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Measuring an Elephant's
An interesting question was de cided in the elephant house at the Central Park Zoo, savs a New York paper. Two men were speaking of the size of the elephant's feet. I wonder how great a circumfer ence they
he two
"I shou'd think they measured at least four feet," replied the other The first speaker lauged at this, but the younger man, after a second time gauging the size, insisted that his guess was correct
"Nonvense; quite impossible!" exclaimed his friend, and then, as the younger still claimed that he was right, they laid a small wager and referred the matter to the keep-
"What is the circumference of the forefoot of that big elephant?" they asked.
"The circumference of an elephant's foot is always just half of the elephant's height," replied the keeper.
"Will you be so kind as to meas ure it?" asked the amazed visitor, and the keeper got a long cord and went in beside the monster, Bazzle, whc stands 8 feet 5 inches in height. "Of course, I measure while the animal is standing squarely on all fours," he said. "If I were to take the foot up from the floor it would not be quite so large; a small part of the size is caused by the spreading out of the soft matter of the fout by the pressure of the animal's own weight."

He drew the cord around the monster fuot, he'd it up and measured it with a tape lice. The fig. ures showed 4 feet 2 inches. The man who had lost the bet paid it, with the remark that be did not think he was paying too dearly for that curious bit of knowledge.
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There is another boom, writes a Chicago correspondent to a London journal, which is already partly in progress, and which is likely to attract a great deal of attention-1 refer fto gold mining developments in British Columbia. On the boundary line of the Dominion, where I have been lately, you here of little
else. Prospectors who are coming else. Prospectors who are coming East just now to tell you that the British North west is going,to rival South Africa. The railway com panies of the adjoining states are laying their plans, as I happand accidentally to discover, for increasedftraffic toCanada next year on this account, and already there has been a considerable migration of America goldseekers across the border. A| rush to British Columbia took place 40 years ago. Then it was mostly placer gold, now it is the miners turn. The ores do not flend themselves to tratment by the cyanide process, but require reductive by smelting. Nothing in the world is more seductive and more disappointing than gold mining to the digger, and the captalist alike. If half the visions of the cute specu lators who have been buisy staking out claims under tee rather strict Canadian law are realized, we shall sce any number of wildcat schemes projected, and the prudent investor will do well to beware. Yet, with all its faults, the vellow metal is a west territory of the Dominion is unsurpassed for agricultural and grazing land. Thus it happens that not only the miner, but the settler, is on his way to British Columbia. I met an agent of one of the great railways, |who has sent a number of farmers, from kansas. A journey of a thousand miles or less does not trouble the American. In this case the fanilies were of varous nationalities - Yankee, Swedish Norwegian, Russian and othersand nearly all, except the Russians, had done well. Kansas has a most luxuriant soil and unbounded fertility when rain enough falls, but for several seasons of late this essential condition has not been fulfilled, and the departed settlers write glowingly of their new home as compared with the prairie state

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