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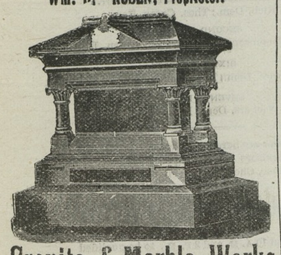

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FRIENDLY ANIMALS.

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. Thanks to the wise and stringent regulations, no shooting is allowed within its boundaries. "The result," says an English tourist, "is positively charming. Hundreds of little chipmunks, with their gaudy striped backs, scamper impudently about or peer at the passing coach from the roadside. The squirrel did not bolt for the nearest tree, but nodded a welcome. All bird life treated us likewise. Even the lordly eagle hovered near, and the wild turkey stalked unconcernedly through the rank grass. We perceived a doe and a fawn grazing by the road. Not until we were within a few feet did they seek the shelter of the woods, yet not to fly. They simply moved aside. Here at least mankind was regarded as a friend—one who could be trusted. The only animal who ran away was a brown bear. He turned tail at the sight of a coaching party. Yet it was quite a common thing for bears to approach close to the hotels at evening to feed on the refuse thrown out. It was an after dinner relaxation for the guests to watch them feeding. They munched and disputed the choicest morsels, for the most part indifferent to the company. Only when we became inquisitive and approached too near did they retire, and these animals were perfectly free and unfettered in their movements. It may read like a fairy tale, but it is solid fact."

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. But the enterprising Dutchmen ruined their chances by their greediness. There was a popular little couplet which ran:

In matters of commerce the fault of the Dutch
Is giving too little and asking too much.

The whole course of English predominance abroad might have been changed if the Dutch had not "asked too much."

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. It was nothing less than the resolution to form a London East India company. The petition of these merchants to good Queen Bess was granted in a royal charter of incorporation.

The company, founded at first to establish direct trade communication with the east and lower the price of pepper, soon took to itself larger purposes. Fleets of merchant ships came and went between England and India, and from the quarrel about pepper the corporation of merchants was destined, through Clive and its "nabobs," to give England a vast empire.—Pearson's Weekly.

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. Holland, Belgium and France are the best customers of the Philippine mussel farmers, but quite a number of the cherished shellfish find their way across the channel from the Dutch beds to the Britishers' dinner table. In Philippine mussels form, one may say, the staple food of the population. They are consumed in every possible manner—stewed, fried, in soups, in gravies and with particular relish alive.—A. Pitcairn-Knowles in Wide World Magazine.

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. Sometimes, too, the trouble may be caused by the way the jaws close on account of the position of the teeth, and a good dentist may often be of help. Bandages worn round the chin at night, so placed that the lower jaw is forced forward, will sometimes remedy the defect slightly, especially when begun on quite young children.—Exchange.

Useless Money.

Languid Lannigan—After all is said, pal, money ain't everyt'ing. Dry Deegan—I knows it frum experience. I wunst found a five dollar bill near de center uv 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. A man in Suchien, condemned to die, preferred to be buried alive, and his wishes were carried out to the letter.

During the famine two brothers who lived in Suchien fought desperately to stave off starvation from their families and bad blood arose between them. At last the elder brother sold his father's coffin for food. When he refused to divide the proceeds with his younger brother the latter chopped off his head with a cleaver.

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. He asked that he be buried alive instead of receiving the horrible torture of the "thirty slices." The father interceded with the other elders to get them to grant his son's request.

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. There, upon the murderer's own request, his bonds were loosed, and he walked to the grave, lowered himself into it and was ready.

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. It drove Bresci, the assassin of King Humbert of Italy, to suicide, and it transformed Lucchini, who murdered the empress of Austria, into a hopeless imbecile. Among the plotters implicated in the murder of the late shah of Persia one was tortured to death in prison, while another was incased in wet plaster of paris, which on setting slowly crushed the life out of him. Three of the assassins of a previous shah were boiled alive in huge copper caldrons.

So late as the year 1831 the two Mavromichaelis, who slew Count Capo d'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. Damiens, who attempted the life of King Louis XV. of France, was first barbarously tortured and then torn to pieces by wild horses. This punishment was carried out in one of the principal squares of Paris March 28, 1757. Ravaillac, who assassinated Henry IV. of France, suffered a similar fate.

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. Herodotus ascribes its projection to Pharaoh Necho, 600 B. C. The honor of its completion is given by some to Darius, by others to the Ptolemies. How long this canal continued to be used we do not know, but, becoming finally choked up by sand, it was restored by Trajan early in the second century A. D. Becoming again useless from the same cause, it was reopened by the Caliph Omar, but was finally closed by the "unconquerable sands" about A. D. 767, in which state it has since remained. This ancient canal, from Suez to Bubastis, on the east branch of the Nile, was 92 miles long, from 108 to 160 feet wide and 15 feet deep.

His Prayer.

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Thought He Was Smart.

The Man With the Gun (boastfully and cynically)—I have been engaged to at least a dozen girls. Miss Sweet Girl (looking annoyed)—And always been unlucky in love, eh? He—Oh, I don't know. I've never married any of them. What?—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Not Attractive.

"Was it a case of love at first sight?" asked the sentimental girl.

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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."—Baltimore American.

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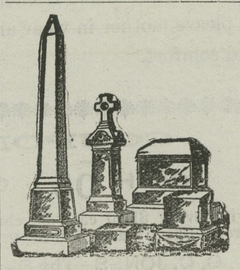

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