S CLOSE CALL. d in a Well While the Water nose to His Mouth

John Simmons, a Baltimore colored well digger, had a terrible struggle for life the other day, but managed to pull through all right. He was digging a well in a yard of Mr. John S. Ballock's house. Simmons had been working on the job for the past two weeks, and had taken out the fortieth foot of earth. He had been in the well all the morning-one man at the top hauling the earth up with a windlass, while Simmons filled the buckets. About 10.30 o'clock, Mr. Deering, who was at the top, heard Simmons give a yell, and looking down, saw the colored man planted in the bottom of the well with earth packed solidly around his body, reaching as high as his waist.

The wooden framework about the top of the well, which is usually built as a protector was crushed by the the force of the earth against it, and fell with the loosening soil. S.mmons had been in

A STOOPING POSITION

filling the bucket. When the earth fell it moulded itself about him so quickly that he had not an opportunity to straighten his limbs, and had to remain in this painful attitude until assistance was rendered. A man was lowered into the well, and managed to draw out from about Simmon's body the large pieces of scantling that formed the framework. He could not extricate Simmons, however, as he was held prisoner by the heavy tub over which his body had been pressed. Then by various slow methods a portion of the fallen clay was dug from about his body and a rope was placed under the question, but there is no doubt that at his arms. Several willing hands caught hold least one far-sighted statesman had not only to pull the man from his prison, but his long since perceived what was coming but | with gossamer gowns this season. screams of pain compelled them to ttop and had worked with all his might to bring it and allow him to sink back into his former position. The work of digging was then renewed with much more energy. Simmons during all this time was pleading with the workmen to save his life.

As the afternoon grew on, water slowly flowed into the excavation, rising gradually about the poor man's shoulders until it reached his mouth. Many turned away horror stricken, thinking Simmons would be drowned in a few minutes, and so did Simmons himself, for his face began to turn to the ashy gray hue which is like the

WHITE DEATH PALLOR.

Digging under such circumstances was hard work.

"If some one in the crowd would bail out the water, we can save the man." said a gentleman over in the corner, and in a jiffy a colored man was on the rope and half way down to do his part to rescue his colored brother. While the water was being taken out Simmons had to throw his head back in order to get his breath, so high had it risen. When the water had been taken out the digging continued and at half past 5 o'clock John Simn one was hauled out a live man. He had been in there five hours. While he was not seriously injured internally or external. ly, the nervous shock was very severe. He was taken to the Maryland University Hospital and stimulants were given him. Simmon's wife was present while the work was going on.

WHAT ANTIQUITY TEACHES.

How the Ancients Measured Time-Change in 1800 Years.

Let us remember, then, the lessons which we have learned from antiquity. We have learned reading and writing from Egypt; we have learned arithmetic from India. So much for the famous three Rs.

But this is not all. If we are Egyptians whenever we read and write, and Indians whenever we do our accounts, we have only to look at our watches to see that we are Babylonians also. We must go to the British Museum to see what a cuneiform inscription is like, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that every one of us carries someinto sixty seconds and so forth? Simply into a cave hard by. In the meantime the isted, by the side of the decimal system of | bed fell in with a shepherd, whom he maulnotation, another system, the sexagesimal, ed rather badly. Mr. Gabbett opened fire on ber should have been chosen is clear enough | charged and was hit twice again. Mr. Gaband it speaks well for the practical sense of | bett was aiming another shot when his foot as sixty.

journey into twenty-four parasangs or 720 himself. The brute felled him to the ground stadia. Each parasang or hour was subdi- with a stroke of his paw, and then returned vided into sixty minutes. A parasang is to Mr. Gabbett. This diversion saved that about a German mile, and Babylonian as- gentleman's life, for the tiger only succeeded tronomers compared the progress made by in clawing him slightly and then fell dead. the sun during one hour at the time of the A fourth tiger also appeared on the scene, equinox to the progress made by a good but did not molest anyone. Mr. Gabbett walker during the same time, both accom- was brought into Abu Road. He is progresplishing the parasang. The whole course of sing, and purposes going home shortly. The the sun during the twenty-four equinoctial shepherd is also in a fair way to recovery, hours was fixed at twenty-four parasangs or but the poor old gatekeeper has succumbed. 720 stadia, or 360 degrees. This system was | - [Calcutta Englishman. handed on to the Greeks, and Hipparchus, the great Greek philosopher, who lived about 150 B. C. introduced the Babylonian hour into Europe. Ptolemy, who wrote about 150 A. D., and whose name still lives | that he would rent only to people who had no in that of the Ptolemaic system of astronomy, children. His flats were soon filled, and he duced by some unexplained motive to res. ly wronged .- [Peck's Sun. pect our clocks and watches, and allowed our dials to remain sexagesimal, that is, Babylonian, each hour consisting of sixty minutes. Here you see again the wonderful coherence of the world, and how what we call knowledge is the result of an unbroken tradition of a teaching descending from father to son.

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A Bit of History.

Here is a chapter from United States history prompted by the centennial celebrations of Washington's inauguration as president particularly worth reading at this juncture of our sffairs. While in England recently, Prof. L Sears, of the University of Vermont, found an impression prevailing among gentlemen whom he met that the thirteen colonies severed their political connection wi h Great Britain hastily and petulantly, without sufficient cause, and he quotes an English historian as saying that the men who led resistance to the obnoxious acts of Parliament had a separation in their minds and hearts from the start. Prof. Sears has undertaken to refute this theory by presenting, in an article printed in the "Andover (Mass) Review" for May, the evidence of a number of Revolutionary leaders to the contrary. Washington was satisfied two years before the Declaration "that no such thing (as independence) is desired by any thinking man in all North America." Franklin the same year said he had never heard the least expression of a wish for a reparation. Jay never heard from any American a wish for independence until after the second petition of Congress in 1775. Jefferson never heard a whisper of a disposition to separate up to the actual commencement of hostilities. Madison said in his old age of the men of the Revolution that, so far as came to his knowledge, none of them was understood to maintain a pursuit of independence at the assembling of the first Congress or for a considerable period thereafter. By quoting this testimony and other like it Prof. Sears makes out an excellent case for his side of about. Samuel Adams, it is agreed, made up his mind at least as early as 1768 that the separation of the colonies from England was the only means of preserving their liberties. He had no liking for the scheme of giving them seats in the House of Commons, a proposition that won the approval of Franklin and other is fluential men of the party. So, when the day of Lexington came he declared it a "glorious morning." Undoubtedly there were other men more or less of his way of thinking. John Adams is quoted by Prof.

Sears as denying the existence anywhere in America before the Revolution of "a general desire of indeperdence." Yet all four of the Massachusetts delegates to the first Congress Samuel Adams, Cushing, Paine, and John Adams himself, were suspected of entertaining such a desire, as they were secretly told, just before they reached Philadelphia in 1774, by Bayard and other local Sons of Liberty. It was this warning that caused them to take a less prominent part in the proceedings than otherwise would have been theirs. The language of Patrick Henry also implies a willingness to go beyond half-measures. In France American independence had long been anticipated. It has been said that the situation here depicted is being repeated at this moment in Canada. We hardly think so, at any rate not to nearly so pronounced an extent. But if there be annexationists insidiously at work, all that those opposed to them can do is to take warning and to sturdily and honestly meet

A High Time with Tigers.

Mr. Gabbett, district engineer at Abu Road, had a remarkable adventure with tigers lately. Mr. Gabbett was traveling by trolly between Abu Road and Roh when one of the gate keepers gave him khabar of a family of tigers in an sjoining jungle, and Mr. Gabbett, accompanied by his trolly men and the old gate-keeper started at once for the scene of operations. He had not long to wait before three fine tigers broke cover, and he dropped the foremost dead with a well directed shot. He then fired at the next one, but, though the brute was hard hit, he managed to make off toward a river thing like a cuneiform inscription in his bed in the vicinity. Mr. Gabbets then had waistcoat pocket, For why is our hour a shot at the third and succeeded in wounddivided into sixty minutes, each minute | ing him badly, but the animal beat a retreat and solely because in Babylonia there ex. tiger which had gone toward the river which counted by sixties. Why that num- stripes, who was hit and rolled over, but those ancient Babylonian merchants. There slipped and he fell, and the infuriated beast is no rumber which has so many divisors | dealt him a blow on the head which rendered him insensible. The old gatekeeper pluckily attacked the tiger with his sword, The Babylonians divided the sun's daily but only diverted the fury of the animal to

His Abused Confidence.

A New York flat owner advertised as usual gave still wider currency to the Babylonian | congratulated himself that no childish voices way of reckening time. It was carried along were to be heard in the halls. One day a on the quiet stream of traditional knowledge few weeks later he came around to collect through the Middle Ages, and, strange to the rent, and nearly dropped dead when he say, it sailed down safely over the Niagara found that two families had been blessed with of the French Revolution. Far the French, triplets, four with twins, and seven with when revolutionizing weights, measures, single babies. He has lost all confidence in coins and dates, and subjecting all to the human race, and now goes about with the decimal system of reckoning, were in- lowered head, as a man who has been deep-

A Russian Giant.

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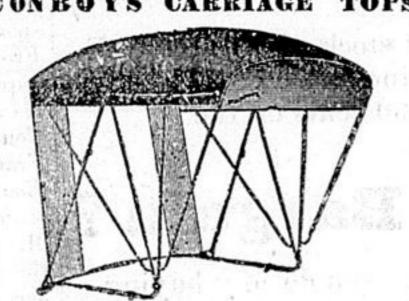
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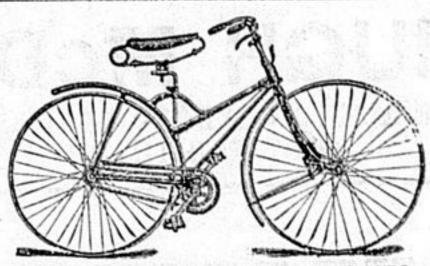
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