

MR. AND MRS. BOWSER.

BY MRS. BOWSER. I had a caller the other afternoon when Mr. Bowser came home, and after she had gone he asked: "How long was Mrs. Blank here?" "About half an hour."

Punishing an Elephant.

Some elephants resemble men in their liability to sudden outbursts of passion, and in their exhibition of remorse when, the passion having subsided, they see the results of their violent temper. An illustration of an elephant's violence and contrition is given by Gen. George Bell, in his "Rough Notes of an Old Soldier," written while he was serving in India.

While the party was in camp, a Mahout went with his elephant to cut forage. As he was binding it in bundles, the elephant began to help himself and knocked about the bundles already tied up.

A Mahout punished the beast for his disobedience by a blow on the shins, which so enraged the elephant that he seized the man with his trunk, dashed him to the ground and trampled him to death.

No sooner had he killed his keeper than he repented, roared, and bolted for the jungle to hide himself. Six other elephants, guided by their Mahouts, followed him. On being driven into a corner he surrendered, and was led into camp a prisoner, and chains were placed on his legs.

Then came his punishment. An elephant was placed on either side, each holding a heavy iron chain. As the dead body of the Mahout was laid on the grass before him, the elephant roared loudly, being perfectly aware of what he had done.

A Mahout ordered the two elephants to punish the murderer. Lifting the two heavy chains high in the air, with their trunks they whipped him with these iron whips until he made the camp echo with his roars of pain. He was then picketed by himself, and an iron chain attached to his hind leg, which he dragged after him on the march.

That Baby of Ours. In these very hot days the average man has little appetite for solids. But the weather does not seem to effect the appetite of an esteemed infant whose acquaintance I value highly—in the interest of science.

For instance, this babe, aged thirteen months, two days ago started out on a gormandizing tour by biting out a diamond from his sister's ring and swallowing it. This was not discovered until yesterday. An hour later he was discovered in the act of devouring horse radish, and when the bottle of this mordant condiment was taken from him he devoted his attention to a package of baking powder, which he broke open and then swallowed two handfuls of the contents.

Carriages Run by Steam.

A Munich firm has made a carriage propelled by gas, which it generates from benzene or analogous material. The motor, which is not visible from the outside, is placed in the rear of the three-wheeled carriage over the main axle, and the benzene used in its propulsion is carried in a closed copper receptacle secured under the seat, from which it passes drop by drop to the generator, and which holds enough benzene for a journey of about seventy-five miles.

A Strange Country. Miss Langham (reading an American paper)—"What a strange country yours is, to be sure, Mr. De Yank?" Mr. De Yank (of Boston)—"I don't think it much stranger than yours. But why?"

A Silly Question. Daughter. "Mamma, Mr. Strongbox has offered me his heart and hand." Mamma. "Do you love him, dear?" Daughter. "Oh, yes, mamma, very much. He is worth a million."

The Ladies' Favorite. The newest fashion in ladies hats will doublets cause a flutter of pleasurable excitement among the fair sex. Ladies are always susceptible to the changes of a fashion plate; and the more startling the departure, the more earnest the gossip over the new mode.

The Outest Little Things. "Cute!" he echoed. "Well, I don't know as the adjective would have occurred to me in just that connection. But if you mean that they do their work thoroughly, yet make no fuss about it; cause no pain or weakness; and, in short, are everything that a pill ought to be, and nothing that it ought not, then I agree that Pierce's pleasant Purgative Pellets are about the cutest little things going!"

Trustworthy People. We all know people who are eminently trustworthy. We all know those who are just as much the reverse. In the world of each of us exists the man or woman in whom we believe as in the sun that shines in the sky above—who is as faithful as the needle to the pole, as solid as the granite rock.

She No Doubt Understood It. "What's all this I see in the papers about the Samoan question?" asked Mrs. Hixby of her husband the other evening. Hixby, delighted to have his wife interested in public affairs, began at the beginning and carefully and elaborately detailed the entire affair to his wife, and when he was through he said: "Now, do you understand it, my dear?"

Almost War. Petey Quince—"My father's richer'n your'n." Johnny Doolittle—"No, he hain't. We got a mortgage on our house." "Humph! My mother's got a guitar in her head."

Cautioned, That's All. Husband—"Don't worry, my dear, if I get home a trifle late occasionally, nor that I've joined the Athletic Club. I used to be a great athlete when I was a boy, you know, and it seems like renewing my youth to go through with the old exercises again."

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