

WAR ELEPHANTS.

How They Are Utilized by the British Indian Army in Burma.

Attached to the British Indian army, which is now in Burma trying to wipe out the murderous bands of Dakoits that are affrighting the country, is an elephant battery. Seven-pound guns, including their carriages, are fastened to frames-work and hoisted upon the backs of the elephants. In this way the troops are able to transport their artillery through long stretches of country where there are no wagon roads, and where they would not be able to take their cannon if they did not have least of burden strong enough to carry the artillery on their backs. When the troops meet the enemy the guns are quickly un-loaded by means of a tripod, to which is attached a swinging arm and tackle.

The elephant takes a more humble place in war nowadays than formerly. He used to be one of the combatants but in these days of gunpowder and bombshells he has been reduced to the transport on department. Centuries before the Christian era the rulers of Egypt maintained vast armies as far south as Khartoum for the sole purpose of collecting wild elephants to be tamed for war purposes. They were used not only to carry archers and javelin hurlers into the field, but were also trained to rush upon the enemy and trample them under foot. While opposing warriors on their elephants fought at short range, the elephants themselves would fight each other. It is said that the not on that the Asiatic elephant is superior to his African brother dates from the time when, in a battle between Antioch III, King of Syria, and Ptolemy Philopator, in 217 B. C., the Asiatic elephants in the army of the Syrian monarch killed every one of Ptolemy's African animals. This idea of the superiority of the Asiatic elephant is still held by many, though it is probably groundless. —Chicago Times.

A Heroic Colored Man.

Not long since a negro boy came very near being run over by the locomotive of a special train. Had it not been that uncle Mo-e, at the risk of his own life, seized the boy by the collar and jerked him backward just as the cowcatcher reached him, he would undoubtedly have been cut to pieces. A gentleman who witnessed the heroic act said to the old negro: "I suppose you are the father of the boy?" "No, sah; his foddler lib on in d' country, and sends de boy to town to git his education. I e boy boards w'd me, sah."

"You seem to take a great interest in him."

"Indeed I does, sah. His foddler owes me for two mums; I heard ob dat boy; so you see de s a n't de right time to be run over by de kars." —Texas Siftin'.

HUMOROUS.

—Yes, there is a differ'nse between the bear and a dude. The former sucks its paw through the win or, but the latter quite frequently licks on its paw all the year round.

—She cried for succor, and I went to her aid," he said as he pulled out his empty pockets. "Yes, and by the looks of things, I should think she found one," was all the comfort he got. —The Judge

FORTUNATE CHILDREN.

A Seemingly Trifling Gift Proves a Source of Wealth.

The singular manner in which wealth comes suddenly and unexpectedly to some people, and the equally singular circumstances by which others have the much sought for key in their hands, and unknowingly pass it to some one else, are events of every-day life and yet in some cases the facts, form an interesting chapter of incidents well worth narrating. A case in point occurred in Oakland during the present month, in which a widow named Morris and her two little children were the parties interested. On the afternoon of last New Year's day Angus M. Robinson of St. Louis, Mo., and a brother of Mrs. Morris, while on a visit to San Francisco on business, availed himself of the opportunity to make a New Year's call on his sister across the bay. While there a neighbor came in for a few minutes, and in the course of conversation remarked that he had been quite lucky during the last month of the old year in drawing \$100 in the Louisiana Lottery. Shortly after the neighbor's departure the subject of the lottery was again referred to in the conversation between Mrs. Morris and her brother. The latter remarked that he bought tickets regularly every month, but had drawn but two small prizes, one of \$50 and one of \$20. At this moment Mrs. Morris's two little children came running into the room, and Robinson suggested to his sister that he had a number of coupons in his pocket, and that he would give her one apiece for the children. The tickets were received, and but little thought of them for some time. About the date of the drawing on the 11th inst., Mrs. Morris made a note of the two numbers 91,960 and 39,644, and watched for the first published intelligence. On the next day after the drawing a few of the numbers winning large prizes were published, and in an interview with a reporter a few days ago the lady said: "Why, you cannot imagine my surprise when I read one of those two numbers at the head of the list. I had to read it over and over again before I could believe my own eyes. But it turned out to be the truth, and I forwarded the ticket to New Orleans for collection. It was 91,960, and it drew \$15,000. The money was promptly paid, and I received it a few days ago. It is to be invested for the benefit of my two little ones, and by the time they reach maturity it will amount to a handsome sum, to start them on life's voyage." —San Francisco Call, Jan. 30.

MARVELOUS CHANGES.

What the Future Will be to Those Who Refuse to Believe.

Is this country unconsciously undergoing a wonderful change, is the change to take place before we are aware of the fact, and when it has taken place will we wonder why we did not see it before it was too late? Those that see the changes early avail themselves early, and thereby receive benefit.

The shrewd iron man sees the iron interest transferred from Pittsburg and Pennsylvania to Birmingham, Alabama, and in his far-sightedness sees the furnaces in Pennsylvania torn down and deserted for this new and prolific field. It is claimed by the iron men of Alabama that the low price at which iron can be produced there will revolutionize the iron interests of the world.

We have seen the grain-growing centers of this country shifted to the West. We have seen the pork-packing industry flit from Cincinnati to Chicago, and from thence to Kansas City and Omaha. Southern cotton mills undersell New England and American markets, and challenge the world.

We have seen and are seeing all this take place before our eyes, and know that other changes are taking place equally as prominent, and we wonder as we behold them. Ten years ago the insurance companies only required an analysis of the fluids when they were taking insurance for very large amounts. To-day no first-class company will insure any amount unless they have a rigid analysis of the fluids passed, and if any traces of disorders are apparent, the application is rejected. In their reports they show that the death of sixty of every 100 people in this country, is due either directly or indirectly to such disorders. The Brompton Hospital for Consumptives, London, England, reports that sixty of every 100 victims of consumption also have serious disorders of the kidneys.

Among scientists for the treatment of this dread malady the question is being discussed: "Is not this disorder the real cause of consumption?" Ten years ago the microscope was something seldom found in a physician's office; now every physician of standing has one and seldom visits his patients without calling for a sample of fluids for examination.

Why is all this? Is it possible that we of the present generation are to die of diseases caused by kidney disorders? or shall we master the cause by Warner's safe cure, the only recognized specific, and thus remove the effects? It is established beyond a doubt that a very large percentage of deaths in this country are traceable to diseased kidneys. For years the proprietors of Warner's safe cure have been insisting that there is no sound health when the kidneys are diseased, and they enthusiastically press their specific for this terrible disorder upon public attention. We are continually hearing its praises sounded.

This means wonders! Cannot the proprietors of this great remedy, who have been warning us of the danger, tell us how to avoid a disease that at first is so unimportant, and is so fatal in its termination? Are we to hope against hope, and wait without our reward?

The most significant of all changes, however, that we of to-day can note is this radical change of view to which the public has been educated: It was formerly thought that the kidneys were of very small importance; to-day, we believe, it is generally admitted that there can be no such thing as sound health in any organ if they are in the least degree deranged.

—It is an error to always choose the largest fowls for sitters. Those of medium size are generally better for this purpose, provided they are not deficient in feathers. —Cincinnati Times.

—To can tomatoes: Scald to remove the skins; boil in their own juice twenty minutes. Heat your jars by pouring hot water into them, then empty and wipe dry. Put the tomatoes in scalding hot and seal at once. These tomatoes keep perfectly. —Toledo Blade.

—Professor Cook, of the Michigan Agricultural College, says most of the failures to destroy potato bugs by paris green comes from waiting until eggs have been laid on the vines before applying it. Make the first application just as the plants come up.

—A nice and cheap pickle: Chop fine one large head of cabbage, three large green and three large red bell peppers. Add two ounces of yellow mustard seed, one ounce of celery seed and three tablespoonfuls of salt. Boil three pints of vinegar, and pour on the mixture hot. Stir well and put in a large jar. Fit to eat in a few days. —The Household.

—To cook cauliflower take off the outer leaves and separate the cauliflower into little branches. Put into a saucepan with a little salt and cover with cold water. Boil until soft, then drain off the water, put in a gill of milk thickened with a little flour, a piece of butter as large as a walnut, and a sprinkling of pepper. Boil up again and serve hot. —Household.

The family of Hon. W. B. Hoke, Judge of the Jefferson County, Ky., Court, used St. Jacobs Oil with signal success.

Disease o'ten lurks in a dirty dishcloth, a greasy sink, an unclean teakettle and a poorly ventilated oven.

Mr. F. Rentschler, San Francisco, Cal., contracted a severe cold, and became so hoarse he could not speak. He tried a number of remedies without benefit, and even the efforts of two physicians failed to give the slightest relief. He was induced to try Red Star Cough Cure, one bottle of which entirely cured him.

PITH AND POINT.

—Mamma—If you really love me, Mamie, give me a nice kiss. Indulgent child—How I do spoil you mamma.

—He was so benevolent a man, so merciful a man that, in his mistaken compassion, he would have held an umbrella over a duck in a shower of rain. —Jerrold.

—He (poetical)—Why should I fear to sip the sweets of each red lip? She (practical)—No necessity for alarm at all. I use a vegetable color which is not poisonous.

—A correspondent writes to ask what age has done the most for journal sm. You can't "stick" us on that, friend. The muddleage, by long odds. —Yonkers Statesman.

—"Break, Break, Break," the title of a recent musical contribution to the Boston Sunday Globe, sounds very much like a refrain of the domestic who washes the dishes. —Detroit Free Press.

—An exchange gives a long list of reasons why you shouldn't snub a boy, but omits the principal one, which is that nine times out of ten its waste of time to try. —Merchant Traveler.

—The superiority of man to nature is continually illustrated. Nature needs an immense quantity of quills to make a goose write; but a man can make a goose of himself with one. —She and Leather Reporter.

—Mrs. Minks (reading)—The Rothschild family settle all disputed points by family counsel and never employ a lawyer. Mr. Minks (who has just lost a suit)—Well, well, no wonder they're rich. —Chicago Journal.

—A little fellow asked his parents to take him to church with them. They said he must wait until he was older. "Well," was the shrewd suggestion in response, "you'd better take me now, for when I get bigger I may not want to go." —Avery Journal.

—"Confound the stamps!" exclaimed Whopper. "There ain't no stamp on 'em, or else there's something on my tongue that eats it off."

"Maybe it's lice," said Jones, trying to be facetious; it has always puzzled him since why Whopper treats him so coolly. —Detroit Free Press.

—Her only fault:—She's rich and fair and talented as well; Her figure is a dream, her smile a spell. Her hair complexion's like a pink sea shell. —Will stand inspection.

Her disposition's sweet as it can be, And with her taste in dress modest's agree; But for her bad taste in refusing me, She'd be perfection. —Oakland Echoes.

—"How old was Mathuselah when he died?" asked a Texas Sunday-school teacher of Tommy Yerger, a precocious youth. "I don't know; how old was Methu?" said Tommy. "He was nine hundred years old when he died," replied the teacher. "Nine hundred years old! Whew! I wonder how his son-in-law liked that?" replied Tommy, as he gave an incredulous whistle. —Texas Siftings.

—Omaha Dame—You seem very fond of that Mrs. De Cash. New York Dame—Yes; I wish you could meet her. She is the most self-sacrificing woman in New York. "Indeed?" "I should say so. Why, her husband gave her three hundred dollars to buy a new parasol, and she spent every cent of it for doctors' fees and medicine." "Ah, I see." "Yes, poor little pet; but I really don't believe the dog would have lived if she hadn't." —Omaha World.

—"You needn't pretend to look down on me, sir," said a tramp to a lawyer, of whom he was begging. "Well, it seems to me you think you are somebody." "Well, I'm just as good as you, sir. I solicit money of you, that's all. So I don't see but that we are both in the same boat—both solicitors." —Chicago Tribune.

—When Daniel Webster sat down one cold winter morning to write "Beautiful Snow," he little thought how many writers would rise up and claim to be his true and only author. It would have been much better for Daniel had he been content with the fame his dictionary had brought him. —Louisville Courier-Journal.

—Mr. Smith (who has just married his second)—Mr. Featherly, I would like to present you to my wife. My dear Mr. Featherly." Mr. Featherly—"Pleased to meet you, Mrs. Smith. I knew the former Mrs. Smith very well." Mrs. Smith—"Indeed?" Mr. Featherly—"O, my, yes! She was an admirably woman in every respect. Her death was a great misfortune to Mr. Smith."

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