

ALLIGATORS IN HARNESS

CURIOUS USES FOR ROOSTERS, BEARS AND MONKEYS.

In Peru Monkeys Gather Nuts—Dogs Draw Carriages in Belgium.

Mr. Lee, who lives near the St. John River, Florida, has to go six miles down the river to post a letter and perform other necessary errands, and the journey impressed him with two facts—namely, that it was hard work to pull a boat against stream, and that the river teemed with alligators that had nothing to do. After a little further observation, he learnt that these alligators swim well and easily against the tide. Then he remembered that somebody of his acquaintance once had a tame alligator.

He got two baby alligators and kept them in a good-sized pond, teaching them to swim with a piece of timber attached by a line fastened around the shoulders. As they grew, he made the floating burden heavier, and finally fixed reins to their teeth and taught them to answer the pull. His neighbors laughed, but he persisted and at length tried them in the river with his heavy boat behind them.

There is more intelligence in the alligator than in some horses, and these amphibians did the journey of six miles and back in good style. They were kept hungry and fed with a good meal as soon as they returned from a trip, so that they quickly learnt to go to their destination and back, without stopping on the way to have larks with the other members of their species who have not enjoyed the benefits of civilization. Mr. Lee is delighted with the success of his experiment, and now has

SIX ALLIGATORS IN USE.

Draught animals and beasts of burden are almost exclusively confined to those which tread the earth, but the above-mentioned is an exception, and a native of Thuringia furnishes another. In the latter case a gull, the descendant of a bird from the east, has been trained to walk steadily along with a collar and a trace, or line, by which holds a cord attached to the collar round the neck, and uses this primitive guide-rope in order to keep the bird under control.

Dogs or goats drawing baby carriages are among the ordinary sights of great cities, but a Cochia, China, fowl doing duty in like capacity also comes within the scope of novelty. Mr. Plomesen, of the State of Iowa, has a lot of splendid Cochia roosters and one of them is a giant of its kind, and the majestic manner in which it strutted about induced its owner to try an experiment.

He made a harness consisting of a collar to go round the breast—or the lower part of the neck, whichever we may please to call it—from which run the traces, and another smaller collar that goes round the bird's nose, with reins attached. The rooster was then yoked to a baby cart, and rapidly learnt to draw it steadily and obey the pull on the reins. Two of the owner's children usually ride in the vehicle—a baby and an older girl who drives.

ONE OF THE OLDEST TEAMS

ever seen was that which recently met the eyes of Lord Curzon, the Viceroy of India, at a State meeting; this was composed of a pair of rhinoceroses, with gay harness and ridden by postillions, drawing a gorgeous conveyance in which an Indian nabob was comfortably seated. The brutes were as docile as elephants.

An Austrian farmer, not far from Vienna, has an elephant to drag his plough. He bought the animal from a bankrupt showman, and he declares that he finds it better than a horse; it does more work in a given time with the plough, and has been trained to pick up and carry faggots and pile them in a cart, which it afterwards pulls, between the shafts, to the shed in the farmyard, and then unloads the faggots, where they are ready for use as fuel.

Travelers in Belgium will not fail to notice the milk and cream carts, with dogs yoked to them, which, indeed, form one of the characteristic features of the country. In the old coaching days it was uncommon for some eccentric individual to turn out with a light trap and four or six dogs harnessed thereto, and race the coach along the Great North Road for miles.

There was one man known as "Old Lal," who took a delight in this sport about a century ago, while a certain Dunsell, more recently, did a similar thing with a four-in-hand of greyhounds. On one occasion, as it is recorded, this team did the journey to Brighton and back in a little more than twenty-four hours, including stoppages for refreshment and rest.

A COUPLE OF BEARS.

Probably the quaintest turn-out of that kind was the experiment of a man named Deller, of Vienna, who astonished and terrified the inhabitants of the Austrian capital by driving out in a carriage drawn by two bears.

With another member of the Bruin family sitting on the box by his side. Deller retired for a while from the public gaze at the request of the public, but he was not idle, and soon resupplied with a couple of wolves attached to his carriage. Once again vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the streets of Vienna was dislocated and the police had to step in; after this rebuff Deller retired for good.

In England, the only instance of a curious team is that of the Rothschild zebras, which Mr. Walter Rothschild has named and drives about his country seat. There are four of them. He is not the first to tame zebras or to employ them in the place of horses in England, for a pair of zebras were to be seen in the London streets more than fifty years ago.

A pair of quaggas, a similar animal, formed the sensation of the day in the vicinity of Hyde Park at still earlier date, and were much admired as they drew an elegantly appointed carriage. The ostrich as a saddle horse may be seen in South Africa.

WEEDS WORTH FORTUNES

A FEW TIPS FOR THE AMATEUR GARDENER.

Some Wild Plants Are Better to Remain in a State of Nature.

Millions of dollars are paid annually for the products of plants which are absolutely uncultivated, and though the majority of these wild plants can be improved by cultivation, yet some are actually valuable when allowed to remain in a state of Nature.

Take, for instance, the New Zealand flax, which produces a fibre much stronger than that of hemp. It flourishes in the marshes of New Zealand, but if cultivated the result is that the fibre produced is brittle, and practically useless.

Another plant of which the fibres are also the most useful portion—namely, hemp—grows to perfection under cultivation in Russia, whence great quantities of the raw material are exported for ropemaking. Hemp also grows in India, but there it is wild, while it no longer affords fibre, it is valuable because of the narcotic drug known as hashish which is made from it.

Speaking of plants producing fibre, the coming product, not only for ropemaking, but also for textile purposes, is ramie, which has for centuries past been grown in great quantities in China, but entirely for home use. Within the past few years it has been discovered that there are thousands of acres of land in India covered with wild ramie, which will, it is certain, return a great profit to those who market it. The latest use for ramie is to make sails for yachts. Ramie canvas is very light, strong, and

SILKY IN TEXTURE.

As a substitute for vanilla, Balsam of Peru has come largely into use during the past few years, and the exports of this latter plant are increasing rapidly. It is a South American weed, and, though it may eventually be brought into cultivation, at present it grows completely wild.

As for vanilla itself, this orchid is notoriously impatient of cultivation, though it grows well even in a hot-house, yet it almost invariably refuses to mature its pod, from which the favoring essence is extracted. The most successful vanilla plantations are those found upon the very site where the vanilla-plant has been found growing wild.

Speaking of natural products which refuse to grow anywhere except where Nature planted them, a very curious instance is the nutmeg. The valuable tree was originally found by the Dutch in the islands of the Malay Archipelago. Recognizing its value, they attempted to destroy all the nutmeg-trees except those on the island of Banda, and so control a complete monopoly.

In this ambition they were defeated by wood-pigeons, which very soon carried the seeds all over the island again. But afterwards, when an attempt was made to plant the nutmeg in India, Ceylon, and the West Indies, the tree simply refused to grow.

THR COW PARSNIP

is common enough, but we make no special use of it. Elsewhere the case is different. In Russia and Poland—in fact, all through Central Europe—women and children are employed in gathering the stalks, seeds, and leaves of this weed. Brewers by them, and use them for the production of a kind of ale.

Among British wild plants which are very valuable must be noted samphire, which grows on almost every part of our coasts. Immense quantities of samphire are gathered for picklemaking. Butterworth also is a valuable weed, though its special use is better known in Scandinavia than with us. If milk be poured upon the pickled leaves of this plant, it attains the consistency of cream.

Quite the most valuable of all wild growths are the seaweeds. In Jersey alone the value of seaweeds used as manure is over \$80,000 a year. The immense beds of nitrate of soda which are worked in Chili, Peru, and Bolivia were formed by the decomposition of immense beds of seaweed. From these beds 1,250,000 tons of this most valuable fertilizer are yearly shipped to all parts of the civilized world. The market price is just under \$50 a ton, which gives an annual income to South America of \$60,000,000 a year.—London Answers.

TWO STEPS.

The Last One Helps the First.

A sick coffee drinker must take two steps to be rid of his troubles and get strong and well again. The first is to cut off coffee absolutely.

That removes the destroying element. The second step is to take liquid food (and that is Postum Food Coffee) that has in it the elements nature requires to change the blood corpuscles from pale pink or white to rich, red, and good red blood builds good strong and healthy cells in place of the broken down cells destroyed by coffee. With well boiled Postum Food Coffee to shift to, both these steps are easy and pleasant. The experience of a Georgian proves how important both are.

"From 1872 to the year 1900 my wife and I had been afflicted with sick and nervous headache and at times we suffered untold agony. We were coffee drinkers and did not know how to get away from it for the habit is hard to quit. "But in 1900 I read of a case similar to ours where Postum Coffee was used in place of the old coffee and a complete cure resulted, so I concluded to get some and try it. "The result was, after three days' use of Postum in place of the coffee I never had a symptom of the old trouble and in five months I had gained from 145 pounds to 163 pounds. "My friends asked me almost daily what brought the change. My answer always is, leaving off coffee and drinking Postum in its place. "We have many friends who have been benefited by Postum. "As to whether or not I have stated the facts truthfully I refer to the Bank of Carrollton or any business firm in that city where I have known my wife and myself well known. Battle Creek, Mich. "There's a reason." "Look in each package for the famous little book, 'The Road to Wellville.'"

JUSTIFIED IN WHAT HE SAYS

WHY J. J. PERKINS OWES HIS LIFE TO DODD'S KIDNEY PILLS.

Doctor Had Given Him up and He was Hopeless and Destitute Before the Great Canadian Kidney Remedy put Him on His Feet.

Tyndall, Man., July 4.—(Special).—When a man has had Kidney Disease, when the doctor has given him up; when that man takes Dodd's Kidney Pills, begins at once to recover and is soon a well man, that man is surely in a position to say that Dodd's Kidney Pills saved his life.

That is the experience of Mr. J. J. Perkins of this place. Speaking of his case Mr. Perkins says— "The first years I was troubled with my kidneys and at last became so bad that the doctor who was attending me gave me up and said I was incurable. "I continued to grow worse. I was unable to work and was becoming destitute when to please a friend I tried Dodd's Kidney Pills. "The first box did me so much good I felt like a new man and after taking five boxes I was completely cured."

Dodd's Kidney Pills cure the kidneys, and cured kidneys cure Dropsy, Rheumatism, Heart Disease and all other diseases resulting from impure blood.

ANIMALS THAT ARE LAZY

ARTFUL FOUR-FOOTED "WEARY WILLIES."

Many Animals Cunningly Refuse to Perform Their Allotted Duties.

Many animals emulate the example set by certain human beings, and evince a strong dislike to work in any shape or form. Elephants are old offenders in this respect; and when one of these huge animals decides to make holiday, all the efforts of his master fail to persuade him to alter his mind.

The elephant's attitude on these occasions is by no means active; in fact, it is distinctly passive. He merely stands still, treating the efforts of the mahout, who sits on his neck and belabors him with various "chastisers," with the utmost unconcern.

Although possessed of great strength, the elephant has a most peculiar and delicate constitution, and when unwell can never be induced to do any work at all. In Ceylon, a few years ago, an elephant actually committed suicide, through being asked to perform his daily task when ill. The utmost persuasion was found necessary to make him start at all in the morning; but the poor beast did so at last, being too unwell to make further resistance. After working for a couple of hours in a dense, unopened part of the country, he broke loose, and, dashing off towards the river, made his way down the banks, and deliberately stood under water at the deepest part at the bend.

UNTIL HE WAS DROWNED.

There are many instances of horses refusing to perform their allotted duties. A certain farmer at Stateley in Hampshire, tells a story of a cart-horse which he bought "cheap" at a horse sale near Aldershot. As events turned out, this animal proved by no means a bargain, for from the day he was bought to the time the disappointed purchaser sold him "for a mere song" this stubborn beast absolutely refused to do any work.

He would submit to being harnessed in the most exemplary manner, but when once this operation was performed the wily animal would not budge an inch—rivaling in determination the mule, which frequently decides to take a rest, and in Italy it is often found necessary to light a fire underneath the lazy offender before he can be induced to "move on."

A well-known racehorse trainer in Sussex once had a horse which would only work when in the mood for it. Time after time this curiously disposed animal would, when running in hurdle races, lead his field and appear to be winning easily, until the last hurdle was reached. He then presumably thought that he had done enough work, for he would stop short, and, digging his front hoofs into the ground, would allow every horse in the race to pass him, after which he would quietly TROT OFF TO THE Paddock.

Apparently there was method in this peculiar idiosyncrasy, for his trainer was of opinion that the horse counted on the number of his eight hind legs he had in former days received in the "run-in" from the last hurdle to the winning-post, had formed a resolve never again to negotiate the final hurdle.

The other—that enemy of all the river anglers—always shirks the labor of building a home for himself, for, he will not even take the trouble to feather his nest with rushes and other kinds of vegetation although they are so dear to the heart of every otter. Rather than work to build a home, this lazy animal will search the banks of a river for miles, in order to discover some deserted nest or ready-made excavation in the rocks in which to take up his residence.

The drone also utterly refuses to work. To perpetuate its race, and live on the fat of the land, are its only objects in life. When the former office is performed, the drone is put to death by the working bee. Sometimes ants decide to take a short holiday; but this relaxation is not permitted for long by their busy comrades, who join forces and kill these slothfully inclined members of the family.—London Answers.

DRINK BILL FACTS.

It is estimated that the \$850,000,000 odd, total of the British nation's drink bill for the past year, if reckoned in weight, would mean 3,366 tons of gold. The sovereigns laid edge to edge would cover twenty acres. The length of the sovereigns if spread into a line would be 162 miles. To count this sum, at the rate of a sovereign a second, would occupy six years and five months, Sundays excepted.

HAUNTS OF FISH AND GAME.

Attractions for Sportsmen on the Line of the Grand Trunk.

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This was an unpleasing announcement; but the host bore it. Landseer did a capital day's work for himself, and the next morning, when he came down to breakfast, he said: "Mr. Wells, I hear you are going to shoot to-day. I've been looking forward to that for a year or two."

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