

MAN-EATING LIONS.

OBSTRUCT RAILROAD WORK IN CENTRAL AFRICA.

Voracious Beasts Kill Nearly One Hundred Men and Injure Many Others—Their Frightful Ravages Committed in Africa and India.

Obstructing the building of a railroad is a rather unusual feat for lions, yet that is what two of them did some time ago in Central Africa, near Victoria Nyamira.



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sounds and the horrible scenes they suggested. The beasts were shot at in the darkness, but seldom hit. For firearms, fire or torches they cared nothing.

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Both Africa and India are in many parts under the dominion of the lion and tiger. Against the lion of South Africa the native has to be constantly on his guard.

From the sheep, too, frightened to flee, he selects his supper and carries it away to the mountains. Or if the moods suit pursues the horses and cattle.

RE-FORMING THE RIVER NILE. Great Engineering Feat Designed to Equalize Its Flow of Water.

One of the most ancient islands, and one rich in historic associations, is threatened with destruction. When the Nile reservoirs planned by the great Willcocks were first made known to the world, and it was found that although offering six or seven sites for his cypoean designs, really only high-

LOOK AT BOYS' HANDS.

Employers Have a New Test for Youthful Applicants.

The boy in search of a job turned up at supper time at his sister's house, looking rather disconcerted.

"I don't wonder if you used that kind of grammar," said his sister.

"I'm," said the brother-in-law, "the boss in our shop won't allow cigarette smoking either, but I didn't know things had gone so far as this. Why don't you quit?"

There's some things worse than cigarette smoking," he says.

"I quit last night," he says.

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It is well not to overstep the line beyond which the exercise of faith becomes something like negligence.

GOVERNMENT TELEGRAPHY.

Its Great Success in Great Britain During the Past Year.

It is a well-known fact that the Government telegraph in Great Britain, since the year 1870, assumed control of all inland telegrams, the business of that department of the general post office has grown to enormous proportions.

It matters not what one may think as to the desirability of the introduction of such a system into the United States, the fact is patent that in Great Britain it has proved a signal success.

The system of inland telegrams, which are exclusive of press telegrams, cable messages, Government, franked and reduced-rate dispatches, over three million messages more than during 1898.

Stage Thunder and Lightning. The reason why the mechanism for making the noises that give realism to a play are never seen by the audience is because the illusion would be completely destroyed if its operations were exposed to view.

No Wonder It Was Stale. In a metropolitan court a woman was sued for the value of a certain quantity of bread supplied to her order, and received daily.

Measure of Kansas Z p. y. Doubtful persons in the East some times are inclined to give little credence to the statements that there is an intimate relation in Kansas between wind and whisksers.

The Hero of Making. Of the hero of Making's school days Dr. Haig Brown, the former head master of Charterhouse, has been telling a correspondent: "I notice that the name is invariably mispronounced."

PREACHES BY PHONE.

UP-TO-DATE DEVICE OF AN INDIANA CLERGYMAN.

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Latest Invention. Every one who has ever attempted to mitten a baby whose thumb invariably goes "wiggly" will rejoice to know that at last a woman has designed a thumbless mitten, simply shaped like the little hand as it lies flat, with the thumb against the fore finger.

Rules for Horse Traders. Memphis Man Who Could Give David Harum Points on the Business. David Harum was a good horse trader, but a recent transaction in horse flesh which was made by a well-known Memphis sportsman shows that there are athletes who know how to get the long end of a horse trade.

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Men of Europe Compelled to Be Soldiers.

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In Germany, France, Russia, Austria and Italy every able-bodied man must expect to see from twenty-one to twenty-nine years of his life to soldiering, his service commencing at ages ranging from 17 years in Germany to 21 years in France and Italy.

In Russia the conscription takes place every year in the months of November and December, when the newest recruits are selected by lot.

Service begins in the twenty-first year and lasts for twenty-four years, of which five years are spent in the ranks and thirty years in the reserve.

Members of the second class of recruits must spend two years in the army, more than half of which is usually spent on furlough, and the remainder of their service is spent in one branch or other of the militia until the limit of age is reached.

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Science and Invention.

Spectroscopic and other observations show the fixed stars to be self-luminous bodies—stars to the other systems of planets. An analysis of their light indicates the presence of the same chemical elements that exist in our own sun and earth, together with others known in our solar system.