## Sixty-Five Thousand Elephants Are Killed Every Year for Their Tusks



PORTERS WITH IVORY AT A WAREHOUSE.

(Copyright, 1968, by Frank G. Carpenter.) stockades of ivory tusks about their ANZIBAR-(Special Corresponds dwellings. During recent years some of ence of The Bee.)-Sixty-five such ivory has been gathered together. thousand elephants were killed but there is said to be much buried yet to in Africa last year, and more be unearthed. In addition to this is the than 1,5:0,0:0 pounds of tvory ivory of elephants which have died natwere taken from them and ural deaths. shipped off to Europe. Of this fully oneenormous tusks of aged elephants which third came from Zanzibar, another third have dropped in their tracks or have was from Portuguese East and West Africa been killed by lions and other wild beasts. Their bones lie where the huge and a large part of the balance was from animals fell, and the earth and leaves the valley of the Congo. Cape Colony furnished 100,000 pounds, Egyp: 500,000 pounds have covered them so that they are freand a large part came from the Niger quently hidden from view. I am told that the pygmies have killed many eleterritories and Lagos. During the last six phants with poisoned arrows, but, not months I have been traveling through the knowing the value of the tusks, have left lands of ivory and elephants. I saw tosks them lie idle where they fell. Some of for sale in the Egyptian Sudan. At Momthis dead ivory has been injured by the basa I was shown \$50,000 worth of ivory forest fires, but that imbedded in the in one pile, and during my travels through Uganda and German East Africa I passed of great value. mud or covered with vegetation is still many long lines of porters carrying elephants' tusks on their beads or tied to long poles, which rested on their shoulders,

Great Ivory Market.

Zanzibar has for years been one of the chief ivory markets of the world. There elephants, but eaten them, and he tells are companies here which have their me the meat is not at all bad. A goodbuyers and traders scouring German and sized animal often weighs as much as five British East Africa, as well as the Portuguese possessions, farther south. These men take beads, cottons and other merthe seaceast. Much is now coming to Lake Victoria and over the Uuganda railroad to Mombasa. A great deal goes to Tabora, in the center of German East Africa, and thence on east to Bogomoye, on the coast opposite Zanzibar, while other caravans hole and a layer of green leaves is spread moths have been found, their frozen flesh, thence by railroad to Dar es Salaam,

There are herds of elephants about the and a hunter dares not kill more than two kill the baby elephants or cow elephants corned beef. there, and the same regulations prevail in Uganda. In the British Sudan a license is required to shoot any kind of big game, and this is also true of British in Africa are trying to keep the elephants Central Africa. In German East Africa from being destroyed. This is especially hunters are charged a few rupees for their so of Belgium, which hopes some day to the British for the transcontinental trade officials. In Tabora there are eight for- the center of the hut, the blaze being usupay a royalty to the government on all the ivor they get. As it is, there is con siderable profit in the business, and in the German colonies a fairly good hunter often makes big money. A single elephant may give tusks worth \$1,000 and upward, and an old buil may produce 300 or 400 pounds of the choicest ivory.

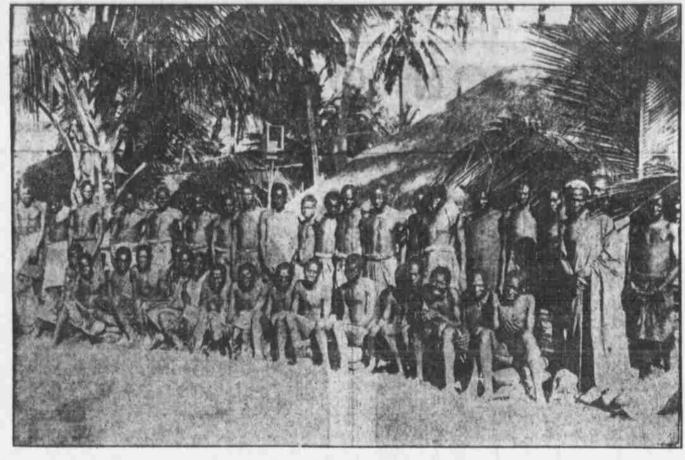
African Ivory the Best. This Afrigan ivory brings the highest pounds each. The average weight of a tusk there's nothing doing at the grocer's or race and similar diversions. much less than this, and one of 100 pounds is quite valuable. In India the average tusk does not weigh fifty pounds, but that of the African elephant is much heavier. Many of the tusks are broken when they are brought into the market. The elephants use them for plowing up roots and tearing down trees, and also for fighting their enemies. The average tusk is strong and elastic; but it can be broken, and the ends are sometimes snapped off. Ivory tusks are always sold by weight, and the traders tell me that in buying them of the natives they have to be careful to see that pieces of fron or bits of stone have not been driven into the hollows of the horns to make them weigh more.

Pulling an Elephant's Tooth.

Many of you have been in the hands of a dentist and have seen how he almost breaks your jaw in pulling a molar with a long root. The tusks are really elephant's teeth and it is difficult to get them out of a dead elephant. They are fitted into a bony socket, and the roots go almost up to the eyes. A tusk eight feet long may have two feet of its root imbedded in the skull and if it is taken away at once the head has to be chopped to pieces to get

H out. In addition to the tusks the elephant has six great teeth inside its mouth on each side its jaw above and below, and these are almost as firmly imbedded as the tusks themselves. The tusks are hollow about half way up. The smallest forms a big load for a man, while one weighing 150 pounds requires four porters to carry it. Such men are paid from 3 to 5 cents a day for their labor, so that the cost of transportation

is not heavy. Have you ever heard of dead tvory? There is a vast quantity of it still left in Africa, and thousands of pounds are shipped to the ports every year. Dead ivery comes from animals which have died a natural death, or from tusks which have been gathered by the chiefs of the vilinges and stored away. Ivory has always been an evidence of wealth in Africa, some of the petty African kings have piled up ivory as our misers hoard money at home. Some of them have buried it near their villages, and others have made



PORTERS WHO CARRY IVORY TO THE SEACOAST.

are Liverpool and London.

museum at Brussels, I saw one of the phants' tusks, called white ivory.

and the poorest of all goes to China where there. it is used for inlaying furniture and boxes. The very best quality of ivory is employed in making plane keys and fan sticks, and The Germans are rapidly exploring their also for the little statuettes cut out by the colonics, and they are findir Japanese. Much of the product goes into things away out here in the African wilds billiard balls, knife handles, combs and they have altogether ivory black or artists' pigments.

Mammoth Ivery.

roasts, and they cook the trunks and feet of Siberia. This is from huge animals the spirits are supposed to dwell. in holes in the ground. The foot is con- which lived ages ago, but whose bones. They have medicine men and witch sidered a delicacy. It is prepared by protected by the frozen soil of northern making a fire in a hole and laying the Asia, are as good today as when the ani- man can change himself into a wild anifoot on the burning coals. Some sticks mals died. It is even said that in some mal at will and thus torment his eneare then placed over the mouth of the cases the entire carcasses of the mam- mies. upon them. A thick deposit of earth is skin and hair having been thus kept for placed on top and the meat is allowed to these thousands of years. The first of The Germans are ruling these people to while some is absolutely worthless.

Zanzibar Versus Dar es Salaam.

the amount sold brings in millions of dol- ivory tusks and made them carry them there are four Europeans, and at Bistised and buyers from everywhere come Syria and Turkey, as well as Egypt and the government. i nto attend them. The other chief markets other Mohammedan countries of North Africa. Such merchandise was known as During a recent visit to the Colonial black ivory, in contradistinction to the ele-

The largest ivory tusk ever discovered was a large part of the product now goes there. on toward Lake Tanganyika. It will go best of the ivory goes to America, and that Ujiji, with a branch to the Victoria Nyanza. sumed in Europe. The fourth grade ivory increasing. That port has a good harbor, is sent to East India for filagree work, and the largest steamers are now calling

Queer African Natives.

fancy articles. During a visit I once paid to 000 of these natives in their part of the Sheffield, England, I was shown about white man's burden, and they are divided \$100,000 worth of lvory which had been up into many nations and tribes. Some brought there to be used for knife handles of the most intelligent are about Tabora, strips for this purpose. In such work every and it is from there that the colony exscrap of the material is saved, the shav- pects to get the labor to cultivate the and I saw them sawing up the tusks into plantations along the seacoust. The naings and dust being valuable for making tives of that region have a king and subordinate chiefs, and women are so elected as the chief of their respective wire the size of a lead pencil. Another men take beads, cottons and other merchandles to trade with the natives, and when they have accumulated a cargo they
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Education of the Negroes.

cook and steam for several hours. After this frozen ivory was found over 800 some extent through their chiefs, and slopes of Mount Kilimanjaro, and the hunt- it is taken out the skin is removed, when years ago, and about seventy years since they are establishing schools to teach ing goes on in the forests of the Great the jelly-like interior is ready for eating, the annual output was estimated at over them. The missionaries are also at work Rift valley. In British East Africa it I am teld that it is so tender that it can 100,000 pounds. It is said that more than in different parts of German East Africa, be scooped up with a spoon. The ordinary 1,600 mammoth turks were sold in the and the government has high schools and elephant steak is black in color, and when year 1872. At present the greater part manual training schools with European during a season. It is against the law to cooked it looks and tastes a little like of said ivory is going to China. It does teachers, who use colored assistants. This not compare in quality with our elephant work is just in the beginning, but it The houses of Shirati are round huts ivory, the greater part of it being poor, promises to grow. Fifty-two colored with thatched roofs and walls of upright teachers are already employed and the sticks chinked with mud. The interior of schools have several thousand pupils.

There are but few whites in the interior ments, one for the men and the other for The Germans are now competing with of that colony and almost none excepting the cattle. The cooking fire is made in duck of a doctor.

form an ivory monopoly. A great part of of Central Africa. The old slave route eigners, of whom six are military offithe elephants still living are in the valley began at Ujiji, on Lake Tanganyika, and cers. In Ujiji, on Lake Tanganyika, there of the Kongo, and so many have died that came across German East Africa to Bogo- are only four white men, two are civilians, It is expected that lvory will grow more moyo, and thence by heat to Zangibar, one being a doctor and the other a trader. valuable from year to year. As it is now The slave traders loaded their slaves with At Usamburu, at the head of the lake, lars, and most of this comes from the auc- across country. When they got them here marckburg, on the southern end, there are tions at Antwerp. In that city there are they sold both slaves and lvory to the only two, both of whom are officials. At several hundred thousand pounds of ivory Zanzibar merchants. In such cases many Mwanza, on Lake Victoria, I found about on hand, and sales are made about four of the slaves were females, and were twenty Europeans, equally divided betimes a year. These sales are duly adver- used to supply the harems of Arab'a, tween the military and civil branches of

Among the Washashi.

heaviest elephant tusks ever found. It. Since Germany has gotten possession of not mentioned in my previous letters. I using pillows of wood. side it, it reached high above my head, has been diverted to Dar es Salnam, and lake. It is known as Shirati and it lies aries. These are tall, round wickerwork in or taken out. near the boundary of British East Africa. baskets made of cane or plaited rushes, brought to Tabora in German East Africa This trade will increase with the building. The country about is beautifully rolling. in 1886 and was shipped from there to Ham- of the railroad, which is now being pushed. The hills slope gently up from the lake The ivory dealers here tell me that the to Tabora, and from there probably on to thatched huts, an Indian business section and a fort beenging to the Germans. The the second and third class tusks are con- The shipping of Dar es Salasm is rapidly people are somewhat like the Kavirondo and a little like the Masai. They are dark brown in color, are well formed and of a good height. I talked with one chief who was fully seven feet tall, standing like a giant above his fellows who averaged, I judge, about five feet six.

The Washashi, like the Kavirondo, do not worry over their wardrobes. Those I saw were almost naked. Many of the women had only a string of beads about them and some wore fringes of beads two or three inches long hanging from their waist belts. The men were often clad in a single goatskin, which was shifted so that it covered now the back and now the front of the person. All wore jewelry. I saw many dandles who had on great coils of wire, and one whose highly regarded that they are sometimes arms and legs were wrapped with brass old relative of whim the family had exstrands on one woman's calf. It had eighteen parallel strands of the thickness of a lead pencil, from where the swelling began to the knees. Otherwise little fellow said: "Papa, it wouldn't do the woman was bare to the fringe apron which ran around her waist.

Many of these natives had shields enormous size made of skins fastened to a framework and painted in bright colors, and they had head dresses of ostrich faethers which looked odd in contrast with their nude bodies beneath. They all to eat your candy till after dinner, carried spears and were celebrating a war

About the Home.

each house is divided into two compart-

DOOR OF AN IVORY MERCHANT'S HOUSE. ally started by means of friction, just as chinked tight with cow dung. They are There is a queer town on Lake Victoria our Indians made fire before Columbus raised upon poles a foot or so from the

belonging to the Germans, which I have came. The people sleep on the ground, ground and have conical roofs of thatch. There is a little door at the top of each weighs over 200 pounds, and as I stood be- the mainland opposite here the ivery trade called there during my tour around the Outside many of the huts I saw gran- granary, through which the corn is put FRANK G. CARPENTER.

## Prattle of the Youngsters



LIZABETH'S mother did not teach her little daughter much that she should have learned about religion; nor did the father.

The other day a guest said to little girl: "Elizabeth, does your father say grace at the table?" "What grace?" returned the girl inno-

"Why, thanks for what you have to "Oh," replied Elizabeth, now enlightened,

"We don't have to thank anyone for what we have-we always pay cash." "Did it sting you, Aunt Jane?" asked the precoclous child of the rich but cranky

pectations. "Did what sting me, child?" asked the old lady, trascibly.

Harry's father was bald and one day the for you to fall asleep in the desert, would

"Why not?" asked the father. "'Cause an ostrich might sit on your head and hatch it out," explained Harry.

Mamma-Margle, I thought I told you not Margie-I'm not eating it, mamma; I'm only sucking the juice.

A clergyman made an unusually long call at the home of a parishioner recently. He talked and talked, until finally little Edna, who was present, whispered, "Mamma, did the preacher forget to bring his 'amen' with him?"

Little Elmer-Mamma says you are a

deed! How did she come to say that? Little Eimer-Oh, she didn't say it just that way, but I heard her tell papa you

## Nebraska Pioneers

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cheerful old age than that which the Nebraska pioneers are living. In fact they don't know they are old. They are not old. "Old Time is a liar" " as Oliver Wendell Holmes exclaims is his poem, "The Boys." Nothing can express better the spirit of the ploneers than that poem written by Holmes at just such an anniversary as the one to take place at Milford, except that it lacked a feminine element:

Has there any old fellow got mixed up with the boys? If there has take him out without making a noise; Hang the almanac's cheat and the catalogue's spite—
Old Time is a liar! We're twenty tonight!

We're twenty! we-re twenty! Who says we are mere?

He's tipsy!—young jackanapes!—show him the door!

"Gray temples at twenty?" yes white, if we please;

Where the snowflakes fall thickest

there's nothing can freeze.

Yes, we're boyst-always playing with tongue and with pen—

And I sometimes have asked, shall we ever be men?

Shall we always be youthful and laughing and gay,
Till the last dear companion drops smiling away?

Then, here's to our boyhood, its gold and Its gray! The stars of its winter, the dews of its And when we have done our life-lasting Dear Father, take care of Thy children, the boys!

## Some Groups Caught at the Omaha Retail Grocers' and Butchers' Annual Picnic



Great Ivory Trust.

The European nations which have colonies

This is composed of the

Elephant Meat.

I met the other night an old elephant

hunter who has made many thousands of

dollars in ivory. He has not only shot

tons, and when one is killed the natives

come in for miles around and have a

great feast. They cut up the huge beast

stall is shut up, and the delivery wagon have won the name of being the champion flowers of the popular resort.

NE of the fixed events of the stands idle, while the horse munches his rainmakers of the west. Not a date has year in Omaha is the picnic by feed at his leisure and sleeps away the day, been set for their annual outing that was the retail grocers and butchers of the city. For many years the members of the association the city. have taken one day off for the all have an unlimited deal of fun. Their tried. But this year the event was held prices in the market. It is superior to any purpose of rusticating amid sylvan sur- friends join with them, and wife and at Krug park, and the weather man smiled other in the size of tusks. I have seen roundings, and for that day they simply child and sweetheart go along, and business as he thought of the merrymakers, who some which were nine feet long, and there go out of business. The Omaha housewife and all its cares and troubles are for were patronizing home industry, and held are some which weigh as much as 300 has learned that this is one day on which gotten in the dance, the ball game, the foot out only the brightest of days. The pictures show some of the jolly groups butcher's. The store is closed ,the market. In past years the grocers and butchers that spent the day among the trees and



BYEN THE BARGES HAD A GOOD TIME

LITTLE LINE OF LITTLE FOLKS.



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