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rose is composed of the bodies of thou- held tightly to the rope with one hand sands of the identical microbes which and tried to get a match to light the bring death through consumption to candle, but the bats flew against my

HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE OF OLIVER ROBERTS, MINING ENGINEER.

Fought for His Life With a Vast Swarm Did Not Explore Further.

Last January I received a note which PROPRIETOR read as follows:-General Oliver Roberts, 1803, Broadway, San

> Francisco, California. Dear Sir,-Will you please call at 10 p.m., Palace Hotel, room 937, on business of importance?

Signed, M--and W--. I called at the above-named place at the hour appointed, and met two English gentlemen, to whom I introduced myself. After we had exchanged greetings, Mr. M -- asked me if I would go for them to Ingo County, California, to examine the Govebold and Napoleon mines, and report as to their value, location, and feasibility as properties upon which to expend capital. I said that I would. Thereupon I set a price upon my services, which was promptly accepted. Without delay, I packed up a camping and mining outfit, and was off, by way of Mojave and through Mojave desert.

to accompany me on the trip, and to assist me in every way possible to explore and investigate the mines.

We bought a 300ft. rope, 3-4 in. in diameter, and secured grub, and a larger camping outfit, all of which we put into the waggon, with a ten and twenty-five gallon water-barrel the country before us being almost entirely without springs, creeks, or even rains, and good water therefore almost wholly lacking. We struck out from Mojave, and by the first night made Indian Wells.

The next day brought us to Shepherd's Station, in Shepherd's Canon. On the day that followed we had this place we left the waggon,

a distance of twelve miles, over towards Death Valley. When night came again we were at the mines, where we camped until morning. All up to this time had been comparatively easy sailing-fatiguing, certainly, under the blistering sun, but yet not attended by any particular discom-

me a tunnel which had caved in. control than the type on which we put together, erected over the open mouth of the shaft, and then braced it strongly in position. Finally the rope was made secure and wound

on, after which we fastened to the end a cowhide tub, stout and large, and, of course, portable. men what he thought the noises were, and soon had me up at the top, or

able things which might be inhabiting the old, deserted works.

ever, was not strong enough, or else it was too stiff to bind or tighten. At any rate, it failed to give sufficient friction on the wood-so down, down, down I went into the apparently bot-

then the speed began perceptibly to slacken. Soon I stopped altogether, suspended in the shaft. I could just see above me a speck of light. It Had the rope been 20 ft. longer, what did not appear larger than my hand. would have become of me I do not bats started suddenly up the shaft- thick of a living mass of venomous instantly extinguished. Then came a of which I can only guess.

I shouted again and again for the men to hoist, for I was being overwhelmed and choked by the vast down and down I went. The men

BUT NOW CAME THE WORST. you take the latter away no flower is I got out a match and relighted the would be best to let me drop below the shoe on a No. 6 foot.

| She—That she can wear a No. 3 | we may hope for his continuance as the would be best to let me drop below the shoe on a No. 6 foot.

unmistakable sound of warning. I still more fearful danger.

lower portion where the rock was of Bats-Handreds of Rattlesnakes to loose. Now, on each of the shelf-like Contend With-Mr. Roberts Says He cross-timbers I saw one or more of the snakes. They had crawled up, I suppose, trying to get out; but it is a well-known fact to all miners and hunters of the Far West that rattlesnakes climb even the trees, whether necessity for such a course exists or

> Now, as I went down among this rattling, ghastly, mass, a big fellow struck, from his position on a timber, and fastened his fangs in my sleeve, Creeping with horror in every nerve, I caught him quickly by the back of him down the pit. I heard him strike three other rattlers had struck in a of their mark and gone down. One struck me, or rather my coat, at the small of my back, but the coat was loose, so that the snake failed to pene-

> By this time the sound of rattling had increased a hundred-fold; the falling snakes having aroused countless numbers of their fellows at the bottom of the shaft. The bucket now stopped abruptly. I was suspended there 300 ft. below the surface and about 15 ft. only from the snake-in-

> STENCH OF THE SNAKES was stifling. Only those who have ever smelt rattlesnakes in a horrid, close, writhing mass can realize what this dreadful odor is. I was sick and faint with it, and the prospect of being lowered helplessly into the very thing awful. I fairly shivered with terror at the mere thought. I shook the rope in desperation; shouted and kept shouting, and shaking more and more frantically. I felt as though I were frozen, so cold and horrified had my whole body become.

ft. to a death from which it would be absolutely impossible to escape. But at last the bucket began to as- the other. cend-slowly-slowly. Oh, it was maddening! I felt as if it would reverse and go down at any moment lower than ever. I crouched in its cow-hide depths and struggled with all my power of will to endeavor to make the men hoist faster. The slowness with which the thing went up was enough to make a man go crazy. The ordeal I struck at by the snakes left on the timbers. I was hit time after timeso much so, indeed, that my duck coat was wet in many places with the poisthing would have been horrible enough God knows, had it happened above

ground in the light of day, But down in that awful pit-! finally got into the bucket with me. He must have reached out too far, when striking, and fallen in. I quickly stamped my foot upon him and him just behind the head, where he could not move to strike. His body writhed about my ankles; his skin i

A SICKENING SENSATION

to feel that awful slippery form under my heel; the chill and the crawling of strangely with his general appearance, ful mounted and ready for emergenmy nerves never departed for a sec- described with his riding whip how he cies than he is crawling on his stom-

ond. But the bucket still moved upward, slowly, slowly. I now arrived in the belt of the bats again, and such a mess I don't think any man ever got into before. The erratic winged creatures beat about me-it seemed with added fury. They struck me repeatedly in the face, and once more put out the candle. It was hideous, I tell you. Their mouse-like squeaks and the dying rattle of the snake beneath my heel nearly froze ence. me to death. I could not fight such a cloud of foes-it was all I could do to protect myself a little from their flap-

ping wings and blind hurtling against my cold face. Now, at last, I could shouted to the men to hoist quickly. hardly won to the beaten Boers. within a few feet of it. They now With the butt-end of my pick I

cause. Their explanations, however, caught in the raw hide in such a manner that they could not get away. under my foot, and then I was hoisted It was exceedingly hot down there to the level of the top, where I crawled as white as a piece of marble.

Well, they lowered with a venge- the bucket, and I guess the other fel- There was a negress on board the folly-the General calls it something ance. Instead of letting me down low killed himself, for he broke loose Queen Charlotte for eleven years; she slowly, controlling the windlass by and fell down the shaft again, which holding to the spokes on each end of was more than the 300 ft. deep which the rickety old affair, they employed we had calculated. I now learned that a brake, which they had rigged up for the only reason why I had not been the purpose. It consisted of a rope lowered entirely down to the bottom, wound around the roller. This, how- among the deadly and disgusting mass

inanimate-I heard while in THAT DREADFUL POSITION. I shouted up for the men to lower not know, for the two men on top more slowly. At the first sound of my | would have continued to let me down, voice, however, an enormous flock of and I should have been landed in the so thick about me that my candle was and enraged serpents, at the number After I had got over my fright and had begun to regain my self-control,

and my blood had again begun to flow through my veins, I asked the men why they did not hoist when I shouted up. They answered that they had not heard a sound, and that furthermore it was all they had been able to do to stand at the eage of the shaft when the bats came out. The cloud of the as it poured from the mouth of the so many of our friends and relations face and hands, striking their sharp hole that it was like so much smoke. The violet and pansy get their color little claws into my flesh. I was comso that they flew against the men, and selves for a time. My assistants, indeed, had been unable to see anything but bats, and could hardly control the I was shot down until I was entire- windlass, assailed as they were by the belief. ly through the bat "line" or "belt," winged myriads. They did not dare,

WHAT I FOUND IN THE MINE candle. Instantly a dozen or more belt where the creatures lived. They rattlesnakes set up their fearful and did not, of course, know, of the other FAILED TO USE CAVALRY. hundreds of these deadly reptiles in ploration of that particular mine-by GEN. WHITE'S MILITARY ERROR

say a dozen, but there must have been | My adventure put an end to all exthat old shaft. Years before there me, at any rate. The rope was pulled had been good mining done, and, there- off the windlass; the outfit was pack-Descended 300 Feet Into an Unused Mine- fore, the shaft was timbered up in this ed, and my coat thrown away on account of its being covered with the looks very much like albumen, but is very thin and watery. the snakes in the mine is that about the shaft which I descended, unti hoisting out the rock and ore became

> nel which tapped the shaft at the pot-The tunnel was completed as to warrant their pursuing the work further. At that time milling facilities were almost wholly lacking, so work of infantry, helping to storm a the head, tore him off, and dropped that rich ore was the only sort worth position which was found to have taking from the earth. The prospecthe bottom, and knew that I was not tors therefore abandoned the mine, far above it, by the promptness with which thereupon became the den of ed, doing work for which their arms which the sound came back. Two or snakes, scorpions, tarantulas, and and accoutrements rendered them unsundry other denizens of the rock and tit, when they ought to have been on similar manner, but had fallen short brush, with which the country swarms. After many years the tunnel caved in, imprisoning the snakes and anything or the retreat of the infantry from

> trate to the skin, and he finally fell | cious than are the rattlers perished, but the snakes fed on the young bats a prejudice against the employment of that fell into the shaft, and there the savalry, which seems strange when serpents have been breeding and flourishing ever since.

> > ever happens again, I believe it will the place in pitched battle it once had, become as white as snow. I returned to San Francisco and reported to my English friends that I fantry upon anything like open ground had made the trip and found-the biggest rattlesnake mine in the country!

midst of this den of snakes was some- Vivid Description of the Scenes Near the It seemed as if nothing could save me from shooting down that last paltry 15

> occupation, but these speedily evastore by the wet and dirty Britons.

on of these horrid reptiles. The Court-martial consisting of two goodwith two stars on his shoulder strips. One monster, about 31-2 ft. long, Of course this Court-martial, if such it and most guns. Yet he owed the fact was, ended without any result. group of soldiers, Imperial Light Horse

put my whole weight upon it, and got when the chance offered, drinking to slipped on his body, beneath my torn away, lay bleeding in his rags under the kitchen table.

> impaled two Dutchmen with one poke between boulders and playing at of his lance-a yarn which has since sharp-shooting, a game for which, in been published in the newspapers as the first place, he is not trained.
> a fact—but the truth of which Istill REAL USE OF CAVALRY.

WARRIOR WOMEN. edge of the leather tub. These had century, writes Sir Walter Besant in loves to fire at an enemy from besaid that undoubtedly lizards were the struck at me, and had got their fangs the London Queen, leads to many classes of subdivisions. I have ascertained, without much trouble, that wosmashed the head of the fellow I had man drank like a man, fought like a here is the cavalry's chance. If, as

One of these men-like women led the but I shivered from head to foot, and to escape the consequences, assumed steeds, exposing themselves to a cavman's dress, became a peddler, and alry charge, and leaving their position

the girl who served on board a man of that to employ them dismounted or which were hanging to the bottom of war first and a merchantman next. as mounted infantry is the worst of NEWCASTLE DRUG STORE became captain of the foretop. There have the enemy engaged with your atwere many others, but I will only re- tack, let your cavalry go for their horlate the case of Christian Cavanagh. | ses, or their encampment, or anything was taken up by an aunt who kept a can't afford to lose. You always have of snakes inhabiting the place, was tavern. She married the waiter and them ready to cut in with the sword. that the rope had been all paid out, had three children. This husband was if you want them for it, and, as you and therefore could not let me down then kidnapped, after the humane can move them as rapidly as the best farther. It had held me suspended methods of the time, and was carried mounted of the enemy can move, you not more than 10 ft. or 15 ft. from the off to Holland, where he had to enlist can protect your infantry brigades floor of the place; a distance which I as a private soldier. When Christian from any move intended to cut them was well able to judge from the many heard of this she dressed as a man and off. Keep your cavalry on horseback sounds of falling matter—animate and enlisted as a private soldier in order his horse was given him to ride." to get near her husband. She was wounded at the battle of Landen. She was made prisoner by the French, and was carried to St. Germain-en-Laye, where she stayed till she was exchanged. She quarreled with her sergeant, fought a duel with him, wounded him,

> ment. Again she was wounded. At Ramillies she was wounded in the head, and while in hospital her Meiklejohn, of the Gordon Highlandsecret was discovered. She was per- ers.

and got transferred to another regi-

was buried with military honors. GETTING AT THE FACTS.

MADE IN THE TRANSVAAL. Immense Value of ' The Army's Eyes and Ears "-" Horses Were Given Them to Ride," Says Buller, "and They Should

Not Be Dismounted." The London press is teeming with criticisms of Sir George White's use, or rather misuse, of the cavalry at too difficult, when they went down the Nicholson's Nek. He was well provided with what military experts call the eyes and ears of the army, and which could and would have kept his center in communication with his right wing, but which was employed doing the been abandoned. They were dismounthorseback, ready to cover the attack

Modern Generals have most of them taken into account with the amount of reliance placed upon this arm of nerve and fallen to the bottom of the the service by the commanders of 50 pit those snakes would have had years ago. In the age of quick-firing machine guns and rapidly served arbut its advance against columns of inis still not only possible, but can be accomplished with greater rapidity. infantry attack, and, once a cavalry charge is delivered, its effects are far

more terrible than the fiercest of bay-

SOME FAMOUS ACHIEVEMENTS. History speaks highly of the usefulmemorable one' Wounded men were ness of cavalry. Hannibal's successes being attended to at one end of the against the Romans were largely due dining room, while soldiers and civi- to the superiority of his horse. At lians, officers and men were hungrily | Cannal his mounted troops won him disposing of biscuits and bully beef at the battle, while at Zama he owed his defeat to the fact that for, once A few bottles of whisky had been Scipio had the finer cavalry. Fredsmuggled out of sight during the Boer | erick the Great swore by his cavalry, which gained him battle after battle porated on the reoccupation of the On the victorious field of Zorndorf, August 25, 1758, for example, his mounted troops were his salvation. The Russians were sweeping Frederick's infantry before them when the cavalry, led by Seidlitz, furiously assailed the apparent conquerors, broke them, routed them, and sabred thou- Laths

In the back kitchen at Price's sat a the arm of the service which like son A negro prisoner, with half his scalp history is full of such incidents.

not permit the cavalry to get in with the lance or the sabre, as in South Africa, where the enemy fight from

From the rapidity with which cava pursuit. When an infantry division can be thrown around to the enemy's force of cavalry can draw the enemy

Sir Redvers Buller's opinion of the more forcible. "Keep your cavalry mounted," he says, "and when you

Lieut. Meiklejohn, of the Gordons, Struck Over Eight Times. Possibly, writes former Major Tamp. lin, in the Cape Times, the real hero E, L, STREET - Proprietor of Elandslaagte will prove to be Lieut.

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from the cancer. nicrobe, the tulip pletely covered by the evil-smelling from the gout germ, and the geranium and nauseating creatures. There were battered them as they had done me, ON WOOD, LINEN, COTTON, OR from the scarlet-fever bacillus. Like- thousands of them, which I tried to and all but made them blind them-PAPER WITH EQUAL FACILITY, wise, every time you inhale the scent fight off from me. ing down mouthful after mouthful of some terrible disease. There is no actually composed of microbes, and if and was still descending. Kneeling at the time, to pull me up again lief?

comes noxious and the humble violet fight. The situation was well calculseems to be scowling up at you from ated to appal the stoutest. are indebted to the deadly microbes for swarm of creatures. But instead, The delicate pink of the Rothchild evidently could not hear my cries.

of any flower you are in reality gulpway of disinfecting flowers, as they are

The mines mentioned are situated on the east side of the Panamint range of mountains, facing the famous and ter- habited bottom of the mine. Such ratrible Death Valley-a country well tling no one ever heard before; and known to me from years of residence and travel in that portion of the State. I was to meet two men with horses and a waggon at Mojave. They were

long, hot ride across Panamint Valley, and into Wild Rose Canon, That night we arrived at the old cool camp where I had been so many years before. At PACKED BOTH HORSES, and started on foot to finish the trip-

tains and barren country. After breakfast that morning I took a look around the locality and surrounding mountains. The men showed had formerly tapped the shaft of the mine which I was to investigate. The cave had filled it in completely from floor to roof; we therefore climbed the hill, at the top of which was the shaft. Here we found an old windlass of ancient and primitive construction. It had two sticks thrust through holes in each end, the extremities sticking out like four spokes in a wheel. This sort of windlass is much more difficult to crank is employed. This mechanism

While the preparations for my descent into the shaft were being completed, I could hear mysterious noises proceeding from the dark hole. Pebbles and small pieces from the ledge fell in and rattled down, finally to strike on the bottom. I could not should fall in, and asked one of the The two miners did their very best, or what they indicated. He said he thought they were made by wood rats discovered, and I also saw, four large or kangaroo rats, which were numer- rattlesnakes hanging to the bottom ous about the place. The other man failed to give me entire satisfaction; I thought of other far more objection-

in that desert country. I had start- out of my cow-hide bucket on to the ed to go down the mine in a silk neg- dump. The sun was blistering hot, mob in the Gordon riots of 1780, and, lige shirt and stout overalls, but on second thought I put on a heavy was so nauseated that I vomited for wool. The overalls were made of the the earth in the hot glare of the sun kept up the disguise for the rest of to be taken by the attacking infansame material. I then put on a pair trying to get warm. My flesh was as her life. of heavy buckskin gloves, took my cold as ice and my face, they told me, pick, got into the raw-hide tub, and TOLD THE MEN TO LOWER AWAY.

The explanation of the presence of mountain side and drove in the tun-

else which had made the pit their the center or either of the wings. home Doubtless creatures less tena-

enough to eat and keep them alive for

AFTER ELANDSLAAGTE.

The scene at Price's store on the night of the fight at Elandslaagte was, says a writer in a Natal paper, a

As the night went on further batches of Boer prisoners were brought in, had already undergone before was now and the little side room, which served repeated. I was continually being as a prison house, soon became uncomfortably overcrowded. Later in the night these men were brought before a sort of impromptu natured and half-amused imperial officers and a pompous little volunteer

ground it down and held it there; I and volunteers, yarning, smoking and, while away the weary hours till dawn. A bronzed Sergeant of the Lancers, with a jocularity that contrasted a hilltop, the horseman is more use-

> greatly doubt. A young Sergeant of the Imperial

man and was as strong as a man.

mitted to stay with the regiment as She married again, lost her second gai Boys," helped the charge in an ensented a petition to the Queen, setting forth her case and her services.

The Overn gave her a her a few of the maner Meikleight.

Meikleight.

Meikleight. The Queen gave her a bounty of £50 creatures, they told me, was so thick and a pension of a shilling a day. She sword and cried out to his party hasmarried a third time, set up a pie shop, tily gathered round him. But the Boer came over to Chelsea Hospital, with her third husband, died in 1739, and

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The trip down the shaft did not turn my hair grey, but if anything like that shells, cavalry cannot perhaps take Mark You and hence with smaller loss, than an

> Napoleon was an artillery officer, and believed that battles were won by Box-Shooks the General who had the best gunners that he became Napoleon the Great to modern Generals he affected to despise. It was at Marengo that what must stand as the most decisive cavalry charge on record saved the battle, and incidentally Napoleon. And But even when the circumstances do

REAL USE OF CAVALRY. Light Horse-quite a youth of 24 or alry can be moved, you can be put 25 years of age-sported a Boer Com- to a dozen uses. When an infantry dimandant's sash over his dirty khaki vision is retiring, perhaps under com tunic and described his special feats pulsion, a General can throw out his of prowess to a half credulous audi- cavalry and often turn a retreat into In the corner sat a poor old Dutch moves out to attack an enemy in posivrouw, bewailing at intervals the tion, the cavalry, skillfully handled, At last daylight broke, and in the rear, and convert an orderly retreat dull dizzly morning the victorious into a panic-stricken rout. But betcolumn returned back to Ladysmith ter still in warfare, such as that in and could make myself heard. I and left the battlefield they had so South Africa, a strong and well-led

out of the best position. The Boer and his pony are one, for he does not take the field without The position of women in the last something to ride. But because he hind cover, he must of necessity leave his horse tethered somewhere when he unslings his rifle and goes to the top of a hill to pot the rooineks. And at Talyuna Hill, they work round to the rear and get among the Boer's horses, the Boers at once get tired of shooting, and make tracks for their

There is the case of Samuel Bundy, use of cavalry is a good one. It is Her father lost his fortune, and she else which is visible, and which they

HERO OF ELANDSLAAGTE.

ranks were alert, and poured in a deadly fire on the gallant band. Lieut, Meiklejohn received three bullets through his upper right arm, one through the right forearm, a finger blown away, a bullet through the left She-Yes, she is a woman who has thigh, two bullets through the helsuffered a great deal because of her met, a "snick" in the neck, and his sword and scabbard were literally shot He-Indeed! And what is her be- to pieces. He has by now lost his right arm, but, happily, being left-handed, Mackenzie's

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