

WHERE MONEY IS USELESS.

Ascension Island Has None and Has No Need For It.

The island of Ascension, in the Atlantic, belonging to Great Britain, is of volcanic formation, eight miles by six in size, and has a population of about 450.

Ascension is governed by a captain appointed by the British admiralty. There is no private property in land, no rents, no taxes and no use for money.

The climate is almost perfect, and anything can be grown.—London Family Herald.

ELEPHANT SERVANTS.

An Easy Solution of the Nursemaid Problem in Bengal.

In "Tigerland" the author relates an extraordinary comedy witnessed by a friend who was sitting in the veranda of his tent in Bengal watching his elephants, which were picketed under some trees a short distance off.

He saw the wife of one of the mahouts emerge from her tent with a child under her arm. She took it close up to a huge "tusker," to whom she made a low salaam; then put the sleeping child down before it and saluted again.

Presently the child awoke and soon began to crawl toward the edge of the blanket. But when it had gone a foot or two the elephant, stretching out its trunk, gently pulled it back to its original position.

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VERDICT OF THE AUDIENCE.

Ordeal Which Budding Actors in Normandy Must Face.

It is not without fear that an actor makes his debut in the capital of Normandy. A debut in the French provinces is by no means an easy ordeal to pass through.

The first and second debuts have no significance; he may be received coldly, critically or enthusiastically—it has no meaning; the third one decides his fate.

Then he produces a placard on which is printed in large letters the word "Accepted." If the actor pleases the audience applauds; if not, it hisses until the manager produces another placard with the word "Refused."

LEAP OF A KANGAROO.

Never Over Four Feet High, but May Be Thirty Feet Broad.

Precisely how far a big kangaroo can jump is a matter of some dispute. A writer in Cassell's Natural History says that they can leap "over ten, fifteen or more feet."

Mr. Lydekker is of opinion that the great kangaroo leaps "not far short of thirty feet," and Mr. Thomas Ward gives it as "at least thirty feet."

But with this more than Olympic leaping power they seem commonly either unable or unwilling to rise any height from the ground.

Ways of the memory in later life exercised the famous Dr. Jowett of Oxford when he reached it, but he found consolation.

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TOMB OF JONAH.

Moslems Look Upon It as Sacred and Guard It From Intrusion.

The site of Nineveh is almost perfectly level, but adjoining the western wall are two huge mounds that conceal the palaces of the greatest kings of Nineveh.

The village is named Nebi Yunus, or the Prophet Jonah, for the mosque contains the tomb in which Jonah is said to have been buried.

"I rode up the steep, narrow streets of the village to the mosque," writes the Herald's correspondent, "dismounted and entered the yard. A crowd of excited Arabs quickly surrounded me.

"Then he pointed to a wall and said the tomb was just beyond. I wished to enter the prayer room, from which the tomb itself might be seen, but the place was considered far too sacred for my profane feet.

DRINKING IN EUROPE.

Munich Heads the List in the Quantity of Beer Consumed.

Norwegians are one of the most temperate of northern nations, consuming but 4 1/2 pints of beer and 4 1/2 of brandy per head of population yearly.

The Dane drinks on the average 150 pints of beer, but little wine, and only 36 pints of brandy each year. The Swede manages to consume 84 pints of beer and 13 of spirits.

The Dutchman will drink 54 pints of beer and 12 of brandy. Taking every German province to obtain an average, it is found that the German consumes 187 1/2 pints of beer, 10 1/2 of wine and 9 1/2 of spirits.

The Italian is the least of all addicted to alcoholic beverages, taking only 3 pints of beer, 1 1/2 of alcoholic beverages and 1 1/2 of wine per head.—Pearson's Weekly.

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