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"Last come the high tablelands of central Asia, where the lack of moisture in the air makes the days Saharan and the nights arctic-days like a redhot furnace, nights like a January blizzard. Before this range of temperature no human constitution can stand up."-Cincinnati Enquirer.

THE ZOO CATERER.

Special Knowledge Required to Run a Wild Animals' Hotei. "To run a wild animals' hotel-for

blood of the coccinelidae has a strong. disagreeable odor like that of the whole insect. That of the timarchae is odorless, but has an astringent flavor, and in the case of the Timarchae primeliodes is venomous. The blood of the meloidae contains much cantharidine.

coccinentiae and me meroluae. The

A Problem In Golf.

ond young lady took out a book of inlike a dustpan and brush."

He Stuck to It.

Her Husband-If a man steals-no matter what it is-he will live to regret it. His Wife-During our court-Her Husband-Well, you heard what I rians as the beginning of the empire. said .- Chicago News.

Obliging. Dealer.

stable, but an arrant jade on a journey.-Goldsmith.

REFLECTED GLORY.

It is Just as Much Fun and Less Trouble Than Real Glory.

ercam of cold water, out this has long been obliterated, and everything is now a seething mass of bubbling mud and slime, a marvel to the visitors who come from long distances to see it.

Foundation of Japan.

Every Feb. 11 is celebrated in Japan the great annual festival of Kigensetsu, the anniversary of the foundation Two young ladles were making their of the empire by the first emperor. first essay at golf. "Dear me," said Jimmu-tenno, B. C. 660. The Japa-the first young lady, "what shall I do pese reckon their present era as from nese reckon their present era as from now? My ball is in a hole." The sec- this date, and it was on Feb, 11, 1889. that Mutsubito, the one hundred and structions. "Let me see," she said, twenty-first of the dynasty, promulturning the pages. "I presume you gated the present constitution of the must now take a stick of the right empire of Japan, the fundamental prin-shape and get it out." "Oh, yes, of ciple of which is clearly stated in its course," said the first young woman. first article, "The empire of Japan "See if you can find me a stick shaped | shall be reigned over and governed by a line of emperors unbroken from ages eternal.". The organization of a parllament took place in 1890, which in the Japanese reckoning would be 2550 from Jimmu's setting up his capital at Kashiwara, in the province of Yamato, ship you used to steal kisses from me. which is regarded by Japanese histo-

A Brave Man.

Nicolas, Chevaller d'Assas, a French Prisoner-I'll reform, judge, if you'll captain in the Auvergne regiment, born give me time. Judge-All right. I'll at Vigan, in the Languedoc, while makgive you thirty days .- Cleveland Plain ing a reconnoissance during the night of Oct. 15, 1760, at Klostercamp, in Westphalia, met a column of the ene-Philosophy is a good horse in the my which was advancing in silence to surprise the French army. He was should not despise the powers of the ordered to keep silent or else they hundle -Phasirus

would will him: D Assas at once cried out, "A mol Auvergne-the enemy is here!" He was killed on the spot-Bouillet's Dictionary of History.

Near Glory.

"Most any of us," remarked Uncle Gilderoy Skite, "kin reach fur enough to touch the hem of the mantle of fame. Abraham Lincoln used to split rails fur a man that a cousin of inine only twict removed on the mother's side afterward stole a dog offen."---Louisville Courier-Journal.

A Misused Wife.

A lady complained to the Willesdee magistrates the other day that her husband "wiped his feet on her and walked over her." It is a case of incompatibility of temperament. He should have married a door mat .-- London Globe.

Lest He Forgets.

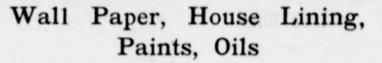
"I am afraid, darling, you will very soon forget me."

"How can you think so? See, I have tlad two knots in my pocket handkerchlef."-Meggendorfer Blatter.

Provided Already.

Leggar-Kind sir, give me 2 sous for my three children. Kind Sir-That isn't dear, certainly, but I don't think I'll sake them. I have four already at home .-- Nos Loisirs.

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what is a zoo but that?-requires a lot of special knowledge," said an animal keeper. "How would you, for instance, know how to provide for a rhinoceros or a tapir? If you don't cater right for your animal guests, if you don't give them what they want, they pack up and quit the hotel, you know-that is to say, they die. It amounts to the same thing.

"Yes, it takes special knowledge to feed a zoo. You wouldn't know, would you, that an elephant requires 150 pounds daily - no more, no less - of rice, hay, straw, roots, bread and biscuit?

"A hippo wants more. Give him roots, hay and grass, 200 pounds of them, and he won't register a single kick.

"A giraffe with its dainty appetite, asks only for fifty pounds a day of chaff, salad, grain and clover.

"But don't offer vegetables to lions and tigers. Eight pounds apiece of raw horseflesh, with plenty of bone and gristle, is their ration, year in and year out.

"We have our farms, too, to supply our table, just as lots of other hotels do. Only our farms are queer ones. One is a mouse farm. In it, with the help of traps, we raise a tremendous annual crop. Another is a worm farm, where we produce yellow meal worms by the thousand for our birds."-Exchange.

Marie Antoinette's Books.

nette possessed an important library of 4,712 volumes, consisting of plays and romances, little books a la mode, the lif not in the entire world, is the justly Bourdaloue, Massillon, Boileau, Cousseau, Corneille, Mollere, Voltaire and many others. She loved music passionately and had a large collection of boiling mud, situated at about the cenbindings were by Blaizot and were called an island because of the great uniform in red morocco, with the arms | emerald sea of vegetation which surof France and Austria stamped upon them. The execution of the work was poor and the decadence in the art of binding evident. The glories of the art of Padeloup and the Deromes had passed away, and the revolution effectually killed whatever knowledge remained of the ancient skill of the bookbinders. Half a century later saw | thrust through the boiling substratum its revival in France, and the art has since flourished both there and on drawn, English soil.-London Spectator.

How Beetles Defend Themselves.

Beetles have other defenses than their cuirass, such as nauseous or caustic liquids, which they expel on provocation, and, strange to say, certain beetles actually exude their blood, charged with noxious products. The practice is confined to the chrysomelidae, some of the timarchae and adamonia. the

It is a profound truth that reflected glory is far better worth having than real glory, as far as the actual fun of the thing is concerned. The man who after much struggling has won through to fame knows all the drawbacks to it and realizes that the game is hardly worth the candle. But the man whose only claim to glory lies in the fact that he is an acquaintance of the famous man has a splendid time, getting most of the kudos with none of the disadvantages. We see a great, good man, let us say Algernon Ashton, and we envy him. But we feel that his position must have its disadvantages. The strain of being universal letter provider to the papers of London must be enormous. Far better the lot of the man who merely knows Mr. Ashton and can call him Algy. Mr. Murphy, the orator, supports this view. "It is well." he says, "sometimes in speaking to treat great men's names familiarly. In bracketing yourself thus with the great men of the world reminds one of an eastern saving that there are only two creatures that can surmount the pyramids, the eagle and the snall." We know of scores of men who have acquired reputations through their friends. It is the simplest thing in the world. The wonder is that everybody does not do it, for it needs but little

THE ISLAND OF FIRE.

labor.-London Globe.

The unhappy Queen Marie Antoi- Java's Geological Eccentricity the Lake of Boiling Mud.

The greatest natural wonder in Java, works of Pascal, Bossuet, Fenelon, celebrated Gheko Kamdha Gumko or "home of the hot devils," known to the world as the "island of fire." This geological eccentricity is really a lake of operas in eighty-nine numbers. The ter of the plains of Grobogana, and is rounds it and gives it that appearance. The "island" is about two miles in circumference and is situated at a distance of almost exactly fifty miles

from Solo. Near the center of this geolegical freak immense columns of soft hot mud may be seen continually rising and falling like great timbers by giant hands and then quickly with-

Besides the phenomenon of the boiling mud columns, there are scores of gigantic bubbles of hot slime that fill up like huge balloons and keep up a series of constant explosions, the intensity of the detonations varying with the size of the bubble. In times past, so the Juvanere authorities say, there was a tail, spire-like columns of baked stand on the west edge of the lake. which constantly balched a pure

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