

A ROGUE ELEPHANT.

He Had Been Guilty of Many Crimes and Was a Terror to Everybody.

From the Madras Standard. During a recent religious festival at Alvarthirunagari, on the banks of the Tambrani, a terribly tragedy was enacted by an elephant. Like most large temples this has its periodical festivals, one of which has just been celebrated. Certain elephants were brought down from Nungneri and Tinnevely for the festivities of the occasion. All went smoothly till, unfortunately, the large elephant of Nungneri, being in a rut, ran amuck. The mahout unwittingly took up a little child (son of the Temple Darimakartha) and placed it in front of him on the neck of the elephant. Alarmed at the state of the elephant, the mahout endeavored to quietly pass the child out of danger by handing it to somebody behind. He was not quick enough to elude the sagacity of the elephant, which snatched up the child, put it into his mouth, and began munching it. The mahout, horrified at the sight, jumped down and tried to extricate the child, which he succeeded in doing, but not before the child was well nigh dead. Indeed, it only breathed for a few minutes afterward, and then expired. Enraged beyond all bounds, the animal became furious, and in its mad rage seized the mahout, dashed him to the ground, and then trampled out his little breath that might have still remained in the body. And here comes a strange and touching incident. Repenting seemingly of his awful misdeed, the elephant gathered up what was the moment before his master, proceeded to his (the mahout's) house, and, depositing his mournful burden at his door, passed on. The people generally, in great dread, closed their doors and windows. The elephant wildly rushed along the streets and came to the temple, the door of which, too, had been closed. It thereupon battered the door, and passing into the enclosure, furiously attacked the little elephant of Tinnevely, which it pierced with its tusks and soon killed. Emerging thence, the elephant rushed madly along the river close by, where it began throwing mud and sand all over itself. In the meantime, the police constables had got their muskets loaded, and, climbing out of danger, took potshots at the furious animal, which they eventually succeeded in disabling and ultimately killing.

POOR, BUT HONEST.

Bishop Potter So Declares Himself to a Society Matron.

Last year Bishop Potter went out to Tuxedo to confirm a class of young people in the new church there. A young matron who had been a member of the congregation of Grace Church while the Bishop was its rector, and had herself been confirmed and married by him, wrote and insisted that he should stop with her during his stay at Tuxedo. He accepted. As a particular honor she adorned his room with an elaborate toilet set of solid silver that included more than a dozen pieces. The Bishop came, confirmed the candidates and went away. But the silver toilet set could not be found. It was not on the dressing table nor in the bathroom, and the matron's astonishment was great. Her annoyance was almost as great, and for two days she wondered what could have become of the set, and whether the Bishop had supposed it was a present. On the third day she summoned up courage enough to write and ask him if by mistake his man or one of the servants had packed up the silver toilet set with his luggage, and it had been overlooked in unpacking, etc. The Bishop answered promptly, for the next day she received this telegram: "Am poor, but honest. Look in the table drawer." The young woman did look, and the toilet set was found there.

Four-Leaf Clover Party Is the Latest.

A four-leafed clover party is a pretty entertainment for a summer gathering, especially if the hostess has a country home or a clover field in her yard. The way to utilize the clover is to decorate the house with its blossoms, both red and white. The linen and china should also be ornamented with clover blossoms. In the hall there should be a little rattan table festooned with vines and clover blossoms, and covered with a green mat formed of ivy leaves. On this should stand a large glass punch bowl filled with iced lemonade, and surrounded by small glasses. A young girl in a dainty gown—it might be one of the new white delaines showing a clover leaf—should preside over the tempting beverage, as only a young girl can. At the close of the luncheon or tea the guests may be invited to hunt for four-leaf clovers, and those finding the largest number may be rewarded with pretty clover pins, while the unfortunate who finds the smallest number may be given a pair of eyeglasses to aid in some future search.—Jenness Miller Monthly.

A Disastrous Kentucky Duel.

The Chino-Japanese war has produced something like a camphor famine, for the substance now costs from \$7 to \$8 a hundredweight, and the Celestial finds it dearer than the Londoner. It is reassuring to know that Izoal is even more effective than camphor in arresting and preventing disease, and that, at present quotations, it is much cheaper.

Left a Soft Thing.

"My hair," remarked the bald-headed man, as he rubbed his bare poll in a reminiscent way, "was the most ambitious thing about me." "Ah?" responded his companion, questioningly. "Yes. It always came out on top."

A CINCINNATI BELLE.

Margaret Rives Nichols to Mary a Marquis.

The midsummer dearth of news in Cincinnati has been profoundly stirred by the announcement of the engagement of Miss Margaret Rives Nichols, daughter of Mrs. Bellamy Storer, and the Marquis Pierre de Chambrun, of the French Embassy at Washington. This engagement has more than once been rumored and as often denied, but now that it is authoritatively announced, friends on both sides are delighted and congratulations are pouring in. In his fiancée the Marquis has the hand of the fair descendant of one of Cincinnati's oldest and most aristocratic families. The name of her grandfather, Joseph Longworth, is intimately connected with the earlier history of the city; her father, George Ward Nichols, the first president of the College of Music, was one of the foremost figures of Cincinnati in his day, and her mother, Joseph Longworth's daughter, and now the wife of Bellamy Storer, the ex-Congressman, will always be remembered for the impetus she gave to art in founding the famous Rookwood pottery. With such an ancestry it is no wonder that Miss Nichols is a brilliant and intellectual girl. She has been carefully educated, has traveled extensively, and is accustomed to life in diplomatic circles both at home and abroad. While not a beauty in the strict sense of the word, she is a fine-looking and attractive girl, of medium height and well-rounded figure, brunette complexion and dark hair and eyes. Her manners are unaffected, and she has always been a great favorite and much sought after. The unusually fortunate man is a grand-nephew of Lafayette, and is about thirty years of age, courtly and refined in bearing. It is said by friends on both sides that the match is a love affair, and it is known that the families are well pleased. The marriage will probably take place in the autumn at the beautiful suburban home of the Storer, on the Grandin road.—Town Topics.

MAN AND THE CHAFING DISH.

He Can Cook Better Than His Wife, Because More Confident.

Octave Thanet says that men use a chafing dish better than women. Perhaps it is because there is a gaudy triumph about chafing dish processes which there is not in other cooking exploits. Men never like to work behind a screen. They enjoy the tumult and the crowd and the cheering when they strike a telling blow. A woman is nervous to see a dozen eyes on her. Her ears tingle at the good-natured comments. She is frightened, she loses confidence in herself. She looks furtively across the table at the man for whom she cares for more than all the rest, and he is telling the lady who gives such charming dinners that he must send his wife over to her for a series of lessons—and it is all over for the poor creature at the alcohol lamp. If she be wise she will tip the lamp over and cover her retreat. A man's self-confidence is of stouter fibre. He isn't looking at his wife, he is looking at his dish; if any ingredient be missing to call loud and spare note for that was voice given; naturally he gets everything, whether he has forgotten anything or no, and the entire service of the meal stops until he has had his will. A man will have two maids and a large stately butler running about the waiting room on his preparation of terrapin à la Maryland, or lobster à la Newberg; and he will be no whit embarrassed. A woman is scared to interrupt the feast by withdrawing one servant. And the man is right and the woman is wrong; for people can wait for their wine or their sauces, but an alcohol flame waits on no man. But the difference between man and woman as cooks is too near other burning questions for one to discuss with the thermometer at 90.

Told at Newport.

That Lady Alva Vanderbilt has the prettiest foot at Newport. She wears a No. 2. That the Willie K. faction are mean enough to say that she isn't a bit averse to showing it, encased in the sweetest and prankiest of French boots, when she mounts her wheel. That Miss Consuelo Vanderbilt inherits the tiny foot and beautiful Andalusian instep of her mother, the erstwhile Mobile belle. That this daughter of the famous house is a picture fair to see in her white satin ball dress, with fairy slippers to match, embroidered with seed pearls.

That the other Vanderbilt women all have aristocratic feet, molded on Trilby lines—long and daintily slender. That drawn work is the fashionable craze of the hour, and that Miss Gertrude Vanderbilt excels all the fair maids of the 180 in this dainty needlecraft.

An Autumn Suggestion.

The library can be done in red, red matting covering the floor, upon which are spread dark rugs in brilliant colorings. A long reclining chair of Chinese rattan, one or two easy chairs, a settee and a table, all of the same make, are almost all that are necessary to comfort; upon the settee or lounge are piled cushions of gayly-striped Madagascan grass, Turkey-red or Bagdad cushions, and those of India cotton embroidered in tinsel.

Ample Accommodation.

Student—Several of my friends are coming to dine here, so I want a big table. Mine Host—Just look at this one, sir. Fifteen persons could sleep quite comfortably under it.—Fliegende Blaetter.

In the Swim.

PORTLAND, Me., Sept. 3.—On Saturday there came to this city a Lewiston Roman Catholic priest, accompanied by a young man. They took the boat for Harpswell. While on the steamer the two are reported to have made so much disturbance that the boat officials were obliged to warn them to be more circumspect, or be put off the boat at the first landing.

Both of the men were somewhat under the influence of liquor, and, arriving at their destination, took a row-boat to go fishing, as they said, but carried along altogether too much liquid bait for a successful haul. An hour later some men in a tug belonging to Trefethers Fish Company, on her way to Harpswell, espied what looked like a couple of seals swimming in the bay. One man had raised his rifle to take a shot, when the captain made out the objects to be the heads of men swimming for life, and apparently very much exhausted. They were picked up just as they were about to sink for the last time.

The rescued ones were no less than the priest and his companion, who had capsized their boat shortly before the appearance of the tug, and were endeavoring to swim ashore.

On Sunday another priest arrived here from Lewiston and took the delinquent brother home. The affair has created considerable comment here.—Lowell Herald.

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