

A MRS. GEHNER, a German lady of St. Louis, made a complaint of a nuisance next door to her—wild beasts confined in a cellar, the members of Bailey's menagerie wintering in that city. The St. Louis Democrat comments:

Mrs. G. says that every night between nine and ten o'clock, about the time her family retire to rest, the beasts commenced a terrible concert and keep it up until daylight appears; when they subside and become as mute as mice. Besides being kept awake all night, she is in mortal terror lest the animals should escape from confinement and tear her and her family to pieces. She describes the roaring of the lions as fearful to listen to, while the snarling of the tigers and leopards, the howling of the hyenas and the child-like wails of the panthers are enough to terrify the boldest heart. Mrs. Gehner thinks the conduct of the inmates of the cellar as decidedly beastly, and desires the city authorities to abate the nuisance. The question is what shall be done with the nocturnal screamers? It will not do to turn them loose in the streets, because the tigers would go for the faro banks, and the lions would register at the hotels, while the bears would take possession of the city council chamber and the hyenas would make a raid on the county court. The leopards alone would remain where they are put, as they never change spots.

A GENTLEMAN walking up Third street, Saturday, discovered a white rat crossing the road; he gave chase, threw his hat over the little joker and gathering up hat and rat walked home bare-headed. He now has the strange specimen caged. White rats are not captured every day.

TWENTY years ago the old Northumberland Bank had a larger issue of money than all the banks in Northumberland county have at this time. And in this county to-day twenty times more business is done than there was twenty years ago. And that's what's the matter—Record.

SOME poetical cook or housekeeper has penned the following excellent hints, which are worth preserving:

Veal cutlets dip in egg and bread crumbs; Fry till you see a brownish-red come. In dressing salad mind this law. With two hard yokes and take that's the law. Your mutton chops with paper cover, And make them amber-brown all over. Broil lightly your beef steak—to fry it, Argues contempt of christian diet. To roast spring chickens is to spoil 'em. Just spit 'em down the back and broil 'em. The cook deserves a hearty cuffing Who serves roast fowl with tasteless stuffing. Shad, stuffed and baked, is most delicious. 'Twould have electrified Apollus. But one might rhyme for weeks this way. And still have lots of this to say. And so I'll close—for reader mine. This is about the hour I dine.

ECONOMY IN COOKING.—Some cooks have the faculty of getting up even the most common dishes in a matter which is relished by every one, and present a good appearance on the table. A poor meal is never seen on their table. The table-cloth is white and carefully spread; the knives and forks as bright as brick-dust can make them, and the spoons, no matter of what material, looking the very best. Every husband and father, coming from the drudgery of business, would rather find a neat, happy-looking wife, with a plain, well-cooked, but simple dinner, than be seated at a sumptuous feast spread on an untidy table with everything lying at loose ends, and wife with disheveled hair betokening ill humor. The first duty of the wife is to make the home pleasant and aim at economy in everything. This is an absolute duty. There is more truth than fiction in the old saying of our grandmothers, "A woman can throw out with a spoon faster than a man can throw in with a shovel.—Peoples' Monthly.

RETRIBUTION.—No man ever sacrificed his sense of right to anything, to lust of pleasure, lust of money, lust of power or lust of fame, but the swift hand of justice overtook him. She held her austere court within his soul, conducted the trial, passed sentence and performed the execution. It was done with closed doors; nobody saw it, only that unslumbering Eye and that man's heart. Nay, perhaps the man felt it not himself, but only shrank and shivered and grew less and less, one day to fall with slumbering crash, a ruin to the ground.—Theodore Parker.

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