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## THE CENTRE REPORTER.

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**A Lion's Sore Foot.**  
A huge male lion in the Dublin Zoological Gardens, that had for several days refused food and grown furious with evident pain from a lame paw, was closely watched by the surgeon of the institution, Dr. Samuel Houghton, and found to be suffering from an ingrowing "toe-nail." The spot had become a festering sore, and Dr. Houghton at once proceeded to lance it and remove the offending nail.

A foreign correspondent of the New York News describes the performance which followed: The spirited surgeon devised and caused to be constructed in the lion's den an elaborate and powerful arrangement of ropes, pulleys, and windlasses. One morning, as the king of the forest was striding backward and forward in his cage, in even a more terrible temper than usual, he found himself suddenly whisked up by the powerful pulleys, and when he fell on his side, close by the bars of the cage, he was strapped down with great ropes and leather, and the wounded foot was washed in such a position that the limb protruded through the grating. Then the doctor, in his shirt-sleeves, a quiet smile on his spectacled face, stepped forward with his knife and with a few firm, rapid slashes performed the necessary operation.

The roar which the lion gave when the knife was plunged into the ball of his foot was a notable noise; and the struggles of the brute to break his bonds would, no doubt, have presented a spectacle of much interest if one could have witnessed them, say through a hole in the roof, but contemplated from within a few feet of the lion, which sometimes appeared as if he was about literally to pull the house down, the progress of the exciting operation was attended more by anxious considerations of self than of science.

In my time I have seen and heard a five-story house, fully furnished, suddenly collapse and tumble into the street. It gave a very respectable roar as it did so, but it was only as the bark of a dog compared with the roar with which the lion gave expression to his mingled feelings of rage, terror and pain. Two savans left the place hurriedly; they subsequently stated that the temperature became too hot for them.

After about half an hour's hideous howling and desperate writhing and plunging the poor brute lay exhausted, panting and throbbing and uttering low, piteous moans, which affected those who heard and saw them, more than the wild uproar of his savage passions. All the time the little doctor, into whose genial countenance flashed the fierce fire from the lion's eyes, kept on cutting, picking, cleansing and bandaging, and when he wiped his knife and said the thing was done every body present felt gratefully relieved for a variety of reasons.

When the lion was released from the ropes it was expected that he would fling himself against the bars of the cage in a new fury. But he didn't; he threw himself with a heavy thud full length on the floor of the den, and lifting the bandaged limb, made a noise which conveyed the idea of stupendous sobbing.

**Don't Take.**  
The prince of Wales has been represented as summoning Edwin Booth into the presence of his royal highness to inquire how Mrs. Langtry would "take in Hameric, you know." The gold sleeve-button in waiting can tell the expected Edward that "Mrs. Langtry did not take at all, you know."

"Those blasted Yankees say they 'ave better game in their own Adirondacks, you know." "I've 'erd," says the great king that hopes to be hereafter, "that even they 'ave game in Jones' woods, quite near 'Ell Gate." "It was a gwate mistake," the master of the hounds might say, "that so fair a game went abroad to be made game of." Let the royal falconer trumpet it to the royal tiger-hunter to find a new pond-illy for a man whose chief occupation is rather of the active than the aesthetic taste.—Chicago Tribune.

**An Unlucky Hunter.**  
Of one of the sportsmen who came home empty-handed from the annual hunt Sunday, the following is related: He was returning disgusted, when he met an acquaintance, the keeper of a country store.

"What luck?" asked the rural gentleman.  
"I did not wing a bird. This is the first time such a thing has happened to me in all my life!"  
The acquaintance laughed at this privileged lie, and replied:  
"Well, it will never do for you to go to the club without something. I've got a tame fox in my back yard, of which I am growing tired. How much will a fox count?"  
"One hundred points."  
"Well, come in and slay that Reynard."  
The Nimrod descended from his wagon and followed the countryman into the back yard. The fox was led out by a string and fastened to a stake.  
"Now, blaze away, old man!"  
The sportsman took a position suitably distant and discharged his gun. When the smoke cleared away a fox was to be seen. The shot from the gun had cut the string, and his lordship had slipped through a hole in the fence. It is idle to describe the despair and chagrin of Nimrod.—Mobile Register.

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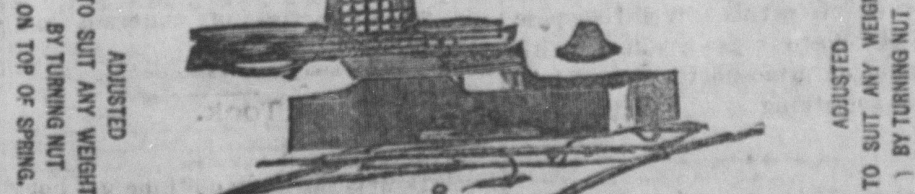
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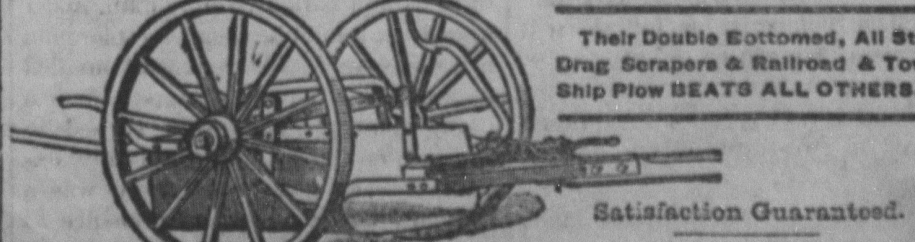
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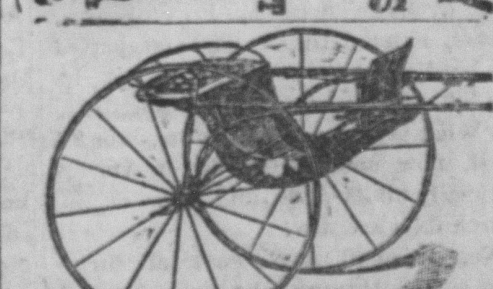


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