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Some Indians are Free Masons.

Major E. H. Cooper, attached to military headquarters at Chicago, recently related an experience through which he passed while on the western frontier that possesses more than a passing interest. "During nearly forty years of travel and exploration in all parts of the continent, from the southern part of South America to Alaska, I have had many thrilling experiences and many narrow es capes from death," said Major Cooper.

"The memories of one instance are particularly vivid. It was in the early seventies, and I was carrying on my investigations among the ruins left by the cliff builders. I was just across the Colorado border, in Utah, and I was alone and miles from any white man, when suddenly I was surrounded by a tribe of Piute Indians and taken captive.

"I was well acquainted with the savage characteristics of this renegade tribe, and knew what was in store for me. It was their custom to bind their captive, stand him on a pile of fagots against a resinous scrub pine tree and then amuse themselves by shooting arrows at him, coming as close to the victim as possible without hitting him. When the Indians had tired of inflicting torture the flames were lighted, and that was the beginning of a horrible death.

I have never been afraid of death, but I did not fancy the methods, so I began to think faster than I had ever done before. I could see no possible way of escape, but I was not intending to give up without an effort. The old quotation about the power of music to soothe the savage breast came to my mind, and I started to sing as loudly as I could. Naraguaynuop, the chief, stood by and laughed at me, and I knew that the music trick was no good. Meanwhile the bloodthirsty savages were using their tomahawks industriously and the pile of firewood was growing. My feet were bound, but when they approached me to pinion my arms to my side I used the last resort, vain though I supposed it to be. I gave the grand hailing sign and the sign of distress of the Master Masons, an appeal to which any Mason is bound to respond when there is an even chance that his life will not be sacrificed.

"Hardly had I given the sign when the old chief threw up his arms, gave a command to his men, and took me into his tent. That night he stole with me from the camp and told me to escape. I walked some distance up one canyon and then retraced my steps, walking backward. I repeated this trick in a second canyon and then I walked backward up a third canyon, where I found my horse. This was not the only time that the Masonic sign had been of great service to me, and wherever I have traveled I have always found someone who recognized and responded to

On the day after the publication of the above incident in a Milwaukee paper a reporter called upon W. W. Perry, grand secretary of the Grand Masonic Lodge of Wisconsin, and asked him what he knew of the existence of Freemasonry among the savage tribes of the country.

"They have no lodges that I know of," said he, "and I don't know where they got their Masonry, but some of the Indians are good Masons. I remember having heard known as Masons. Major Cooper's was a

good story, and he had a narrow escape."
"The story goes to show that Masonry is a world wide institution," said Dr. W. M. ence before whom he was going to lecture, by the head. Wilson. "Many years ago they brought a by soberly delivering himself of these words. shipload of slaves to New Orleans, and when "This is Professor Stowe," jerking his thumb one of them was put up on the block to be over his shoulder at him, "who is going to auctioned off he made the Masonic hailing talk to you when I get through. His tecture sign. He was then taken down from the may be a trifle dry, but I can give him a firstblock, examined and found to be a Mason. class recommend as a citizen and neighbor. He was not sold into slavery, but a purse His backyard joins unto mine up in Hart-Africa."-Chicago "Chronicle."

WOODSTOCK, N. B., MAY 11, 1904.

Training a Husband.

When Alvin Jones told his mother that he was going to be married she replied that she knew he would be unhappy, because no girl would humor his whims as his mother had. After the wedding was over, says the Chicago News, and her son and her new daughter were established in their cozy home. Mrs. Jone's maternal interest was tinged with a fearful expectancy. To be sure, Alvin looked happy, but for all she knew he might be putting it on. May was sweet and lovable, but her mother in law noted the firm curve in her chin and her calm eye, and waited for something to happen.

"Alvin is so fond of fried cabbage," said his mother one day, happening in as her daughter-in-law was preparing lunch.

"I know it," said May sweetly. "He has asked twice for it, but he doesn't get it. Such indigestible stuff is not good for him." Mrs. Jones went home and wept. She saw down a long vista of years her son treading his weary way uncheered by his favorite vegetable. Her heart was hot within her.

. Do you ever have fried salt pork for breakfast?" she inquired with seeming carelessness another day. Alvin had been abnormally fond of it at home.

"Mercy, no!" said May. "That awful greasy stuff! I believe Alvin did say something about it once, but I explained the dreadful things it did to one's system, and he has not mentioned it again. I find that Alvin likes a lot of things which are very bad for him," she ended, thoughtfully.

"I must be going now," said Alvin's mother, in haste. She felt she could not stay another moment without begging this hard-hearted young creature to relent and make life pleasant for her poor, misunder-

When she dined with them she was surprised to find that Alvin had gained in weight, and looked better than he had when he had lived at home. She noticed, too, that once when he had carelessly flicked cigar ashes on the floor he rose the next minute and caretully brushed them up.

"I make so much extra work for May," he said, in explanation. "You didn't train me very well, did you, mother?"

Mrs. Jones was speechless before this rank ingratitude. Just then May called her husband, and Alvin hastened out where she was. He came back laughing, with his cap in one hand and in the other a glove and a whisk-broom.

"I had stowed my cap. behind the dustpan," he said gaily to his wondering mother. "The whisk-broom I had left on the diningroom table and my glove on the hall floor. It keeps May busy making me put things where they belong. I realize how horribly careless I've been all my life. How long do you think it will take you to train me into a civilized being, my lady?" he ended, as May came into the room.

"I have hopes of you if I keep up the discipline," she replied.

Mrs. Jones senior is wondering if she really did not make a mistake in not using more firmness with Alvin when he was at home.

The Coldest City in the World.

The coldest city in the world is Yakutsk, Eastern Siberia, in the empire of the Czar and the Russians. It is the preat commercial emporium of East Siberia and the capital of the Province of Yakutsk, which, in most of its area of 1,517,063 square miles, is a bare desert, the soil of which is frozen to a great depth. Yakutsk consists of about four hundred houses of European structure, standing apart. The intervening spaces are occupied by winter yoorts, or huts of the northern nomads, with earthen roofs, doors covered with hairy hides, and windows of ice. Caravans with Chinese and European goods collect the produce of the whole line of coast on the Polar Sea between the parallels of 70 degrees and 74 degrees from the mouth of the River Lenato the farthest point inhabited by the Chookchees. Last year a colporteur of the British and Foreign Bible Society made a tour of eleven weeks down the Lena, a river 3,000 miles long, visiting Yakutsh and selling Gospels in their own language to the Yakuts in the villages along the banks.

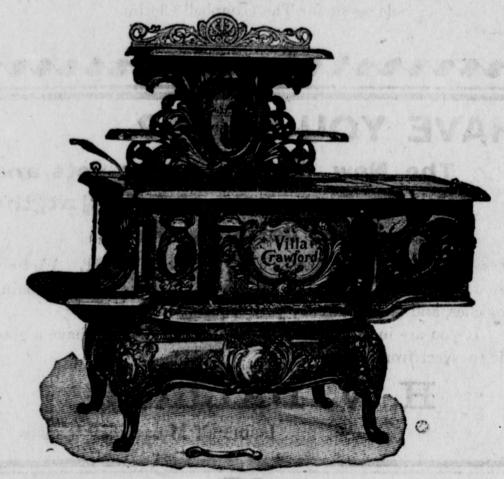
At an author's reading in New York, in which Mark Twain took part, when it came Mark's turn to speak he walked slowly to the front of the platform, glanced down at the reading stand in a puzzled sort of way, as if wondering what it was for, and then carefully picking it up he walked over to the extreme right of the platform with it and left it there. Then, returning to the center of the platform he faced the audience and remarked: "Have more room to talk now. The piece I am going to speak is one that requires plenty of room-for the gestures, you similar stories of narrow escapes from death know. Can't do a subject justice without and disaster by white men making themselves | the necessary space to-er-motion it off. It was upon another occasion that Clemens introduced the solemn and dignified Professor Stowe, his neighbor in Hartford, to an audiwas raised by New Orleans Masons to pur-chase his freedom, and he was sent back to feuce. Had it there now for going on tifteen years -and I've never missed a pullet !"



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