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Size of the Ark.-Infidels have ob jected to the size of the ark,-have asserted that it is quite absurd to suppose thatever twere conld be a versel constructed large enough to bold ali the ereatures which thust have been placod in it, with sufficient food, it may we tor लix or twolve months, water for tish, corn for the four footed animuls, seed for the birds, and so on. Now we vill take the dimensions of the ark from the record of Moses, and ealeuate them on the lowert possible scale There are two definitions given to abit; one that it is eighteen inches We will take it only at the fowest Moses states that the ark was three hundred cubits long; this would make it four bundred and fifty feet long, or about the length of St. Paul's Cathe. dral, Loondon. The breadth he states to be forty cubits; we then have it seventy-five foet in breadth. He states it to be thirty cubils high, so hat is was forty five feet in tieight. The tonnage of the ark aecording to the computation of modern oarpenters, must have been thirty two thousand 20ns. The dargest. English sbip, of a ize altogether unimaginable to those vho have never seen it, is two thonsand five hundred tons burden ; so that the ark must bavo been equal to sevonteun first rate sbipb of war, and if rmed as such sbips are, it would have contained beyond eightean thousand men, and provisions for them for eight. oen months. Buffon has asserted that all fourifooted animals may be re duced to two bundred and fitty pairs, and the birds to a still smaller nnmber On celvalating, therefore, we shall find that the ark would have held more thun five times the necessary number of ereatures, more than five times the reqnired quantity of food to maintain them for twelve months.- [Dr. Cum mings.
Nest of the Humming Bird.-The nest of the hamming bird is a miracle of perfection in domestic economy For beauty, fitness and safoty the wis dom and taste displayed in its arrange ment are irreproacbable. Bedecked in plumage of emerald, ruby and topaz remarkable for the delicacy of its form and grace of its motion, unsnllied by rain from the clouds or dust from the earth, feeding upon the nec ar of the flowers, its habitation should be in character, and so it is. Shaped like a half-cup it is delicatel, formed of lichen, colored like the branch on which it is fixed, and lined with the soft down of plant blossoms, of mulle in leaves, or the young fern. It is del iontely soft, sheltered, and undistin guishable from the bark of the tree of which it seems a most natural exı cresence-a moss grown knot. Two white eggs, as large as peas, adorn the nest, upon which, as asserted by 80 m asturlists, the cock and hen sit by curns for ten or twelve days. The lit to birds, searcely larger than files, en er upon their existance in a chambe tapestried as with velvet, and are fed with the stweets of flowers from the maternal congue. hold exbibits not only a commendable ueatness, but exquisite tasta and deli cacy is alt its arrangements. Can gentle humanity derive no lesson from auch an examples

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