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HUNTING THE WALRUS.

The Eskimo Takes Advantage of the Animal's Curiosity.

In his frail ski-boat it is a difficult and dangerous task for the Eskimo to go out to sea forty to sixty miles and intercept the walrus as he passes on his migration into the Arctic.

One carcass will fill his boat, for it weighs from 1,000 to 3,000 pounds. He hunts the walrus when they are lying asleep on the ice floes in herds from ten to several hundred. Death must be instantaneous, else with a few rolls of the peculiar lumbering, humping movement (seen of the seal when ashore), he makes the few feet to the water and then is lost, as he has not sufficient blubber and air to float. He has much natural curiosity, and if not scared by shots will come up close to your boat or the ice floe on which you are sitting, spurling, snorting and rolling his eyes; with his gleaming tusks and bristled snout he has an uncanny, goblin, monster-like appearance. A herd of fifty or sixty of them will come up en masse, raise high out of the water to stare at you, then snort, spurt and disappear again, only to come up on the same spot and repeat the maneuver indefinitely. Taking advantage of this the Eskimos hide behind ice hummocks and throw a bar-poop into one, then snub the tough rawhide line around an ice cake. He must perforce come up to blow, and he is then killed with the rifle. The thick skin and the mass of blubber and meat beneath render him almost invulnerable.—Pacific Monthly.

MAKE THEM LAUGH.

A Bachelor's Idea of the Way Children Should Be Trained.

"The people who don't have to do things can always do them better than the people who are obliged to do them," said the cynical bachelor. "If you want to know how to invest money, ask a fellow who has never had any to invest. I suppose it's the same with raising children. Nevertheless, I am fond of children, and never having had an opportunity of raising any of my own, I am critical about the way other people, more fortunate than I, raise theirs.

"My brother has a youngster, a boy about six years old, and everything that kid wants he cries for. The minute he begins to cry he gets it, which, according to my reasoning, is all wrong.

"Why not make him laugh for it? It's just as easy for a child to laugh as to cry, and it's far more healthful, besides being much more cheerful for the surrounding populace.

"I've tried the experiment with him, and it works like a charm. If I happen to have anything he wants, and he cries for it, I make fun of him. 'That isn't the way to get it, I say. Don't cry for it. Laugh for it.'

"It took only about two lessons for him to understand this, and you have no idea what a wonderful difference it has made in the disposition of that kid. Still, I'm only an old bachelor, and I'm not supposed to know anything about such things."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Took an Unfair Advantage.

Mrs. Dorkins - Yesterday I called Mrs. Grundage's attention to the fact that she had left the gate between our back yards open and that her chickens had come through and scratched up our flower beds, and she looked as if she would have liked to bite my head off. How foolish it is for people to get angry when you remind them that they have been careless about something they had no business to overlook!

Mr. Dorkins - I am glad to hear you say that, Maria. You won't mind if I mention that when I came home last night I found that you'd left both the back doors unlocked.

Mrs. Dorkins - Yes; you're always watching to see if you can't catch me in some little fault, and it makes you perfectly happy when you do!—New York Tribune.

Something to Live For.

Three little girls were playing. The mother of one came into the room and engaged the children in conversation. "Marion, what are you going to be when you grow up?" she asked.

"I am going to be a famous singer," she replied.

"And you, Susie, what are you to be?"

"Oh, I am going to write stories when I grow up," she answered.

"And what is Marjorie to be?" continued the mother.

Marjorie, aged five, thought seriously a moment, and then said, "Well, I am not sure, but I think I'll be a widow."—Delineator.

She Was Different.

"John," asked his wife, who was writing to one of her former school-mates, "which is proper—to say, 'I differ from you' or 'I differ with you?'"

"Tell her you differ from her. I understand that she lets her husband keep part of his salary to have fun with himself."—Chicago Record-Herald.

A Failure.

Mamma—What in the world is making the baby cry so, I wonder? Little Eva—I guess he's mad 'cause I tried to make him smile with your glove stretcher.—Chicago News.

Domestic Difficulty.

Old Lady (turning to neighbor during last act of tragedy)—Eh, mister, but them 'Amlets' 'nd a deal of trouble is their family!—London Punch.

ANIMALS THAT WEEP.

Dugong Tears Preserved by the Malays as a Love Charm.

While the act of laughing may be peculiar to man, the same is not true of weeping, which, if we are to accept the testimony of a French naturalist, is a manifestation of emotion that is met with in divers animals.

It is said that the creatures that weep most easily are the ruminants, with whom the act is so well known that it has given rise to trivial but accurate expression, "to weep like a calf." All hunters know that the stag weeps, and we are also told that the bear sheds tears when it comes to a consciousness of its last hour. The giraffe is not less sensitive and regards with tearful eyes the hunter who has wounded it. This animal also weeps through downright nostalgia. Dogs also are held to be lachrymose, and the same holds in the case of certain monkeys. Sparrman states the elephant sheds tears when wounded or when it perceives that it cannot escape.

Aquatic animals, too, it appears, are able to weep. Thus, many authorities agree, dolphins at the moment of death draw deep sighs and shed tears abundantly. A young female seal was observed to weep when teased by a sailor. St. Hilaire and Cuvier report, on the authority of the Malays, that when a young dugong is captured the mother is sure to be taken also. The little ones then cry out and shed tears. These tears are collected with great care by the Malays and are preserved as a charm that is certain to render a lover's affection lasting.—New York Press.

A PROPHETIC JEWEL.

Peculiar Ring That Was Owned by Marquise du Barry.

Marquise du Barry, whose lovely head fell into the basket beneath the guillotine in expiation of her levity, extravagance and folly, had in her possession a stone of which the Paris jewelers were unable to tell the precise nature.

There appeared upon it below the surface and as if under water an outline of a picture containing human figures. Strange to relate, when first the gem was given to its afterward unfortunate possessor, this outline was not clear, but after it had been some months in her possession it grew more vivid.

One day the negro servant boy, Lamor, who was afterward instrumental from revenge in the downfall of the Du Barry, declared, looking at the jewel, that he could decipher the figure of a woman with disheveled hair leaning before a scaffold and surrounded by a crowd, while beside her stood the executioner.

A strange but authenticated circumstance is that the negro servant boy precisely described the guillotine. Dr. Guillotine had not then invented his celebrated instrument of death, nor had the horrors of the revolution begun. Snatching the jewel from the hand of the servant, Mme. du Barry examined it, saw the kneeling woman, the angry crowd, the death knife falling and, with a cry of agony, fell senseless to the floor.

Fly Traps of Spiders' Nests.

Spiders' nests are used in Mexico as fly traps. During the rainy season the villages are invaded by numbers of flies and other insects. To rid a house of these pests the natives hang the branch of a tree bearing a spider's nest to a nail in the ceiling. The surface of the nest enlarges concentrically after each capture of an insect, and it exercises an irresistible attraction on flies. When a spider's nest is opened it is found to be filled with insects. Experiments made with paper nests so manufactured as to be exact copies of the real nests show that flies will not enter them. Though very small and apparently insignificant, the inhabitant of the mosquito attacks insects far more important in size than the largest housefly. The wasp is one of its favorite victims, and the wasp always gets the worst of the struggle.—Harper's Weekly.

A Silk Producing Caterpillar.

In Assam, where the natives call it "eri," a silk producing caterpillar has been used for silk spinning for centuries, but, strange to say, its employment for the purpose has been restricted almost exclusively to that region. One of its advantages is that its cocoons are not sealed like those of the common silkworm. One end of the cocoon is closed only with converging loops of silk. This renders it unnecessary to kill the insect when its silk is used.

Rubbing It In.

"What made the boss glare so at that man who just went out?" said one waiter to another.

"When he paid his bill for a fifty cent dinner he asked if there was any place in the neighborhood, anyhow, where a fellow could go and get a decent meal for fifty cents."—New York Press.

The Remedy.

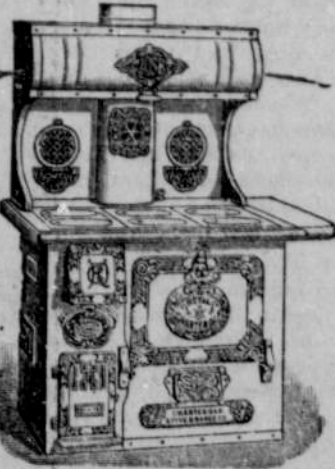
The Mistress—Bridget, I must object to your having a new beau every night. The Cook—Thin you better food! One'll never come again unless he's tickled what I have 'erred him!—Cleveland Leader.

In the Sunken Submarine.

"It's too annoying that we should be stuck down here. I bought myself the most speedily tomb only last week."—Laurie Blatter.

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