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The Havoc That Marked the Trail of the

Man of the Forest. The Indians did a heap of deviltry before they were brought to book,' said the regular army officer, telling of campaigns in Texas. 'Two wagon ou fits they had destroyed, and left no one alive to tell the tale-only the bodies of men and children and outraged women. Ranch after ranch they had jumped, killing everybody they found at them and burning the buildings. There were other murders of cowboys, shepherds, and travellers which did not come (to light so soor, and which no doubt they committed. It was not easy to believe that so small a band could do so much mischief, and it was generally thought that there was a large party of Indians on the warpath. When the troops and the rangers turned out to buntthem down and could find only the trail of a few Indians, it was still taken for granted that the party had separated into several small bands for the purpose of covering more country, and making pursuit more difficult.

There were two separate detachments of cavalry sent out against them, a half company each. The Indians gave the troops a long chase, doubling and turning and making night and day marches to throw us off their trail. They were so tew in number, and travelled so light that they were hard to follow, and all the time we were chasing them, reports of their depredations were coming into us from every quarter. It began to look as if they would round out their career of rapine by getting safe back on the reservation in spite of us, when the detachment I commanded struck their trail hot. By marching all night we came up with them at the breaking of morning while they were still asleep in camp. They were lying on the ground in the open air, with the plunder they had taken heaped up around them. A little distance away the horses they had stolen, about twenty in number, were picketed out to feed, and one horse was tied close to the camp.

'I knew, of course, that the Indians mu t be jumped very suddenly, and short work made of them, else they would get to their horses and scatter, in which case they would give us another long chase, with almost the certainity that some of them would get a vay. At a quarter of a mile from the camp I dismounted half my command, and ordering that the men with the horses should come up at the first firing. I crept with the others upon the Indians and took up a position between them and their horses. The surprise was complete. At the click of our caroine locks an Indian lifted his head and sprang up with a yell. He fell shot through and through, and we got most of the others before they could grap their guns. We made no prisoners, and it was only after the business was over that we discovered that three of the Indians were squaws. There is so little difference in dress and general appearance between the sexes among Indians that in battle the squaws cannot be distinguished from the bucks except by the greater ferocity they

'All but too of the band fell on the spot where they had slept. These two were bucks who leaped upon the back of the horse tethered at the camp and started him out on the prairie. There was no saddle G. H L. Hobson. or bridle on the horse, and the way they swung their arms and legs and contorted their bodies in the effort to make him go faster was one of the most ridiculous sights imaginable. I told one of my troopers to go after the two Indians. He galloped down upon them, and when at the right distance away dropped them both to the prairie with one shot from his revolver. He kept on until he shot the horse, and then as he rode back halted by the two Comanches, gave each of them a shot to make sure that he would remain a good Indian, and then rode back to the com-

'There were all sorts of plunder in the Comanches' camp, trophies of their depredations. But the sight that made my men wild with rage was the eleven fresh scalps that we found-scalps of men and women and children. After seeing these I think the soldiers would have liked to kill the Indians over again. But they were already dead—we had made quick and clear work—and there was nothing further to be done but return to quarters bringing the recap-tured horses and the report 'Engaged the Indians at daybreak and killed eight, fighting. No prisoners taken.'

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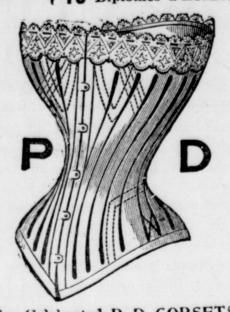
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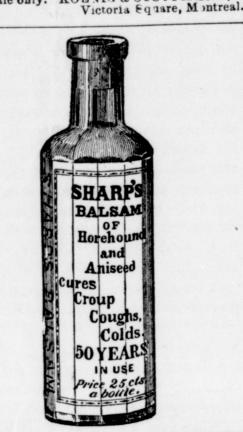
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OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES. A Few Interesting Episodes in the Life of the Great Poet.

'The secret of the man who is universally interesting is that he is universally interested,' says Mr. Howells in his recent delightful reminiscences of Doctor Holmes; and this he declares to have been above all the secret of the charm which the beloved autocrat exercised upon all who came near him. Doctor Holmes himself was joyously and frankly conscious both of his magic and its source. Henry James, father of the present novelist of that name, once said to

'Holmes, you are intellectually the most alive man I ever knew.'

'I am,'I am,' cried the doctor, with vivid

satisfaction in the fact, 'from the crown of my head to the sole of my foot, I'm alive, I'm alive!'

And alive he remained fully and finely up to the very time of his death, looking outward with keen and friendly eyes upon the great world and its doings; looking inward to note, cheerfully and transquilly. the progress of time upon himself, and pleasing himself in employing his gifts both as a physician and as a man, to keep bis old age green.

A gay and gallant old man, as well as a wise and kindly one, he was, making little of ills and weaknesses, making the most of all things lovely and bright, missing nothing new in science or literature that was worth his attention, and enjoying life to the last. It was not in him to complain, and he shed cheer and happiness about him to the very end.

'The querulous note,' says Mr. Howells, was not in his most cheerful register; le would not dwell upon a specialized grief; though sometimes I have known him touch very lightly and currently upon a slight annoyance, or disrelish for this or that. As he grew older, he must have had, of course an old man's disposition to speak of his infirmities: but it was fine to see him catch himself up in this when he became conscious of it, and stop short with an abrupt turn to something else.'

At sixty, Doctor Holmes had doubted if it were wise for him to write 'The Poet at the Breakfast Table,' fearing lest he were too old for such a task. But, says M:

'He lived twenty five years after that self-question at sixty, and after eighty he continued to prove that threescore was not the limit of a man's intellectual activity or literary charm. During all that time the work he did in mere quality was the work that a man in the prime of life might well have been vain of doing, and it was of a quality not less surprising

What a brave and busy and beneficent old age! What a happy one! Youth is the very flush of its careless vigor and gaiety can look on such an age as that, and feel there need be nothing terrible or gloomy in growing old. What an alert mind and an ever-ripening soul it is possible to enjoy and to confer the best of this world's happiness, up to the very threshold of the

A CIRCUS FARM.

The California Climate to be Used for a Strange Purpose.

The 'glorious climate of California' is being put to new and interesting use. A man has purchased five hundred acres in Merced County, and intends to add to it five hundred more, not for the raising of fruit, but of an experiment in the breeding of elephants, hippopotami, lions, tigers, llamas, nilgaus, kangaroos and other tropical and exotic animals such as are in common demand for purposes of exhibition. He already has a considerable stock of these creatures.

His design is to obtain the conditions suited to every sort of animal used for exhibition, and he thinks that he can come nearer to realizing these conditions in California than anywhere else. The elephants require a secluded jungle, and this, properly tenced so that they cannot get out, is to be provided for them.

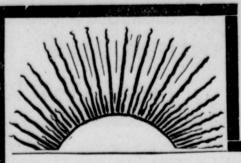
Sections of the jungle, will be fenced cif with a wire barrier sixteen feet high for the tigers, which, with their off pring, will be made at home here wher the weather is warm, and cared for indoors when it is too cold for them in the woods. The Kangaroos, nilgaus zebras, camels, giraffes and liamas will find in properly sheltered por-tions of this California ranch conditions of life not greatly unlike those in the countries to which they are indigenous.

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A flock of kangaroos will be turned loose. It is regarded as likely that they will find themselves even more at home in California than in Australia, as the ecualyptus-tree has done, and that they will scatter themselves through the state.

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