### BEFORE THE TELEGRAPH.

THE GREATEST RUNNER IN HISTORY-FEATS OF A WONDERFUL COURIER.

The present interest in pedestrianism, manifested by the gathering of throngs when strong races of men have not compellof people to witness walking and run- ed their weaker brothers to work for them. ning matches, was equally great in the early part of the century, but was then excited by the wonderful and almost incredible performances of one man. This was Mensen Ernst, born in Bergen, Nor- that they shrewdly refuse to talk : "well way, on October 19, 1709. He was the they know that were they to speak they son of a sea captain, and when still a would be made to work ; so they wisely hold boy entered the Euglish navy. Altho? his powers as a conner were displayed even in his boyhood, he had made three. voyages to East Indies, and had comple-

ted a three-years' cruise on the frigate Caledonian, before he made a public exhad had no training, and had even lacked a pedestrian's ordinary opportunities. for muscular devel oment, he was famed throughout the navy as a runner, and wonderful storles as to his extraordinary the service

Mensen would run from London to: Port-month, a distance of 73 miles, in less than 10 hours. The feat was atof Navarino, fought October 20, 1827 .--Paris to Moscow. The started from the Place Vendome at four in the afternoon of June 11, 1834, and entered the Kremlin at ten o'clock a. m. of June 25; hav-

miles in 13 days and 18 hours. of Mensen as a courier extraordinary by kings and princes became a popular anneement in European courts. He ran from country to country and from court easily succeeded in beating them. He nlways carried with him a map, a conspass, and as many bisculis and onnees. of raspherry syrupus there were to be rect line, turning out neither for moun- tion in Ting-tso's orchard" is handed down and ewinning the other. He never walked but invariably ran, keeping up a long, swinging lope for hours at a time without rest. It is only refreshment was cousin supplies the people of San Francisco one biscuit and an ounce of rasplatry with a liberal number of its gayly colored syrup per day, and two short rests of ten eggs taken from the Faralions ; indeed, the or tilleen minutes each in twenty-four arris is the only sea-bird of real economic hours. These rests he took while stand- value to man throughout our whole northing and leaning against a tree or other west and north. It is probably safe to say object of support. At such times he that the numbers of these birds which asand slept, and after such a maphe would trathful statement of the existing fact the a way apparently as refreshed following may be said : as though he had slept for hours. He When the females begin to squat continution. He was a very anniable man, a ) the eggs warm. Thus they feed alternately, favorite with all who know him, and going out to sea for that purpose. This con King of Bayaria to his son O(10, King of the island, in an endless chain more than a Greece. These despatches were deliver. quarter of a will broad and thirty wills in ed at Namplin at 0.a. m. on July I, or length ! This great belt of flying arries reseven days sooner than if they had been present just con-half of the number of these sent by the regular post. In 1836, while birds breading on the cliffs, for only those in the employ of the Dritish East India-Company, Mensen was charged with the the duty of incubation.-H. W. ELLIOTT, conveying of despatches Pring Calcutta Harper's Mapazine for March. to Constantinople, Decough Central Asia: The distance is 5,615 miles, which the THE TOWER OF BAREL -Babel, or Baaldeserts, and awful salt swamps, where, for hundreds of miles, he saw no living beof the age being the discovery es of the Nile; if was suproved, ed that this wonderful man be employed. sources, and thus determine them. had made actoral measuressful attempts to penetrate to the headwaters of the ward Mensen handsomely if he would and on May 11, 1842, set and from Muskan, in Silesin, whence he can to Jerusahe had some business tands i into Upper Egypt. Here, just outside to awake him, but they tried in vain, for he was dearly. He was buried at the foot of the tree, and R was years before land befollers brive. HORSES should be watered in the morning before they are fed. A full drink of eross with the same on the foreheau, he conwater insuediately after being fed is a clades by a prayer and benediction. sure way of producing indigestion, if not inflammation. When water is drack

It is one of the curious things in nature that the animals nearest to man in the order of development are of little or no use to him

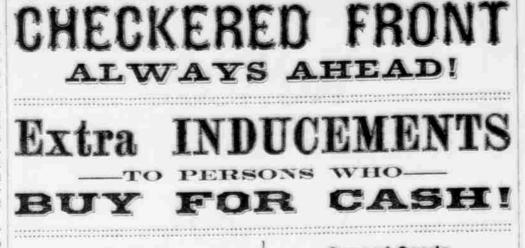
WORKING MONKEYS.

industrially. There has never been a time But, barring the showman and the organ grinder, the meanest of men have not been able to subjugate or enslave their simian relatives. An ancient Arabic proverb accounts for the freedom of apes by the fact their tongaes."

The proverbial prudence of the monkey appears to fail in a measure, however, in the land of the white elephant An Austrian resident at the Court of Siam reports that in that country the monkey is trained to fish for crabs with his tail, as comical a pursuit hibition of them, which he first did by as can well be imagined, except, perhaps, for running a race in London when nineteen the worthy and intelligent ape engaged in it, years old. Though up to this time he who sometimes gets a "bite" from a monster The largest, nest and cheapest colleccrab that he is totally unable to land, and falls a victim to the superior weight of his Caucer Ferox, who drags him into the water, drowns, and finally devours him. The Siamese ape is also stated to be in great request among native merchants as a cashier in their powers circulated among all branches of counting houses. Vast quantities of base coin obtain circulation in Slam, and the fac-

At last a heavy sum of money was alty of discrimination between good money wagered by the officers of his ship that and bad would appear to be possessed by these gifted monkeys in such an extraordinarydevelopment that no mere human being, however carefully trained, can compete with them. The cashier ape meditatively puts Fair Ri tempted and accomplished, the distance into his mouth each coin presented tofhim in being covered by the young sailor in ex- business payments, and tests it with grave from London to Liverpool, a distance of over to his master. If it be counterfeit, he sets it down on the counter before him with the time fresh. successful as a runner, Mensen did not a solemn grimace of displeasure. His methsuccessful as a runner. Mensen did not quit the sea until after having distin-cles as infallible; and, as a matter of fact, cles as infallible in commercial cir-cles as infallible in commercial cir-Soon after that date he became a pro- though a true and invaluable servant to his fessional runner, and, after winning a own particular master, it seems that his number of lesser matches, was induced moral character is not altogether irreproachto undertake the feat of running from able. His deplorable passion for fruit renders him the terror of Siamese market gars deners, who find brute ferce inadequate to restrain him from visiting their orchards, and therefore have recourse to divers and sundry stratagems, one of which is reported ing accomplished the distance of 1.760 to be successful as it is certainly ingenious. A specially active and enterprising ape is

This feat created a decided sensation captured and carefully sewed up in the skin throughout Europe, and the employment of a tiger cat. He is then turned loose in the orchard of his predilection, and straightway clambers as well as he may, incumbered by an unfamilar garment, into the branchlows. Scarcely do these latter set eves upon to courf, heating messages of congratu- him with all his feline terrors thick upon lation, condulence, or despatches of great- him when a dreadful panie strikes them, and or importance, and whenever matched they scramble away with piercing screeches against the regular mounted couriers and agonized chatterings. Never more do to be infested by the deadliest enemy of their race. The startling intelligence is rapidly disseminated throughout the monkey society of the neighborhood, and the wily days occupied on the journey. In win- gardener enjoys au absolute immunity from ter he took with him a pair of long, depredation forever afterward, for the very slender Norwegian snow shoes, and in thought of a tiger cat appaals the similar soul traveling he always chose the most dia and doubtless the tail of "the awful aneari-



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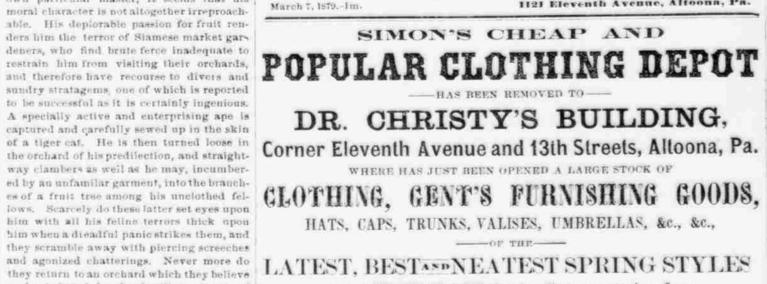
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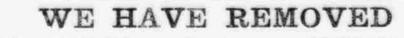
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FERTILIZERS ON WHEAT.

Mr. W. W. Reed, of Erie, Pa., states in a local paper the results of some recent experiments by him the past season with different fertilizers on a field of about 141 acres sown in Lancaster very noble proportions by descent red wheat in the fall of 1877. The and who bore the great name of Ken field was divided into six sections, five ler. This dog possessed many rate a little over two acres each, and one about four acres-the last alone being ber of scientific acquaintances, and without fertilizers, with the exception among these was one which he was of a little lime, while on the other five always ready to exercise for the enter were respectively applied the follow-

These yields are by thresher's measure, and as wheat weighs 65 pounds per bushel, are less than the actual quantity.

Mr. Reed says : "This ground was carefully measured and staked off, and the different sections harvested and threshed separately, and every precauion taken to secure accurate results. The field is a clay soil mixed with some gravel and has been thoroughly underdrained. It was sown to barley the spring before the wheat was sown, and vielded 18 bushels per acre. Before the wheat was harvested the sections on which salt and guano were used looked equally as well as those sections treated with phosphate, bone dust and ground limestone, and if they had not been threshed segarately, it would not have been possible from the appearance of the wheat to determine which was the best. This fact has convinced me that the only way to arrive at accurate results is to thresh separately, as in this case sections yielding 37 bushels to the acre looked no better than those yielding 29 bushels per acre. I think it is not improbable that fertilizers have been condemned as useess, in many cases, when, if the grain had been threshed separately, they would have shown favorable results. In this case the ground limestone proved to be the most economical fertilizer, showing a profit over bone dust of \$1.96 per acre, over phospate of \$4.28 per acre, over guano of \$9.70 per acre, and over salt of \$5.90 per sere. I am using the ground limestone on about 70 acres of wheat this fall, and hope I may not have occasion to change the opinion formed from the foregoing tests, that in proportion to the cost it is the best fertilizer for wheat. The field on which the above tests were made is again sown to wheat with a uniform dressing of 100 pounds of ground limestone to the acre, and will be again harvested and threshed separately, to ascertain the yield of the different sections of the second

ANTS COMMUNICATING .- "Two ants." says Buchner, "when they are talking together, stand with their heads opposite each other, working their sensitive feelers in the liveliest manner, and tapping each other's heads. Numerous examples prove that they are able in this way to make mutual communications, and even on certain definite subjects. "I have often," says the English naturalist, Jesse, "placed a small green caterpillar in the neighborhood of an ants nest. It is immediately seized by an ant, which calls assistance of a friend, after ineffectual efforts to drag the caterpillar into the nest. It can be clearly seen that the little creatures hold a conversation by means of their feelers ; and this being ended they repair together to the caternillar in order to draw it in their nest by their united strength. Further. I have observed the meeting of ants on their way to and from their nests. They stop, touch each other with their feelers, and appear to hold a conversation, which I have good reason to suppose refers to the best ground for obtaining food." Hague writes a letter to Darwin, that he one Jay killed with his finger a number of ants that came every day from a hole in the wall to some plants standing on the chimney piece. He had tried

vear."

## Can a Dog Extract a Square Rose

The well known spectroscopist and astronomer, Dr. Huggens, had a for tooted friend dwelling with him to many years as a regular member his household, who was a mastiff gifts which had secured for him th admiration and regard of a large na tainment of visitors. At the close of

luncheon or dinner, Kepler used march gravely and sedately into the room and set himself down at his may ter's feet. Dr. Huggens then im pounded to him a series of arithme

ical questions, which the dog invaria bly solved without a mistake. Square roots were extracted off-hand with th utmost readiness and promptores. asked what was the square root of Kepler replied by three barks ; or the question were the square root of 16, by four. Then various question followed, in which much more connol cated processes were involved-such for instance, as add 7 to 8, divide it sum by 3 and multiply by 2. To such questions as that Kepler gave more consideration, and sometimes hesitated in making up his mind as to when his barks ought finally to stop. Still in the end, his decision was alwars right. The reward for each correct answer was a piece of onke, which was held before him during the exercise but until the solution was arrived a Kepler never moved his eye from hi moster's face. The instant the last bark was given he transferred his a tention to the cake. Dr. Huggens w perfectly unconscious of suggesting the proper answer to the dog, but it beyond all question that he did a 'Phe wonderful fact is that Keple had acquired the habit of reading i his master's eye or countenance son indication that was not known to p Huggens himself. The case was en of the class which is distinguished physiologists as that of expectants tention. Dr. Huggins was himselfe gaged in working out mentally the various stages of his arithmetical ma cesses as he propounded the number to Kepler, and being, therefore, away of what the answer should be expered the dog to cease barking when the number was reached, and that exptation suggested to his own brain it unconscious signal which was caugh by the quick eye of the dog. The stance is strictly analogous to the wel-known case in which a button, suspe-

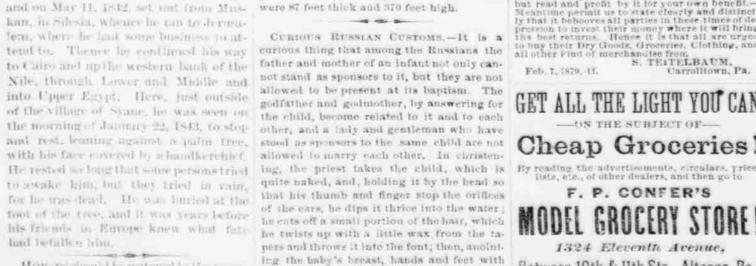
ded from a thread and held by a finge near the rim of a glass, strikes ; hour of the day as it swings, and the stops-that is, provided the person who holds the button himself knows the hour ! The explanation of this occurrence is that the hand which holds the button trembles in consequence of its constrained position, and in that way sets the button swingury and as the attention of the experime ter is fixed upon the oscillation, in: expectation that a definite number of strokes upon the glass will occur his own brain-convolutious take can that the movements of the finger shall be in accordance with that expectation The mathematical training of por Kepler has, unfortunately, come to m untimely end. The interesting with metician died of an attack of typps fever, to the great sorrow of his him circle of friends, at the beginning last year, and he now sleeps under th shadow of the telescopes at Tulse Hill The memory of his high attainment and of the distinguished success will which he upheld the reputation of his name, however, remains. His mointimate friends also enjoy the conslation of an excelent portrait of the thoughtful face, lit up with the exact expression which it bore when he == engaged with his arithmetical prob lems .- The Edinburgh Review.

generation. -- Scientific American.

THE ARRES.-The great egg bird of the North Sea is the arrie, while its southern its face with a hundlo-pchief semble at St George are vastly greater than elsewhere on the globe. As a faint but

uneusa when compelled to be ously over their eggs, along by the end of quilef, and would not sit still for half an June and the first of July, the males reguhour without feeling a sense of suffeca- iarly relieve them, taking turns in keeping stant going out and coming in during the - much of by his royal patrons. day gives rise, at regular hours in the morn-In 1800 he started from Munich at 1 ing and evening, to a dark girdle of these birds me is, with designitches from the giving fast above the water, around and around arries are in the circling column that are off or relieved by their mates for the day from

"he meromolished in 56 days, or bel, was a lofty temple built at Babylon, by its meethind of the time made by the Buins, both as an observatory and a temple swiftest caravan. On this wonderful of the sun. It remains still in existence, been amply described by Rich and Porter. It was formed of eight square towers one on the other, 650 feet high, and the same at ing, and through countries whose inhabs each side of its base. Lately its height was itants were cavage robbers, and who iso feet and the reeds, between every three The man second invested with super- while the brick seems to be calcined by fire so Alexander found it as late as 325 B. C. Callphs, as better situated for intercourse in 760 A. D. According to the Jewish anto follow the course of the river to its mals, it was built 2234 B.C., and heautified and enlarged in 2150, by Semiramis, who led self traveled extensively in Egypt and phrates passed through it. It was a square, gates. It was composed of twenty-five Nile, offered to pay all expenses and re- feet broad, crossing each other at right anstreets each way, fifteen miles long, and 150 gles, besides four half streets, 200 feet wide undertake the trip. The indefatigable facing the walls in detached houses with runner consented to make the attempt, gardens and pleasure grounds. The walls were S7 feet thick and 370 feet high.



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sheep as beasts of burden. In eastern slowly, and application of the same le Turkistan and Thibet, for instance, the nostrils with a sponge. Result borax is borne on the back of sheep he did not lose a case there or elsover the mountains to Leh, Kangra, where, and he succeeded in saving life and Rampur on the Sutlej. Borax is when the infection had almost blocked found at Rudok, in Changthan of such the throat.

is lost in the process of refining. The SAWDUST IN MORTAR .- Some time Rudok borax is carried on sheep to since the use of sawdust in mortar wat Rampur, which travel at the rate of recommended as superior even to had two miles a day ; but notwithstanding for the prevention of cracking and st the superior quality and the demand sequent peeling off of rough casing un for it in Europe, the expenses attend- der the action of storm and fr

ing its transport seriously hamper the Some one of the name of Sicht so trade which, but for the sheep, would that his own house, exposed to 10 hardly exist at all .- Nature. longed storms on the seacoast. pieces of mortar to be renewed co ----

Cows with CALVES .- The way I spring ; and after trying, without of treat my cows when they get a calf fect, a number of substances to p is as follows : In the summer time I went it, he found sawdust perfect keep them in the stable for two days, satisfactory. It was first thorough feed good hay, give one quart of wheat dried, and sifted through an ord bran morning, noon, and evening I grain sieve, to remove the largest p also give them a buckettul of lukewarm ticles. The mortar was made by water, with a pint of rye flour in it ing one part of cement, two of morning and evening. In the winter two of sawdust and five of sharp as time I keep them three days in the the sawdust being first well mixed do stable, and with such treatment I never with the cement and sand. had a sick cow. My father kept cows

forty-five years and he always gave A SIMPLE WASHING FLUTSthem rye flour in the water ; he never simple washing fluid is made by lost a single cow, and owned as high ting one pound of saleratus, or so as thirty different cows in one year. in a gallon jug ; fill up with wall This from the Practical Farmer.

excellent quality that only 25 per cent.

TO KILL LICE ON CATTLE .- Mr. C. water into the tub, then put Mechener, Veterinary Surgeon of the teacupful of the fluid and all the o State Board of Agriculture, recom- it will wet nicely; let them soak twee mends quassia chips for the destruc- five or thirty minutes; wring out tion of lice on cattle. The proportion suds and boil as usual; add a little is one pound of bark to a gailon of fluid to the water left in the tul water. Boil slowly for three-quarters put your calico clothes through of an hour; then strain and apply with same. It will not fade them at

use ; to use it, put two pails of but loosens the dirt very nicely-

let it stand one week, and it's tent

