

In the Majority of Cases It is Under Eight Feet.

The average term of an elephant's life, although there is no precise information on the point, is seventy or eighty years. The elephant is not in full vigor and strength till thirty-five. The most ready way of forming an approximate idea of the age is by the amount of turnover of the upper edge of the ear. In young animals, sometimes up to the age of eight or nine years, the edge is quite straight. It, however, then begins to turn over, and by the time the animal is thirty the edges lap over to the extent of an inch, and between this age and sixty this increases to two inches or slightly more.

Extravagant ideas are held as to the height of an elephant. Such a thing as an elephant measuring ten feet at the shoulder does not exist in India or Burma. Sanderson, an admitted authority on the subject, said the largest male he ever met with measured nine feet ten inches and the tallest female eight feet five inches. The majority of elephants, however, are below eight feet, and an animal rarely reaches nine feet, the female being slightly shorter than the male. The carcass of an elephant seven feet four inches tall weighed in portions gave a total weight of 3,000 pounds, so an elephant weighing two tons should be common enough. The skin was about three-fourths of an inch thick.

Louis Philippe's Lack of Nerve When the Crisis Came.

Baroness Bonde wrote in her diary the following account of the abdication of Louis Philippe of France on the day of that remarkable occurrence:

"An aide-de-camp of the minister of war who was in the king's cabinet when he abdicated gave me a detailed account of this most signal piece of cowardice. He had reviewed the troops in the courtyard on horseback, highly roused, when a cry was raised, 'Vive les Fabourgs!' No one had any orders; no one gave any. The mob rushed forward, shouting, 'Vive in garde nationales—vive les troupes!' and shook hands with the outposts. The king retreated precipitately with his sons, and a subaltern of the national guard rushed into the palace asking to see him. He was admitted and in the greatest agitation said, 'Your majesty must abdicate.' 'Very well,' says the king. 'In favor of my grandson.' 'No, unconditionally,' says the young and self-elected mouthpiece of public opinion.

"Would you believe it? Of all who were congregated round the royal person the king alone said: 'Go down and head your troops. Fight for your crown and your dynasty.' He was overruled, and they all marched out of the palace except the Duchesse d'Orleans, her children and the Duc de Nemours."

Escapes in War.

Until war ceases, which will be the greatest miracle of all, it will always be the exhibition ground of miracles. How can a bullet puncture a man's coat behind and before or pierce his boot and sock and be gravely shaken out of both without wounding him? And what mysterious channel does this human body contain which leads a bullet dexterously around the heart, a hair's breadth from the seat of life, yet never rending it—a phenomenon vouched for by more than one army surgeon? Shells have burst thunderously between the very legs of soldiers and left them still soldiers. Pom-pom shells of two inches diameter have passed through legs and arms without shattering the bone or bursting at the impact, though there appears to be literally no room for such a merciful performance. In fact, a history of the escapes in war would be wild reading even after a course of Munchausen.

Sharing His Bed.

A Grub street friend of Dr. Johnson's was Derrick, of whom he wrote, "I honor Derrick for his strength of mind." One night when Floyd, another poor author, was wandering about the streets he found Derrick asleep upon a bulk. Upon being suddenly awakened Derrick started up. "My dear Floyd," said he, "I am sorry to see you in this destitute state. Will you go home with me to my lodgings? And they turned in on the bulk together like the good fellows they were."

A Crowd Assured.

"Can't we have our marriage celebrated quietly, dear duke?" "You mean without ze gr-r-rear crowd?" "Yes."

"I'm afr-r-raid not. My creditors are quite sure to find us out, and every one will be zere!"—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Well Begun—Half Done.

Sidney was walking on the beach with his Uncle John when his uncle told him that if he could find two pebbles exactly alike he would give him a dollar. Full of glee, Sidney began searching. By and by he ran to his uncle crying, "Oh, Uncle John, I've found one of them!"—Delineator.

Artful Innocence.

"I wish I was a moth," was the enigmatical declaration made by a young married woman to her husband. "Why?" "Because I should be able to get into some new clothes!"

The fact that they cannot carry a tune does not deter some men from singing their own praises.—Philadelphia Record.

But Not Until Maynard Was Nearly Dead From Terror.

Regnier, the French satirist of the reign of Louis XIII., forced a quarrel upon the poet Maynard, who was almost Quakerish in his love of peace. Maynard could not well avoid the appearance of taking up the quarrel, but immediately after the preliminaries sought out his patron, Comte de Clermont-Lodève, and begged him to "surprise" the party at the duelling ground and break up the affair. The count promised, and Maynard went away with a lighter heart. But his patron, wanting some amusement, hastened to the field and concealed himself in the shrubbery before the party arrived. Maynard went through the first stages of preparation very well, but grew more and more nervous as time passed and the count did not appear. Then he began to play for delay. First he was sure that his sword was shorter than his adversary's, necessitating a slow and technical measurement. Next his boots hurt him, and he had a long, hard struggle to get them off his feet. At last, after the cold perspiration had begun to drip from his brow and he was more dead than alive, his protector emerged suddenly from the bushes and interfered. A peace was soon patched up. Maynard declaring that if he had said anything disagreeable about Regnier he had not intended to do so and Regnier accepting this as balm for his wounded feelings. As Maynard threw down his sword at the close of the parley and reached for his hat he was heard to murmur, "Another time I shall trust to my own wits to pull me out of a scrape, for if I had depended on the count I might have been made into mince-meat a half hour ago!"—New York Post.

The Long Battle Between These Two Conquering Forces.

The dominion of man over the beasts of the field does not yet include the rodents. Aurochs, cave bear and mammoth we put down with stone headed arrows. We have wiped out the buffalo. The lion and the elephant will soon be gone. But still the rabbit of Australia cost the colonies millions a year. Traps, ferrets and poison still fall to make headway against the rats, mice and gophers of the United States. While our animal enemies have become smaller in size, they have grown more numerous. It is as if nature after trying vainly to chastise her insurgent son with a catapult had gone after him with a shotgun.

The fact is that of all warm blooded creatures there are just two that are really dominant, successful, increasing in numbers and range and able to maintain themselves anywhere in the world against all rivals. These two are man and the rat. The genus homo and genus mus go everywhere and eat everything. They are the two creatures that dwell in houses and travel in ships. Each drives its other rivals to the wall, but neither except locally and for brief periods has ever come near to exterminating the other. Civilized man has fought the common rat for 200 years, and the battle is still drawn.—McClure's Magazine.

Kind Words Mean Much.

Cultivate kindness of heart; think well of your fellow men; look with charity upon the shortcomings in their lives. Do a good turn for them as opportunity offers and, finally, don't forget the kind word at the right time. How much a word of kindness, encouragement or appreciation means to others sometimes and how little it costs us to give it. We do not need to wait for some special occasion. When calamity overtakes a friend words of sympathy and encouragement are offered sincerely enough, yet in certain respects as a matter of course. Such an occasion calls for expression on our part, and we naturally respond. But why wait for occasion? Why not speak the kind word when there is no special occasion?

The Roman Senate.

The Roman senate had for many centuries but 300 members, selected from the patricians, or aristocrats. The office of senator was for life. The body was practically supreme in matters of legislation and administration. The majority of votes decided a question, and the order in which the voting took place was invariably determined by rank, beginning with the president and ending with the quatuors. The senators wore on their tunics a broad purple stripe—a badge of distinction, like a modern decoration—and they had the exclusive right of precedence at theaters, the amphitheater and all other public gatherings.

What She Wanted.

"Are you fond of etchings?" asked the young man who had taken the hostess' pretty niece down to supper. "As a general thing, yes," she answered, looking up into his eyes with an engaging frankness that threatened havoc to his heart, "but," she added hastily as he started to say something pretty, "not any tonight, thank you; it is rather late. A small piece of cake will be sufficient."

Prima Facie Evidence.

The late Lord Morris on one occasion gave a characteristic illustration of the meaning of "prima facie evidence."

"It," he said to the jury, "you saw a man coming out of a public house wiping his mouth, that would be prima facie evidence that he had been having a drink."

Friendship.

False friendship, like the ivy, decays and ruins the walls it embraces, but true friendship gives new life and animation to the object it supports.

The Explanation of the Automobile Driver and a Climax.

After the victim of the accident was carried to the sidewalk the automobile driver turned his machine and came back and explained how it happened with considerable warmth.

"This woman," he volubly remarked to the policeman, "was entirely to blame. She ran around from ahead of the street car and deliberately put herself in my way. After she had dodged the coal cart it was too late for me to stop. I couldn't tell which way she was going, and when I saw that she was dazed and foolish I jammed on the brakes and tried to pass to the left, but of course she had to run the same way, and the consequence was that in endeavoring to avoid a oaky carriage with twins in it and an old man who was walking with a crutch I suppose I must have hit her. But I wasn't going more than two miles an hour, and any woman who would dodge around in that foolish way and lose her head shouldn't be permitted to go on the streets without a bunch of guardians."

The policeman nodded. "Come over to the sidewalk," he said, "and take a look at her." So the driver went to the curb with the officer and looked at the unfortunate creature who had so actively contributed to her own disaster. And, lo, it was only a dressmaker's dummy that had fallen off the rear of a delivery wagon!—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

An Ancient Astronomer. About 500 B. C. Anaxagoras of Ionia was born. When he "grew up in wisdom" he was the first to teach the course and cause of both solar and lunar eclipses and to give his followers rules whereby they could distinguish planets from fixed stars. He was punished for declaring that the sun was not a god.

Another Way. Student—I want some information about the bronzes. I suppose I had better write to the keeper? Attendant—Yes, miss, or you might see him verbally!—London Punch.

The Degrees. "What are the degrees of a stingy man's married life?" "I suppose they are matrimony, parsimony, testimony and alimony."—Baltimore American.

A crowd is not company, and faces are but a gallery of pictures and talk but a tinkling cymbal where there is no love.—Bacon.

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