

**PURSUED BY WILD ELEPHANTS.**

**Death of a Wounded Bull Saved the Hunting Party.**

"I was kneeling, while my men lay flat on their faces," writes C. G. Schillings in his "With Flashlight and Rifle," of an elephant hunting incident. "I sent two more bullets into the male elephant. The whole herd then gathered around an old female elephant and broke away in a quick shuffle. Since they turned to the right I enjoyed the grand sight of twenty-four elephants passing at a distance of about 450 feet. The wounded male passed a little nearer to me and I could not refrain from firing at him once more. The whole herd stopped, took the young ones into their midst, looked around and sniffed the air.

"They discovered us, and, led by two females, they came to attack us. The situation became very critical, for in the long run the animals were bound to overtake us. I fled as fast as my feet would carry me in the wake of my men, who were running away from the animal at a right angle. They knew, as I did, that the elephant's sense of sight is weak and that our only chance of escape lay in changing, from time to time, the direction of our flight.

"We did not dare look around, but hurried on in breathless haste. The thundering, dull noise of the pursuing elephants came nearer and nearer. Then suddenly a piercing, trumpet-like sound was heard above the dull noise. Turning around I saw the wounded animal falling into a sitting posture and the rest of the herd in wild flight away from us."

**Comanche Counting.**

A peculiar feature about the Comanche language is the method of counting. A Comanche will count up to 10 in the 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 method, but there he stops. He does not use eleven but instead he counts it as "10 and 1 more," and so on, until he reaches 19, which he pronounces 19.

He then pronounces 20, but starts in with "20 and 1 more" until he reaches 29, which he counts 29, then starts in with 30, like he did 20, and counts to 39, and so on all the way up.

Counting is the most difficult thing to learn in the Comanche language. In fact, by the time a person has learned to count in that language he has pretty well mastered it.

As there is no alphabet in the language, the only way to learn it is by word of mouth. Any attempt to write it in the English alphabet would be absolutely fruitless, as the proper pronunciation could not thereby be transmitted.—Lawton Democrat.

**It Looked That Way.**

An Irishman and his mother-in-law were crossing the Atlantic. They were both seasick and the mother-in-law died. According to marine custom they wrapped the body in canvas and in the absence of pig iron to weigh down the body, a bag of coal was attached. Just as they were about to cast the body into the deep Pat, sufficiently recovered, came on deck, and seeing the preparations, asked:

"And what are you doing?"

"Well," said the captain, "Pat, we are burying your mother-in-law, and the weight, you know, sinks the body down, down, down."

"I know where she's going all right, but does she have to take her own coal?" was Pat's question.

**Her Love.**

"But I don't love you," objected the young woman.

"Then, why," howled the indignant youth, referring hastily to divers memoranda in his pocket diary, "did you eat a total of sixty-five pounds of sixty-cent candy I bought you during the past year if you didn't love me?"

"Because," she said, with a rapt expression on her lovely features, "I do love candy."

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