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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. It was uninhabited until the confinement of Napoleon at St. Helena. when it was occupied by a small British force. It is 280 miles northwest of St. Helena. Vast numbers of turtles are found on its shores, and it serves as a depot and watering place for

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 flocks and herds are public property, and the meat is issued as rations. So are the vegetables grown on the farms. When an island fisherman makes a catch he brings it to the guardroom, where it is issued by the sergeant major. Practically the entire population are sailors, and they work at most of the common trades. The muleteer is a Jack tar: so is the gardener; so are the shepherds, the stockmen, the grooms, masons, carpenters and plumbers. Even the island trapper who gets rewards for the tails of rats

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 tentlike shelter with an infant in her arms. She took it close up to a huge "tusker." put the sleeping child down before it a blanket on the ground and placed the reach of the tusker's proboscis. Then salaaming again. more ostentatiously.

went off to the bazaar. Presently the child awoke and soon began to crawl toward the edge of the for awhile gazing up at its fully to sleep again.

Social Calls In China.

mediate present. In calling upon a small quantities for a short time." lady one says to the boy thouse servant of any age from sixteen to sixty). "Missee have got?" and the answer comes, "Have got" or "No have got." Hotchkiss in National Magazine.

Clock Story Variation.

about things, and, being unable to gain -London Spectator. certain technical information from his colleagues, he decided to unscrew one of the elaborate instruments from the desk and take it home to examine it and find out for himself how it worked. Some weeks later a box of pieces was returned to the engineer in chief with the following note: "I am not quite certain how to put the inclosed instrument together, so have inclosed 3s. for the mechanic's time. It took me four hours to unscrew it."

Where George Eliot Went to School The ancient cottage at Griff, Warwickshire. in which nearly a century ago was held the first school attended by George Eliot. is situated two miles George Eliot's father. Robert Evans, Record-Herald. the original Adam Bede, and subse quently tenanted by Isaac Evans, the Tom Tulliver of "The Mill on the Floss."-London Times.

Impostor and Malefactor. Carlyle used to tell of an old Scotchwoman who, speaking to her family, said: "There's twa sons, baith doin' weel in Glasgie. T'ane's an impostor, and t'ither's a malefactor." It was found that she meant "upholsterer" and "manufacturer."

Where the Cost Comes. "Does it take much money to send a boy to college?" asked the boob.

"No." replied the cheerful idiot. "It's keeping him there that takes the coin." -Cincinnati Enquirer.

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 choose three different parts, says Mme. Rhea, which must be played inside of a month.

The first and second debuts have no critically or enthusiastically-it has no fate. That night after the play the "Monsieur or Mile. So-and-so has made his or her debut. The management afar visit it. wishes to know the verdict of the pub-

Then he produces a placard on word "Accepted." If the actor pleases the audience applauds; if not, it hisses until the manager produces another placard with the word "Refused." Then the applause starts again, without regard for the feelings of the poor, broken hearted girl or boy who has been waiting in the wings for the verpublic.-Argonaut.

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. H. R. Francis tells us that he has "known an 'old man' to cover nineteen feet at each bound for full half a mile." and he believes that he does leap "an average of full twenty 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." Probably Mr. Rudyard Kipling's "twentyfive feet to a bound" is near enough

as a general rule. But with this more than Olympic leaping power they seem commonly either unable or unwilling to rise any to whom she made a low salaam; then height from the ground. Their specialty is broad jumping only. Mr. and salaamed again. Next she spread Ward says that they "cannot clear an soothes himself with 9 pints of whisky obstacle greater than four feet," and a or gin, 3 of claret and 228 of beer. baby in the center of it, well within five foot fence is commonly high enough for any kangaroo paddock .-London Times.

Memory In Old Age. Ways of the memory in later life exblanket. But when it had gone a foot ercised the famous Dr. Jowett of Oxor two the elephant, stretching out his ford when he reached it, but he found trunk, gently pulled it back to its orig- consolation. "At fifty-five you fail to inal position. Again and again the remember things-words, pictures, perbaby attempted similar excursions to sons-after six months or a year's inregions beyond the blanket's edge, but terval. Yet the circle of objects which always with the same result. Explora- you recognize is ever becoming wider, tion under elephantine supervision and this power of recognition is a The Italian is the least of all addictfinally proved too dull, and so the child great gift if cultivated. There is the ed to alcoholic beverages, taking only huge nurse, then dropped off peace- edge.' Instead of the stores of mem- ages and 144 of wine per head.-Pearory oppressing you, with a little trou- son's Weekly. ble you can recall all that is useful or necessary." And to Lady Wemyss, re-It is difficult for a Chinaman to mas- covering from illness, he wrote: "Like ter the English pronunciation, and this you, I read a book through and do not Harvard has been able to show that accounts in great measure for the prev-remember a word of it. I think, how- Ptolemy had an excellent eye for color alence of pidgin English. The letter ever, that the reading of the book has values; that William Herschel had a r is almost always sounded like I, so an effect, and if I read it again I un- strong sense of red, but was a little we have ki-lin or kleen for green and derstand it better. I believe that as weak on the blues; that the noted lain for rain. "Too muchee lain just we lose our powers of memory we may astronomer Sufi. of the tenth century, now" is often heard, "just now" being increase the power of reminiscencea favorite expression to denote the im- that is, of recalling what we want in vision; that of various other ancient

Did the Romans Smoke? "Why is it that smoking never crept into Roman literature?" I have asked. according to whether she is in or out. To which a correspondent answers that This recalls the time honored, true it has crept. It is mentioned by Pliny story of the lady who called and the (N. H. xxvi. 6-16). He records the use boy reported to his mistress of the of coltsfoot for smoking and recomhouse, "One piecee man down side, mends smoking the dried roots and b'long missus." Scarcely complimen- leaves of this plant as a remedy for obtary to the "piecee man!"-Amy W. stinate colds and coughs. From this the botanical name of the coltsfoot (tussilago), which means "cough easer." has been derived. British boys who A very young enthusiast at the Cen- have neither coughs nor colds still tral telegraph office, says the Manches- smoke coltsfoot surreptitiously and find ter Guardian, really wanted to know that it makes them satisfactorily sick.

Bad Calculation.

John, who was going to bed one night and having no light, was groping his way (the bed being one of the old fashioned kind, with high bed posts). John, in feeling for the bed post, missed it with his hand and struck it with his nose.

"Ach!" he yelled. "That is the first time I knew my nose was longer than my arm."-National Monthly.

Guessing His Trouble.

"I sometimes feel as if the world had little use for me-that things would go on just as well if I were out of it." "Come, cheer up, old man. Before from Nuneaton. exactly opposite the this time tomorrow you may meet some entrance gates of Griff House, which girl who will look just as good to you for twenty years was the residence of as the other one ever did."—Chicago

Brother-What did you say to that old chap just now? Sister-I only thanked him for picking up my bag. Brother-My dear girl, you must learn not to be so beastly grateful. It's not done, you know, nowadays.-London

Her Life Long Passion. A girl baby begins to flirt with men when she is about two years old. So far as we can determine she keeps it up until she is about ninety.-Albany

Knickerbocker Press.

He is the truly courageous man who

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 pass through. An actor has a right to Nineveh. On the lower or southern of considerable size, says a correspondent of the Christian Herald.

The village is named Nebi Yunus, or significance; he may be received coldly, the Prophet Jonah, for the mosque contains the tomb in which Jonah is meaning: the third one decides his said to have been buried. The age of the tomb is uncertain, but it was probmanager, very solemn in his dress suit, ably built long after the Hebrew prophappears before the audience and says: et's time. However, the place is now sacred, so sacred that pilgrims from

the Herald's correspondent, "dismountwhich is printed in large letters the ed and entered the yard. A crowd of

"Then he pointed to a wall and said dict of that inhuman jury called the 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. The few Christians who have been permitted to see the tomb may only look through a small window into a dark chamber, in which a cloth covered mound is barely discernible. It is said that no Moslem will enter the inner shrine."

DRINKING IN EUROPE.

Munich Heads the List In the Quantity

of Beer Consumed. dy per head of population yearly.

The Dane drinks on the average 156 36 pints of brandy each year. The amount of beer. The Frenchman, beer. 48 of brandy. The Britisher

Star Colors.

was another who had a good color astronomers some were weak on the reds and some on the blues. His assertions are based on the practical certainty that the color of the stars has not changed in these centuries. Most of the old astronomers have left records of the colors of the various stars, and these values he applied to standards established by taking the average color value of certain stars given by a number of Harvard observers .-

was noted for his tiresome sermons overheard two friends of his father saying how dry they were and how hard it was to keep awake during them. The following Sunday while the minister was preaching he was astounded to see his son throwing pebbles at the congregation from the galat him, when the boy piped out in a clear treble voice:

adelphia Ledger.

philosopher, "should learn to say 'no.' " "Yes," replied Farmer Corntossel. "I feel that my boy Josh ought to take at least that much trouble. When I ask him to help around the place he simply gives me a haughty stare."-Washington Star.

Accommodating. "John, if I should die I want you to promise me you wouldn't marry again within a year at least." "All right. Go ahead. I'll promise anything."-Chicago Record-Herald.

Our Language. she went all to pieces?"

Undesirable. "Are they desirable tenants?" but they've got four children."-Detroit

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Coal and Wood.

A. G. MORRIS, JR.

mound stand a mosque and a village

"I rode up the steep, narrow streets of the village to the mosque," writes excited Arabs quickly surrounded me. I explained to a priest that I had come to see the grave of Jonah, and with a motion of the hand I made him understand that I should reward him. Removing my shoes, I followed the priest through a dark passageway.

Norwegians are one of the most temperate of northern nations, consuming but 461/2 pints of beer and 41/2 of bran-

pints of beer, but little wine, and only Swede manages to consume 84 pints of beer and 13 of spirits. The Russian drinks 71/2 pints of vodka and the same however, takes 160 pints of wine, 15 of

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 1871/2 pints of beer, 101/2 of wine and 9% of spirits. In Munich, however, the average amount per head rises to 8501/2 pints, being the highest of any province, while the lowest average obtains in the northern province of Alsatia. Here the inhabitants are satisfled with only 144 pints of beer per

Professor Edward C. Pickering of Saturday Evening Post.

Able Assistant.

The small son of a clergyman who lery. The clergyman frowned angrily

"It's all right, pop. You go on preaching. I'm keeping them awake."-Phil-

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