## THE COLUMBIAN, BLOOMSBURG, PA.

## A LION TAMER.

### Te Considers the Bear the most Dangerous Animal to Handle.

Before his departure for Europe, I Before his departure for Europe, I became quite well acquainted with William Philadelphia, and found him a cheery, light-hearted little man, as unprotentious as possible, and yet able to explain the mysteries of his set more clearly than any trainer 1 have met. And, indeed, he ought to have some special knowledge of tigers and lions, for he was bern thirty-nine years ago in a small memagerie owned years ago in a small memagerie owned by his father, and has been training wild beasts all his life. Not only was his father a showman before him, but both his grandmothers were show-women, the one making much money by exhibiting through Europe a black man brought from Africa, and the other doing equally well with a trained walrus in Russia.

Philadelphia's great-grandfather was a resident of Philadelphia, where he lived until middle life. His name was Jacob Meyer, and he was a Jew. Hav-ing emigrated to Germany, to estab-lish himself in business, he found it prudent to change his name on ac-count of the prejudice against his race and he called himself Herr Philadelphia in memory of the city which had been his home. So it comes that Gerbeen his home. So it comes that Ger-many's most during lion-tamer has a strain of American blood in his velue. although he speaks but little English. Philadelphia's body is covered with scars, great and small, made by the claws and teeth of numberless wild beasts. He met with his first serious occident in Odessa at the age of twenty, when a Russian bear bit him twice on the left leg, the first time gouging out a big piece from the fieshy part of the thigh, and the sec-ond nearly biting away his knee. The cords and muscles were so injured as to cause a permanent stiffness in the joint and recurring twinges of pain at certain changes in the weather. Philadelphia was three months in

the hospital after this experience, and then was three months on crutches. At another time, when he was only seventeen, a Russian bear held him by the throat for five minutes, while another bear fastened his fangs in his forearm. Although he has been bit-ten and scratched by almost every species of wild animal, he considers the bear much the most dangerous beast to train, and this because of its superior intelligence. "Why," he said, "If you whip a bear

be will remember it forever and get square with you some day."-Cleve-land Moffett in McClure's Magazine.

Her First Dinner.

"Charlie," sold the young wife ten derly, as she kissed him good-by, pre-paratory to his going downtown, "the cook is taking a holiday to-day and the dinner you will get when you come home will be entirely of my own cook-ing. It will be my first, Charlie, and won't it be lovey?"

She twittered softly at the thought, and Charles turned his face away so she could not see the lines upon it, for he loved this wife of his, and would not for worlds do or say aught to

wound her feelings. "Delightful," he responded, stroking her sunlit hair: "and I'll bring those good friends of ours, the pastor and the physician, along to be with us." "Oh, Oharlie," she exclaimed, "don't bring them; bring some of the young follows."

"I'd rather have them," he said. "Now, dear," she pouted. "why not do as I want you to do? Why do you want them?"

Charles hesitated a moment, and then took her hands in his own caresdingly.

"Because, sweetheart," he explained, "this is your first effort, and I'd feel so much easier in my mind if they were both bare."-Detroit Free Press.

### HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Always cut outons, turnips and car-rots across the fibre.

To paper a wall that has been white washed, rub the walls down first with a cloth wet in strong vinegar or salaratus.

The seads of dates may be removed and replaced by freshly rousted pea-nuts, shelled and skinned. The date should then be dusted with pulverized sugar.

To cut fresh bread so that it may be presentable when served, heat the blade of the bread knife by laying first one side and then the other across the hot stove.

In hand sewing, if the work is stift and hard, rubbing soap on one's needles and fingers will be found helpful. A thin-edged piece of white sonp is much better than chalk for making fine lines on cloth to cut by.

In putting away woollens for the senson, there should always be kept out an extra blanket for each bed, and some flannel for each person in case of cold, rainy weather or illness.

Fine lace, if it is torn, should be mended before sending to be cleaned; if you do not know the lace stitch simply darn with very fine thread in meshes about the same as those in the lace

A few drops of ammonin added to peroxide of hydrogen is what gives the golden color to the hair. Without the ammonia one or two applications of the bleach to brown hair imports a reddish bronze tint to it.

If you want to test your water pipes to see if there is any trace of lead in the water you are using, put a few drops of the tincture of cochineal in a dish of the water. If there is a trace of head the water will turn blue.

When earthen pudding and ple distiss get brown and unsightly from the tilices and groase of many bakings scour them with ashes from the grate, mixed with a little good scap. They will come out as fresh as new.

Dark stains may be removed from Dark stains may be removed from silver by rubbing them with a soft inen cloth dipped in subplurie acid, then brightening with some good sil-ver powder. The use of a brush should be avoided as much as possible in cleaning silver, only soft cloth and channots skin being employed, as these do not wear the silver as a brush does. do not wear the silver as a brush does.

With cake or bread in the oven don't slam the oven door or walk heav-ily about the kitchen while it is bak-A fine cake will be irretrievably ruined by a slight far at a certain stage of its baking, and one of the most prolific sources of bad bread is an attor ignorance of how to handle it when it is in the oven.

Ink spots on marble may be re-moved with a paste made by dissolving an ounce of oxalic acid and a half an ounce of butter of antimony in a pint of rain water, and adding sufficient flour to form a thin pasta Ap-ply to the stains with a brush, allow It to remain three or four days and then wash it off. Make a second ap-plication, if necessary.

If any housewife discovers that the milk has "turned" a little, and there is no opportunity to obtain more be-fore the meal, stir a tiny bit of soda in it, and it will answer every purpose. Now don't go trying to sweeten 'clabber" that way and think that it can be made to serve as cream for the coffee, for you can't make it do any such thing.

A stopper for a bottle of acid or any substance that will naturally call for a glass stopper, because of the danger that the cork one would be eaten up by the contents of the bottle, can be made by steeping it in vaseline. It will then be impervious to acids of any kind, and no action of chemicals will decay it. It will, in fact, be as good for all purposes as a glass stopFACTS IN FEW WORDS.

Every trade in China has its patron saint

Gas pipes are made of manilla paper coated with asphalt.

The Sultan of Turkey's kitchen costs the empire £40,000 annually. About 1,200,000 articles are pledged with London pawnbrokers each week. Insects inhabiting islands have either very short wings of very little use in flying or no wings at all.

Gen. Booth, of Salvation Army fame, will visit Canada next fall and conduct a jubilee throught the Domin-

A Chinese medical student, La Hong, in the University of Michigan, is said to be a descendant of Confucius.

In an old Indian burying ground in St. Simon, Ga., the remains of a warrior over eight feet long were exca-vated recently.

A youth popularly known as "Baby Bliss," of Bloomington, Ill., weighs 452 pounds, wears a 10% collar, a 7% hat and No. 12 shoe. And yet he is a good foot racer and graceful waltzer. A gourd, which was used to keep parched coffee in, is owned by a Mrs. Stephens, of Ellijay, Ga. It is an heirloom, having been in the possession of her family for over a century. - Mr. Gladstone's new library at Ha-warden consists of more than 24,000 volumes, many of which are marked and annotated by him, and is placed in an iron building especially erected for it for it.

It is popularly supposed that when St. Patrick was preaching the doc-trine of the Trinity to the Irish he used the shamrock with its three leaves on one stem as a symbol of the teaching.

A petrifaction, consisting of a boar's tusk, about eighteen inches long and two inches in diameter, was recently uncarthed at a depth of forty feet on a plantation near Brenham, Texas.

A prehistoric Indian burying ground has been located near Lylton, B. C. Many relics have been uncarthed, in-cluding, in addition to remains, crocksry, carved stone bowls, and countless arow heads.

On cutting through a teak log in the sawmill of a dockyard at Shurness, England, recently, a bird's next containing four eggs was found in a hol-low spot. The log had been shipped some months previous from India. The Apache chief, Geronimo, for some years past at Mount Vernon, Ala., is said to have grown old rapidly, so far as physical appearance is concerned, his hair being as white as snow, but he is still robust and heary.

Among Sioux Indians, when 038 family borrows a kettle from another, it is expected, when the kettle is returned, a small portion of the food cooked in it will be left in the bottom. Disregardof this custom ends the borrowing business.

The town of Rockport, Mass., has had but two town clerks in fifty-four years. Col. William Pool was chosen when the town was incorporated in 1840, and served twenty-nine years, being succeeded by his son, Calvin W., who has filled the office ever since.

The strongest natural salt baths in the United States are at Warsaw, N Y. Here nature's vast deposits have long been the source of supply for the greater portion of this country for the various kinds of salt used in domestic consumption. The salt swimming pool is a chief attraction.

## WIT OF THE EDITORS.

He-"They met at the seaside. Then commenced an acquaintance that would soon have ripened into love,

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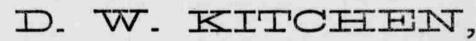
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### The Thirteen Superstition.

The inevitable thirteen superstition came up in a company of which I was one the other day. In my own experience that foolish superstition has been knocked out so often that I rather enjoy string down to dinne-with thirteen. Once I sat at table with Sir Arthur Sullivan, the com-poser, as host. There were thirteen covers, it was the 13th of May and the occasion was the thirteenth per-formance of Sullivan and Gilbert's "Jolanthe." Of course pothing came "Iolanthe." Of course nothing came of it. Another time I dined with the Thursday Club, of Philadelphia, at a roadside inn on the Wissahickon. It was discovered that there were thirteen at table, and, one of the party being superstitions, the landlord was asked to come in and make the four-teenth. He did so, and the result was that he and not one of the thirteen died before the year was out. This is the nearest I ever came to having a verification of the superstition within my observation.-Major Handy in 

### An Odd Crusade.

Mrs. Annie Besant's eloquence and sincerity have produced something like a revival of Hindooism where-ever she has gone in India-a revival upon the ancient basis rather than on the modern principles now generally adopted by Hindoo reformers themselves. The Christian missionaries are girding on their armor against this perfervid protest in favor of Eastern as against Western forms of faith. "I plead to you for your old faith." runs one of the quotations from her preaching. "Be not ashamed of the incient worship. Be not recreant to the ancient faith." It is by such appeals to the national sentiment that most great movements have been in itiated. By her eloquent use of them Mrs. Besant has succeeded in stirring the hearts of her audiences to depths never reached by a Western propa-gandist in India.—London Times.

An Odd Regiment.

In the Russian army there is one particular regiment of infantry of the guards, formed by Emperor Paul, the men of which are recruited not so much with regard to their beight of the color of their hair and complexion es to the shape of their poses. Em-peror Paul has a typical Kalmuk nose of the most excruciatingly upfilled pattern, and since then, out of compliment to him, all the officers and me, of this particular regiment have nose of the same shape, the sight which they present on parade being some what startling.

Oil in a lamp should not be allowed get down to less than one-half the depth of the reservoir. The wick should be soft and completely fill the space for it, but without crowding. A lamp should be neither suddenly cooled nor exposed to the draught. In

extinguishing the flame the wick should first be turned far down and then a sharp, quick puff blown across and not straight down upon the flame. For black kid gloves that look shabby and white where the coloring has worn off, rub them with a little liquid shoe polish. It will not rub off our clothing after it is dry, and may be renewed as often as you like. If perfectly new black gloves pull at the souns, touch the spots with a tiny of black paint such as comes in the

little tubes. Part of the outil of a glove counter, is a case of assorted colors of oil paint tubes for that pur-TROOM.

if you have had your hands for a long time in the "suds," or have been scrubbing and scouring until it seems as though your skin is on fire from the irritation of scap and water, rinse your hands in clear water and then wash them in good vinegar or squeeze lemon juice on them and work it well into the flesh. This treatment often does wonders, but it is well to remember that it is often the case that a remody that will work well ou some skins is an irritant to others.

A hammock will often prove a boon to a slek person who has grown weary of the bed. It can be strung across a room from a door frame to the window casing, and may be even hung right over the bed where the patient can slip into it at will. There are can slip into it at will. There are light cotton hammocks that are very pretty, and they are soft as slik to the touch. A hammock adjusts itself so perfectly to every inch of the body that it is a wonder that tired women do not try their resting properties oftener.

### Radishes.

and a lot

Rudishes possess valuable medicinal properties. They are demulcent, stim-ulating and diuretic and should be rated freely when fresh and crisp. Tiny are usually eaten with salt only, They are usually eaten with sair only, out if sliced thin are very nice with a Pronch dressing. In this country the radishes themselves are rarely readed, though the tops of young radishes are often boiled. The radish is a native of Asia, where it has been cultivated from the most ancient times. Nearly an inch of the green up should be left on the radishes when they are prepared for the table, and this little portion of the top should be cateu, as the peculiar properties they possess help to digest the radied itself.

But what?" He-"They married."-Vogue.

Hard Up-"I get a bill from my Hard Up-'1 get a bill from my tailor only twice a year." Slow Pay-"I'll have to patronize him." Hard Up-"But my bill is the money he borrows from me."-New York Morning Journal.

"When Mr. Higgins asked you to marry him did you tell him that he must ask your mother?" "I did, but he said she'd refused him long before he ever thought of asking me."-Chicago Inter-Ocean.

Mr. Hubster-"I suppose you say. The the rest of the western girls: "See Chicago and die?" Miss Candlard-"Indeed, I don't use such English as that! I say: "See Chicago and me." --Chicago Tribune.

"Hello!" exclaimed the telegraph "Heno: exchanged the telegraph editor, "here's a first-class article from Kentucky." "You don't say so," responded the absent-minded city" editor. "Who's got a corkscrew?"-Washington Star.

"My husband has all the virtues but one," remarked the wife of a struggling young doctor. "What is that?" asked her sympathetic friend. "Patients," replied the young wife.--Philadaphia Bacord Philadelphia Record.

Doctor-"Does your cough seem rather tight?" Patient-"Great Scott! No, no, no; I've had nothing but hot lemonade for a week. How could a cough or anything else get tight on that?"-Chicago Inter-Ocean.

"Mister," said the small boy to the grocer, "mother told me to ask you if they's any such thing as a sugar trust." "Why, of course there is." "W-well, mother wants to get trust-ed for two pounds."-Washington ed Star.

Mr. Grumpps-"What earthly good would it do if women should be al-lowed to take a hand in politics?" Mrs. Grumpps-"Well, for one thing, we'd clean house a good deal oftener than you met voters do."-New York Wester Weekly.

"There's new grounds for a strike," said the agitator. "Where?" asked a workman. "In the clock factory. A young fellow just told me that some of the hands worked twenty-four hours a day."-American Industries. Mrs. Doser-"There, I begin to lose all confidence in patent medicines, I've tried five bottles of the Inevitable Renewer, and I'm not one bit better than when I began." Mr. Doser--"Possibly the patent, my love, has run out."-Boston Transcript.

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