

A ROASTED CAT.

Wading River, L. I., Dec. 15.—Mrs. D. M. Tuthill started her kitchen fire yesterday preparatory to baking her noonday meal. The oven door was open, and she closed it, and then went to another part of the house. When she returned and opened the door she found her pet cat roasted to a crisp. The cat had apparently crawled into the oven and was sleeping there when the door was closed on her.

In some of the Swiss valleys the inhabitants are afflicted with goitre or "thick neck." Instead of regarding this as a deformity they seem to think it a natural feature of physical development, and tourists passing through the valleys are sometimes jered by the goitrous inhabitants, because they are without the offensive swelling. This form of disease may become so common that it is regarded as a natural and necessary condition of life. It is so, to a large extent, with what are called diseases of women. Every woman suffers more or less from irregularity, ulceration, debilitating drains, or female weakness, and this suffering is so common and so universal that many women accept it as a condition natural and necessary to their sex. But it is a condition as unnatural as it is unnecessary. The use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription strengthens the delicate womanly organs and regulates the womanly functions, so that woman is practically delivered from the pain and misery which eat up ten years of her life—between the ages of fifteen and forty-five. "Favorite Prescription" makes weak women strong and sick women well.

HER FAITHFUL DOG.

Northampton, Mass., Dec. 15.—The body of Miss Frances A. Bartlett, guarded by a faithful Newfoundland dog, which attacked the first person touching his mistress, was found in the woman's home here today. Miss Bartlett had been asphyxiated by gas, which escaped from a coal stove.

BRITISH ASSERTION
IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

Union Jack Hoisted on the Shores of Mysterious Lake Chad

A detailed account of the mission lately sent by the British Government to establish an effective occupation of the vast region lying between the Niger and Lake Chad has been received.

During the expedition which lasted almost six months, the force had a certain amount of fighting and some extremely heavy marching before the Union Jack was for the first time planted on the shores of the lake. Summarized, the results of the mission, Reuter says, may be briefly stated to be the suppression of the most notorious slave raider in the region, and the deliverance of thousands of people from the tyranny of his rule, the establishment of a chain of posts, between the Niger and Lake Chad, and the consequent prevention of possible future violations of frontier, and the first information from British officers of the condition of an enormous region

ALREADY WITHIN
THE BRITISH SPHERE.

It is a significant fact that the British were, generally speaking, received with open arms by the inhabitants, who in some places gave expression to the most hearty welcome this being the more marked after the capture of the slave-raiding Mallam.

The first severe fighting occurred after the occupation of Gombé, whose people stood in great awe of a great religious leader, Mallam Gibrilla, who terrorized the whole country between Gombé and Gujiba, and who possessed a great number of cavalry, notorious for savagery and lawlessness. While the force was in the bush Mallam Gibrilla's army suddenly appeared on the scene and within ten minutes a horde of mounted men attired in scarlet and green and with flags and banners waving, trotted up, and without warning, charged Col. Morland's force. Orders were at once given for companies to be formed up, the guns were got into action, and after a short fight, in which the British casualties were Capt. Cubitt touched by a spent bullet, and a few soldiers wounded, the Mallam retreated with what remained of his cavalry. The British had forty-eight hours' continuous

RIDING THROUGH
WATERLESS BUSI

before Mallam was tracked to the jungle and captured. He was surprised early one morning in a field with seventy cavalry. He had no time to resist, and after having put their prisoner on a horse, Lieut. Dyer and his men galloped back with him, riding for another day and night until they reached the main column at four o'clock in the morning in a thoroughly exhausted condition. The Mallam who was one of the greatest religious leaders in the

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country, was a tall man of patriarchal appearance with flowing white hair. He was supposed to have the power of rendering himself invisible. After a brief halt the entire force continued its march direct for Lake Chad, and several days later reached Maiduguri.

As good water was found here, Col. Morland decided to establish a post in the place. A halt was made, camp formed for the less mobile portion of the expedition, and flying columns sent to Lake Chad. The first of these consisting of sixteen men under Capt. Molesworth and Lieut. Dyer, was despatched to go to the lake and

HOIST THE BRITISH
FLAG ON ITS SHORES.

After riding day and night for four days, the flying column halted at four one morning at a tiny Arab encampment apparently on the shores of Lake Chad, and thinking that the end of the journey had been reached, bivouacked for a few hours. To their chagrin it was found on the following morning that the waters of the lake were far distant, and that while the spot on which they were, was on the shore in the wet season, it was fourteen miles from the water in the dry season, when the lake receded. Another day's riding was thus necessary before the British officers for the first time set eyes on the lake. They saw a sheet of still water stretched on all sides like a great sea. Over and around the calm waters were thousands of birds while on the shore could be perceived herds of antelopes. Hippos and alligators abounded. Just at sunset the British flag was solemnly hoisted and the occasion was duly celebrated in the evening by Captain Molesworth, Lieut. Dyer and his force dining off an antelope. During their brief stay on the shore a deserted canoe was found, constructed of pith and shaped like a gondola. This was believed to belong to the pagan tribes who inhabit the islands in the lake. These

PEOPLE WHO
ARE ALL CANNIBALS

and are known as the Beduma, have never been seen by a white man, the nearest island being seventy miles from shore. They are much feared and absolutely control the lake, the people round the shores being afraid to venture near them. The water of the lake was found to be quite fresh.

After a brief halt the flying column left the lake, and continued its journey through Ungorna to Kuka, twenty miles northward to which place Col. Morland and another column were proceeding. When Kuka was reached it was found to consist of fourteen or fifteen miles of ruins the place having been demolished by Rabah. Among these ruins lions were found prowling, together with large herds of waerhog. A few slaves were also found. The place has been surrounded by very fine walls, and the ruins show that the houses had been well constructed.

The Sultan of Bornu was found with the French in German territory. The Emir was a young and intelligent man, who had in his court persons who had visited Europe. He was installed as Emir of British Bornu with due ceremony after which a review of the troops was held, and subsequently the British force started on its return, leaving a garrison at Maiduguri under Capt. Dunn. It was arranged that the Emir should make this his capital, pending the rebuilding of Kuka.—London 'Daily News.'

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Resident of the Famous Pacific Island in San Francisco for Capital to Start Canning Factory.

From Robinson Crusoe's island has come a man looking for capital to invade the quiet of the celebrated spot with a lobster-canning factory, says the San Francisco Chronicle. He is Juan Calasaff, a Chilean, with up-to-date ideas regarding what is necessary these days to place a business enterprise on a sound footing, and while he knows where the toothsome lobster abounds, he is aware that money is quite essential to the establishment of a proper canning factory. He has the lobsters, and he is looking for the man of money.

Calasaff lives on Juan Fernandez utilizing all the resources but the lobster beds, and brings a roseate account of the possibilities that are open to any enterprising American who will engage with him in marketing the product of the island waters. Few spots in the world have such an abundance of lobsters, says Calasaff, and the open season of nine months there makes it possible to gather a great harvest. There is a population of eight persons on Juan Fernandez, but in all the island there is nobody with sufficient means to take advantage of the one great opportunity to get rich and add to the fame of Robinson Crusoe's land. So Calasaff has come to the grand republic of the north, as the Chileans call it, to finance the enterprise.

Why, Willie said his teacher, what makes your head so red? Aw, I just had scarlet fever and it settled in me head.

Be Prepared.

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