

DOCTOR JACK

By St. George Rathborne.

(Continued.)

With a few rapid movements of his left arm Doctor Jack unrolls the little red flag, then he advances straight toward the bull, which ceases to plough the soil, and gazes at the other as though he were a man. Doctor Jack's massive head, and shoots forward.

The tan-bark flies into the air as his heels spin it. Every man being in that vast audience holds his or her breath in anticipation of what is to come. Is that a shock as the bull's head comes in contact with a human figure? A cloud of dust obscures the scene in the arena, and, confident as to the result, more than one person looks aloft, expecting to see the American whirling through space, badly wrecked.

Suck an anticipate a speedy ending of the adventure confess their disappointment and, turning to the ring, again to learn the cause, discover old toro again tossing tan-bark with his horns while the American stands there taunting him.

Jack knows too much to attempt the coup de grace until the beast is in a more exhausted condition. It has been a fatal mistake on the part of Pedro Vasquez, and he does not mean to repeat the blunder.

A nimble leap aside at the proper second has saved him from those cruel horns, and the bull's fury is increased doubly by the fact that he has failed in his first rush.

Ah! again he hears down upon his tantalizing foe, as though determined that this time he will crush the man to the earth or assist him over the barrier. A perfect gymnast, Jack has little trouble in avoiding the onslaught, and but for the ever present danger of a slip, might easily enjoy the fun.

While the toro once more amuses himself with the ineffective tan-bark, Jack coolly takes a look around the amphitheater. From the foreign quarter handkerchiefs are waved, and cries of "Bravo, Doctor Jack!" arise. These are incautious just now, and more apt to disturb the brave man who risks his life in the bull-ring for a woman's smile, than give him new energy. The Spaniards know better than to breathe a sound while the matador faces his foe.

Jack's sweeping glance takes it all in. He sees the eager multitude that is ready to shout "Viva toro" in case the bull runs him, but makes no note of the swarthy crowd. He lets his gaze rest an instant on the Turkish pasha, and notes the look of fierce eagerness visible there that tells him how anxious this man is for the bull to triumph, then his eyes sweep along until they reach his own vacant seat, and catch a glimpse of the beautiful girl next in line, at which he smiles coldly, and bows again.

"Look out, Jack!" This shout comes from his American friend in the foreign quarter, and warns him that the bull has ceased his side play, and is once again on the war-path. Turning to receive the new charge, Jack's foot slips, and the danger of his being struck, but quick as lightning he hurls himself out of the way.

Again the multitude breathe easy. They recognize the fact that this man is no amateur bull-fighter, with only reckless bravery to back him up, but one who has made a study of the animals in times past, and is qualified to anticipate the subtle brute's every move.

Thus they expect to have pleasure in watching the struggle for supremacy. It is a matter of supreme indifference to most of them whether the bull eventually slays the man or is slain by him.

What Makes the Home? Not the house, however fine it may be; not its furniture, pictures and appointments. The wife and mother makes the home, and to speak of going home means to go back into the shelter of the mother's love and care.

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himself toward, so long as the combatants afford them a good show. The life of a bull-fighter is held very cheaply in Madrid.

Already has Doctor Jack evaded three of these wild rushes. Will he be able to continue this system of tactics until he has wearied the animal out, and brought him into the proper condition for the final blow?

The bull now to get tossed, the tan-bark with his horns. His challenge has been met, and he finds himself opposed by one whom he cannot terrify.

As soon as one furious rush fails the brute wheels and makes another. He is continually in motion, and it seems as though there is a moment when he is about to strike, but he is not. He is only a scratch, and although the bull steams and puffs with his tremendous exertions, the man is apparently as cool and collected as when he began the engagement.

For the first time the people awaken to the fact that the awful black toro has met his master, and when Doctor Jack begins to assume the offensive loud shouts greet him.

Lit O seña h and the man went. As the lumbering animal rushes past, the American plucks him by the tail, and gives that caudal appendage a firm pull, drawing it forward from the furious bull, drenched by the storm of applause from the audience.

After eluding another charge, Jack pricks the flank of his foe with the point of his Tuleo blade, and his action suits the humour of the lookers on, who shout their approval.

All danger to the man is not yet past, and he does not deceive himself. This brute is to be feared until the last vital spark is drawn from his body. Before that time comes, Doctor Jack means to show the good people of Madrid how their cousins in Mexico carry on a bull-fight. Instead of rushing at him now, toro advances with lowered head, as though hoping to come in contact with his foe. He has become blundered, and even the audience could keep out of his way now.

Some of these worthless men who risk as though to leave their necks upon the barrier, seeing which, Jack roars out: "Keep back, you cowards! This is my name!"

(To be Continued.)

SPECTACLES FOR ANIMALS.

Horses May Wear Them For Special Purposes, but Not to Aid Vision.

In response to an inquiry an optician said that he had never known himself of any animals wearing spectacles, but he had read of a horse in London that had been provided with a pair of spectacles, which, the account said, "the horse seemed to find delight in wearing."

He had no reason to doubt that this fine story, though certainly the statement that the horse seemed to find delight in wearing the spectacles did seem a little odd.

As a general proposition the fitting of any sort of spectacles to the eyes of any wearer would require the exercise of intelligence on the part of the wearer as well as the fitting. Intelligent assistance would be given by the human animal, man. But this could not be expected of horses and dogs.

Some defects of vision in their eyes might be determined without the aid of the subject examined, but intelligent cooperation in the fitting could not be had in their case even if it were desirable for them to wear spectacles or practical for them to do so. At any rate, he had never himself known of an animal that did wear spectacles or of spectacles being made for animals.

A veterinary surgeon said that he had never heard of a horse wearing spectacles, though it would not be impossible to provide them if that were desirable.

Horses sometimes wear over the eyes blinders with colored glasses. These are intended to prevent the horse from discerning shadows. Such blinders are sometimes put on trotting horses in races. There are trotters that shy or break at the shadow on the track of the wire over it marking the starting and finishing point, or at the shadow of a building or of some projecting point of one, just as they would at a pool of water or some actual object on the track. A skip or a break might mean enough distance lost to the race. These blinders are used so that the horse won't see the shadows.

There are also put on trotting horses sometimes for the same purpose leather blinders so made and adjusted that the horse can look out over them and upward, but not downward over them to the earth in front of him. Some thoroughbred horses shy at mud or sand thrown their eyes by horses ahead of them, and for these there are sometimes provided what are in effect spectacles, blinders covering the eyes for their protection, but having glasses of ordinary glass.

Horses and dogs were sometimes provided with glass eyes to improve their appearance.

HIVE AND BEE.

Almost all extracted honey will granulate and become like sugar in cold weather.

Too late feeding may carry the colony through the winter only to dwindle out in the spring.

A very strong colony never gets too cold to move slowly over the comb. A little close observation will readily prove this to be the fact.

One advantage with large hives is that the bees are more content, and the large colony will get through the winter better and make more honey in proportion.

It bees have plenty of good honey and the weather is such that they get a good cleansing flight once or twice a month, they usually winter well.—St. Louis Republic.

Germs of thought.

A German author is said to have made a collection of mixed metaphors, which he calls "Pearls of Thought." Some of them are worth quoting, if only as a warning to high flown orators not to allow their magnificence to fly away with them altogether.

"We will," cried an inspired democrat, "burn all our ships, and with every sail unfurled, steer boldly out into the ocean of freedom!"

Even that flight is surpassed by an effort of Justice Minister Hye, who, in 1848, in a speech to the Vienna students, impressively declared, "The chariot of the revolution is rolling along and gnashing its teeth as it rolls."

A Pan-Germanist mayor of a Rhine-land corporation rose still higher in an address to the Emperor. He said, "No Austria, no Prussia, one only Germany—such were the words the mouth of your imperial majesty has always had in its eye."

We have heard of the month having an eyetooth, but never before of the month's eye.

But there are even literary men who cannot open their mouths "without putting their foot in it." Prof. Johannes Schert is an example of such. In a criticism on Lenau's lyrics he writes, "Out of the dark regions of philosophical problems the poet suddenly lets swarms of songs dive up, carrying far-flashing pearls of thought in their beaks."

Songs and beaks are certainly related to one another, but were never seen in that incongruous connection before. A German preacher, speaking of a repentant sinner, said, "The sinner is like a bird in the hand, and the bird in the hand is like a bird in the hand."

The German parliamentary orators of the present day afford many examples of metaphorical mixtures, but one must suffice. Count Frankenberg is the author of it. A few years ago he pointed out to his countrymen the necessity of seizing the stream of time by the forelock.

But none of these pearls of thought and expression surpasses the speech of the immortal Joseph Prudhomme on being presented with a sword of honor by the company he commanded in the National Guard of France. "Gentlemen," said he, "this sword is the brightest day of my life."

Consider the Thumb.

A certain class of philosophers asserts that character may be determined by the thumb's shape. A vain person is said to fold the thumb under if it is too long for beauty. A grasping person has a long thumb that turns backward like a hook. A good-natured person has a short thumb. The artist's hand is a long, delicate one, and the thumb in keeping.

An artisan's is short, thick and stumpy, usually with broken nails, so that to some extent the thumb is an index to occupation. At present it is the only one of the fingers exempt from ring wearing except by eccentric actors, but for many centuries it was decorated in this manner. Kings were especially given to wearing "thumb rings," and they were still in use at the time of Henry IV., both for ornament and as a "sign manual."

The setting was usually a jewel cut in some distinctive design, like a family crest, from which is derived the word "seal ring."

There is an old superstition concerning a woman's thumb. If in closing the hand the thumb folds out of the fingers she will rule her husband. If, under she will be ruled by him. It is hinted that the majority of them fold out.

In grasping, the thumb is opposed to four fingers and exerts just four times as much strength. If you doubt it, try to hang to a turning post without using the thumb. An examination of its muscles will show that they are the largest and strongest in the hand. Injury to its member sets at rest any dispute as to its sovereignty over the other fingers. Tie it up in a rag and you will be convinced.

Let the Woman Oracle Speak.

She has now reached a point where there is no parting of the ways, and the world very much likes to know which she intends to take. The atmosphere of the women's clubs is mysterious but unsuggestive, and consequently many of us feel inclined to murmur with the poet, "It is clever, but we don't know what it means."

Unrepressed nervous mental activity easily becomes social affectation or tomfoolery, in the absence of a compelling aim or purpose. To exhaust one's vitality in papers or literary teas, merely to express or simulate individual culture or freedom, may not land one in an insane asylum, but it is about as valuable to society, as an educating force, as the revolutions of the handle of a freezer, when the crank is off, point, or at the shadow of a building or of some projecting point of one, just as they would at a pool of water or some actual object on the track. A skip or a break might mean enough distance lost to the race. These blinders are used so that the horse won't see the shadows.

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SUBMARINE WORK OF SPIDERS.

A Species That Carry Along Air In Their Journeys Under Water.

A certain kind of spider is capable of forming a bubble, taking it down through the water and discharging it into its nest, so that the eggs—and later on, the young—are kept dry and are supplied with air.

Although the water spider lives on land, where it needs plenty of air to breathe, it is really hatched under the water and spends a great deal of its time there beneath the surface. Its body is covered with hair, which holds the air like drops of water, and when the body is charged with these air particles the spider dives down under the surface, forming a bubble which it holds between the hind legs and carries with it. It is only in this manner that it can furnish air for the interior of its nest, keeping it dry until the eggs are hatched.

First, the mother spider builds her nest. This is placed some distance down in the water and is a sort of cell spun in the shape of an egg, having an opening on the underside. When this is completed, she rises to the surface and there charges her body thoroughly with air. Then once more she dives under the surface, the water forming a bubble which gradually swells out from the body. This she skillfully holds between her furry hind legs firmly and yet gently, so that it won't break and escape.

Swimming to the nest, she discharges the bubble in it. This, of course, crowds out some of the water, leaving the top filled with air. As the nest is large, requiring a great deal of air, the spider makes another and yet another trip, until the whole interior is free from moisture. By this simple process she keeps the eggs dry and furnishes air for the young until they are large enough to swim out and get it for themselves.

But as much as the spider lives under water it is always dry. No matter how long it may have been swimming around under the surface, the moment it comes to the top there is no trace of moisture in it. The reason of this is that the air particles that cling to its hair keep off the water and prevent it from soaking through the skin. Another strange thing about it is that it can swim with great speed in spite of its ballooning burden.

The best way to watch the water spider is to place one in a vessel filled with water and containing some water plant. There it will quickly spin its web and if fed on flies and bugs, lead its aquatic existence.

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