the Mexicans say they had. We set off after it, carrying our express rifles with us, for we never in that section go out unarmed, for fear of renegade Apaches, let alone vicious wild animals. After an eighteen-mile jaunt we came to the entrance of the mine. The earth covering had fallen in, and though work could be seen all around, there was no good-sized aperture, and we had no difficulty in entering it. We had advanced about fifty yards in the long, desolate tunnel, and if there is anything desolate in this world it is the dark, damp tunnel of a deserted mine. We carried pine faggots in the hand to give us light, and were moving along in a stooping posture, as miners go, when all of a sudden I noticed great big tracks in the soft mud at the bottom. "Good heavens!" said I, "there are bears in here, and if we don't get out we are done for." We beat a hasty retreat, and reaching the open air again gathered dry bushes and sticks to smoke them out. We staked them up pretty high in the mouth of the tunnel, and threw dirt on them to cause them to smolder and throw the smoke backward.

THEN WE SAT DOWN

with our guns to await the enemy. We had sat there fifteen or twenty minutes, and were tired of holding our guns so long, and began to talk about other things. Still nothing came. We discussed a variety of subjects, our attention became entirely relaxed, and I was in the midst of a story, when booh! booh! a great golden tiger leaped over the fire and us with a great bound. In a twinkling another, with the same booh! booh! and bigger than the other, leaped the barrier, collided against Estabrook, knocked him down and went flying beyond like a greased streak of lightning. Every last one of us forgot his gun, and went racing around trying to find trees to climb. An old she tiger and two kittens, with piercing howls, next followed, and went clambering up the hillside after the other two. By this time every one of us was either perched in a tree or shinning up a sapling. Our guns were lying scattered on the ground, and old hunters as we were, we were clearly beaten. Perched in our trees, after our fright was over, we indulged in loud shrieks and laughter. The situation was too ludicrous. But we resolved to get after these tigers and we did it. We got a skilled Mexican trapper to go with us, and we traced them across gulches, through shrubs, and finally caught a glimpse of one perched in a rocky cleft. Wilkinson brought him down by a shot in the heart. He was a very fine one, large and powerful, and with a magnificent skin.

INTO THE NEXT CANON

traced the other tigers. They traveled almost together, going only fifteen or twenty feet apart in places. The Mexican at last corralled them in a soft limestone mountain, crumbling in places like chalk, and with holes in one side made by weather and animals. It was their other retreat. This time, while we made preparations to smoke them out, we stationed ourselves 100 yards away, spread far apart so we could get a good aim at their bodies while they ran. The first came bounding out like a shot out of a gun, but we were on the alert this time, and three bullets pierced him and laid him low. Then the old one and her young came along. We shot into them, wounding the big one, and she turned on us. Estabrook was caught and his coat torn off. Turning to flee,

THE TIGER CAUGHT HIM

by the left hand and put her teeth through it and crushed it. The kittens, weighing about 100 pounds apiece, would not run, and advanced to aid in the fight. A rifle ball from one of us crippled one and laid the other low, and on we rushed, firing all the while, to the aid of Estabrook. Some say we missed the brute. We had to fire with the greatest care to keep from hitting the hunter, and it seemed to me it was fully five minutes before we planted a fatal ball in her.

"Estabrook was so badly maimed by the teeth of the tiger that he has never recovered from it. His hand was so torn that two of his fingers hung by shreds of flesh, and his arm above the wrist was also incased. This was the closest call I ever had with any wild animals. Bear and deer and other kinds of game on the borders I have killed in large numbers, but there is nothing on the frontier now that is so vicious as this tiger. Estabrook is now at San Bernardino, laid up from his tiger fight."

The mind is largely dependent for its strength and clearness of vision upon the purity of the life. It is true that a man should know what is right in order to do right; but it is also true that he must be in the habit of doing right in order to make such knowledge of any practical value.

TELEGRAPHIC TICKETS.

The works on the asylum in London are completed.

Henri Rochefort's son has committed suicide at Bona.

Oklahoma is now troubled with simoors and smallpox.

An anti-slavery congress is to be held in Lucerne in July.

The ransomed African missionaries have arrived at Zanzibar.

Gen. Boulanger has taken a house in Portland Place, London.

Halifax has decided to have a summer carnival from August 5 to 10.

Shore fishermen in the Maritime Provinces are reaping a rich harvest.

The Duke of Edinburgh has arrived at Portsmouth. His health is improved.

Hon. Eugene Chénin, ex Senator of the Gulf division, of Quebec, is dead.

The new license law cuts off 1,500 saloonists in Boston, and still leaves 780 drinking places.

All unnecessary trains are to be discontinued on Sundays on the Iron Mountain railway.

The Lake Erie, Essex and Detroit River railroad expect to have trains running into Leamington by May 24.

Sir Thomas Esmonde, and Messrs. Dillon and Deasy, Irish members of Parliament, have arrived at Melbourne, Australia.

English railway securities suffered a relapse, and American securities experienced a boom on the London stock market last week.

Collector Benson, of Windsor, is suffering from an incurable disease, and there is general regret and sympathy in the community.

A large body of Scotch miners have demanded an increase of 10 per cent. in their wages, and threaten a strike unless it is granted.

Mr. Gladstone's son William is now better. Sir Andrew Clark, the famous physician, has, however, gone to Hawarden to attend him.

Jack Harvey, with several aliases, has been arrested by the Grand Trunk detectives, and is in jail in Montreal.

Some British flags displayed in Worth street, New York, were torn down by Boston militiamen.

It is estimated that there has been a decrease of \$11,500,000 in the public debt of the United States since April 1.

The Berliner Tagblatt has been prohibited from circulating in Austria for referring disrespectfully to Empress Elizabeth.

The St. Paul Street Car Company has another strike on hand. One thousand men want an advance from \$1.25 to \$1.50 per day.

Some miscreants the other night smashed the windows of the Presbyterian church at Caledon East, of which Mr. Dobbin was pastor lately.

The license commissioner of London ignored the petition of the temperance people and granted one more each of tavern and shop licenses than in 1888.

Christianity in Japan.

It seems somewhat strange that the work of spreading Christianity in Japan has been left by the Churches and missionary societies of Europe almost entirely to those of this continent. While the former are working energetically in China and India they have less than 60 missionaries in Japan, whereas the United States and Canada have 386 there. The Scotch Presbyterians, the English Baptists, three Churches of England societies and a German Swiss society are the only European organizations having laborers in this field, while twenty American societies are represented in it. It may be that this is due to the fact that America was the first to take advantage of the opening of the Mikado's empire to Western Commerce and civilization. It is just thirty years since the Presbyterians, Dutch Reformed, and Protestant Episcopal Churches of the United States instituted the first missions to Japan. In the following year the Baptist Union also entered the field, which was exclusively occupied by these four organizations until 1869, when the American Board (Congregational) and the English Church Missionary Society joined them. Since then other organizations have sent representatives, but, as we have said, of the twenty-six Protestant missions now in the field, twenty are American, including two Canadian. Among the latest arrivals from the United States are the missionaries of the Society of Friends, who were sent out in 1885, and one sent by the Unitarians in 1887. Of late the work appears to have been progressing most satisfactorily. A report for the year 1888, prepared by the agent of the American Bible Society in Japan, shows that there were at the end of that year 249 organized churches in the country, 25,514 members, 9,698 scholars in the day and boarding schools, 287 theological students, and 142 native ministers. Nearly 7,000 converts were baptized during the year, and the increase of membership over that of the previous year was about thirty per cent., while the contributions of native Christians increased more than fifty per cent. The number of patients in the hospitals also rose from 3,334 in 1887 to 17,279 last year. The Roman Catholic and Greek Churches are likewise well established in Japan, and the total number of Christian churches in the country is 601, having 150,000 communicants.

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"DITTO"

A Girl Who Got the Best of a Traveller.

There were three or four unoccupied seats in the car, but he stood for a moment, grip in hand, near the door, and then walked to a seat in which a young lady sat alone and sat down beside her with an impudence that astounded all other passengers. The girl looked up at him and around the car, and evidently realized the situation, for she took pencil and tablet from her reticule and made ready for him. After about five minutes the man turned to her and observed:

"B-g pardon if I am mistaken, but don't you live at Toronto?"

She looked up in a furtive way, and then wrote on the tablet and handed him:

"I am deaf and dumb."

"Ah! By George!" he sighed as he read it; "that's too, too bad! Deuced pretty girl to have such a misfortune. Well, I'm left, after all my smartness. Saw her at the window before I got on, and carried out the plan to a dot. Deaf and dumb, eh? First one I ever struck!"

He nodded his head to her to signify that he understood, and he would have been glad to change seats if he could have done so without loss of dignity. As the train thundered on he perused the contents of a couple of newspapers, yawned awhile, and then bought and finished a novel; and finally, after a ride of four mortal hours, the whistle blew, and he reached for his grip with the remark:

"I'll be hanged if I ain't glad this stupid ride has come to an end at last."

"Ditto!" quietly replied the girl, as she turned on him.

"You—you—" he gasped, as he stood there looking down upon her with twelve kinds of emotion galloping over his countenance.

"Good-day," she said, and he backed out and dropped to the platform like a man retreating from a mule's hind legs.

An Irishman was planting shade trees when a passing lady said: "You're digging out the holes, are you, Mr. Haggerty?" "No, mum, O'm diggin' out the dirt 'n' lavin' the holes."

Silk Dresses and New Bonnets.

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And her voice with sorrow ringing,
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