

**A Tale of Two Alligators.**

Mrs. E. A. Wyatt owns a drug store in Ridgewood, N. J. The chief attraction in the window, the New York Sun says, was a round bowl in which two small alligators swam. Mrs. Wyatt put the reptiles into the bowl thirteen years ago, and, under favorable and natural conditions, they should have been fully as many feet long as they have been years in captivity. But they never grew any larger, though they ate voraciously, and the cold wave of last week was entirely too much for them. On Thursday Mrs. Wyatt found them motionless in the bowl, floating and apparently dead. She tried to revive them before the fire, and, failing, she threw them in the ash barrel. There the drug store boy found them, and determined to preserve the bodies by filling them with alcohol and mount them before his bedroom window. He had squirted alcohol down the throat of one of his subjects until there was no room for more, and had half filled the other one when the alligator he had first treated began to show some signs of life. The boy at once placed it close to the store, and it presently showed it was still worth two dead alligators. Its companion then encouraged the boy by opening one eye and putting its tongue out. More alcohol was forced into it, and it was soon "fighting drunk" and very much alive. It wanted to pick a quarrel with its fellow-prisoner, but that reptile was too tipsy to respond. Then they both fell asleep, and yesterday they were swimming around the bowl as usual.

**The King of Dahomey.**

The King of Dahomey continues to butcher his prisoners and his subjects in royal fashion. M. Lartigue, the French traveller, gives a fearful description of the king's festivals. In front of his palace at Abomey he has two great tanks to receive the blood of his victims. Human sacrifices occur all the year round, but when the memory of King Guezo is to be celebrated the slaughter is dreadful. On the 3rd of August last, according to M. Lartigue, the number of killed was over 700. The 5th of August was the great festival, and his Majesty himself took a hand in the killing. He came to the place of butchery in a carriage drawn by four fine horses and driven by four coachmen. These coachmen were ordered to advance to the centre of the place. They understood what this meant. They walked slowly. Tears were rolling down their cheeks. The king arose, walked over to them, sabre in hand, and decapitated them, one after the other. The bloody work was continued until the 29th of August. Some of the blood of the victims was carried in buckets and thrown upon the grave of the departed monarch. Women were also sacrificed, and the king was finally satisfied. He is resting now, but he will soon begin operations again.

**A Strange Event.**

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—A very strange and startling event took place near Freepport, a small village below here, on Tuesday night last. Mr. John Gamen and wife, of Freepport, attended the revival meetings on Tuesday night in the old Mennonite church, near Preston. During their trip to Preston the moon was shining beautifully and clear, but on their leaving for home was obscured by heavy, dark clouds which threw everything into darkness. Their horse was a healthy bay, 12 years of age. They had got about half way home, when suddenly, without the slightest warning, the clouds burst and immediately everything was thrown into dazzling brightness. For a moment the horse stood still as if paralyzed with fear, and then with a shudder fell over and was stone dead in an instant. The neighbors helped the astonished couple home, and the next morning the horse was buried. An event of this order has never taken place near this district before, and it is the sole topic of conversation of the little village.

A Chicago alderman admitted two burglars to his house, supposing them to be constituents who wanted something.

The "Queen of Seilly" is dead. She was Mrs. Dorrien Smith, the wife of the proprietor of the Seilly Islands. She died of grip.

The driver of a pie-wagon in Chicago the other day drove in the road of a United States mail wagon, and answered the requests of the latter's driver to get out of the way with derisive profanity. Now he is confronted with a fine of \$50 and costs for obstructing the mails.

A burglar in St Paul recently seized a tray of diamonds from the window of a jewelry store and ran. He slipped on the pavement and the gems, sixty-two in number, flew in every direction and dropped in the mud in the street. A mob gathered and fought for the jewels. They were worth \$500, but only twenty were returned to the owner.

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9. The Royal Canadian is obliged to pay its losses within sixty days and usually takes much less. The London Mutual need not pay for ninety days, and since it has become so hard up as to be obliged to borrow money largely, it usually takes about the full time allowed.
10. The Royal Canadian policy is subject to the statutory conditions only. It has none of the numerous variations against the policy-holder printed in red ink on the back of the London Mutual policy.
11. As to security, the inspector of insurance reports that the Royal Canadian has \$202,758, the amount he estimates to be necessary to enable the company to carry out all its engagements with its policy holders. Besides this he reports that it has to the good the \$400,000 capital paid in cash by the shareholders, and a net surplus \$117,607 making in all a total cash surplus of \$517,607 to protect its policy-holders against unexpected contingencies. In addition to these cash items it has a subscribed capital of \$100,000 not called up. Regarding the security of the London Mutual the inspector reports that the amount of unearned premium it should have on hand is \$290,309. To make up this amount in cash a second call would have to be made on the premium notes for a large amount, leaving a surplus of only \$74,218, even if there were no bad debts, and this surplus is made up wholly of the unpaid balance of premium notes already heavily assessed. The company reports the losses adjusted but unpaid at the close of the year at \$6,387, but the Inspector of Insurance finds that the liability for unpaid losses at the end of the year was \$20,286. The cash on hand to pay these losses only amounted to \$13,911.

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