

## KITCHENER AND THE DONKEYS.

An Incident of the Resourcefulness of the Sirdar.

More than a year ago General Kitchener, the hero of Omdurman, was rather inefficiently supplied with the appliances and rolling stock necessary for his undertakings, the Sirdar being anxious to get a telegraph wire from a certain post to another ten miles further up the river without delay. He gave his orders and went his way. Coming back he found the work at a standstill, and his electrician and engineer complained that although they had all the necessary wires they had no means or appliances for rolling them along the ten miles to the next post.

The matter was very pressing. The Sirdar knitted his brow and said:— "There are these donkeys. I can give you donkeys." But that was no good. How was the wire to be unrolled without a trolley, truck or drum? Again the Sirdar stood baffled, deep in thought. Suddenly he picked up a piece of loose canvas matting and wrapped it round a donkey's neck; then he seized the roll of wire and passed it over the donkey's head. He gave the animal a kick and off it cantered, unwinding the wire as it went, for the other end was duly secured to the ground! The Sirdar laughed, "You must use the donkeys," he said.

And in this way the donkey was kicked and godded along the ten miles, unwinding the telegraph wire, the purpose was achieved and the necessary communication between two important posts was secured. It does not signify in schemes of such magnitude that the donkey's neck was cut to ribbons! It had to be killed; other donkeys took its place. What mattered a few donkeys' lives? The Sirdar is a man of determination; a thing that has to be done must be done. But still—it was a little hard on the poor little "mokes."

## FISHES NEED AIR TO LIVE.

Ponds in Which They May be Sealed up by Ice and Die for Want of It.

It is a familiar fact that fishes cannot live without air, of which all sweet water contains more or less, and in cold climates fishes sometimes die for want of air in ponds that are frozen over in winter; they exhaust the air contained in the water and not enough more can get in to sustain life. The frozen-over waters in which fish don't get air enough to support life are likely to be smaller ponds with a gravel border all around, where the ice can form unbroken clear to the edge, making a complete covering over the water, and practically sealing it up. If there is vegetation around the pond at the edge of it, shrubby or trees or branches dipping in the water, such vegetation is likely to supply some air, for as the ice settles it cracks and breaks about the stalks of this vegetation and thus leaves places where air can get in.

Sometimes in small sluggish bodies of water, such as park ponds, holes are cut in the ice to give the fishes beneath air.

## EMPERESS ELIZABETH AND DEAK.

The Empress was adored in Hungary, and she returned the affection of the Magyars with a heartiness the sincerity of which was never doubted in the Kingdom of the Five Rivers. She shared in their field sports, to which she imparted an impulse and prestige of unprecedented force. She spoke and wrote their language—the most difficult of European tongues—to absolute perfection. Her proficiency in their natural history and literature was such as to rouse the respectful envy of such instructed and scientific patriots as Vambéry and Ferenex Pulsky Deak, the Hampden of Magyarland, pronounced her "the noblest Hungarian of them all" and—having refused titles and millions as the reward of his services to his country—accepted, instead of honors and wealth, a pair of slippers worked for him by the slender hands of the Queen of Hungary. When he died, she watched and prayed by his corpse, and was shaken by paroxysms of grief as she knelt at the foot of his bier. This devotion of the Princess of Hungary had, however, its drawbacks. The more it became known that she preferred the Hungarians, and that Budapest or Godollo, with its woods and quietude, reminded her of Posenhofen, the less were the Viennese disposed to study her character and to appreciate her noble motives. Adored though she was in her younger days her popularity in Austria steadily declined, until the tragic death of the Crown Prince restored her to the national sympathy.

## INCENTIVES TO EFFORT.

"Brother Staybolt," said the amiable Mr. Gratebar, "which should you say was the greater incentive to effort, the fear of punishment or the hope or reward?"

"Well, I should say," said the somewhat acid Mr. Staybolt, "that necessity was a greater incentive than either."

## EVIDENTLY AN OMISSION.

That's queer. What is? There was a train robbery out west last night and the detectives don't claim that they are working on a clue.

## Is It Scrofula

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## ONE ADVANTAGE.

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## EARLY DEPRAVITY.

Let it alone, Willie, said the bad boy's mother. Don't try to tear it open. It will be a beautiful butterfly next year.

Meby it will, and meby it won't, replied the bad boy, proceeding to dissect it. All cocoons look alike to me.

## ACCEPTED AUTHORITIES ON MANURING.

David Popplewell in writing from Low Fell, Gateshead, in May of this year to the "Scottish Farmer," concludes:—"These investigations of Germany's most eminent agricultural chemists furnish unanimous evidence of the value attached to Thomas-Phosphate Powder in Germany, where they are accepted as trustworthy and correct by all farmers, and in that country Thomas-Phosphate Powder is becoming more and more recognized as the great fundamental factor in manuring practice."

## INFALLIBLE SIGN.

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Mrs. Wrenter—When did you set up for a weather prophet?

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San Francisco now has a law by which a peddler who rings a door bell of a house where the sign "no peddlers" is displayed is liable to a fine of \$100 or six months' imprisonment, or both.

## CARE OF EYELASHES.

The ancients made an art of the care of the eyelashes. It was considered a necessity to cultivate beautiful lashes. They recognized the fact that, besides adding to the expression of the eyes, the lashes preserved them from the dust, cold, wind and too glaring light. It has lately become a question of paramount importance with up-to-date women, perhaps taking the example of their ancient sisters to heart, how to make the lashes grow longer and thicker and how to prevent them from falling out.

Long, sweeping lashes have from time immemorial furnished poets with many a rhythm, and man seems to find more beauty and seductiveness in the downcast eyes and velvet cheeks swept by long, curling lashes.

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## MANY GO INSANE.

WOMEN'S BURDENS ARE HEAVY AND HARD TO BEAR.

Unless Dodd's Kidney Pills are Used, Then Diseases of Women are Cured, and Suffering Ceases—Mrs. Ellen Dowson's Case.

Toronto, Nov. 28.—The daily papers from day to day contain reports of the wrecking of once happy homes, through the insanity of mothers, whose reason has been destroyed by illness.

Women's burdens are many and heavy, and hard to bear. They are, as a rule, borne in silence, for women don't want to incur the expense of calling in doctors; they don't want to worry their husbands. They continue suffering in silence, while their ailments are sapping their strength, undermining their health, and reason, and hurrying them to the grave.

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## PHOSPHATING PASTURES.

"The Rorder Counties Advertiser" discusses the clover and phosphata matter, and speaks of "the remarkable examples of the effect of Thomas-Phosphate Powder on grazing pastures."

## ODD CUSTOM.

It was once customary in France, when a guest had remained too long, for the host to serve a cold shoulder of mutton instead of a hot roast. This was the origin of the phrase, "to give the cold shoulder."

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