

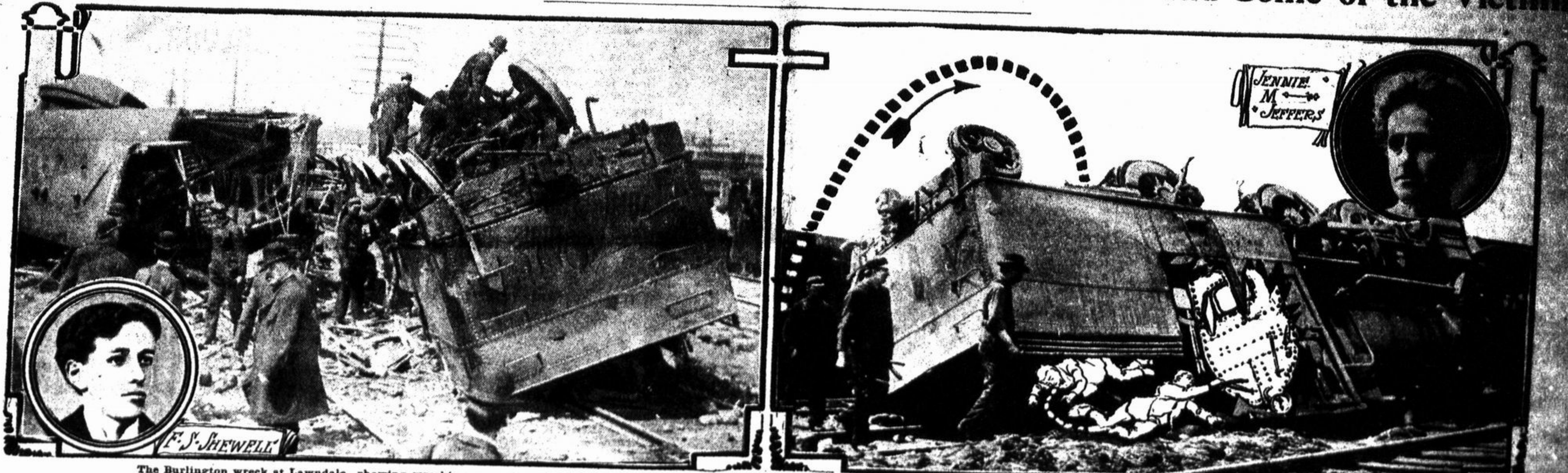
# DOWNERS GROVE REPORTER

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## Photographs of the Burlington Suburban Train Wreck at Lawndale and Some of the Victims



The Burlington wreck at Lawndale, showing wrecking crew at work in debris.

The overturned engine, showing position of engineer's body and how he prevented a terrible explosion.

### News of the Neighborhood

Miss Edith Chivers has returned from California.

John N. Modall is advertising for a boy to learn the drug business.

Mrs. Straube entertained twelve ladies at luncheon on Wednesday.

Miss Mina Ruth, of Chicago, spent Sunday with Miss Mildred Briggs.

Mrs. Rinehart, of Chicago, was a visitor at the Alden home this week.

Mrs. James Pritham and Greenville Pritham have returned from a visit to southern California.

The firemen have decided to have a picnic in the Lyman Woods on July 4. Keep this in mind.

W. V. Devereaux has the contract for the heating plant being installed in the Shanahan home on East Curtiss street.

Rev. J. R. Stamon, of Naperville, has succeeded Rev. W. H. Shuster as pastor of the German Evangelical church here.

John Gorman and Emil Wachter are receiving congratulations this week, caused by the advent of a son each in their families.

J. E. Kilbourne has bought the house occupied by Mr. Bittney on Blodgett avenue and will move thereto in the near future.

The Adams home, being built facing the lake on Linwood street, is being rushed to completion fast. F. G. Duthie has the contract.

E. W. Otto is fixing up his lawns on East Maple avenue and in the near future will have one of the show places on that beautiful street.

The old willow trees that lined the creek on the Riel property on East Curtiss street have been removed and greatly improve the property.

The work of opening out the creek to the Blodgett slough goes along nicely. When this is done it will greatly improve Mr. Blodgett's property.

Mrs. Susan Hill and Mrs. Mary Johnson, of Morris, Illinois, are visitors with their former pastor and wife at the Baptist parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lord, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Johnson and Miss A. L. Wood, all of Chicago, were the guests of L. M. Hickox and family on Sunday last.

W. J. Herring is having a grape arbor built at the rear of his residence and otherwise repairing his residence, and also the residence where Dr. Washburn lives.

The alterations on the Barnhart home on East Curtiss street are progressing nicely. The changes will make it one of the neatest little homes on the street.

The ladies' aid of the Methodist church will hold an all-day meeting in the church parlors on Wednesday, May 15, beginning at nine-thirty a. m. Bring your luncheon.

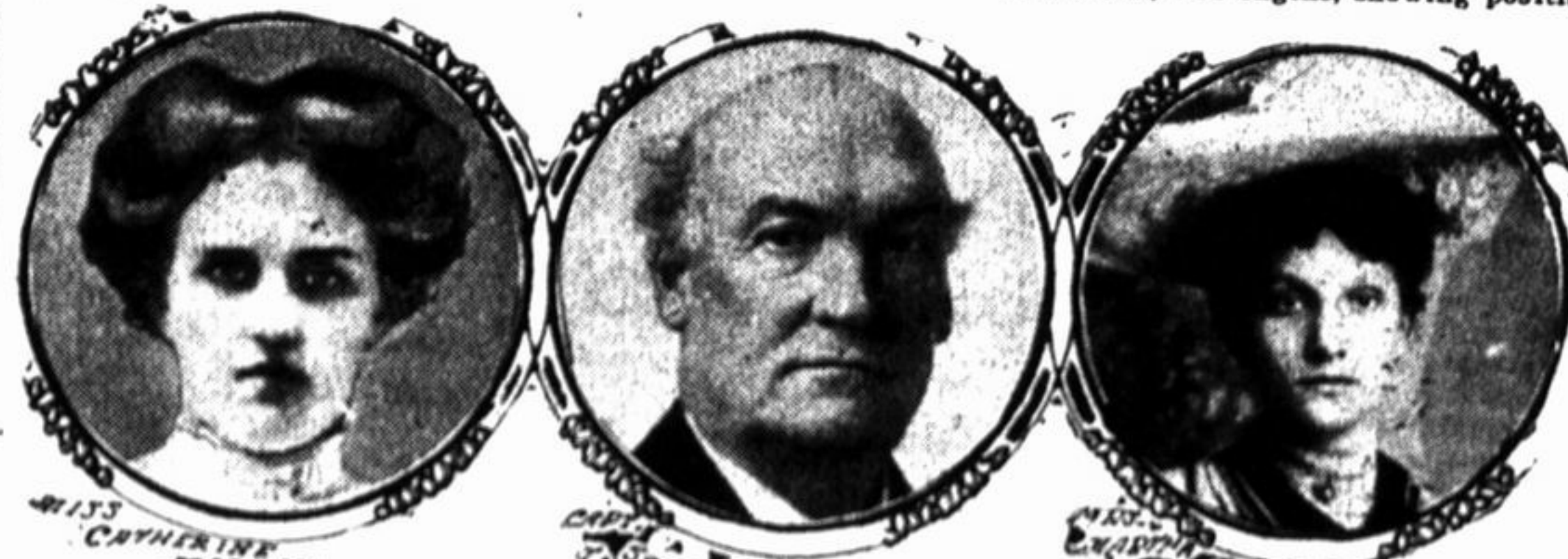
Mrs. Wertzler, of Allegan, Michigan, was in East Grove spending a few days with his family this week. He reports business good at his new plant at Allegan.

There are a few houses for rental, the first time such has been a fact in Downers Grove for a long time. As soon as this is known at outside points no doubt they will soon fill up.

The house owned by G. H. Bunge and occupied by Professor Avery has been sold and Professor Avery will move to the Herring house at the corner of Randall and Fairmont.

While working at his father's house on Linwood avenue, William Adams fell and was somewhat injured. He was unconscious for some time after being picked up. He was found in the basement.

Dr. W. A. Bebb has begun the erection of a new home and office on Curtiss street west next to D. G. Graham's



Victims of the wreck.

### C. B. & Q. Suburban Wrecked

The C. B. & Q. train leaving here at 8:27 a. m. on Thursday was wrecked at Hamlin avenue, near Crawford station, on the high embankment being made in the elevation of the tracks.

One woman is dead and a score of persons are seriously injured as a result of the wreck. Mrs. Mary Miller, 53 years old, 4237 Grand boulevard, died on reaching St. Anthony de Padua hospital.

There were four cars well filled with passengers and it was speeding toward Chicago at about forty to forty-five miles per hour when the crash occurred. A split rail is believed to have been the cause of the disaster, for without warning, the engine leaped from the track, and amid a roar and hissing of escaping steam turned a complete somersault. At the same time a rail curled up and pierced the floor of the first coach, smashing several seats.

Other victims of the wreck, some of whom are said to be seriously hurt, are:

A. M. Hinckley, Hinsdale, taken to Presbyterian Hospital.

Mrs. C. H. Thayer, Hinsdale, taken to Presbyterian Hospital.

Mrs. F. S. Hewell, Hinsdale, taken to Presbyterian Hospital.

Catherine Wierowski, 20 years old; East Grove, Ill., high arm injured.

Mrs. Theresa Wierowski, 45 years old; East Grove, Ill., cut and bruised.

Kathryn Moran, 16 years old; (Gostyn), Downers Grove; back sprained; serious condition.

Mrs. Martha Novak, Gostyn; injured about body.

Mrs. Pauline Moran, 45 years old; (Gostyn), Downers Grove, Ill.; left arm bruised.

Evan H. Shepard, Hinsdale, Ill., left shoulder injured; taken to Presbyterian Hospital.

Elizabeth Miller, 20 years old, 4237 Grand boulevard, right leg broken and shoulders injured.

Sarah Miller, 30 years old, 4237 Grand boulevard, burned on body and right leg broken.

Mrs. George Morton, Riverside, bruised about body.

H. R. Morgan, Hinsdale, Ill., shocked.

W. A. Sprague, La Grange, with the American Steel and Wire Company; injured about the face; taken to St. Anthony's Hospital.

Orren V. Stoker, La Grange; cut about body; taken to St. Anthony's Hospital.

Edward Porter, collector; cut and bruised.

P. E. Segitzer, baggage man; bruised.

F. E. Schasta, fireman; scalded.

Thomas M. Campbell, printer, Downers Grove.

A general call for ambulances followed the reports of the wreck, and at St. Anthony de Padua Hospital emergency preparations were at once begun. Among the first of the victims to be taken to the hospital was Mrs. Miller. She had been in the first car, which had been thrown on its side and dragged along the ties. She was picked up unconscious. The wreckage caught fire, but was quickly extinguished by a company of firemen.

Perhaps the most striking act of heroism following the crash was displayed by the engineer of the wrecked train. The locomotive had turned over and the big drive wheels, released from contact with the rails, were revolving at a rate of speed that threatened to send them flying into a thousand pieces. The engineer, in spite of his injuries, groped around blindly until he found

the throttle and shut off the steam. Then he sank into unconsciousness and was carried away.

The last two coaches of the train were used as smoking cars, and for that reason many of the injured were women and children. As the first car was thrown over, the passengers found themselves in danger of being shoved through the broken windows and crushed to death between the car and ground.

The second coach reeled as it came to an abrupt stop, and a panic ensued among the women. The weaker ones were in danger of being trampled to death in the aisles, but serious accidents were prevented.

Those who had picked themselves up and found themselves uninjured, went to the assistance of the others. The work of rescue progressed rapidly, and within a few moments several ambulances were on their way to the hospital.

Among the passengers from Downers Grove were Captain T. S. Rogers, Frank Mason, John Stewart, Robert Wells, R. Nye, Mrs. H. Dutton, R. O. Curtiss and several from Gostyn. Most of these were in the smoker and were only shocked up. The news came that Captain Rogers was badly injured, but he returned about four o'clock and laughingly received congratulations on the street. R. O. Curtiss was in the coach with the women and he managed to keep one woman from jumping out of a window, which might have meant her death.

A report is to hand that Mrs. Godwin, Mrs. Chas. Plummer, Mrs. Jeffers and a relative of A. M. Hinckley of Hinsdale were injured. Mrs. Plummer is a relative of Mrs. Frank R. Rogers. The W. A. Sprague of La Grange who was injured is a former resident of this place.

ing out of order at the home of T. E. Brooks, was left to the water and light committee with power to act.

Mr. Brooks, of the Brooks coal company, stated that he had conveyed Main street for sprinkling, and he thought the village should allow him the water free for the work in lieu of its property. The matter was left to the water and light committee with power to act.

Several other minor matters were discussed and left to their respective committees.

**A Couple of Curiosities**

George Barr, of the township, is showing a peculiar monstrosity in an egg within an egg. It is a duck egg, but the outer egg is much larger than usual. The inner egg is about the size of a hen's egg. Mr. Barr had the outer egg pierced and the contents withdrawn and one can look through the hole in the end and see the inner egg. The outer egg did not have a yolk. The unique curiosity will be placed on exhibition in a Main Street store.

The other curiosity is a small stone about the size of an egg which was picked up under the building being moved on the rear of Dr. Bobb's lot on West Curtiss street by Roy Andrus. The stone has a hole through it about an eighth of an inch in diameter and through this some sweet clover has grown. One of the main roots has gone through the hole and protrudes several inches below, and the green leaves are all above. It shows the persistency of this kind of clover.

**Coming Back to Town**

A Florida paper contains this: "C. R. Caldwell, who recently sold his property at McMeekin, Florida, will probably return to his former home in Downers Grove, near Chicago. The Caldwell family will be greatly missed."

We will all be pleased to see C. R. Caldwell and his family back again. Downers Grove will always welcome its former citizens back to the fold.

**They Are Appreciative**

The library association and the woman's club wish to express publicly to T. S. Baldwin their appreciation of his kindness in giving them a most enjoyable entertainment, which was a success not only from an artistic and literary standpoint, but financially as well, making it possible for the library to put many new books on their shelves and the woman's club to make the last payment on their piano.

**Miss Emma L. Wolf, a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music, having been a successful piano instructor in Chicago and Downers Grove for several years, will accept a limited number of pupils.**

Studio 118 N. Main St. Fridays and Saturdays.

**SQUAW AS A HOUSEKEEPER.**

Put the squaw in a tepee and she is the neatest of housekeepers. Everything in one of these big, roomy tents is in apple pie order. The blankets are neatly rolled and stowed away under the edge of the tepee, leaving the center clear. Bright-colored blankets and fine fur robes are spread about and a wonderfully banded dance drum hangs from one of the poles.

But, on the other hand, put a squaw in a house and she is anything but a success. Go into one of these frame houses and you will find the mattresses laid along the floor, with the whole family sprawling thereon. The cracked cook stove will be in the middle of the floor, with anything but agreeable odors coming therefrom while the meal is in progress. Outside the beds are and springs will be used as chicken roosts.

But the squaw doesn't let her house-keeping shortcomings worry her. When she puts on an old tooth, valued at anything from \$1,500 to \$3,000, and rides to the fair or to the agency on a Sunday astride a banded saddle she is a picture of contentment that any of her white sisters might envy.

### Among the Churches

The subject of the lesson sermon for First Church of Christ, Scientist, for May 12, will be "Mortals and Immortals." The text will be taken from Psalm 17:15. Reading room open every Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. J. Farrar.

Baptist church, Sunday, May 13.—The pastor, Rev. B. L. Prescott, will preach at the morning hour. Subject of sermon, "A Noble Contest." At the evening hour, seven-thirty, Rev. C. J. Pope, of Grand Island, Nebraska, formerly pastor of this church, will preach. Splendid music. A special welcome to all.

Evangelical Church.—The pastor, Rev. J. R. Stamm, will preach both morning and evening. The morning service will be in German and the evening sermon in English. Let some of the English friends of the church attend these services this week, for there is English preaching every two weeks on Sunday night. Sunday school every Sunday at ten a. m., and young people's alliance at six forty-five p. m. All are cordially invited.

Congregational Church.—Morning services, ten forty-five. Subject, "The Rift in the Lute." Sunday school at twelve o'clock. Men's bible class in church parlors from twelve to one p. m. Vesper service at five p. m. Subject, "The Man Who Said He Would and Couldn't." Christian Endeavor at six p. m. Subject, "The Lessons of the Patriarchs." Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. Subject, John 14, 5, 6, 7. The pastor will lead.

**DOG TAX NOTICE!**

Notice is hereby given to all owners of dogs within the limits of the village of Downers Grove that the annual dog tax is now due and payable at the office of the village collector, and that the sum of one dollar for each and every male dog and two dollars for each and every female dog must be paid before June 1.

BERT C. WHITE,  
Village Clerk.

**FOUGHT WITH AN ALLEGATOR.**

Florida Fisherman, Attacked by Huge Snarling, Wind After Battle.

Russel G. Knight, of Point Pleasant, N. J., and a patron of the Royal Palm hotel, had an experience this week with a monster alligator which he will long remember as one of the narrowest escapes of his life, says the Miami correspondent of the New York Herald.

Mr. Knight chartered a small "auxiliary" and crew last Wednesday and started early for a favorite fishing ground in the lee of some of the smaller keys just outside the Bay of Biscayne. After some hours of the sport one of the crew sighted a huge alligator close to the shore.

Fishing was discontinued and the boat put about and headed for the alligator. The latter showed fight immediately, and with his tail began to lash the water into spume. Mr. Knight took several shots with his rifle, but with no apparent effect. Suddenly the alligator made for the boat. Several times he swung his powerful tail and all his captives made for the boat. Finally one of the boatmen succeeded in catching the tail of the animal with the boat hook and lifting the head out of the water so that Mr. Knight could shoot between the eyes. Before reaching the boat, however, the monster swung his tail, breaking off the boat hook and rudder as if they had been iron. The alligator, which was about 15 feet long, was about 10 inches in girth and with the aid of a der and under sail, he was taken to the hotel and eaten.