

FRIENDLY ANIMALS.

The Intimacy Between Them and Man in Yellowstone Park.

One of the most pleasant features of the drive through the Yellowstone National park is the apparent intimacy between man and the animal and bird life in the park.

THE EAST INDIA COMPANY.

What Great Britain Owes to Holland and Pepper.

It is curious to remember that when England's commercial greatness was a-making her most serious rival was Holland.

In the closing years of the sixteenth century they had a trade monopoly with the East Indies, and they "put up" the price of pepper to such a point that the English consumer "struck."

A meeting of London merchants made one December afternoon a decision the importance of which to England cannot be exaggerated.

The Reason. It was Washington's birthday, and the minister was making a patriotic speech to the children of the secondary grade.

"Now, children," he said, "when I arose this morning the flags were waving and the houses were draped with bunting. What was that done for?"

"Washington's birthday," answered a youngster.

"Yes," said the minister, "but last month I, too, had a birthday, but no flags were flying that day, and you did not even know I had a birthday. Why was that?"

"Because," said an urchin, "Washington never told a lie."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Mussels of Philippine. During August and September as many as 1,000 to 1,500 sacks, each containing nearly 200 pounds of mussels, are dispatched every Wednesday from Philippine alone.

A Retreating Chin. Nothing weakens a face more than a retreating chin. Unfortunately comparatively little can be done for it. It can be remedied to a certain extent in childhood by rubbing from the throat up and out, holding the head well up during the process.

Useless Money. Languid Laongnan—After all is said, pal, money ain't everyting. Dry Deegan—I know it from experience. I must found a five dollar bill near de center of a prohibition state.—Puck.

More men are drowned in the bowl than in the sea.—Irish Proverb.

BURIED ALIVE.

The Mode of Death Selected by a Chinese Murderer.

Rough justice as it is administered in most parts of China is sometimes tempered by individual tastes, as an incident printed in one of the China port journals attest.

During the famine two brothers who lived in Suchien fought desperately to stave off starvation from their families and bad blood arose between them.

Because it was too expensive to carry the murderer several scores of miles to the nearest yamen of justice the local elders, including the father of the murderer, whose coffin had been sold, sat in justice upon the culprit and condemned him to death.

A grave was dug, and the victim, with his arms and feet securely bound, was trundled in a wheelbarrow to the edge of the pit by his wife.

The victim's wife put a felt hat over his mouth as his request, and then she helped the elders to fill in the grave with six feet of earth.

TORTURED TO DEATH.

The Horrible Fate of a Number of Regicides.

The lot of the regicide when caught is not usually a very enviable one. To be hanged is the least he can expect. Perpetual solitary imprisonment is a far more dreadful fate.

So late as the year 1831 the two Maronichaeis, who slew Count Capod'Istra, the first president of Greece, were immured within close brick walls built around them up to their chins and supplied with salted food, but no drink, until they died.

The murderer of Selim III. of Turkey was publicly impaled, lingering five and a half days in dreadful torment. Those who did to death his immediate successor, Mustapha IV., were tortured and starved on alternate days and deprived of sleep by night until death came to their relief.—Chicago News.

An Ancient Suez Canal. It is certain that in ancient times a canal connecting the Mediterranean and Red seas did exist.

His Prayer. O'Connell had got a man off at one time for highway robbery and at another for burglary, but on a third occasion, for stealing a coasting brig, the task of hoodwinking the jury seemed too great for even his powers of cajolery.

Thought He Was Smart. The Man With the Gun boastfully and cynically—I have been engaged to at least a dozen girls.

Not Attractive. "Was it a case of love at first sight?" asked the sentimental girl.

The Sign of Wedlock. She—What is the proper formula for a wedding announcement? He—I know what is ought to be. She—What? He—"Be it known by these presents."

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THE GENTLE ALLIGATOR.

Getting Him Out into the Open For the Camera Man.

I have seen a barefoot boy when the alligator refused to respond to his call wade in the mud to his waist, explore with his toes till he felt the wiggle of the gator beneath them, then worry him to the surface, grab him by the nose before he could open his jaws and tow the creature ashore to be photographed.

ECONOMY IN ITALY.

The Roman Season the Only Time When Real Luxury is the Rule.

During the greater part of the year we have only the servants that are necessary—my husband's valet, one butler, the porter who stands at the entrance to the palace and a general utility country boy who in the afternoon puts on a livery and acts as footman.

The Angler Fish. A singular superstition about the angler fish is entertained in some parts of Sweden (Bohuslan), according to Malm and Smitt.

A Human Foot Warmer. It is interesting to learn that Julius Caesar found our Celtic ancestors just succumbing themselves with smoke.

Why He Was Angry. "You made a mistake in your paper," said an indignant man, entering the editorial sanctum of a daily journal.

Thought He Was Going to Shave. The new rubber in the Turkish bath had formerly been a barber.

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