IN THE HEART OF JAPAN.

The Biggest Statue in the World-A Bell that has Not been Rung in Twelve Hun-

that has Not been Rung in Tweve Han-dred Years. A letter dated Kioto, Japan, says: We are now in the heart of Japan. This oity was for many centuries the mikado's capital, and until ten years ago, when the overthrow of the shozun left the capital of that ruler de facto open, its freater advantages led the mikado and his cabinet to occupy it. This old capi-tal, at one time with a pepulation said to have been 2,000,000, is now reduced his cabinet to occupy it. This old capi-tal, at one time with a pepulation said to have been 2,000,000, is now reduced to 150,000. I arose early, and was glad to find a clear morning. I walked out at a side door of the inn, and found my-self in one of the approaches to a Shinto temple. I was almost under one of the granite touii, or monuments. This one granite touii, or monuments. This one is about sixty feet high, and four stone lanterns at the corners of the square are of great size, and older than any I have yet seen. Just as the sun was rising above the eastern hill, I watched the men and women as they came in front of the open temple door, and threw their offerings in. Then clapping their hands they fold them, bow the head in devotion, and go away to the duties of the day. For a moment the temple was eserted, and a man came out with his face turned full to the rising sun-the temple faced the south-he went through the same devotional exercises that I had just seen, but he remained longer, bowed with his head to the ground, and exhibited more fervor.

We have visited several temples situated on the hillsides, on the east side of the plain on which the city is spread out. The oldest and largest is known as the Chionin, and belongs to the Joudo sect. It is very large, measuring in front over 200 feet. This sect never paint their temples, and this one presents a dreary aspect of weather-stained wood. Its age is given as 270 years only, and it occupies the site of an older one destroyed by fire. Stone steps lead to the bell tower, where hangs the great bell, said to be the largest in Japan. It is sounded only on the 12th and 25th of each month It is suspended about seven feet above the ground. The metal at its rim is eleven inches in thickness. We saw another bell in size little less near the site of another temple, resting on granite supports, on the ground, near where it fell. The bridge leading to a mountain temple is of great beauty. It has two arches, and each arch double; one inverted under the other, so that the passages form circles. The whole, includ-ing the balustrade, is of cut granite. In strong contrast with their religious estabhshments is the architecture of the town. The streets are narrow and unpaved, the houses small and squalid, and poverty is written everywhere.

We have just returned from a visit to Nara, one of the old capitals of the empire, distant about thirty-six miles. We drove at a brisk trot for an hour before a break occurred in the line of houses, when we crossed a branch of the Uji river, by a bridge about a thousand feet We entered a long street of what long. was once, a thousand years ago, a great city. Away up the slope of the hill it is covered, wherever we went, with walls and pavements as indestructible as the hill itself. Granite stairs lead into the wild forest, which now covers the site of vast temples of wood-broad avenues, whose rocky pavement was worn smooth by the feet of devout pilgrims before Christ was born.

Here was erected, 1,200 years ago, the largest brouze figure the world has ever known. It weighs 450 tons, and the third temple now covers it, without ap-

BUFFALO HUNTING.

chosen him for my victim, who can tell? The same band were still together ; his How Buffalors are Killed in Manitoba Shaggy Monsters with Impenetrali Heads.

companions were all with him ; not one had yet quitted their ranks ; and yet, with a sudden movement he sprang out A correspondent writes from Manitoba British America, to the New York Sun, telling how buffaloes are hunted in that refrom among them, and broke away by himself, rushing off at right angles through the crowd, and seeming to gather fresh speed as he ran. It was gion. He says: The hunt at this season of the year is generally for robes; but the only for a time, however; he abruptly checked himself, faced around, and stood at bay. I closed on him, trying for a flank shot. Down went his head; scarcity of provisions necessitates the saving of much of the meat which, at other on he came in full charge. Knowing the uselessness of firing at a buffalo's forehead, I cantered out of the way ; he

followed me a few yards, then resumed his course. Another mile, and again he slackened, generally taken from the cows, some, times from the young bulls, but never from the old bulls, whose hides breaking into a trot as he drew near the top of a gentle eminence, and there took up his stand and once more came to bay. I approached till but a few yards were between us; then up went his tail in sign of battle, and down went his head are much too thick and heavy. The skins are usually split down the back in dressing, being too bulky to handle easi-ly in one piece. The process of tanning is left entirely in the hands of the Indian for a charge. But this time I was too quick. The horse slipped round him, and before he could make one step, I sent a bullet into his heart, He stopped, staggered and fell.

Combativeness of Birds.

strange instinct he knew that I had

is left entirely in the hands of the Indian women, one squaw being supposed ca-pable of dressing ten hides per year. The skins retained by the Indians for their own use are dressed much more beauti-fully, and are in every way superior to those sold to the traders. As a general rule buffalo are hunted during the winter months by stelling A pair of cat-birds had their nest and young in a currant-hedge of the garden belonging to a farm-house where I was during the winter months by stalking them on foot. By this method the hunter takes advantage of every depression in lodging one spring, and I used to amuse the prairie, of bushes, snow-drifts, any-thing that will conceal his body, to ap-proach within shooting distance of the myself by exciting the anger of the mother-bird. To do this I had only to hang a bit of red cloth near her nest in herd. And it is a very satisfactory mode her absence, and await the result. No of hunting, when you are not charged by some old bull, only to find yourself with sooner would she return than such a twittering, and squeaking, and scolding, would begin as only a cat-bird could generate, and when she found out that there was "no fight" in the rag, she an empty gun and no means of getting out of the way. I recall an inc dent of this nature which occurred to me while hunting some time since near the Indian Elbow.

would eye me sitting at my window, and mew triumphantly, as if she well knew who it was had thus troubled her equa-nimity. A war of words-or, rather, a I shouldered my rifle one morning and walked a mile or two alone into the prairie on the chance of shooting a fat war of notes-is a thing of frequent occow. The only herd I could get near currence between a cat-bird and the was feeding in the open plain, but a common brown thrush. Early in the slight undulation enabled me to get morning through the month of May within fifty yards; nearer I could not go, being already just on the edge of the they may be heard screaming their rebeing already just on the edge of the wind. The cows, unluckily, were on the further side, a good fifty paces beyond the balls; still I thought it possible to kill one. Before I had got fair aim, barn-yard cock is given to a like ambition in the matter of "crowing down" however, they took the alarm and began to move off, upon which I rather tog all competitors. Speaking of the brown hastly fired both barrels at them. I thrush reminds me that I ought to found myself in trouble at once. The record here a very singular combat, old bulls, instead of moving off, too, re- witnessed by myself and brother, beold bulls, instead of moving on, too, is tween one of these gay singers and is one of the sequence of the sequ especially savage and dangerous. I could not load while stretched flat finally discomfited and beaten.

were lying in the shade of a wideon the turi; if I raised myself in the spreading wild-plum tree on the edge of least I came into view; if I lay still I a little glade. Near us was a clump of was equally sure to be discovered, ow-ing to a shift in the wind, which now blew toward them. After a moment's thought I resolved to load at all haz-thought I resolved to load at all hazards; so, getting everything ready, I fact, a blue-jay always is, happened to raised myself and began to load one spy her, and immediately attacked her, barrel as quickly as possible. The buf driving her for refuge into the thick, faloes must have seen me, but as none thorny foliage above the nest. This of them showed symptoms of charging I grew bolder. Taking deliberate aim, I fired at the nearest one. As soon as the smoke cleared away, I saw my game the rim of the nest than the thrush, with give a convulsive start, move off a short distance and then stop, while all his companions ran away. Thinking he was done for, I walked slowly toward him. No sooner, however, did he catch sight of ma thun to my utter actonishment is sevage squall, plunged down from its hiding-place, and struck it a heavy blow on the back. The jay retreated in dis-order, but warily returned again when all seemed still. With infinite caution is grave account it housed to be account of the form the form the infinite caution form the form

of me than, to my utter astonishment, up went his tail and down went his head, and he came at me like a shot. in every movement, it hopped from twig to twig, turning its crested head this way and that, till it reached the nest. third temple now covers it, without apparent injury to the immense statue. We went around it, but could form no estimate of its size. Our minister at Tokio told me that it was sixty feet from its fity to. I ran for it, but he took three estimate of its size. Our munister at Tokio told me that it was sixty feet from the seat of lotus leaves to the top of its head, and that a man could climb through the nostril. An officer is said to have taken a chip of the casting, and an antempt. To my horror he bolted around more quickly than I did. I had barely time to turn sideways, as I met his charge, in hopes of getting between his horns, when he came plump against me Journal. with a shock like a battering ram. It was like being hit with a sofa cushion An Industrious Bohemian. shot from a cannon. My gun was broken There is a young man in New York who writes lectures for women, adapts to pieces by one horn, and my clothes torn by the other. I went sailing into mid-air. I landed at last, falling in the plays for stars, writes advertising snow, while my huge assailant subsided pamphlets for mercantile and drug stores, writes poetical advertisements, blood and thunder stories and dime in a snowdrift a little beyond. I was not the least hurt, the force of the tre-mendous blow being perfectly deadened by the enormous mass of wool, fur and novels. He has a regular scale of prices, undertakes his work in a most job-like manner and has reduced the art of words hair that clothed his shaggy headpiece. to the most practical principles. His A full-grown bull is immensely shagscale of prices for his work is very sys-tematic and very reasonable. He charges \$100 for a lecture, \$50 for an gy, especially about the head, which is covered with such a vast quantity of hair, fur and wool hanging down over act or a play, from \$50 to \$100 for a pamphlet, according to its length ; from his eyes and almost concealing his horns, as to give it the appearance of being fully one-third the size of the whole body. To shoot at the head of a bull wearing this heavy cushion of hair as a \$10 to \$25 for a circular, from \$25 to \$100 for a poem advertisement, accord-ing to the number of poems in the lot; from \$8 to \$10 a column for a newshelmet, is a sheer waste of ammunition. paper story, and from \$50 to \$250 for a novel, according to its length. This Bohemian is not only clever but con-It has no more effect than firing at a stone wall. I once found out this while hunting an old bull, very thin and sick-ly, hardly able to move. It was a mercy scientious, and he always complies with all the terms of his contract. He has no desire to be known as an author at to save him from the cruelty of the wolves so, as he had to die, I rode past him and gave him a shot for practice sake—a buffalo's strange form making him a puzzling mark for a beginner. But I placed it too high, as one is always apt and. He works, as he says, "for each, not credit." If he does not get his money he makes a stir till he gets it, but he never violates his agreements. All his works are supposed to be written by others. That is to say, all but his advertising pamphlets and circulars, His lectures have been delivered by others, but he never for a moment has betrayed their real authorship, and, on several occasions, it is said, he has flatly denied knowing anything whatever about his own productions and has de-liberately testified that they were writ-ten by the parties for whem he wrote them. This peculiar and rare self-abnegation proves very profitable to him, as his customers depend absolute-ly and confidently upon his secrecy. This dispenser of fame for others is still a young man, and, though the most energetic, is far from being the solitary placed it too high, as one is always apt to do, and it merely dropped him on his knees. I then dismounted, and, walk-ing close up to him, fired both barrels of a smooth-bore gun right at the center of his forehead. It was as though a clod of earth had struck him. The bull re-mained in the same position, glaring at me with savage eyes; the densely mat-ted hair on his thick skull had completely defied the penetrative force of a smooth bore. I then went to a comrade and borrowed an Enfield rifle. At the first shot the conical bullet passed clear through hair and bone, and the old buffalo rolled over dead. The cow is swifter than the bull; but a young man, and, though the most energetic, is far from being the solitary example of his class in New York.—New fleetest of all is the ox, though they are not often met with. I recall with interest a chase which one led me over the

to lose his balance and fall overboard. The boat, being under sail, could not be stopped readily, leaving Martin in the water. He being an expert swimmer no danger was apprehended of his drown-ing. The officer on duty ordered a boat to go and pick him up. Just then the cry of shark ! was heard, and the dorsal fin of one of those dreaded field supporced fin of one of those dreaded fish appeared above the surface of the water, in close proximity to the swimmer. Then folowed a few moments of terrible suspense

to the spectators, who gazed at the mon-ster circling around its victim. But the suspense was of short duration, for, after swimming around the man two or three times, it turned and swam directly for him. The horror of that moment sends a chill to my heart to this day when I recall it. One short, sharp, despairing cry from the swimmer and the cruel jaws of the monster closed upon him and silenced him forever. The shark lashed the water into foam with his tail, then it disappeared below the surface. A bloody patch of water and a hat floating on the surface was all that was left to mark the spot where a moment before was a powerful swimmer battling with the watery element. From the foregoing experience I have arrived at the conclusion that whatever may be the propensities of the shark of San Francisco bay, the ground shark found within the tropics are decidedly man-eaters when they get a chance to indulge in that sort of diet. There is a species of shark found in the China sea and around the Indian islands, called by sailors, the white shark, which is a very voracious

fish, and I have heard some tough stories of their accomplishments in the maneating line ; but as I have never seen these sharks I cannot vouch for the stories. The blue-water shark-that is the sharks that live altogether in deep sea, away from land, are said to be harmless. I have often heard of whalemen being overboard among them, from hav- Barley Malt..... ing their bcats capsized or stove, but I have never heard of any of them being molested by the sharks. To the readers of the Chronicle I would say, never trust to the generosity of a shark, no matter under what name or species he is known, the fish commissioners to the contrary notwithstanding.

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A poor woman, says the Sheffield (Eng.) Telegraph, lay very ill in her scantily-furnished home in Sheffield, The doctor was sent for and came, Ie at once saw that hers was a very

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alysis of it gave 500 pounds of gold in the alloy. A great halo of gilded wood sets off the dark features as they are revealed in the shadows of the roof.

To-day we rode to Lake Bewa, distant about seven miles, and our route lay along the great Tokaido. The road is about twenty feet wide, well macadamized, with the inevitable walled ditch on either side. It is the great thoroughfare from Osaka to Tokio, and from the lake to Kioto it was a continuous stream of travel, many cattle, and a few horses laden with goods of every description. We entered the town at the south end of the lake, and were taken to a flight of stone steps to climb to a temple that overlooked the lake. We ascended them found ourselves on the plateau excavated in the side of the mountain, and turned to look upon the largest lake in Japan. It is sixty miles in length, but narrow at the south end. It is surrounded by rich alluvial lands. Our guide next led us to see a bell, which, he told us, had not been rung in twelve hundred years, and pointed to a small wooden building at the head of a flight of wide stone steps. We looked in through the wooden bars, well worn by curious visitors, and saw, well supported on a strong wooden table, a bell about four feet high, with a bad crack, which seemed to have been caused by fire. It had on it a few plain figures as ornaments. Our guide in-formed us that it was seventeen hundred years old, and that it had hung in an ancient Shinto temple that once stood where it now lies, For five hundred years its tones floated over the placid lake, and called the people along its shores to worship. Then came a catastrophe, and twelve centuries have

An Unexpected Visitor.

Some time ago a large and excited crowd of citizens rushed to one of the wharves in New Orleans as if some cat-astrophe had happened. No explosion had taken place, however, no suicide or accidental drowning had occurred, but the cause of the gathering was no less one of some interest. An alligator-a real, scaly, huge monster-had suddenly ascended from the muddy depths of the Mississippi, and, crawling upon the wharf, coolly surveyed the animated had started out to get a large and perfectly Qa' Appelle plains some time since, I panorama of our great thoroughface He was evidently a progressive al igator home to a friend. The plains were alive He was evidently a progressive al igator gifted with an investigating mino, and as far as the eye could reach, and bands seemed to take great interest in the signs of advanced civilization which every side. Suddenly I observed the surrounded him. He basked lazily in very specimen I wanted. It was one of in the sus, and after a while became fa- those exceedingly fine, sleek, round-barmiliarized enough with the scene to gain reled oxen, larger than any in the herd, confidence, and to advance a little near- and with long, perfect horns and a most er to the levee. Just then, unfortunate- luxuriant mane and tail. As these cattle er to the leves. Just then, unfortunate-ly, some one saw him, and exclamed, in a veice of terror, "An alligator !" Our amphibious friend's nerves were dis-turbed by the cry, and making a right-about-face, he started at a shape pace for his native element. The people be-tween him and the river scattered in all the while I rode in the midst of a vast scattered bands seemed more and more scattered bands seemed more and more directions, while those behind attacked him with stones and bludgeons. The unfortunate visitor was knocked sense-walls around me; the nearer animals unfortunate visitor was knocked sense-less. A big colored man tied a rope around his jaws and dragged him off, grinning triumphantly at the thought of what a fine pair of water-proof boots he would have made out of the hide. The alligator was some ten feet long, and a rather daugerous customer to meet alone in a narrow path. subscription of the hide. The alligator was some ten feet long, and a rather daugerous customer to meet alone in a narrow path. subscription of the hide. The alligator was some ten feet long, and a rather daugerous customer to meet alone in a narrow path. subscription of the hide of the hi

York Herald. Much in Little. A grain of prudence is worth a pound

of craft. Boasters are cousins to liars. Confession of faults makes half amends, Denying a fault doubles it. Envy shooteth at others and woundeth her-self. Foolish fear doubles danger. God reaches us good things by our own hands. He has hard work who has nothing to do. It costs more to avenge wrongs than to beat them. Kuavery is the worst trade. Learning makes a man fit company for himself. Modesty is a guard to virtue. Not to hear conscience is the way to silence it. One hour to-day is worth two to-morrow. Proud looks make foul looks in fair faces. Quiet conscience gives quiet sleep. Richest is he that wants least. Small faults indulged are little thieves. The boughs that bear most hang lovest.

grave case, and that she had, as he thought, little change of recovery even if she could get the nourishment her illness required. As he was about to leave, the question was put : "When should we send for you again,

doctor ?"

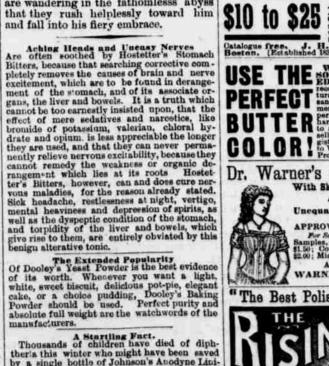
"Well," was the reply, as he looked at the poor woman, and then at the wretched surroundings, "I don't think

you need send for me again. She cannot possibly get better ; and to save you further trouble I'll just write you out a certificate for her burial."

And he did. After the doctor de-parted, the woman got better repidly. She has now completely recovered, and goes about carrying her burial certificate with her.

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