

THE TRIBAL WARS OF THE ORIENT

Philippine Vitsays Who Hate Peace, and Whom Spain Never Subdued.

Strangest of the Philippine races are the isolated island of Palawan, nearly 300 miles west of the general Philippine archipelago, across the waters of the Sulu sea. Palawan's character is the tribes inhabiting it resemble those of Borneo. The most interesting people of this island are the Vitsays, a remnant offshoot of the Sissays of Mindanao. Separated by warfare from the parent group, intermarriage with natives of Borneo and Papau has produced a new people entirely. This race has proved unconquerable, and for centuries has offered defiance to both civilized and savage aggression. The most formidable expeditions of the Spanish government has ended in disaster; their subjugation seems as impossible as the conquest of the moon. This would be one of the most serious problems to be met with in asserting our sovereignty over the islands. Their villages are along the western sea slope of Palawan. They generally are large, holding 2,000 or 3,000 inhabitants, and are surrounded by high walls of sun-dried brick or moats twenty or thirty feet deep, the bottom protected by long rows of sharp iron spikes. The houses are erected by a chorus of barking, which brings out a horde of unkempt savages, who gather around with loud shouts and menacing spear thrusts that furnish all desire for more than a passing acquaintance with them.

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over trivial, must have an occult reason for its being, and the burden of guilt invariably is fastened upon the one in whom the charlatan "uklars" see the most chance of enriching themselves. Human sacrifices is common among all Vitsayo tribes. Those sacrificed are usually slaves or prisoners of war, although if the proper religious season comes around and there is none of these available they have no scruples in killing those of their own kin, usually women or children, seldom men, as the preservation of the latter is necessary to the welfare of the tribe. On the occasion of a particularly sacred festival as many as a dozen are strung up by the hands and feet and roasted to death over a fire, around which the priests gather, while with long nets they catch the evil spirits as they are driven out of the bodies by the heat, and thrust them back into the fire again, with various

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A GAME WITH DEATH.

Kannoga, an Indian boy of the Couer d'Alene lake, and was telling of a favorite sport, when at one of her interruptions he laughed and leaned carelessly back and looked straight into the eyes of a cougar.

The animal instantly shifted its head, as if to leap down from the other side of the limb, but the boy did not stir. He was looking at the animal with a steady gaze, and it turned with marvellous composure its great yellow body shot into the air.

Kannoga was crushed down under the water, and he reached the shore nearly knee deep. He felt the panther release its grasp in order to find a better footing, and it raised up for a moment, and it turned with marvellous composure its great yellow body shot into the air.

It was her show of indignation and her eager confidence that caused him to laugh now and lean back.

She waited, but it did not answer him. With both hands clasped over his forehead, he sat down and drew his feet slightly above the log on which he was sitting, he stared into the great restless eyes that looked down at him from the nearest limb. He was within a weapon of any kind and the cougar was full grown, with a body dry-looking and gaunt with hunger.

Although his glance was for the moment fixed on him, he could see that it had been watching Aakloo, and that its interest was still centered on her. He was not a coward, and he was not afraid. He was seized with a sudden fear that he might move unexpectedly and thus cause the creature to spring upon her. He was not a coward, and he was not afraid. He was seized with a sudden fear that he might move unexpectedly and thus cause the creature to spring upon her.

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PARKER TO SUCCEED.

H. A. Parker, second vice-president of the Rock Island road, was yesterday appointed general manager of the road vice W. H. Thuesdale, who has been president of the road since the death of Mr. Parker will have charge of the transportation matters, but sports and amusements are placed under the management of the general manager. The position of first vice-president is left open for the present. The following appointments were announced, all effective March 1: H. Gower, general freight agent, to be assistant freight manager, with office at Chicago; E. B. Boyd, general freight agent west of the Missouri river, to be general freight agent east of the river; vice H. Gower, general freight agent at Topsham, Ill.; and agent at Buffalo, Ill. It is general agent lines west of the Missouri river. It is general agent lines west of the Missouri river. It is general agent lines west of the Missouri river.

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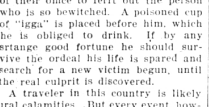
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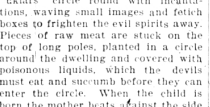
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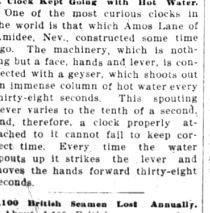
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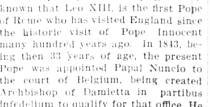
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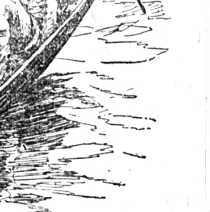
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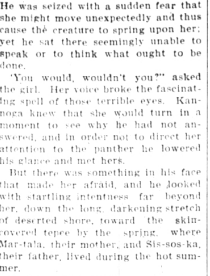
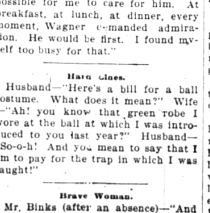
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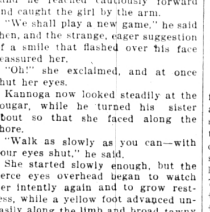
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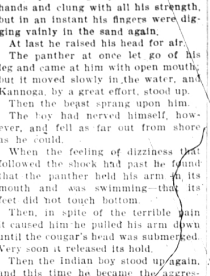
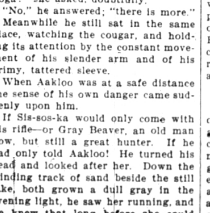
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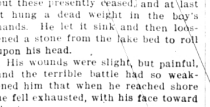
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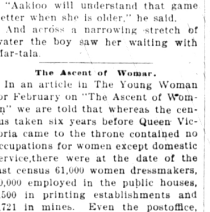
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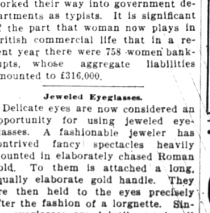
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There are various kinds in the average Atlantic liner. The furnaces will consume no less than 7,000,000 cubic feet of steam in an hour. The boiler is placed in a straight line, would stretch nearly ten miles, and the condenser is more than twenty-five miles long. The total number of separate pieces of steel in the main structure of the ship is not less than 40,000, and the total number of cubic feet of timber used in the construction is more than 100,000,000.

Discarded the Corset. Following the example of her mother, Queen Victoria, Princess Beatrice has discarded the use of the corset, but so well and becomingly does she dress that few people would guess that she wears any. The article of feminine attire.

Who is interesting to find out why His Majesty disliked Wagner. The great Chancellor is quoted as having said: "Yes, I knew Wagner, but it was impossible for me to care for him. At breakfast, at lunch, at dinner, at every moment, Wagner commanded admiration. He would be first. I found myself too busy for that."

Mr. Binks (after an absence)—"And so you shot a burglar while here and unprotected. You are a clever little woman. What does he think of you, Binks?" The other burglar carried him off. "Mr. Binks—"Which other burglar?" Mrs. Binks—"The one I aimed at."

Every year the King of Italy receives a New Year's gift 5,000 cigars from the Emperor of Austria.

Delicate eyes are now considered an opportunity for using jeweled eyeglasses. A fashionable jeweler has mounted in elaborately chased Roman gold. To them is attached a long, oval-shaped pair of spectacles. The eyes are then held by the eyes, provided after the fashion of a lorgnette. Single eyeglasses are daintily set in all the most popular styles. The eyes are then held by the eyes, provided after the fashion of a lorgnette. Single eyeglasses are daintily set in all the most popular styles. The eyes are then held by the eyes, provided after the fashion of a lorgnette. Single eyeglasses are daintily set in all the most popular styles.

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