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Advice of Engineer Who Once Poked a Python.

IT WAS FIFTY FEET LONG.

Another Industrial Adventurer In South America Tells of Fight With Two Hundred Wild Hogs—Besieged Three Hours on Rock.

RUNNING away to sea or joining the army used to be the approved styles followed by young men of an adventurous spirit bent upon "seeing the world."

These styles have by no means gone out of fashion. But the wiser young man of today, who really wishes to take as his mistress "the open road and the bright face of danger," turns his back upon both army and navy and joins what may be called the "Foreign Legion of the Army of Industry," civil engineers who spread civilization in all corners of the earth.

The New York Times relates some stories of these wanderers. Among others, it tells that of an engineer in Colombia, who said:

"There were no dangerous animals in the part of Colombia where I was doing the railroad exploration work. I was told that there were a few jaguars. They said that there were boa constrictors thirty-five feet long, but the longest one I ever measured was four-teen feet seven inches.

Didn't Measure This One.

"There was one that I didn't measure, however, and that one I am not likely to forget.

"I was going out from camp along a little footpath in the jungle. The underbrush was very dense, but there was a break in the foliage where the trail crossed a big log. I was nearly upon it when I saw the back of a big snake moving along the top of the log.

"I had a short stick in my hand, and I hit the back of the moving snake.

"There was a motion in the jungle which seemed to me to start about fifty feet away, and the snake's huge head poked out of the jungle above mine and glared back at me.

Seemed Like a Week.

"I stood there looking at it for maybe a week, maybe a shorter time. The reptile's back was still there on the



"THE SNAKE GLARED BACK AT ME."

log in front of me. The body was six or eight inches in diameter, but it looked more.

"After it had looked its fill it slid quietly away.

"Never hit a strange snake on the back.

"There are two kinds of wild pigs in Colombia, the little peccaries and the larger and fiercer animals found in the hills known as the 'puercos del monte.'

"We were following a narrow trail in the southern part of the department of Panama. There was a commotion in the bushes, and about 200 of the latter variety emerged from the forest.

Attacked by 200 Mad Pigs.

"We were all on foot, but our guide was foolish enough to shoot one of the leaders of the herd. There was a steep rock at hand, and we immediately became the champion rock scramblers of the world. The 200 pigs simply surged in angry waves about our rocky 'isle of safety.'

"We picked off fifteen or twenty of them with our rifles, and then we counted the herd and our cartridges. The result showed that if we killed a pig at every shot we would still be fifty pigs to the bad.

"It was a simple calculation for an engineer to make, but discouraging.

"We sat there for some three hours considering, and then the pigs made up their minds to go away.

"We still had our rifles if they had caught us after we had left the rock, but you can see that we would not have had much chance."

Carl Norval of Stephenson is in the city on business.

WRESTLER BOTHNER FOOLS 'EM WITH HIS YOUTHFUL APPEARANCE.

George Bothner, the veteran wrestler, who acted as referee at the international wrestling tournament which was held at the Manhattan Opera House, New York, recently, tells of an incident which occurred in his gymnasium.

A letter carrier, delivering his first mail to the gym, asked George if he was George Bothner. George answered "Yes." The carrier then handed over the mail, remarking: "You sure do resemble the old man. Often did I pay to see your father wrestle, but that was many years ago."

George had some time convincing the mail man that he was the only George Bothner and that it was he whom he saw wrestling years ago.

The carrier left bewildered, remarking: "Sarah Bernhardt has nothing on you in the way of keeping young."

URGE SPRING TRAINING FOR BASEBALL UMPIRES

Spring training for umpires has been advocated. Charles H. Weegman, purchaser of the Chicago Nationals, and Charles Williams, secretary of the club, urge the adoption of the plan.

It is proposed to have the umpires accompany the clubs to the spring training camps. The plan was tried in the Federal league last season and was declared to be a success.

CUT SPEAKER'S BIG SALARY.

Star Outfielder First to Feel Effects of Peace in Baseball.

This Speaker's salary is to be reduced. It was said that Tris drew nearly \$18,000 per season according to his old contract, which expired last fall, and there is no reason why he should continue to draw that much money. Speaker, of course, is a good ball player, but he is not a drawing card, as is Ty Cobb or Walter Johnson.

Furthermore, that Boston club needs to cut down its salary list, which was \$125,000 last season. It cannot make a respectable interest on its investment at such salaries, and Joe Luman is sure to cut most of the clamorous ones to make it possible to make some real money if his team should repeat.

Just what effect this proposed cutting will have on the players who won for Carigan last season remains to be seen, but usually a team which has won a world championship can never understand why it should not get an increase instead of a cut.

KEEP AN EYE ON CROWN.

Merger of Two St. Louis Teams Means Big Things For Mount City Fans.

The merger of the Peas and Browns in St. Louis, undoubtedly will bring about a revival of interest in the Mount City. Fledgling Jones is a young tough, a formidable team out of the combination of the two squads, and there are reasons for believing he will be in charge of a winner, in which event large crowds would be assured. It has been some time since the Missouri city has had the kind of baseball the patrons of the game there would studiously support, but a change seems to be in sight.

Miller Huggins will have to get a move on him in order to have a team in the National league which will compare with the Browns, and if he can accomplish this St. Louis is in a fair way of having the greatest year in its history, for two winners in town and no conflicting dates would do wonders.

OLIPHANT SOME ATHLETE.

Army Star First West Pointer to Win Four Letters.

Elmer Oliphant, the Army football star, whose work featured the annual game with the Navy, is the first West Point man to win four letters in sport, which he has done in football, baseball, track and basketball. He is a boxer of ability and also plays hockey.

His early athletic training was got at Purdue university. He has cleared 11 1/2 feet pole vaulting, ran a quarter mile in 51 seconds, a half mile in 2 minutes 2 seconds, a mile in 4 minutes 31 seconds, covered the 220 yard hurdles in 25 seconds and cleared 21 1/2 feet in the broad jump.

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BIG ENGLISH GOLFERS COMING

Vardon, Taylor and Others May Play in United States During 1916.

Golfers are keenly interested in a report that Harry Vardon and several other famous English professionals will tour America during the coming season. Vardon, Taylor, Ray, Braid and other former holders of the Eng-

lish open championship played a series of four ball matches throughout England during the last summer, turning the net receipts over to the war relief fund.

If proper arrangements can be made with a quartet of these players the plan is to have them tour the United States and Canada during the 1916 season with the same ultimate use of the gate receipts. Most of the profes-

sionals mentioned are past the ages where their services would be acceptable in trench warfare, but they are understood to be eager to turn their golfing ability to material assistance for England during the continuation of the war. Ray, Vardon and Braid had engaged passage to this country last summer, but the sinking of the Lusitania caused them to abandon the trip.

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