

ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4, 1897.

HYPNOTIZED BY SNAKES.

DR. BRAYMAN'S ESCAPE IN AN AMAZON FOREST.

But for the Quickness and Bravery of His Native Guide He Would Have Lost His Life—Hypnotism an Intuitive Force—A Scheme of Murder Frustrated.

What in modern days we have called hypnotism is a thing which, under one name or another, or unnamed, has existed as long as animate life in the world.

In lower forms of animal nature we find manifestations of this power in the charming of birds and animals by snakes.

Ten years later, on the Amazon River, I had a startling evidence of the hypnotizing power of the snake family.

I heard my guide shout from behind me. The snake's head drew back with an angry hiss as the Indian crowded past me.

The two episodes just related were in my own experience. A third case, illus-

trating the human power of hypnotizing, with an unfriendly purpose, occurred with a friend of mind, named Jerome Parker.

During the first part of the day there were tricks and games by horsemen and other performances in skill to amuse the crowd.

The thing that particularly interested me in this episode, as a hypnotist, was the carefully planned and well-executed method which the gaucho took to fix the attention of his intended victim.

In duels in all ages, in the working up of a drop by frontier desperadoes in the far West, in every poker game in which expert players are engaged, the exercise of hypnotic influence is involved.

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STUMBLING ON A FORTUNE.

Gambler Jim Warren of Idaho Played it All Alone.

An old prospector tells a story of the first days of mining in Idaho which sounds like a romance, but which he vouches for as being strictly true.

On their way to Warren Creek they came across Warren's four companions from whom he had parted several days previously.

The claims at Warren Meadows were abandoned and new claims staked out on the new field.

The gold was found to be worth \$14 an ounce, the net returns of the two men for a day and a half being \$1,960.

The honesty of the miners in those pioneer days was illustrated by an incident which occurred during this stampede from Florence.

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passing to and fro would take a drink, drop a contribution into the box, and pass on. Sometimes several drinks would be taken without a resort to the buckskin.

HOW SOME PEOPLE LIVE.

Queer Ways of Eking out Insignificant Regular Incomes. In the struggle for life, which is so keen at the end of the century, some people resort to strange expedients to get bread and cheese or to increase a pittance to a comfortable income.

A rising author who is now sought by the publishers, but had a particularly hard struggle to find acceptance, tided over the worst period by acting as the broker's man

Taken as a whole, he found it a most unpleasant experience, but he declares that he wouldn't have missed it for the world.

A friend of the writer, who rejoices in what the police reports call 'very aristocratic appearance,' and has in addition excellent manners, adds enough to a slender income to pay for the summer holiday for himself and family.

Another curious case is that of a Non-conformist minister in the south of London who doubles his slender salary by the profits of a flourishing photography business on the other side of the Thames.

A Cougher's Coffers. Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. My daughter, seventeen years of age, was in very poor health by reason of weak lungs and a distressing cough.