

WAS ALTOGETHER TOO KIND

Motherly Old Elephant Who Meant Well, Not Unlike Some Human Beings.

Once upon a time, and not so very long ago, there lived a lady elephant, which was one of the most motherly elephants you ever heard of.

ALL CLASSES ITS DEVOTEES

"Bridge" as a Topic of Conversation Seems to Be Without a Rival.

Some amusing anecdotes are told by Arthur Loring Bruce, in his book, "The Bridge Friend."

Treasure Trove on Bathing Beaches.

Fishing for gold is the latest pastime indulged in by inhabitants of the most fashionable bathing resorts on the Baltic and North sea coasts of Germany.

Diving Extraordinary.

Italy is nothing if not artistic, so even in their swimming contests art finds a place, in addition to the ordinary acrobatic feats and the tests of endurance.

One of the members of the Roman Swimming club had apparently borrowed all the attributes of this messenger of the gods, his winged hat and sandals and the caduceus, and when carefully posed, he jumped into the Tiber.

Kissing His Chains.

Upton Sinclair, in an address in New York, said, pointedly: "These poor people who oppose socialism remind me of a dog I once saw."

LITTLE MAN TO BE PROUD OF

Kind Act of Youngster That Delighted Occupants of Philadelphia Car.

A pretty incident occurred the other day on a street car, says the Philadelphia Record. A young mother with a curly-headed little boy, apparently about six years old, boarded the car.

SOME CREDIT TO PROVIDENCE

Pompous Self-Made Man Willing to Admit He Might Have Received Slight Aid.

Andrew Carnegie, according to a Pittsburgh banker, once told a Thanksgiving story with a moral.

Made the Hunters Pay.

Robert Benwood, a farmer of Great Noich, N. J., made two young hunters pay dearly for killing a year-old heifer on his place.

Navel Oranges 350 Years Ago.

The first we know of the navel orange, which is very valuable not only on account of its fine quality and taste, but also because of its being seedless, is of a single tree that was found growing on the northern shore of the Mediterranean sea.

A Monk in a Monastery in that far-away country painted a picture of the fruit and wrote a description of it.

Both of which may be seen in the library of the Roman Catholic university at Washington. Grafts of this tree were taken to Spain, and from Spain the trees were carried to south America by the Spaniards.—St. Nicholas.

An Ink Point.

A girl bookkeeper displayed fingers black and unshiny with ink stains.

Not Quite That.

Frightful indeed was the disillusionment of the literary worshiper when he heard that Kenneth Grahame, author of "The Golden Age," that most imaginative of outdoor child stories, was employed in the dingy precincts of the Bank of England.

HAD NOT BEEN DISOBEDIENT

Bright Youngsters Were Living Over the Story of Eden and Had to Have Apples.

Mrs. Rogers had the barrel of russet apples placed in the attic because they were not quite ripe enough to eat and she warned her three boys, whose ages range from five to eleven years, not to touch them, says the Fruit Grower.

BELL A ROADSIDE FOUNTAIN

Once Hung in a Church Tower—Cracked in Ringing Celebration of Union Victory.

A most unique roadside fountain for horses and cattle is the inverted church bell, set in masonry, which is located on the highway that leads from Northboro to Westboro and near the center village of the former town, says the Boston Globe.

Odd Boarding Houses.

"Deaf and dumb boarding houses seem a queer institution even in this city of wonders," said the city salesman, according to the New York Sun.

Rabbit Dodges an Eagle.

On the open plains of Merced county, California, the jackrabbit is the prey of the bald eagle. One time a rabbit pursued by an eagle was seen to run among the cattle.

When the pursuit grew too close the rabbit broke cover for a barbed wire fence.

As the eagle swooped down on it here from the left the rabbit moved a few inches to the right and the eagle could not reach him through the fence. When the eagle lifted and came down on the other side the rabbit moved across to the left, and this was continued until the eagle gave up the chase.—St. Nicholas.

Sorry He Spoke.

"Do you know why I married you?" "It can't even guess."

College Education.

"Has Biffie's son ever made any use of his college education?" "I should say so. He was held up a few nights ago."

PUSHED SCHOLAR TOO FAR

Everything Would Have Been Lovely If Teacher Had Stopped with the First Verse.

A teacher in a Philadelphia Sunday school was so proud of her flock that she invited several visiting ministers and elders to attend one of her classes and be encouraged and uplifted by the observation of juvenile proficiency in Scriptural studies.

OLD WEDGWOOD CREAM WARE

Three Classes of Work of Inventor That Collectors Should Keep in Mind.

Josiah Wedgwood was eclipsed by his own greatness. His world-renowned jasperware is his greatest triumph and has overshadowed all his other work.

Enjoying a Painful Vengeance.

It was one of the stories told at the banquet of the Central Dentists' association, and the best one. Most of the tooth pullers had been called upon.

"One of the funniest patients I ever had," declared one, "was a man who came into my Broad street office some weeks ago.

"I want this blame tooth pulled," he said, pointing to his swollen jaw.

"He sat in the chair. I got my forceps and he opened his mouth. I was trying to locate the tooth, when his jaws closed so suddenly I thought he would bite my finger."

Thackeray and the Artist.

The Hon. Sir E. Chandos Leigh, K. C., K. C. B., the former counsel to the speaker of the house of commons, in a speech full of interesting literary reminiscences at the opening of a free library at Irchester, near Rushden, the other day, told a Thackeray story.

Works 79 Years on a Farm

Employs Believed to Hold the Record for Long Service on Hampshire, England, Estate.

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An Appropriate Weather-vane.

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RICH GOLD MINES

Those in Santo Domingo Said to Rival King Solomon's.

Nearly Every Known Mineral is to Be Found in Dominican Republic, According to Consul's Report.

Washington.—Having received numerous inquiries regarding mining and minerals in the Dominican republic, Consul Ralph J. Totten of Puerto Plata has prepared a general outline of the information obtainable.

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GIRL TO LIVE WITH LEPEBS

Salvation Army Lottie to Sail for Java and Devote Herself to the Afflicted.

London.—Capt. Annie Beckley of the Salvation Army is about to write her name large on the roll of brave women, for she is to sail to Java to do missionary and nursing service in the leper colony there.

"I am not afraid of getting the disease, for I am going on God's service. I have counted the cost, and I quite understand what the risks are. I have to die—and, if needs be, I may as well die out there among those stricken souls."

"I have never been out of England, and I have not yet seen a leper, but some years ago I was much interested by an account of work among the lepers, and it seems to me about the most Christlike labor anyone can take up. So, when, a few weeks ago, the army called for volunteers to go abroad, I offered to go to Java."

"My parents count it a great honor that I am going, and, whatever they may feel, they have said nothing about any fear that I shall never come back. My father is a subdivisional police inspector. I have one brother and three sisters—none in the Salvation Army."

It will be at least seven years before she comes home on leave, if then.

"The chances of her escaping contagion are small," a well-known skin specialist said. "In leper colonies the soil becomes infected and the first time she gets a scratch she will be in the gravest danger."

"Father Danien, who was a victim in 1899 to leprosy, caught the disease at the Hawaii leprosy settlement of Molokai through the state of the soil."

"It may take years to show itself, but the moment one of the bacilli of leprosy gets into her blood it is certain that the disease will develop."

LARGE COWS SENT TO INDIA

Four Specimens Standing 5 Feet 4 Inches at Shoulder Are Found After Great Difficulty.

Liverpool.—The four largest cows in Great Britain have left Liverpool for Calcutta in the steamship Historian, consigned to an Indian maharajah, who ordered them more than a year ago from Messrs. Keymer, his London agents.

When the order was given it was directed that the cows must stand 5 feet 4 inches at the shoulder and measure 14 feet from the tip of the nose to the end of the bony part of the tail.

A campaign of advertisements lasting several months was first tried, but without success, many farmers declaring that it would be impossible to fulfill the order. Inquiries made in Italy and Switzerland were fruitless. The cows were eventually obtained in the Midlands and Yorkshire. They are all short-horns. One of them is exactly the size required and the others approach it within an inch.

They left for India stabled in special-made boxes. The identity of the maharajah who has ordered them has not been made known.

TOOLBOX SAVES OHIO BABY

Cleveland Man Keeps the Spark of Life in Little Mite by Ingenious Contrivance.

Cleveland, O.—Failing to find a baby incubator in any Cleveland hospital, Rudolph Matula kept his infant daughter for six weeks in a home-made incubator, constructed from a toolbox. The other day, when she was removed from the contrivance, she was fat and well, and physicians say that her life was saved by Matula's ingenuity.

The child's life was almost extinct and her three pounds of humanity was shrinking instead of gaining. Matula searched the city for an infant incubator. Failing, he knocked the ends out of a toolbox, fitted it with window screening, a suspended blanket as a bed, used a home-made air filter and two hot-water bottles by way of a heating device and placed the baby in it.

Inspection by physicians from the infants' dispensary showed that the crude arrangement was as scientifically satisfactory as the most approved models manufactured.

Living Frog Unearthed.

Portland, Ore.—After lying at a depth of 12 feet in the ground for an unknown length of time, a live frog was uncovered near Laidlaw, Ore., by A. D. Parks, who was digging a cistern.

The frog was in a torpid condition when turned up by Mr. Parks' spade, but soon warmed up and became as lively as a cricket. How it maintained the vital spark, apparently for ages, buried in the ground, aroused no end of speculation in the neighborhood.