

ANIMALS AND REASON.

The Destructive Principle in Various Insects.

Far-Sightedness of Wild Beasts—The Courageous Tiger—Animal Training—Trapping Wild Elephants—The Crafty Fox.

In the examination of the poisonous machinery of insects and reptiles, it is apparent that the destructive principle is the same in all, and that the fang in all possesses a hollow, through which the poison flows into the wound the moment the incision is made.

The grip of an ant's jaw is retained even after the body has been bitten off and nothing but the head remains. This knowledge is possessed by a certain tribe of Indians in Brazil, who put the ants to a very peculiar use.

When an Indian gets a gash cut in his hand, instead of having his hand sewn together, as physicians do in this country, he presses five or six large black ants, and holding their heads near the gash, they bring their jaws together in biting the flesh, and thus pull the two sides of the gash together.

Then the Indian pinches off the bodies of the ants, and leaves the flesh clinging to the fangs, which in a few minutes are so firmly attached to the wound that the ants are perfectly harmless.

A pair of rats, happily situated and undisturbed, will, in three years, have increased to such an extent that the rats eat as much in one day as a man, which we think is rather undervalued over the fact, the consumption of these rats would be equal to that of a thousand men in one year, and leave eight rats in the year to spare.

Multiplying in this rapid way, it is providential that the rat has no natural enemies. All these rats, notwithstanding, he often proves sufficiently troublesome to make the community conspire against him.

In Ireland the tiger is a common animal which has been caught, but is otherwise unharmed. In Germany they let one loose with a small bell attached to his neck. The thing is, that a fox or a rat chases his friends, produces a panic among them, and causes them to flee the premises.

The Bengal tiger has more courage than the lion, according to a showman, who states that the matter was tested in the presence of a crowd of people. The tiger was placed in a shooting cracker in the respective cages and fired the fuses.

STOCK MARKET.

A Very Tough One Played on a Young Clerk.

It is related of a certain French comedian that he worked a very good and inoffensive practical joke that kept faith with his manager. Numerous instances of his breach of the one and adherence to the other are related.

An incident in the latter line that he confessed to himself was, that on a certain occasion he entered a prominent hardware store in New York.

"I would like, if you please, a nice copy of Hugo's complete works." "We do not have them," said the clerk.

"Oh, well, I'm not very particular," cried the comedian, rushing toward him with an excellent imitation of a nature that was very deaf.

"This ain't no book—STORE!" "Oh, very well, then, I'll wait, of course," and the actor quietly took a chair.

The clerk looked another effort to either burst a blood vessel or make some impression on the deaf man's ears, but at that moment the proprietor entered.

"For heaven's sake, Mr. Chysel," cried the comedian, rushing toward him, "hurry up. There's a crazy man in here, and I can't make him understand me."

"Certainly you can. I want a file—a common file, rat-tail file, if you please. You have them?" "Certainly."

The side look of withering scorn the proprietor gave the comedian was such that the deaf customer was continually lifting him up and dropping him to the floor.

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Meeting Notices.

GERMANIA BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION.—The monthly installment meeting will be held on Monday, July 20th.

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Capay Valley Lands.

Busy Fruit-Growers in a Pretty Yolo Valley—Tanced and Its Adjoining Farms.

IN THE SPRING OF LAST YEAR Robert A. and Neal D. Barker associated themselves with William McKay, all of Oakland, with a view of securing out a suitable location in which to engage in the profitable occupation of fruit-growing.

Negotiations were opened with the Capay Valley Land Company, owning the tract in question. With W. H. Mills, the General Agent of that company, they arranged for the purchase of about 220 acres of foothill land.

This being more than they had thought taking for their own use, they spoke to a number of friends about it, with the result that the tract was divided among the following people: B. L. Hecok, 40 acres; W. T. Barnett, 20 acres; N. T. Greathouse, 20 acres; Mrs. L. Greathouse, 20 acres; W. McKay, 20 acres; N. D. Barker, 20 acres; E. A. Barker, 20 acres; J. P. Brownlee, 20 acres; E. H. Hackett, 10 acres; Joseph Barker, 10 acres; A. W. Kelly, 10 acres; and Frederick Kelly, 10 acres.

So far this company has been a private venture of the gentlemen above named, but in talking up the question of dividing the tract already purchased, it was found that so many more would like to join in the area of the purchase would admit of, that it was suggested on all hands, "Why not get some more land and divide it up in the same way?"

Then followed the idea of a stock company to take hold of a larger tract and arrange for the cultivation of the whole of it, after subdividing it according to the requirements of the subscribers.

A provisional board was formed, a prospectus issued, and finally, on the 6th of June, 1890, the Western Co-operative Colonization and Improvement Company was duly registered and proceeded to business with the following officers: President, William McKay; Vice-President, M. P. Brown; Directors—H. C. Ellis, Charles Brooke and E. A. Barker; Secretary and General Manager, Neal D. Barker; Solicitor, C. E. Snook; Treasurer, First National Bank of Oakland.

The balance of the tract, 373 acres, was purchased. A contract was entered into for the purchase of a large number of fruit trees, vines, etc., and the prospectus of the company has been more than doubled since then.

The ideas which the prospectus has had have been but slightly modified and the progress of the company has been uninterrupted. Those who went into it doubtfully have become enthusiastic, and almost all the members arranged to set out all their lands in this, the first season, some 40,000 trees and between 20,000 and 30,000 vines will be planted.

The satisfactory working of this scheme has had the effect of attracting considerable attention to the work of the Colony Company, and a number of other persons have been joining in with them. An additional 200 acres have been added to the sixty acres originally purchased.

THE IMPROBABLE SMALL BOY, THE KIND PARENT AND THE NEW MINISTER.

CONTINUING FROM OUR LAST.

"Yes," said Mr. Easman to Rev. Dr. Prudent, the new minister, who was paying his first visit to the parsonage.

"I am unquestionably right. I do not believe in being over stern with children. Now mine treat me as they would an older brother."

"But how can they fly, pa, without any wings?" "My son, I think I heard your ma calling you a fly when you were only six."

"Yes, pa, I'm going, only as I heard you tell me last night that our new minister was a regular Jay, I just wanted to come and see him."

"There was a sudden rush on the part of the indulgent parent, followed by the sudden disappearance of the youthful inquirer."

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CHANGES OF NAME.

Great Men Who Are Known by Names Not Originally Given Them.

I notice in a recent publication the revival of the old story of the change young John Howard made in his name and fortune when he was only a boy.

Henry Wilson, Vice-President under Grant, was christened as Henry Colbath, and was known by that name until after the end of his nineteenth year.

By a curious coincidence U. S. Grant, who was President at the time Wilson was Vice, was also known by the name of Hiram, or "Hi," which was known to all his school fellows.

T. L. Harner, an ex-member of Congress, is reported by "U. S. Grant" being thrust upon the world. It came about in this way: When the name of the aspiring young man was sent in as a candidate for Congress, it was found that the name of Hiram, or "Hi," was known to all his school fellows.

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MURDERED BY PREJUDICE.

Thousands of men die every day who might be saved. Prejudice has murdered many a man and woman.

Hevel that the sum of disease could be cured by physic, much would be gained. The triumphs of death would not frighten us as it does. In our modern civilization we ought reasonably to expect disease to settle upon us because we do so much to attract it.

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