

## EXECUTING AN ELEPHANT.

Chief, of Adam Forepaugh's Circus, Strangled in Philadelphia, for Murder. Chief, the most vicious elephant in America, and the murderer of seven men, was executed in the winter quarters of Forepaugh's circus, at Lehigh avenue and Front street, writes a Philadelphia correspondent. Chief was forty years old and had been in this country nine years. He crushed a man to death shortly after his arrival, and since then he has gone from bad to worse. He was known all over the country as the most wicked elephant that ever crushed circus peanuts. Though always closely watched, he would go on periodical rampages.

In October last Chief broke from the winter quarters, up on Lehigh avenue. He was in a rage, and was driving men, women and children before him and creating a panic, when the police were called out to stop the mad rush of the elephant. He made such a desperate fight that ten policemen opened fire on him, but it was only when eight bullets had been planted in his left leg that he was forced back to the winter quarters.

Chief was at once chained, but broke from the chains that night. He was chained again, all his feet being fastened to the end of heavy iron cables. He was quiet for a few weeks, but lately he made repeated struggles to burst his chains, and, as he threatened to get loose at any moment and clean out the winter quarters, it was decided to execute him.

Two other elephants were the executioners. A noose was made in the center of a piece of rope half an inch thick and ten yards long. As two men tried to put the rope round his neck the doomed elephant got in a rage and tried to toss one of the men against a wall. By hard work the noose was finally pulled over his trunk and placed behind his ears, with the knot directly under his throat. Then Basil and Bismarck, the most powerful elephants owned by Forepaugh, were fastened to an end of the rope on either side of their murderous comrade.

Then young Adam Forepaugh gave the word, Basil and Bismarck were given a prod with iron hooks, and the death line began to groan taut. Another signal and the elephants pulled with all their mighty strength in opposite directions. Chief began to totter. In twenty seconds he dropped to the ground a dead elephant. Bismarck and Basil had strangled him.

Chief was ten and one-half feet high and weighed over 10,000 pounds. He was an Asiatic elephant, and was bought from Carl Stagelack, the noted animal dealer in Hamburg, nine years ago. He began life in America by killing a man just after the ship came into port. A year later he caught a keeper and dashed him against a telephone pole. Since then he had murdered five more men and had tried to kill scores of others. He was a terror when he started out on his rampages, and swept everything before him, even the lemonade, purple candy, and peanuts of the circus butchers. He tore down a wooden house at Grand Rapids, Mich., and when he had finished a visit to a sideshow one fair summer day, at Topeka, the show looked as if it had been struck by a Kansas cyclone. He took possession of the town of Akron, Ohio, and was finally arrested by a country constable on the charge of disorderly conduct and malicious mischief.

He was again arrested in Cincinnati chasing a German saloonkeeper and a hundred pations out of a place on Vine street in that city. He had been employed to appear in a spectacular play a few years ago, and had done good work until the second act, when he lay down on the stage, and refused to let the play go on. While on a "tear" down near Cairo, Ill., he grasped a canvasman of the circus and threw him into the Mississippi River, and was ducking him until he was almost dead, when fifty men attacked the elephant and saved the man. He was the only elephant that Adam Forepaugh, Jr., couldn't conquer.

## No More Indian Wars.

"It was not until the winter of 1876, after the Custer massacre had thoroughly aroused the authorities, that the plains Indians were really subdued," says Gen. Crook. "General Nelson A. Miles followed the hostiles in the coldest weather, and although unable to overtake them, kept them constantly on the move. The Indians, sensitive to cold and ill provided with clothing, died like sheep of hardship and exposure, and one by one the bands, fairly tired out, came in, surrendered, and were disarmed and put on reservations. The winter campaign more than anything else broke the power of the plains tribes, but at terrible expense to the troops, who were exposed to the fury of the Western storms in the coldest months in the year.

"Geronimo and his warriors were in like manner followed persistently until they were tired out. This appears to be the only plan of campaign to follow; because they have no home, and if allowed a month's rest between raids they can keep them up indefinitely. But it is not probable that there will ever be another Indian war worthy of the name."

## Arabian Babies.

A baby's first toilet in Arabia consists in winding a bandage about its body after it has been bathed and perfumed. The little creature is then placed on its back, its arms and feet are straightened, and the entire body is swathed to the shoulders. In this position it remains motionless forty days, but the bandages are removed

twice a day that the child may have a bath. The Arabs believe that this process will make the body straight for life. If the child be a girl, on the seventh day after her birth, holes, usually six in number, are pricked in her ears, and when she is two months old heavy gold rings are attached to them, to be worn throughout her life-time, except during periods of mourning for relatives. On the fortieth day the child's head is shaved. This operation is considered a very important one, and thirty or forty persons are witnesses of it for the performance of certain rites. The disposal of the first hair is regarded as a very weighty matter; it must not be burned or carelessly thrown away, but buried, thrown into the sea, or hidden in some crevice of a wall. This fortieth day marks the turning point in the child's life. Heretofore it has only been seen by its parents, the slaves on duty, and a few intimate friends of the family; now, however, it may be seen by anybody, and is regarded as fairly launched on the tide of existence. Several charms are attached to its body for protection against the "evil eye"—boys wearing them to a certain age and girls still longer. The favorite charm consists of a gold and silver locket worn on a chain.

## Are We to Have Another War?

Some political prophets aver that we shall, as it may, the battle waged by medical science against disease will never cease until we arrive at that utopian epoch when the human family shall cease to be afflicted with bodily ailments. One of the most potent weapons which the army of medicine furnishes is Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which is of special utility as a family remedy, as it is adapted to the immediate relief and ultimate cure of those disorders of the stomach, liver and bowels which are of common occurrence. Indigestion, biliousness and constipation are inseparable companions, and these ailments are completely eradicated by the Bitters. But the remedial value of this superb medicine, wholesome and genial medicine takes, in also nervous ailments, rheumatism and kidney troubles; its action in these, as in the other complaints, being characterized by unequalled thoroughness.

## The World's Greatest Women.

The *Pall Mall Gazette's* request for lists of the world's twelve greatest women has produced this collective vote given in order of preference:

Joan of Arc.....	9	St. Theresa.....	2
G. ong Sando.....	8	Aliah Baa.....	1
Queen Elizabeth.....	7	Deborah.....	1
Maria Theresa.....	6	HeLEN of Troy.....	1
G. orge Eliot.....	5	Aspasia.....	1
Mme. Ro and.....	6	Mme. de Ma ntenon.....	1
Catherin of Siens.....	5	Monica.....	1
Sappho.....	4	Emily Bronte.....	1
Mrs. Browning.....	4	Jael.....	1
Eather.....	3	Empress Helen.....	1
Ch. de Bontine.....	3	St. Elizabeth of Hun.....	1
Mme de Stael.....	3	Lady Rachel Russell.....	1
Elizabeth Fry.....	3	Mary merite of Navarre.....	1
Mary Somerville.....	3	Boadicea.....	1
Semiramis.....	2	Mme de Sevigne.....	1
Catherine II. of Russia.....	2	Susannah Wesley.....	1
Isabell a of Castile.....	2	Mrs. Stowe.....	1
Margare Fuller.....	2	Josephine Butler.....	1
Mrs. Wollaston.....	2	Mrs. Wilber.....	1
Jane Austen.....	2	St. Elizabeth of Hun.....	1
Maria Edgeworth.....	2	gary.....	1
Frances Nightingale.....	2	Grace Darling.....	1
Judith.....	2	louis Michel.....	1
Cleopatra.....	2	Mrs. Besa t.....	1
Rosa Bonheur.....	2	Charlotte Corday.....	1
Mrs. Booth.....	2	Hesba Stret.....	1

The *Gazette* draws up the following list as fairly representative of feminine greatness in all ages:

WOMEN OF ACTION.	WOMEN OF THOUGHT.
Sophie Webster.....	Suppy.....
Queen Bache.....	Mme. Boland.....
Maria Theresa.....	Mme. de Sael.....
Catherine II. of Russia.....	George Sand.....
Isabell a of Castile.....	George Eliot.....
Joan of Arc.....	Margaret Fuller.....

## Cuinary Maxims.

Every bee's honey is sweet. The house sheweth the owner. Anger at a feast betrays the boor.

In a good house all is quickly ready. As the year is so must your pot seethe.

Everything is of use to a house-keeper.

He that is at ease seeks dainties.

Better be meals many than one too many.

He that s-weth his dinner will have the more supper.

Never haggle about the basket if you get the fruit.

There is winter enough for the snipe and woodcock too.

Squeeze not the orange too hard, lest you have a bitter juice.

They who have little butter must be content to spread thin their bread.

Many a good dish is spoiled by an ill sauce.

The biggest calf makes not the sweetest veal.

When the stomach chimes the dinner hour don't wait for the clock.

Table Talk.

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## A Modest Young Woman.

Boston grocer (to young lady)—Turst keys, miss?

Young lady—Yes.

Grocer—Dressed or not dressed?

Young lady—Not dressed, please; but you must do up the package very carefully when you send it home.

## Cancer Cure.

Dr. F. L. Pond is having wonderful success in the treatment and cure of cancer at the cancer hospital at Aurora, Ill. There are numbers of cures recently made by him which are truly wonderful. Those afflicted should not hesitate, but should go there for treatment at once. For information, address Dr. F. L. Pond, Aurora, Ill.

At the club: Mr. Swallowtail (reading)—There are only 5,000 elephants in the world. Guest (hustily)—Is that all? I've been here only a week and I had an idea that there were that many in this town alone.

A VOCATION that is a calling—A telephone girl's occupation.

## Samples of Ready Wit.

Parliamentary elections usually afford a good field for the exercise of wit. While a noble lord was conducting his canvass he met a bully, who declared fiercely that he would sooner vote for the devil than for him."

"I've not the slightest doubt of it, my friend," said the candidate, quietly; "but in the event of your friend not coming forward, may I count on your vote?"

Here is another of the same kind: At an open political meeting a man cried: "Hurrah for Jackson!" to which a bystander retorted: "Hurrah for a jackass!"

"All right, my man," exclaimed the first speaker; "you hurrah for your favorite candidate, and I'll do the same for mine."

An enviable quickness of repartee was shown by a French actor when the head of a goose was thrown upon the stage. Advancing to the footlights, he said: "Gentlemen, if any one among you has lost his head, I shall be glad to restore it at the conclusion of the piece."

Deservedly severe also was the reply of Descartes to a nobleman who, seeing that he enjoyed the pleasures of the table, remarked: "I see, sir, that philosophers can sometimes indulge in good cheer."

"Why not?" asked Descartes. "Do you really imagine that Providence intended the good things of this earth only for the foolish and ignorant?"—*Chambers' Journal*.

## Working Nights.

"What will it cost me, Uncle Rastus, to have my coat whitewashed?"

"I kain't tell yet, sah, till I makes an estimate ob de size and dimenshuns."

That night the owner was disturbed by a loud noise in the hen-coop.

"Hi, there!" he shouted, from an upper window, "what are you doing there?"

"It's Uncle Rastus," was the reply, "and he's figgerin' on de size an' dimenshuns ob de coop."—*Harper's Bazaar*.

It is said that in the southern part of Russia the peasants use a coin of such small value that it would take 250,000 of them to buy an American dollar, and these coins are so scarce that a man who has a hundred is looked upon as rich, and one who has a thousand is considered very wealthy. It is strange to regard a person wealthy who owns two-fifths of a cent, and comfortably well off on one-twenty-fifth of a cent. But the value of money depends, of course, on what it will buy.

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