

A BATTLE WITH PIRATES.

A LARGE NUMBER BEHEADED A DESPERATE FIGHT.

The Death of Lun Tai the Famous Chinese Pirate Recalls a Thrilling Incident—A Direful and Interesting Warning Given to Robbers of the Sea.

Lun Tai is dead. The famous Chinese pirate is no more. For more than thirty-five years he has been sought for by the European coast guards, at first eagerly, and later hopelessly, and has at last been brought to judgment by a shot from the rifle of a German marine in Kiao Chou harbor. The seaman aimed higher than he suspected. Seeing a Chinaman sneaking along the deck of a German man-of-war toward a sailor peering the deck, he caught the gleam of a knife, and without awaiting developments, opened fire, dropping the would-be assassin in his tracks. When the body was examined it was recognized as that of the worst desperado and pirate that the eastern seas have ever known, a man whose bloody deeds outnumber the most murderous, a fiend incarnate.

The story of his ravages is an old one. It has often been told by seamen, but the tale of the first capture of the gang, without a leader, for Lun Tai had fled, is well worth reciting. One of Lun Tai's bold raids had led to a combination between the English war vessels and the Chinese regular soldiers for united action against the pirates. Efforts were made to capture Lun Tai, for he was known to be head, front, and brains of the gang. After the famous engagement of the pirates' stronghold, the dead were all carefully examined, but Lun Tai had received warning from some of the very Chinese that the British had sent forward as spies.

Captain Samuel Jackson of this city was an officer in the British navy at the time, and took part in the raid. He tells the story of that three days' stubborn fight with the cornered pirates, of their desperate struggles to escape when hemmed in, and of the execution of about 450 survivors by the authorities as follows:

"I know now that one of these spies sent out by Tas Tai, warned that old fox, Lun Tai, of the trap we were preparing for him. But we never knew it then, and we set about drawing the net so as to capture every one of these 1,500 pirates. The forces on the gunboats numbered about 500 men all told.

"The hour the land forces set out to blockade the hills back of the pirate nest we sailed up the coast to blockade the entrance of the bay and keep in the junks.

"The pirates were ready for us. About thirty junks of all sizes flying innumerable flags set up a deafening ringing of gongs. They clanged them at a tremendous rate, for this it was believed would insure them success.

"I was an officer on her Majesty's steamship Pearl, which happened to be ordered guardship at Hong Kong. Without any loss of life on our side we relieved the monotony there by capturing the pirates' junks that would creep into the entrance of Hong Kong under cover of darkness and spy out the rich sailing vessels. Once these vessels were under our observation, the pirates would swoop down and loot them.

"Our ship, Pearl, was too heavy draught to use against the pirates' junks, which could well run into very shallow water, but lying along side of us in the harbor were three gunboats—the Firm, the Haughty and the Cockchafer.

"The Pearl, commanding the squadron, with the three gunboats alongside, sailed up to Swatow. Tas Tai, the Mayor, would furnish men to help us. He sent out spies, who returned with a description of the pirates' stronghold, which was twenty-five miles to the northwest of Swatow. It consisted of several fortifications, mud forts, and breastworks, with odds and ends of cannon, bought, stolen, or looted.

"We were prepared for their first assault with the deadly stinkpots. A pirate at the junk's masthead lifted one, but before it could be thrown we were at them with a stream of boiling water. Again and again they attempted to hurl them, always to be met by the hot water, which put out the fuse and made the stinkpot harmless. At length they saw the fruitlessness of it, and yelling cursing like demons, they poured a savage fire on us from the earthworks on the shore and showered the gungals from the junks.

"It was now a hand to hand fight. When absolute disregard of death could not keep them they began to give way in bunches, and, well nigh exhausted ourselves, we drove them from the stockade and up the hills. That was showing them out of the frying pan into the fire, for on the brow of the hill the Chinese regulars were drawn up, waiting for them.

"But our own work was not over. Our wounded had to be carried to the strong-hold of the pirates had to be destroyed. We took all the flags and gongs in sight and then sank all the junks.

"We got back to the harbor of Swatow in time to see the captured pirates march-

ed in, all dragging heavy chains. They were battered, ragged and covered with blood. They looked the fighting devils they were.

"Tas Tai, the mayor, summoned all the inhabitants of the district on the plain before the town, and all the captured pirates—at about 450—were beheaded as a warning to all sea robbers.

"Men chosen for the purpose gathered up the severed heads of the pirates and placed them at equal distances around the walls of Swatow where they hung for three days. It was horrible, but from that time pirates ceased their depredations in that locality."—Philadelphia Times.

Nurse Morris' Secret.

EXPLAINS HOW SHE SAVES MOTHERS' LIVES.

The Critical Time of Maternity and the Methods of a Famous Nurse to Resore the Mother's Strength

From the Evening News Detroit, Mich.

No woman is better fitted for nursing or has had more years of practical experience in that work than Mrs. Moses Morris, of 340 Fourteenth street, Detroit, Mich. For twenty years she has been recognized as the best and most successful nurse in confinement cases, and over three hundred happy mothers can testify to her skillful nursing and care. Always engaged months ahead, she has had to decline hundreds of pressing and pleading applications for her services. She has made a specialty of confinement cases, and has made so high a reputation in this city that her engagement, in all cases, is taken as a sure sign of the mother's speedy recovery.

Mrs. Morris was a nurse in England before she came to America, and so was her mother and her mother's mother before her. When asked once by a leading physician the secret of her great success in treating mothers in confinement cases, she said she used Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People in such cases, as they build up the mother more quickly and surely than any other medicine she had ever used.

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TALK OF A LONDON BOOTMAKER.

Size of the Princess of Wales's Feet—Shoes for American Women.

The agent of a firm of London boot-makers who is in this country taking orders told something about his business the other day to a Boston Herald reporter. Among the other things he said:

"I have measured the Princess of Wales and her daughters for shoes. I was a mere lad when I first paid a visit to Marlborough House, the town residence of the Prince of Wales, to measure the Princess and her daughters, and very kind and affable, they were, too. What sized boot does she wear? Oh, come now, that's asking me to answer an embarrassing question. Well, let us say that her feet are those of her daughters are about the same size as those of the majority of English ladies, which, by the way, will average from one to two and a half sizes larger than those of American ladies. I have always supposed that the great amount of walking done by our ladies is, in a measure, responsible for this. About what you would call a five is the average thing for an English lady, rather larger than that, I fancy, if anything. And the width? About medium—a 'C.' I should call it, according to your measurement.

"By the bye, I may as well say that in beauty of the feet the American ladies altogether surpass those of any other nationality. Perhaps the Spanish ladies take as short a boot, but their feet are, as a rule not nearly as slender, but more chubby, as it were. The Russian ladies also are the possessors of pretty feet, but hardly as much so as the Americans. As for the German—I'd rather not talk about them. Their feet are—well, beyond comparison.

But don't think that there are no exceptions to the rule among American women. Here is an exact sketch of the foot of a certain young New York lady. What do you think of that? The size? Well, that foot, to be comfortably shod, would take a No. 11 boot. The lady is about 5 feet six inches in height, and is a member of one of the best families in New York. She is shortly to become a bride, too; and there is another also. The lady is quite well known not only in New York, but also out of it. Nature has been unkind enough to bestow upon her a stature measuring 7 feet 3 inches, though, unfortunately, she is at the same time inclined to slimmness. And what sized boot does she wear? Well, I have never exactly reckoned up her size, but my impression is that it would be in the neighborhood of a No. 13. But the foot is slender in proportion to its length.

"I have visited Chicago, but I cannot say anything about the feet of the Chicago ladies by reason of the fact that I never measured them. Do you know, during my entire stay in that city, I never happened to see a man whom I called even decently dressed. I measured one of them for a boot, but when I told him my price he informed me that he was not in the habit of paying more than \$5 for russet shoes particularly. I did not attempt to do much business there after that.

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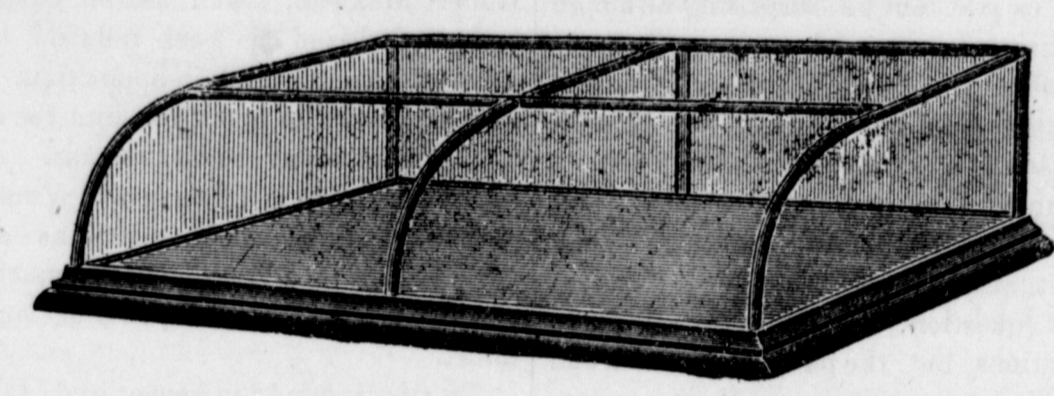


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