## AMONG THE PEOPLE OF ICELAND.

# The Natives Devoted to Snuff and Strong

Drink-Lack of Cleanliness-Names, Verith, thejer siler-May you be blessed. Upon entering or leaving a store or house, parting with a friend, or meeting an entire stranger on the road, this sentiment is always expressed. The national salutation is a kiss all round, friends and strangers alike, and in the country the custom is still followed, but like many other time-honored practices handed down from the days when Iceland, in several and great respects, was leading the world, this habit is fast disappearing at the capital. It is the rule of the road never to pass a person without a salutation, and in traveling one sees many affectionate greetings between the people, who, although very cordial to foreigners, have ceased, within the last few years, to extend their demonstrations toward them be ond the proffer of the snuff horn or brandy bottle, or perhaps a piece of rock candy or a few raisins they may have in the recesses of their pockets.

To see horny visaged men, often without dismounting from their ponies, earnestly inbrace and kiss one another as affectionately as two patroquetts, strikes the stranger as decidedly Icelandic; especially when, as in almost every case their upper lips are crossed by two very prominent dark streaks, the result of the frequent use of snuff. After bussing each other in good round style, one of them produces a small horn, from which he empties at least a spoonful into his own large Dostrils, and then passes it round, gener-ally following it up with a small keg unstrapped from behind the saddle, or a bottle brought forth from the depths of an old stocking. Owing to the isolated lives they lead, the country people improve every opportunity to chat with those they meet, and after some time spent in the exchange of news and friendship's little commodities, they again embrace, catch their ponies, who have been allowed to stray, and once more take the road.

SNUFF AND ALCOHOL The ability of the average Icelander to

appropriate snuff is rarely equaled. Somewhere I have read of a Queen Charlotte, who, in accordance with the grace with which she did all things, and for which she was greatly envied by the ladies of her court, was in the habit of laying a train of snuff down the whole length of her white satin sleeve, and then with one sweep of her queenly nose, she would secure every particle. A few of these people empty a small mountain of the powder upon the back of the hand and transfer it to the nose, but the way is to apply the end of the snuff horn directly to the nostril, throw the head far back and by a

shake of the horn, and "a long pull and a strong pull," obtain the desired quantity, of course treating the other nostril in the same way. It is needless to say that they enjoy the operation and that the removal of external traces is considered entirely unnecessary

As for the drinking habit, it will be met with everywhere, but here it is certainly a great and universal obstacle to the advancement of the people. Every opportunity is improved to get "half seas over," and it is no uncommon thing to see a farmer hobnobbing with some chance ac-quaintance, in the shadow of a rock, while his pack-ponies, loaded with the wares for which he has bartered his year's produce,

sleepily by, apparently understanding the situation. The Icelanders are seldom ugly or quarrelsome, nor can their time be reckoned as valuable, but the fact that not the least proportion of their scanty would, under other circumstances, condemn the custom upon grounds of economy and thrift.

# PERSONAL REMINISCENCES OF JUMBO.

## inecdotes of the Great Elephant Told by His Keeper, Matthew Scott.

I well remember when it was announced ighteen years ago, that an African ephant, with immense ears like folding arlor doors, would soon arrive, and the nanagers decided to put me in charge of im. There was great, excitement when he boat arrived from Paris, and it seemed s if all the boys and girls in London urned out to see him. The little elephant was a curiosity on account of his peculiar hape and big ears, and the members of several learned societies came to examine im. The name I gave him, Jumbo, had to particular significance; in fact, I don't aink I had ever heard it.

From the natives where he was captured was learned that Jumbo was 5 years of age, and I took delight in telling the isitors that he would grow to be the elephant in the world. This I idged from the peculiar size and proporions of his bones in relation to the body, and I resolved soon after that I would nake a study of feeding him. He was hen sickly and in a bad state of health generally. Jumbo and myself were fast riends the first time we met and he ould be governed by none of the other He was like a great good-natured ceopers. boy, and he took a special fancy to children and ladies, and was never so happy as when he could carry a back-load of little ones around the park. His passengers included children of royalty and nobility, and as he grew rapidly, a larger saddle

was necessary every few months. One day as Jumbo was passing through crowd he suddenly stopped and would ot move an inch when I commanded him to proceed. From my seat in the saddle I observed that a lady below was much agitated as she came running toward Jumbo. Leaning over the side of the addle, I saw that a child of 2 or 3 years had fallen in our pathway, and was lying betweenJumbo's fore-feet. The beast would not stir until he had taken up the infant enderly in his trunk and passed it over o the mother.

### JUMBO GETTING LONESOME.

Six years ago Jumbo had turns of fretulness which alarmed the directors, and iey even went so far as to purchase luaderbusses with which to shoot him if he became mad and unmanageable. I old them that elephants were social mimals, and that what ailed Jumbo was he want of society with his own species. As Mr. Barnum had a score or two of lephants in his great American show, Mr. A. D. Bartlett, superintendent of the Zoological gardens, advised the sale of Jumbo at a greatly reduced price. Mr. Barnum offered \$10,000, and the directors accepted it, on the condition that he should take him as he stood, as they would run no risks of removing him. The bargain was made and it was one of the happiest days of my life when I found that I was to accompany my old friend across the water.

&c., are prepared with great care, and When Jumbo had got to be a good-sized boy another African elephant was brought to the Zoological gardens. This was a issue of Hostetter's Almanac, for 1886 female, and we named her Alice. She is now there, and her age is 20 years, four medical work over published in any years less than Jumbo's age. She is of the same build, and very affectionate, but does not display the same affection for hildren.

Jumbo and Alice always went out tothe road, and his riding-pony stands promenade she was uneasy unless she copy by mail to any person who cannot could go too. Her affection for me was very marked, and when I return to England I expect to be greeted by her with cordial demonstrations of elephant pleas ure. She was growing fast when I left produce goes for drink and that they often her, and she has six or seven years to grow ose in other ways through this habit, yet. The children call her now, as then, Jumbo's wife.

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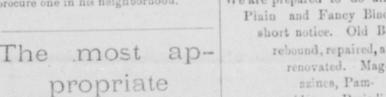
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OLD HABITS

In personal and household habits, these people are emphatically not clean, and culinary untidiness, together with entomological discomforts are not the least inconveniences of Icelandic travel. As regards wearing apparel, many of the people seem to have adopted the principle of the man who, every Saturday . night, flung his socks against the wall. If they stuck they were washed, otherwise they were good for another week. In towns, too, one every day sees practices that in almost any other country would cause the offenders to be fined at the hands of the law. But in regarding all this, great allowance must be made for the isolation of their country, and causes resulting from no fault of their own play an important part in the present condition of the people. Personal nomenclature here is still in

its primitive stages. Only one name is given to a child and that's all he ever gets. A boy or man is simply Jon or Olafur and further distinction is obtained by asking "whose son are you?" In writing, the father's name is added, as, Jon Sigurd's son, or Olafur Eythor's son. It will be seen, however, that there is no family name and that it is very difficult to trace one's ancestors if the genealogical thread is once lost. The son of Sigmundur is Ausgeir Sigmundurson; his boy is, perhaps, Gieli Ausgeirsson and in the next generation we find Thorstein Gielisson, or as the name of the father is sometimes transposed and given to the eldest son, we may have in this case Ausgeir Gielisson. The girls are Ragnhilda Pietturs Dottur or Thorhalla Felixdottur and are so known through life, only rarely discarding the national custom and taking the name of their husbands, which act, clearly enough, would make them somebody's son. Reykjavik Cor. Atlanta Constitution.

## Luxury for a Copper Coin.

The Roman baths were supplied from stupendous aqueducts. The walls of their lofty apartments were covered with curious mosaics, that imitated the art of the pencil in the elegance of design and the variety of colors. The Egyptian granite was beautifully incrusted with the precious green marble of Numidia; the perpetual stream of hot water was poured into the spacious basins, through so many wide mouths of bright and massy silver; and the meanest Roman could pur chase, with a small copper coin, the daily enjoyment of a scene of pomp and luxury which might excite the envy of the kings of Asia .- Philadelphia Call.

## The Two Varieties of Ginger.

Ginger is the root of a shrub first known in Asia, and now cultivated in the West Indies and Sierra Leone. The stem grows three or four feet high, and dies every year. There are two varieties of gingerwhite and black-caused by taking more or less care in celecting and preparing the roots, which are always dug in winter, when the stems are withered. The white is best .- Philadelphia Call.

The first English newspaper ever published in Japan by a Japanese has just-been issued in Yokahama.

The marquis of Lorne has applied for a patent for the improvement of bicycles.

obey. Mr. Arstingstall holds sway over nearly fifty great animals (any one of which might pick him up and hurl him as a boy would a rat) solely because they fear him. Not so with Jumbo. He minded me because he loved me. Many years ago it was that he began to show his affection for me, and he never betrayed the confidence I placed in him. Whenever I could make my wishes known to him, he always obeyed. Like a child, he would sometimes be peevish and sullen, but at such times he would solicit me to pet him, and if I remained near, he would oon get over his ill-feeling.

## JUMBO'S SOCIAL TRAITS.

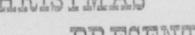
We have traveled many thousands of miles together in the magnificent car built expressly for our use. My sleeping apartment was at one end of the car, and my bed was near Jumbo. Unless I was in it he would not go to sleep, no matter what hour of the night it might be. Sometimes I would take a short walk around the city after the exhibition was over for the day, and before the cars started. Jumbo was always awake, and waiting for his bit of cake and beer, or whatever I He always shared my beer at night. had. Once I forgot to give him his portion, and after I had dropped asleep he put his trunk around me and lifted me out of my bed. I then recollected the nip of beer I had left in the mug, not enough to wet the old fellow's throat, but as soon as he got it he was satisfied.

He was mischievous, too, and oftentimes he would wait until I had fallen asleep and then carefully take off my bedclothes without awakening me. If it was cold weather I would find the quilts crowded in the ventilator overhead. I recollect finding my coat and vest carefully tucked into the grating of the car, out of my reach. I looked for them for half an hour, while Jumbo swung his trunk like an enormous pendulum, as he always did when expressing his delight. Finally he directed my attention to the grating, and at my request gave them back. Many 111 and 113 North Broad Street, times Jumbo has picked me up and placed me out of danger of various kinds to which he fancied I was exposed, and in several instances he saved my life. When the stampede of elephants took place last year he caught me in his trunk and held me a prisoner between his fore feet until

the general alarm had subsided. I do not like to review the details of umbo's sudden death. He showed his affection for me to the last moment, and it seems that he realized the danger to which I was exposed. He first took care,

as he saw the fatal train coming, that I should be saved, and quickly put me out of harm's way. Then he as quickly rolled fom Thumb away from the track, and in so doing lost so much time that the enaway. He was a king, and he faced death like a king. The locomotive struck him on the head, fracturing his skull.--Matthew Scott in Harper's Young People.

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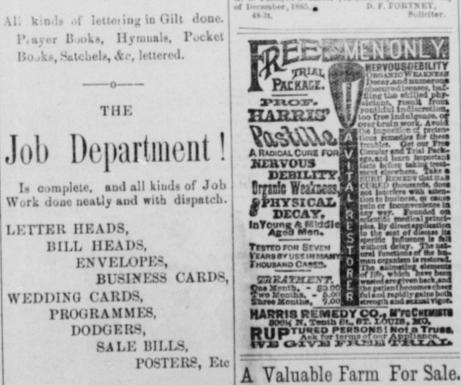
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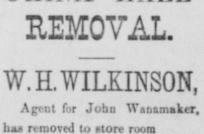
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