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## Lion Against Tiger.

they rose on their hind legs, exactly as fighting dogs are often seen to do, and exchange right and left swings for at least three minutes, while the crowd went wild with delight and cheered like madmen.

Infighting did not seem to please either combatant. When they broke away they were seamed and gnashed and the blood was pouring from their flanks. The tiger had landed three blows on the lion's one, but the lion's swings evidently had much more force in them, for the gashes in the tiger's hide were the deeper and apparently the more feebling. The tiger slunk away and hugged the wall, trying to regain his wind, while Atlas, roaring furiously, stood his ground in the centre, the blood dripping from twenty ugly wounds.

After a few moments rest the tiger came forward and began to circle round and round the enemy. A couple of short rushes by the lion failed to effect anything and the African monarch looked worried. Seeing an apparently favorable opening, he charged at the tiger, who darted out of danger, and then, turning like a bird upon the wing leaped upon the lion's back. There was another fearful struggle: the big bodies, now streaked with blood and browned with dust, rolled half way across the ring and the lion shook himself free, delivering one of his terrible right swings as the tiger backed away. The jungle terror, staggered by the blow, made off to a safe distance, and then sat upon his haunches, watching and studying the effects of the last tussle.

The lion had been badly mauled. There were two long rips across his back, and blood streamed from deep tooth prints on his shoulders. He was panting hoarsely, and it was evident that his wind was not as good as his adversary's.

The tiger inspected him a moment, and then came circling on again. There was another bull-like rush by the lion, and the tiger met him fairly, plying his claws like a demon. When the next breathing spell came, the lion, evidently out of breath, sank heavily to the knees, while the tiger, his stripes obliterated by the fast flowing blood, seemed far the stronger of the two.

### The Tiger's Fight.

It was the tiger's fight and he knew it. He then sprang at the staggering lion, took a fearful chop on the nose without flinching, and set his teeth in the African's hairy throat. They wrestled desperately, and the lion's heavy mane saved him from suffocation. Great mouthfuls of the long coarse hair catching in the tiger's teeth not only prevented him from getting a death grip, but so materially intefered with his respiration that he had to release his hold, whereupon the lion swatted him a tremendous left uppercut cut, and sent him tumbling twenty feet away.

It was evidently nearing the finish, despite the rallying power and indomitable courage of the lion. He could hardly turn to follow the motion of the tiger, and the striped fellow still strong upon his legs, was again moving snake-like around his victim. The tiger darted in and the lion missed clean with both claws. Over they went; the tiger worked fore and hind paws frantically, and in less than forty seconds had ripped the lion's body fairly into shreds. Atlas, with one last effort, threw the tiger off, strove to roar, fell prostrate on the sand and died. The tiger had won, and the Gaekwar had lost 37,000 rupees.

### A Rupee Is Worth About 32 Cents.

A true sportsman is the Rawput Prince. He gave orders that the lion should be royally buried, and that the tiger should be given a cage of honor in the managerie of Baroda. Before he was fairly out of the amphitheatre he was arranging details for another match, and a match of fully as much magnitude and scientific interest as the one just decided.

Colonel Maitland, who had backed the tiger, spoke to the Gaekwar as the monach left his box.

"What do you think of lions and tigers now, your Highness?"

"The tiger is, I must acknowledge, king of the cat family," replied the Prince, counting out his money.

"But not of the carnivorae," asserted the Colonel.

"Indeed?"

"I can prove it. I have hunted in the Rocky mountains, and I must frankly state that the grizzly bear can whip any tiger that ever trod a nullah."

And without more parleying another combat was arranged. It is to come off at Baroda on February 1, and to be between the finest tiger which the Geakwar can buy and the most powerful grizzly within the reach of Colonel Maitland's resources. The Gaekwar, it is understood, will rely upon the victor of the recent battle, who should be fully recovered from his wounds long before that date set for the second tussle, while Colonel Maitland is reported to have procured through American freinds, a Sierra grizzly weighing more than 1,500 pounds, with claws longer than fingers of a full-grown man. Invitations to the battle are eagerly sought by all sporting bloods of India, and the Gaekwar's big amphitheatre will be hardly adequate for the crowd which is sure to come.—*New York Sun.*


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## Hicks' Forecast For February.

We are careful to state in the outset that a Venus period is central on the 15th day of this month, and that its influence upon weather and general meteorological conditions will be felt from begining to end of February, and into early March. The greatest disturbances will fall during the last half of the month, when Earth, Venus and Mercury will combine with other causes to produce storms, blizzards, great extremes of temperature and atmospheric perturbations.

A regular storm period the last days of January will be closing about February 1st hence storm conditions will be disappearing toward the Atlantic, and cold, fair weather will be following on from western and central sections. On and touching the 4th and 5th, it will grow warmer and rain and snow will visit most parts of the country. Moon will stand at extreme south point on the 5th causing drift of polar winds southward and producing sharp cold over much of the country behind the reactionary storms due about 4th and 5th. On the 10th and 11th, look for change to very much warmer; be prepared for general and heavy storms. Lightning and thunder with wind and much rain will visit all regions southward, these conditions turning to snow north and west, all being followed by a general cold wave as storm conditions move out of the way to eastward. About the 14th to 16th the cold will moderate and a general return to reactionary storm conditions may be expected. The chief facts to keep in mind in all the Venus disturbances this month are that very warm, springlike weather is apt to change very suddenly into blizzardous gales and dangerous cold.

Another very marked storm period will be central on the 21st. This extends from the 19th to 23rd. Many severe disturbances and much extremely disagreeable weather may be counted on at this time and throughout the remainder of the month. During the Mercury period which is central on the 26th, and extends from the 21st into March, some of the heaviest sleet storms of the whole winter may be expected. The greatest disturbances during the Mercury period will fall on about the 21st to 23d, and 26th to 28th Many sections will be visited by sweeping wind and rain storms, while northern and northwestern regions will most likely feel some of the winter's worst blizzard.

## LOVE YOUR LOVER.

### Admiration May Do for Friendship, but Marriage Absolutely Demands Love.

Intimate acquaintance, congeniality of tastes and purposes, respect, admiration, material and social advancement—all these may appeal at some time to the young man as furnishing the possible material for a prosperous venture into matrimony. But to those of us who are on this side of married life, with years of experience to give us insight, there never was a greater fallacy. I would say to all young women (and I would I had the tongues of angels to say it as I should), "Love your lover or do not marry him." Respect and admiration may do for friendship; marriage absolutely demands love. You remember that when the apostle Peter sums up the qualities that go to make a perfect Christian character he does not begin by urging the necessity of faith. He assumes its existence at the start. He says, "Add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge." It is as if he would have us know that faith is not to be regarded simply as an adornment to the Christian character. It is a prerequisite. It is the atmosphere in which the Christian life has its breath and being. So it is with love when the time comes to settle the gravest question of life.—HELEN WATTERSON MOODY in the February *Ladies' Home Journal.*

## LARGEST RANCH IN THE WORLD.

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