

ZEBRAS IN AFRICA.

They Are a Fearful Pest and a Menace to Civilization.

Zebra in Africa are a nuisance and a menace to civilization, according to John T. McCutcheon in "Hunting Adventures in the Big Game Country."

Then there's the ubiquitous zebra, almost as numerous as the kongoni. You see vast herds of zebras at many places along the railway, and thereafter, as you roam about the level spots of east Africa, you are always running into herds of them. At first the sight of a herd of zebras is a surprise, for you have been accustomed to seeing them in the small numbers found in captivity.

It was said that the patriots might have forgiven Lexington and Concord, but that the razing of this town, which had been peacefully inclined until then, incensed the colonies beyond measure. One prompt result was the immediate formation of a Maine regiment which was added to the meager forces of the Continental army.

Not so generally known, however, is the tradition that it was due to the fascinations of a beautiful woman that Portland was destroyed and another town preserved.

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Under the old game ordinance expiring December 15, 1909, a sportsman was allowed two zebras under his license.

THE TONIC OF VICTORY.

Army Surgeons Say It Acts Almost as an Anesthetic.

Bonnetta, a French army surgeon, writes in the Presse Medicale of the extraordinary indifference to the pain of operation manifested by the soldiers of Napoleon while the great conqueror was sweeping victoriously over Europe.

Victory is the most powerful of restoratives and deepest of anesthetics. Legions members of the old guard crowded into an ambulance wound at sight of the emperor rise on their stumps to salute him.

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Stupid Fish.

Professor Harold Russell, the London zoologist, will have none of the popular yarns about the wonderful things fish will do when put to it.

Where We Aim.

William Dean Howells in one of his talks about literature said: "Good literature is always condemned on its first appearance."

The Fertile Rock.

Gibraltar is often called a barren rock, yet it has 456 species of indigenous flowering plants.

She Flew.

Miss Fulsoul (of a poetical turn)—Which are you of opinion one should say, professor, "Summer flies" or "Summer flees?"

Afraid of Him.

"You never go to banquets with your husband."

Quotations.

"You don't use many quotations from Shakespeare."

"No," replied Senator Sorghum. "Quotations of that sort would command more respect nowadays if Shakespeare were listed on the Stock Exchange."

Who gives alms sows one and reaps a thousand.

AIDED THE REVOLT

The Destruction of Portland, Me., in Colonial Days.

ACT OF AN ENGLISH OFFICER.

A Royalist Woman's Wiles Caused the Annihilation of the City and Saved Portland, N. H., For Which Portland's Fate Had Been Planned.

One of the causes of the Revolutionary war, and quite as important a one as the stamp act, was the wanton destruction of the city of Portland, Me., then part of the town of Falmouth.

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So close did the assailing vessels approach that under cover of the bombardment they landed sailors who perched on the roof, setting fire to such buildings as had escaped damage from hot shot and exploding bombs.

All that he left was a handful of the poorer hovels, every residence of importance being bombarded or set on fire and 5,000 inhabitants left shelterless at the approach of winter.

Truly he had a glorious bonfire and in explanation he exhibited instructions which read: "Come opposite the town with all possible expedition, and there burn, sink and destroy."

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After fording the Beresina, a river in Russia, General Zayonchek, seventy-five years old, had his kneecap shattered by a bullet.

Measuring Moonlight.

The full moon is said to give a great deal more than twice the light of the half moon.

The Old and the New.

He was an old timer slowly adapting himself to modern customs and acquired wealth.

Berlin's Outdoor Life.

Berlin is an amazing contrast to Paris and London in the complete absence of a leisureed, well to do class with outdoor tastes.

Hotter Than He Thought.

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Greatly Changed.

"Have you seen Miss Beanpole since she inherited a fortune?"

"Yes. She is greatly changed."

"How?"

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"And now she's divinely slender."

THE WALL STREET GAME.

Advice to Those Who Would Buy and Sell on Margin.

"A broker once told me that there was one rule which he would give if he dared to his customers to guide them in selecting stocks for trading purposes."

"A well to do man showed his ingenue bride a check for \$1,800. 'Do you see this check? Now with this I'm going to buy sugar.'

"As a means of making money speculating on margin is worthless; as a means to loss and ruin it has no rivals.

JUVENILE PRODIGIES.

Master Betty at the Age of Twelve Played Richard III.

Of all juvenile prodigies was there ever one to compare with Master Betty, the infant Roscius?

Dancing in Washington's Days.

It was a dancing age. None was so old or so dignified to join in the pastime.

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PERFECT STEEL BALLS.

They Have Never Yet Been Made, Even in the Laboratory.

One of the needs of the day is a perfectly spherical steel ball, and yet it has never been made even in the laboratory, much less in the shop for commercial uses.

A steel ball for automobile bearings must be perfect within .0001 inch, and they are made even more perfect than this, but mathematical perfection in this respect seems to be almost as illusive as squaring the circle.

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BEST BANKNOTES.

They Are Produced by American Talent and Methods.

HARDEST TO COUNTERFEIT.

From the Time of Paul Revere, the First American Banknote Artist, Ours Have Been More Difficult to Imitate Than Those of the Old World.

To say that Americans make the best banknotes in the world may sound at first rather boastful, and yet any history of the art and industry of note engraving which failed to record that fact would be incomplete.

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A GAME OF BRIDGE.

John W. Gates Sprung a Surprise on His Young Friend.

John W. Gates' last office was in the Trinity building. He called his firm Charles G. Gates & Co.

"I can't afford it," was the rejoinder. "Twenty-five is a big game for me."

"What does this mean?" he asked. "I circulated that I won \$130. We were playing for 25 cents a point, weren't we?"

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It May Be Dangerous to Open It at the Breakfast Table.

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