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PASSING OF THE ELEPHANT.

It is said that the Circus Favorite is becoming scarce.

There is a wail in the New York Ledger that there is every reason to believe that elephants, like the American bison, are fast disappearing. In 1886 a worker in ivory in Sheffield, England, endeavored, in all seriousness, to figure out how long the elephant would last. His own house, he said, had in one year used 1,280 pairs of tusks, which meant the killing of more than that number of animals, for not every elephant yields two tusks of ivory to the ivory hunter. That the African species is fast disappearing there is little doubt. There are many elephants in Ceylon, and from that island most of those that are displayed in travelling menageries and in zoological gardens come. The showman has very little use for the African elephant, because he is less intelligent than his Indian cousin and much meaner in disposition. The African elephant is the longer-legged and smaller-bodied animal. Jumbo, who was a half-breed, had the long legs of the African and the large body of the Indian elephant. Jumbo was undoubtedly the largest of all elephants, standing 12 feet 8 inches in height. The largest elephant remembered in India was one ridden by the viceroys in 1880, which stood 10 feet 4 inches. Col. Pollock records that the king of Burmah had a sacred white elephant which was two inches taller.

Let the Young Enjoy Themselves.

It is a mistake which many parents make, that of trying to make premature men out of boys, and of holding themselves aloof from all the emotions, sympathies, pleasures and pursuits of youngsters. It is not natural for boys to be so staid, reserved, nor always well-mannered, and the discipline which makes them so before their time will probably distort or cripple some of their finest qualities. The roots of a young tree must have room to spread, and if they are inexorably crammed into a hole big enough only for half of them, some are sure to be grievously hurt and the tree prematurely damaged. As for education, it must always be remembered that what a boy learns from books is but a small portion of his education. That which he gathers from his surroundings and from his home, pleasant or repulsive, from his associations, from nature, from everything he sees and hears, goes equally to form his mind and character.

The Knife Superstition.

The French cutlers established in the town of Langres are determined to call attention by every means in their power to the absurdity of the superstition about presents of knives "cutting friendship." The belief, they allege, no doubt with some show of reason, is injurious to their trade. Among the wedding gifts presented to a newly-married couple, for instance, one never sees any knives, although metal articles of other kinds are never wanting. The Langres cutlers have therefore begged the French minister of public works, M. Dupuy-Dutemps, to accept a little present of two fancy knives and a pocket-knife of fine workmanship. M. Dupuy-Dutemps has graciously accepted the gift without sending the traditional penny or halpenny in exchange with which the superstitious ordinarily seek to disguise the nature of such a transaction.

Demand Creates Value.

An advance of over 30 per cent in the price of raw silk has taken place during the past year. During the last fiscal year American manufacturers used 9,614,000 pounds of raw silk, and they are steadily supplementing foreigners in supplying the silk goods used in this country.

Ready for Him.

"One side is going to spring some unlooked-for disclosure on you," said a lawyer to one of his opposing attorneys. "We've been expecting some unlooked-for disclosure," was the reply, "so you'll not take us unaware." Oakland Times.

Got Even.

Went on the excursion yesterday Mrs. Hupper fell overboard, in an instant a man stripped off his clothing, dove in and rescued her. You bet—What did Hupper do for him? Vant Reported him to the hotel building, New York World.

Flaky Constitution.

One of the most flaky of the Utah constitution, just adopted, is a provision for let's say a jury of eight members. Utah is the first state to establish a court of seven jurors with less than the traditional twelve jurors.

A Hair-Raising Experiment.

Frank Schmidt was engaged in hair farming near Superior, Wis. Some of

the live stock got loose the other night and ate Frank up. At last accounts the neighbors had assembled and were settling the estate with their rifles.

Such is Fate.

Fortune comes once to every door, And usually comes no more. When she comes here I'll bet my hat The bell won't work that calls our flat. —New York Sun.

A Warm Welcome.

Traveler (in a tropical paradise)—I would just love to live here. Forty Million Natives (snakes, bugs and things)—We'd just love to have you stay.

Gentle Blas.

He (at 11 p. m.)—"Well, misery loves company, you know."

She (repressing a yawn)—"Not at this hour, I think."—Detroit Free Press.

ROYAL JOURNEY.

Queen of Spain Has Cause to Visit Austria.

Queen Christina is about to undertake a voyage to Austria, where her presence, it appears, is indispensable in connection with the settlement of the vast estate of her uncle, the late Archduke Albert, who died the richest man of Austro-Hungary; indeed, one might almost say of Europe, since no inconsiderable portion of his fortune comprises an immense number of as yet undeveloped mines. Of course her absence from Spain at the present juncture is extremely inconvenient, says the New York Times. But the interests and future of her children are at stake and, moreover, her sister-in-law, the Princess Isabella, countess of Girgenti, with whom she is now completely reconciled, has already proved herself a most capable regent during the absences from the kingdom of her brother, the late king.

Christina has left Spain but once since her marriage in the latter part of the seventies, and at the time she then quitted Madrid she firmly intended never to return. It was a couple of years before her husband's death and she had been so exasperated by the flagrancy of his infidelities, notably by his public liaison with the late duchess of Ossuna, a Princess Solms by birth and a duchess of Croy by her second marriage, that she vowed never to live with him again, and sought refuge at Vienna with her children.

What provoked the departure was the fact that she discovered the king and duchess whiling away a June afternoon in one of the kiosks of the gardens of the palace of La Granja. The duke of Sesto, the diminutive and squeaky-voiced stepfather of the present Duc de Morny, was on guard at the entrance and attempted to bar her progress. Her Hapsburg blood, however, would brook no such interference, and, inflicting a stinging slap on the cheek of the jilted fiancé of Eugenie de Montijo (subsequently empress of the French), she passed by and into the kiosk.

It needed all the persuasive powers of Emperor Francis Joseph, her cousin, and of the Archduchess Elizabeth, her mother, to induce her to return to Madrid, and this was not achieved until three months had elapsed and the duchess of Ossuna had been banished not only from the court but even from the kingdom.

WOMAN DIVER.

Makes Her Living by Trips into the Deep Sea.

From Palm Beach, Fla., comes the story of a woman 38 years of age, a native of Jamaica, who has for ten years been engaged as a submarine diver. Her husband, Pedro Gomez, came from a Spanish family of sponge divers. While at Funchal, Madeira, in the Canaries, he became acquainted with an English diver, who gave him some ideas as to submarine exploration under scientific auspices. He went to Central America and met his love and his business partner of to-day at Colon, on the isthmus. She fell into his line of life easily, and for ten years has done the better part of the hazardous work which he as a manager contracts for. She carries bomb armor than he does, and has invented a helmet with a system of airpipes that she and her husband alone hold the secret of. It is claimed that with this helmet securing her breathing connection with the upper world she can wander almost at will through a sunken wreck. In a recent interview with the editor of a Jacksonville newspaper she says that in the course of a thousand descents to the ocean's bed within the ten years that she has been in the business she has never met a sea monster or any other fish that would not fly from the mere wave of her arm.

England's Fear of Invasion.

The second preparation for war was the well known, yet curious and much discussed equipment of an expedition to invade England. It is a communique of history that British empire has

ever been bound up with the separation of the kingdom from the continent of Europe by a narrow but stormy estuary. There had, of course, been repeated invasions and successful invasions of her soil from the days of the Anglo-Saxons themselves down to the expedition of William of Orange, but growing wealth had furnished ever increasing means of resistance in the superb armaments which under England's flag made access to her shores so much more difficult with every year that finally, after the Seven Years' War, it came to be regarded by her enemies as impossible. On the other hand, the people themselves are to this day skeptical, and fall into periodic panics on the question. Some clever fiction, like the "Battle of Dorking," or a revival of the project for a tunnel under the channel can awaken such visions of invasion as to insure the passage of any grant for strengthening the navy. This singular distrust was well known to the French.

We Should Pronounce It Dangerous.

Toledo Blade: It is correct nowadays to pronounce any of the afflictions that end in "itis," such as "appendicitis," with the accent on the penultimate syllable, and as if the "itis" were spelled "eyetis." Eminent surgeons also say "intesteynal" for "intestinal," and Anglicize as much as possible every technical word derived from the Latin. It seems to be a go-as-you-please with the Greek terminology as yet.

Gen. Saussier.

General Saussier, who would command the French army in case of war, is past seventy years, an age at which an American commander-in-chief would have been long retired, but still a robust and clear-headed man of affairs. He is a soldier of unusual stature, and at present he is the military governor of Paris.

Another New Woman.

"I don't take much stock in these new woman ideas," remarked a man from south Georgia yesterday, "but I saw one to-day I would like to have in my corn field in fodder season to pull fodder. Say, that woman was a James D. She saw a street car about a block and a half away and made up her mind to catch it, and she did, begosh. She made a plunge for it and whistled for the conductor to stop the concern. The conductor didn't think she would ever reach the car and consequently did not stop. But that woman was one of the up-to-daters and she had different notions from those of the conductor. She ran like a rabbit and it wasn't long before she had planted her tiny foot upon the step of retreating car.

"I felt disposed to applaud her for this feat, but about that time she reached up and pulled the bell-cord and stopped the car herself.

"The conductor and motorman looked up in astonishment. 'I simply want to wait for my dog to catch up,' she replied, to their inquisitive glances.

"Now, all I have to say is this—that if that woman is a new woman we need more of them to run this country. We need them particularly in the corn fields."—Atlanta Constitution.

Thought She Was Watched.

There was a correspondence in the papers some time ago about the cruelty of leaving servants alone in town houses while the family is away at the sea. A curious commentary on the matter has just been supplied by Evelyn's cook, says girl's gossip in Truth. Evelyn left her in town for a fortnight, quite alone, but told her she could have a friend to tea when she liked, and added: "My mother's cook is a very nice, superior woman, and I will ask her to come round and have a cup of tea with you." After the fortnight the woman was very disagreeable and huffy—so much so that Evelyn told her that she could not keep her unless she could manage to be rather pleasant. "What has upset you?" she asked. Whereupon, among other grievances, the cook said, "You asked your mother's servant to come here for no other reason than to keep watch on me." So the very thing that was kindly meant was converted into an insult. It only goes to prove that we shall never understand servants, try as we may.

The Baptists in India.

The American Baptist Telugu mission in India records 351 baptisms during the past year. There is now a membership of 22,503, with 2,948 Christian pupils in the schools, and 51,056 in the Sunday schools. 3,294 patients were treated through the medical department in one year.

Sing Her Life Song.

"Didn't you think that the soprano sang 'The Mistakes of My Life Have Been Many' with a good deal of feeling last morning?"

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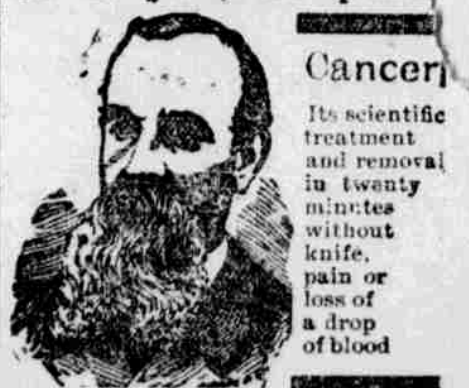
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