

**How the Elephant Frees himself From the Tormenting Leech.**

One evening, soon after my arrival in Eastern Assam, and while the five elephants were, as usual, being led opposite the bungalow, I observed a young and lately caught one step to a bamboo-stake fence and quietly pull one of the stakes up. Placing it under foot it broke a piece of the stake, and, after it to its mouth, threw it away. It repeated this twice or thrice, and then drew another stake and began again. Seeing that the bamboo was old and dry, I asked the reason of this, and was told to wait and see what it would do. At last it seemed to get a piece that suited, and holding it in the trunk firmly, and stepping the left foreleg well forward, passed the piece of bamboo under the arm-pit, so to speak, and began to scratch with some force. My surprise reached its climax when I saw a large elephant-leech fall to the ground, quite six inches long and as thick as one's finger, and which from its position could not be easily detached without this scraper or scratch, which was deliberately made by the elephant. I subsequently found that it was a common occurrence. Leech-scrappers are used by every elephant daily. On another occasion, when traveling at a time of year when the large flies are so tormenting to an elephant, I noticed that the one I rode had no fan or wisp to beat them off with. The mahout, at my order, slackened pace and allowed her to go to the side of the road, where, for some moments, she moved along, rummaging the smaller jungle on the bank. At last she came to a cluster of young shoots well branched, and, after feeling among them, selected one, raised her trunk, and neatly stripped down the stem, taking off all the lower branches and leaving a fine bunch top. She deliberately cleaned it down several times, and then, laying hold at the lower end, broke off a beautiful switch about five feet long handle included. With this she kept the flies at bay as we went along; flapping them off on each side every now and then. Say what we may, these are bona fide implements, each intelligently made for a definite purpose.

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It is often a question whether one should produce eggs or poultry mainly. That depends more or less on circumstances. On the farm where there is plenty of room chickens, turkeys and at times geese and ducks may be reared to a profit; but on small places, as in villages and the near vicinity of towns and cities, eggs will pay better. If it is proposed to rear poultry for market some care and judgment should be exercised in the selection of the breed to be kept. The Brahmas, Cochins and Plymouth Rocks are the best if one wants to rear large poultry for market to be sold in winter. For early-fall markets the Plymouth Rocks and Houdans are the best as they mature and plump up better than the Asiatics, which are a slower growing and later maturing class. The old-fashioned Dominique is a good bird to keep for early marketing chickens, and crosses of this on Houdans or Plymouth Rocks will be as good a fowl as one can get. The smaller breeds as Leghorns, Hamburgs, Polish and Javas are good layers, but generally the eggs are not so large as those of the larger breeds, and they must be nicely cared for in winter to get them to lay. A very good winter layer is produced by crossing a good White Leghorn Cock with Light Brahma hens, or a Brown Leghorn on Partridge Cochins hens, or a cross of a Hamburg Cock with Plymouth Rock or Houdan hens. The first crosser are all good, and they will produce profitable poultry for laying, and for market too. The choice of what shall be mainly produced in the poultry yard will therefore depend on where one lives, the cost of feed and convenience of a market.

Good clothes are all right, young man, an' allat an' 'spected, but doan' let 'em fool yer. It ain't de glitter dat makes de knife cut, fur a black-lookin' knife sometimes has de keenest edge.  
A city tailor and his little son met a sturdy farmer in the country, where upon the tailor remarked: 'That's a fine field of oats you have there!' 'Don't you know the difference between oats and wheat?' asked the sturdy farmer contemptuously. 'No, I don't.' 'I thought every donkey knew that!' exclaimed the rustic. 'You see, father,' said the tailor's little boy, who had not taken any part in the debate, 'if every donkey knows the difference, it's lucky you said you didn't!'

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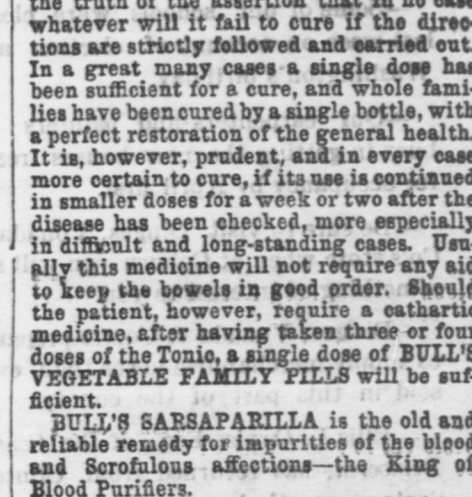
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