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THE WHITE ELEPHANT OF SIAM.

Described by Professor Ward of Rochester.

Of course I did not leave the King's palace without going to see his famous white elephants, of which he now possesses five. They are in a long block of buildings at the rear of the arsenal. Here each elephant has entire, distinct stables appointed to its use, with the sleeping apartments of its score of grooms and feeders in one end. The stable is a large, high hall, with plain floor and walls, and at one end a small seated Buddha image with little lamps burning in front. The great beast stands on its handsomely-built pedestal, raised about a foot from the floor, with its top just large enough to hold him. On one side of this, near the front and the rear, are two high, stout posts, gilded and otherwise gaudily ornate. To these the royal captive is chained with velvet-covered ropes by one fore and one hind leg. He stands proudly yet restlessly on his contracted throne, and lashes his trunk, and sways his heavy head and tusks around in an imperious, lordly manner, trumpeting now and then until the whole hall trembles with deafening reverberation. His keepers are very attentive, and constantly deal out to him dainty mouthfuls of bananas, pine-apples, short sticks of sugarcane, and little bundles of fresh, sweet grass from a large pile of these which is heaped near by. Every one of his wants is assiduously attended to; when he is seen to itch in any part of his body his royal hide is promptly scratched with a small iron rake-like instrument with a long handle; his eyes are reverently wiped, and he has a cool sponge bath every hour or two in the day and night during the hot season. Over the door of each stable is a large, richly ornamented sign of gold letters, giving the inmates, full regular name and title. This the guide reads to you in reverently hushed breath; indeed, these names, like that of the king, is not proper for any of the Siamese to speak aloud.

Nothing can equal the veneration of this people for the white elephant. The King must have at least one as a palladium for his own life and prosperity of his empire. The real cause for this reverence for the great albino pachyderm is that he is supposed to be the incarnation of some past or of some future Buddha, and will, therefore, bring blessings on the country which possesses and cherishes so great a treasure. Time was when these beasts were worshipped by King and people. Their stables were palaces; they were fed from golden dishes, and wore heavy gold rings upon their tusks, and were fettered with golden chains. Even now the populace fall with their heads to the ground as they are lead out richly caparisoned on state occasions; while the royal officers, and even the King himself, always make them obeisance in passing. The finder of a white elephant is loaded with honors and emoluments, taking his place at one step among the nobles of the kingdom. They come from the Laos territory, far to the north, and are brought down the river on rafts magnificently decked out, and accompanied by guards of honor and bands of music. At Aguthia, sixty miles up the river, they are met by the King with his entire royal retinue, who, in the grandly adorned state barges, follow the noble beast to its future home with great parade and rejoicing.

It is a late moment for me to state that these "white" elephants

have not all the fullness or depth of that color which we usually understand, or which the adjective demands. Over most of their body they have the dull, muddy lead color common to this beast. Only in spots upon their legs and in patches on shoulders, neck, side of head and inside of ears, the skin is of a dirty cream color, not quite pleasant to look at, besides being abundantly splashed with coarse freckles. No one would think of calling them white. One only of their number, the fifth and last one obtained, is of a faint, brick red over his entire body, which gives him an odd and not altogether unpleasant appearance. He is, moreover, young, lively and good-natured, and salutes by raising his trunk straight and high above his head to all well-dressed visitors in a way that quite scandalizes his keepers, who have taught all the others to reserve that salute solely for the King. Were he not himself too royal to be whipped, I dare say that this merry pachyderm might soon be taught to recognize the honor reserved to royalists. White animals of all kinds—albino accidents—seem to be rather frequent in Siam, and the people of all grades have a sort of religious feeling of respect towards them. White monkeys and white magpies are kept by the nobles in rich, costly cages. The bonzes or priests salute a white cock which they may meet in their walks, when they would not salute a Prince on like occasion.

Useful as Well as Ornamental.

It is very easy to say that the decorative mania leads our women to waste time and to deface crockery and other objects. Instead of ridiculing those whom we should treat with the utmost tenderness, why do we not take them by their respective hands—figuratively speaking, of course—and lead them into fields where their passion for decoration can be exercised in a way that will be of real benefit to the race? That this can be done has been practically demonstrated by Mr. Simeon Brewster, of West Middleton, Mass., and his example deserves to be held up to the imitation of his fellow-men throughout the country.

Miss Sophonisba Brewster has for some time delighted in decorating the family china—including the preserve-jars and the porcelain-lined preserve-kettle. Mr. Brewster regarded his daughter's labors with great disdain, but, unlike most men, he knew that ridicule would be of no use. Whether he had in view the train of consequences which followed his suggestion that Sophonisba would decorate "our new rooster," or whether he merely mentioned the "rooster" because he imagined that his daughter would regard the bird as beneath her notice, is not positively known, but, in view of the fact that his daughter believed the proposal to be made in perfectly good faith, and prepared to carry it into execution, we may assume that he made it with a full knowledge of what would follow.

The term "rooster" is, as every one knows, applied in the New England dialect to the male fowl of the chicken variety. Mr. Brewster's poultry-yard at the time in question contained but two fowls—the new "rooster" and a venerable hen—and hence did not yield a large daily crop of eggs. Miss Brewster, in accordance with her father's wishes, caught the "rooster," and binding him firmly, so as to prevent him from struggling, decorated him with admirable taste. Her first

operation was to paint him a rich dark blue as a background. Upon this she spread designs in white or gold—such as golden heads of grain, golden grasshoppers, pure white lilies and arabesques of mingled gold and white. The appearance of that fowl when completed would have drawn tears of admiration from the most hardened naturalist. He was simply magnificent, and when he surveyed himself in a mirror thoughtfully expressed his own appreciation of Miss Brewster's work by a triumphant crow.

The bird when turned loose in the yard soon became the subject of unrestrained admiration on the part of the hens of the vicinity, who came to the fence and, peering through at him, remarked to one another in a cackle too plain to be misunderstood, "Isn't he just too, too, too, too utterly utter?" Noticing their admiring glances, the decorated fowl flew over the fence and strolled down the street, followed by his enthusiastic admirers. He returned at dark in company with twenty-seven hens, all of whom had evidently sworn to follow him to the end of the world. The hens occupied the Brewster woodshed during the night, and on the next morning laid two dozen eggs in various available localities on the Brewster premises.

In the course of the day the owners of the hens appeared and carried them away, but before night the decorated "rooster" went forth and brought back a new harem of thirty-four fascinated hens, all of whom furnished the Brewster household with eggs on the next morning. Once more the neighbors came for their missing hens, and having discovered that the decorated Brewster fowl was irresistible in the eyes of the females of his species, no less than five leading citizens induced their daughters to follow the example of Miss Brewster and to provide their parents with blue and gold "roosters."

The new rivals of the original decorated "rooster" were sufficiently gorgeous to retain the allegiance of their harems, and three of them challenged him to single combat and whipped him so thoroughly that the discouraged bird persistently remained at home and shunned all female society. Mr. Brewster, however, was not discouraged. He sent to Boston for a game cock of demonstrated prowess, and on the arrival of the fowl Miss Brewster decorated him in the Pompeian style with black wings and a red body, picked out with geometrical figures in dead gold. Thus decorated, he was far more beautiful than his predecessor, and Mr. Brewster, after keeping him shut up for a few days, turned him loose, armed with a pair of long steel spurs.

That night the game-cock returned home at the head of a procession of three hundred and eleven hens. In fact, it was afterward learned, there were not six hens left in the whole township who had not yielded to the fascinations of the gallant Pompeian stranger. Furthermore, he had fought and killed thirty "roosters" who had rashly ventured to defend their marital rights, and among the dead were the five decorated "roosters," the work of the pious daughters of West Middleton. Mr. Brewster now reaps an average of a hundred eggs every morning and though the neighbors constantly come and take away their hens, the Pompeian game-cock never fails to lure

them away from their duty a few hours later.

Thus we see that woman's fondness for decoration may, if properly directed, be made a source of much profit to intelligent and upright men.—W. H. Alden.

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