

CASAN, THE TARTAR DWARF.

A Fierce Little Mongolian Who Lived Centuries Ago.

In the series of papers on "Historic Dwarfs," in St. Nicholas, Mary Shears Roberts describes the famous Casan. Mrs. Roberts says:

Casan was the name of a little Mongol Tartar who flourished in the early part of the thirteenth century.

He was born in the eastern part of Asia, not far from the ancient city of Karakorum. His parents belonged to one of the barbarian hordes that owed allegiance to Genghis Khan, and Casan became a fierce though small warrior and fought bravely under the banner of the great and mighty Mongol conqueror.

The exact height of this little dwarf is unknown. He was certainly not over three feet tall, but he was active and muscular, and like all his race, could endure hunger, thirst, fatigue and cold.

The Tartars were unexcelled in the management of their beautiful horses. The fleetest animals were trained to stop short in full career, and to face without flinching wild beast or formidable foe. Casan was a born soldier, and at an early age became expert in all the exercises that belonged to a Tartar education. He could manage a fiery courser with great skill and could shoot an arrow or throw a lance with unerring aim, in full career, advancing or retreating.

Like many of those small in stature, he was anything but puny in spirit, and while yet a lad he gathered about him a troop of wild young Tartar boys as reckless and daring as himself, of whom by common consent he became leader. He commanded his lawless young comrades with a strange mixture of dignity and energy, and they obeyed his orders with zeal and willingness. Sometimes they would go on long hunting expeditions, seldom failing to lay waste any lonely habitation they happened on.

LOOKS LIKE A BEAR.

A Diminutive Animal That You Can Find In Water.

He really looks very much like a bear, though you must put him under a powerful microscope to see the resemblance. The extraordinary thing, however, about this tiny creature is that he is found in the gutters of houses, where he is at one time dry as dust and scorched by the blazing sun, at another active and full of life under a refreshing shower of rain.

The water bear is one of the Rotifer animalcules, and is of all of them the most capable of standing any extremes of temperature without giving up the ghost. He may be left dried up for months, even years, and yet on being put into water will expand and begin moving about and feeding vigorously. Although he cannot stand boiling water, he will live in dry heat at a far higher temperature, even up to 260 degrees F. One has actually been kept in vacuum for 30 days with sulphuric acid and chloride of calcium without losing his capability of revivification.

As for the reason why, it seems the little beasts' bodies are chiefly composed of albumen, which, it is well known, will stand a very high temperature without losing its solubility. Then, too, they are provided with two skins, one over the other, and these skins are wonderfully tough and elastic.

The water bear has the scientific name of tardigrada, because he takes life so easy. He is always fat and plump and spends his waking periods in constantly grubbing with his four pairs of legs among whatever rubbish comes in his way. Having eyes, brain and a nervous system, he is much ahead of his tribe, and is altogether one of the most interesting and amusing little animals known to science.—London Tit-Bits.

A Failure.

A certain professor in one of the leading schools of this city was not long since desirous of incorporating some negro dialect in a story he was preparing. Not being very well versed in their manner of speech, he betought him that it would be a good idea to study the language in its purity undefiled. With this end in view he betook himself to the vicinity of the Union depot, near which representatives of the ebony race are always to be found.

One effort was enough. Meeting a coal black negro driving a wagon rather well loaded and accosting him as "Uncle John," the following brief dialogue ensued:

"Pretty heavy load, uncle. Can you get up the hill with it?"

"I do not know, sir, but I presume so."

Such an example of pure and undefiled English coming from such an unexpected source almost paralyzed the professor, who muttered something about the "degeneracy of the modern negro," and, mentally deciding to consult the works of "Uncle Remus," he retraced his steps to his apartments.—Nashville American.

Photographing the Arteries.

After much study and painstaking an artery in the arm of an adult has been photographed. The patient had been suffering from some trouble in the arm which the physicians were unable to correctly diagnose. By means of the X rays deposits of lime salts in the blood were clearly shown, and the case was treated in accordance with the facts elicited by the photographing as described.—New York Ledger.

Clothes and Credit.

When a man realizes that he can't pay his debts and has got to ask for an extension of time, the first thing for him to do is to go to a fashionable tailor and get him a new suit of clothes. Creditors are seldom lenient with a seedy man.—Somerville Journal.

Snakes in South Africa fear the secretary bird and will even crawl away from its shadow. This bird can easily thrash a bird twice its size.

ATEXAN ON THE JURY

HOW HE WON THE OTHER JURORS OVER TO HIS OPINION.

The Verdict In an Italian Homicide Case Which Astonished the Court and Lawyers In New York—Convincing "Kill or Be Killed" Logic.

"It was known as the murder of the feast of the turkey," said Assistant District Attorney Hal Bell, who handles all the Italian homicide cases in the criminal courts. "The murdered man was Nunzio Iallaz, and he was stabbed to death on the afternoon of Nov. 26, 1896. The man who killed him was Giuseppe Ladiere. I put Ladiere on trial in the criminal branch of the supreme court. The indictment charged him with murder in the first degree. His counsel, Lawyer Palmieri, offered to enter a plea of guilty to manslaughter in the first degree, but the plea was not accepted, as it seemed an easy matter to convict the defendant. There was no denial of the fact that Ladiere stabbed Iallaz to death with a knife 15 inches long.

"After the jurymen had been sworn I learned that one of them, a big, handsome fellow, was a Texan. When I found this out, I became satisfied that I would have a hard job getting a conviction, for when you get a full fledged, raw Texan on a jury in a murder trial he'll simply decide the case according to his own judgment, regardless of law. He has only to be convinced as to whether the murdered man ought to have been killed. The actual crime has nothing to do with the case. The Texan has his own ideas about such matters, and, knowing this, I was sorry to think I had a full fledged, raw Texan on the jury trying Ladiere.

"The story that the jury got from the witnesses was that Ladiere met Iallaz on One Hundred and Fifty-second street; that the men had a wordy quarrel; that Ladiere slapped the face of Iallaz; that Iallaz drew a big knife from his belt, and then ensued a scuffle, the knife falling to the sidewalk; that both men fought to get it, and that Ladiere, being the quicker of the two, got hold of the knife and plunged it into Iallaz, who died from the effects of the stabbing. These were the undisputed facts that were given to the jury, and we all believed that Ladiere would be convicted of at least manslaughter. But the jury promptly acquitted the man after Ladiere showed them on the witness stand the way in which he did the killing.

"Defendant's counsel, Lawyer Palmieri, was greatly surprised at the verdict. Justice Giegerich was unable to understand such action on the jury's part. But I believed I knew the secret of it all, and to satisfy myself I began a quiet investigation, which has resulted in my learning that I was right in my first belief. The handsome man from Texas just gave the other jurymen to understand that he was there. He was not to be bullied. He was not to be outvoted either. If the jurymen wouldn't listen to the way they settled trifling cutting scrapes in Texas, he would see about it; see to it that they would. Plunging a knife into a man's heart—that was nothing. The question to be decided was, did the deceased deserve the plunge? According to the Texan, he did, or the live man wouldn't be alive. If Ladiere had not killed Iallaz, probably Iallaz might have killed Ladiere. This was a case, the Texan argued, where quickness won the battle, and quickness should be rewarded, not censured. Ladiere simply got in first stab, argued the man from Texas, and he ought to be complimented on his stabbing speed.

"There were two little men on that jury and they believed the verdict should be murder in the first degree. The Texan just roared at them, and they slunk away to a corner of the room. The other jurors backed away toward the wall. The big Texan then made a speech, telling the jurors how they ran things 'down in my state,' and the other 11 jurors stood open mouthed, gazing in wonderment. He recalled shooting bees, and stabbing parties, and hanging picnics, and gave graphic illustrations of how 'Sim Gardner cut th' damned gizzard out'n Budd Allen, when Budd jest said he'd make Sim eat th' dust.'

"Then he asked if there 'war enny man in th' room who'd be man enough to say this were a lie.' But there wasn't a man there who didn't believe it, and the Texan said, 'Come, boys, th' verdict's not guilty.' Then they all got in line, filed into the courtroom, and the clerk recorded the verdict. Eight of the jurors were pale faced when they came in. The faces of three were very red. The twelfth man was the Texan. His face appeared normal, and as he warmly grasped the hand of the man who did the deed he remarked:

"Yer did right, pard. I'd er did it myself if I war thar."

"Now," said Mr. Bell, "you wouldn't believe such a thing could happen in great New York, but it did, and Ladiere is back home in Morrisania now."—New York Sun.

Knights of St. Lazarus.

At a very early period in the history of the Christian church a special order of knighthood was instituted, having for its object the care and supervision of all those afflicted with leprosy of every nationality, and, as its headquarters had originally been located in the vicinity of Jerusalem, the order was generally designated Knights of St. Lazarus, or of St. Lazarus and St. Mary of Jerusalem.

A Stayer.

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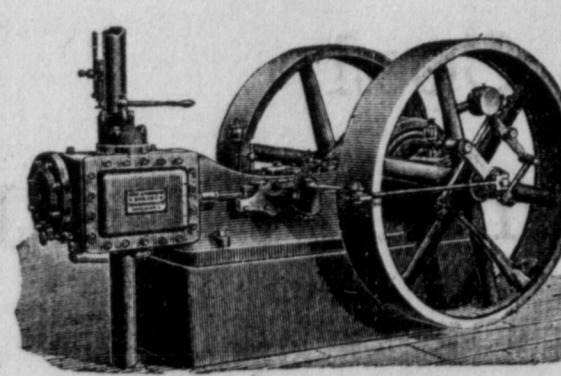
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