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The World as I Find It. They say the world's a weary place, Where tears are never dried, Where pleasures pass like breath on grass, And only woos abide. It may so-I cannot know-Yet this I dare to say: My lot has had more glad than sad, And so it has to-day.

They say that love's a cruel jest; They tell of women's wiles -That poison dips in pouting lips, And death in dimpled smiles. It may be so-I cannot know-Yot sure of this I am: One heart is found above the ground Whose love is not a sham.

They say that life's a bitter curse-That hearts are made to ache, That jest and song are gravely wrong, And doath's a vast mistake, It may be so-I cannot know-But lot them talk their fill; I like my life, and love my wife, And mean to do so still.

A TERRIBLE MOMENT.

-Frederick Langbridge.

generally called a roar) of a tiger. I had just rejoined my regiment in India, the Forty-second Higlanders, better known as the Black Watch, after a year of sick leave in Europe, and was his lips compressed. scated iu my friend Major McGregor's cool and comfortable bungalow, gossiping over all that had occurred in the retorted. corps during my absence, when young Alick Farquharson, one of the Inverenuld Farquiarsons, strolled in with the, to me, pleasing intelligence of may lose him yet." " Tiger

By Jove, that old shikarree, whatvon-may-call 'em-1 never can recollect his name-has smelt the beast, and the colouel is for getting up a grand hunt, for the purpose of bagging the brute and—the skin; the latter for Mrs. ———" mentioning a lady's name, the owner whereof—well, I will not repeat the story.

have hunted, the natives recognize three kinds of tigers, which they distinguish "Deil take the colonel," grumbled Sandy McPherson, who spoke with as strong a Scotch accent as any "braw according to their habits and range, by the following names : First, the lodia chiel" north of the Tweed; "he's a' the time speerin' about tigers and var-mint, and if ane o' the laddies kills a beastie, down he pops on him for the skin.

"It would be awfully jolly to cut out

"And how ?" demanded Farquiarson. "Just to beat up a few beaters, get out to the jungle, and pot the beast while the colonel is ordering elephants

in impossible Hindoostanee." "By Jupiter Olympus! I'm with you!" cried Farquharson; "but we must start right away, for I heard Old Bagpipes" -the irreverent title by which our commanding officer was known, ac-quired from the fact of his ordering the

"Certainly, Farguharson; I'll give enormous form; while I also behold the you the whole thing. I shall only fire face of poor Alick Farquharson, white in case of accident." as death, the terrible beast's nose touch-Little did I amagine that my words were so soon to be proved prophetic. In a few seconds the beaters began to yell in chorus, and to fire bambooearth. rockets, and I can imagine how dis-gusted the tiger must have been to have I repeat it was an awful moment; but, thank heaven! I was equal to the emer-gency, and made my calculations with as much sang froid as a clerk might tot his siesta so strangely and so rudely broken in upon. "How those chaps yell," laughed up a row of figures in the assured safety

of a counting house in the city. "Keep your eye on the jungle, Alick," I growled, "and let them roar I was but ten yards off, and at that distance there was a considerable risk as much as they like." of shooting both man and beast; for, I had been in a "tight box" before unless I let the tiger have it in the now, by having my attention diverted from business at which strategists are head, it was all up with my friend. I leaped forward until I came within the psychological motwo yards. My heart gave one beat backward the tiger yet given of

as I raised the weapon to my shoulder. I aimed at the side of the head, and ot a blade of the long tred, save when a rocket the bullet went from car to ear. itting it on fire. The shot was mortal; the dark blood The beaters were silent, a signal for the shikarree, who held up his hand, while his head was perched on one side like that of a bird, in the attitude of rushed from the tiger's nostrils a slight tremor passed over all his limbs, and he rolled off.

Alick Farquharson, who scrambled up to his feet, very white, with his left arm besmeared with blood. Then came the unmistakable cough His first words were:

'By Jove! that was a shot. We've I glanced at Alick, to ascertain how the dor.e old Bagpipes out of the skin !" music agreed with him. He had paled I don't know how it was, but I flung a little, but his eyes were flashing and tayself on the young fellow's neck, and, hardened sinner that I was, burst into tears like a woman. It was rather lucky We have him !" he excitedly cried. "Not yet, old boy. There's many a I didn't feel that way half a minute beslip between the cup and the lip," I fore, wasn't it ?"

Alick's wounds were not dangerous, and he was all right in a few days. Colonel "Old Bagpipes" endeavored to nibble the skin, but Farquharson "He cannot escape." "Not if we can help it, but if he's lodia bagh-a game-killing tiger-we didn't see it, and it now, I believe, dec-There is, in my opinion, only one variety of tiger, although the animal, orates the grand old hall at Invercauld, which, as everybody knows, is the next residence to Queen Victoria's Highland like all others that I am acquainted

with, is subject to a slight variation of home, Balmoral. appearance that may be more or less accounted for by his peculiar habits, which vary according to the locality and The huge brute was eight feet eight inches long, including the tail, which was three feet in length. I have potted two man-eaters since nature of the country he ranges over. that memorable day, but I hope never to realize so terrible an experience as In many parts of India over which I

that which Alick Farquharson's rashness so happily or unhappily afforded me.

bagh, or game-killing tiger; secondly, the contia bagh, which lives chiefly upon domestic cattle; and thirdly, the admee khane wallah, or man-cater, The Work of the New Census. A Washington correspondent writes; Few people who see the returns of the late census have an idea of the magniwhich latter, happily, are few and far tude of the work of taking and publishing the same. The country was divided A single tiger will kill a bullock or buffalo every five days, if he gets the into 150 districts, over each of which chance, often eating the hindquarter was placed a supervisor to direct the The supervisors selected the work. the first night, and hiding the remainder in a bush to consume at his leisure, / enumerators, and there were of these Should he have been fired at, or dis- 31,350. One hundred and fifty-seven turbed on his return to his quarry, he persons were employed as interpreters. becomes cunning, and a great deal more destructive, killing a fresh bullock tal count and the population of cities whenever he wants food ; and I have is finished and has been published. The

pling the census, and the indications

A TOWER OF SKULLS.

The Gunstly Sight to be Seen on an Island off the Const of Africa,

A correspondent of a New York paper, who dates his letter "Off the African Coast," tells this terrible story of East-

ern vengeance: Heading southward along the Tunisian sea-board in one of the little coasters with which these waters abound, you find in the angle form-ed by the intersection of the Tunis coast line and that of Tripoli a large, low, nearly circular island, which at first sight appears fully as barren and desolate as to heighten the tragic effect, with the joyous departure from Malta, in 1561, of Count La Cerda and his splendid the gray unending sands of the African shore along the southern horizon. Your map will tell you that this uninviting

map will tell you that this uninviting sandbank is called the Isle of Jerbeh, a name which, unless you happen to be unusually well read in the chivalrie beauties of the size of the chivalrie the name of Phillip II. Gal-lantly do the doomed men sail forth in chronicles of the sixteenth century, will the glory of the summer morning, upon probably leave you just as wise as you the fatal venture from which they were before. Apparently, however, your Arab fellow-passengers are better in-formed, for the first glimpse of the island seems to produce an extraordinary commotion among them. Hands are eagerly while above them floats the banner pointed at the long grayish-yellow band which lies almost level with the smooth bright water, and the slumberous black eyes flash fire under the shadow of the

eves flash fire under the shadow of the huge white turban, while the name of "Burj-er-Roos" flies from mouth to mouth. Even should you happen to have learned Arabic enough to know good to the adventure. "Little prayer or chanting of God's praise was to be heard among them, but many foul oaths. much drinking and dicing, unseemly that this mysterious word means "tower jests, and godless revelry; for they wist of skulls," you are hardly likely to be of skulls, you are hardly interved be very much enlightened thereby. The captain of the vessel, should he be an Englishman, will give you but little help in your embarrassment, answering not of the evil to come, God having heip in your embarrassment, answering Corda himsen drinks deep and boasts your appeal for information only by a loudly, in a fashion that may knowing grin and an admonition to well make us augur ill for "keep your eyes open and you'll see a pretty queer sight before long." Little commanded by such a leader. But by little a huge, grayish-white mass be- at the first glimpse of the strong walls gins to define itself upon the flat, sandy and bristling cannon of Tripoli, this shore of the island, standing up gaunt braggart's courage cools at once. He dispatches a swift galley back to Malta for heavy artillery, and meanwhile, al-tering his course, suddenly sweeps down

and grim against the warm, dreamy blue of the lustrous sky. As we ap-proach, this formless heap gradually shapes itself into frown-ing ramparts and turreted battlements and massive towers and all the barbaric grandeur of a genuine Eastern unprepared enemy slaughtered without fortress. At its feet the bright blue sea breaks in glittering wavelets, while be-

merey, and the only daughter of which principal chief, Yokdah, cruelly out-raged by Juan de la Saera, bravest and worst of the profligate cavaliers of Spain. hind it-an casis of rich foliage amid the hot, brassy yellow of the sandy shore-the vast banner-like leaves of the Watching a moment when her captor's date palms droop voluptuously upon the attention is diverted from her, the forbreezeless air. No painter could wish lorn girl snatches up a dagger and stabs herself to the heart, invoking with her last breath the vengeance of God upon a finer study, but the most striking feature of the panorama is still to come. A sudden turn of the coast reveals a those who profaned the service of projecting headland, surmounted by a heaven with the deeds of hell. tall white tower, at sight of which the From this point onward the shadshouts of "Burj-cr-Roos! Burj-er-Roos!" burst forth again with re-doubled energy. The strange building The preliminary work of getting the to- is cone-shaped, and altogether not un- to Yokdah of what had chanced, he anlike the giant ants' nests of Africa or South America, but many yards in height his cimeter till the blood started from known tigers that have become so sus-picious that they would not return to A. Walker, is pushing the work of com-EDID nears they might well guess by his look that structure is boded no good to them of Spain." the land, this mysterious are that this year will see it finished. General Walker is more of a business stands out more and more plainly. It The bcreaved father has not long to wait move the unpleasant effects of eating is not long before you begin to notice for his vengeance. As if heaven itself man than the average government offithat the seaward face of the tower has had doomed them, the Spanish veterans, cial. He will not nurse the job. Congress gave him discretionary power, and crumbled beneath the action of wind flushed with their easy victory, relax he showed his tact. Instead of having and weather, revealing through a wide their wonted vigilance, and give themone high-priced politician, he hires two gap the dark hollow of the interior. selves up to the wildest excess of declerks, thus pushing the work to an early you gaze, there breaks suddenly bauchery. Like lightning from a clear A4 out of its gloomy shadow, just where sky, destruction falls upon them in the ruin it. completion and saving money. On the first of February the commissions of over he light enters it, a yellowish, ghostly midst of their fancied security. Two 300 clerks expired, and all were reapimer, like dim lantern-light seen in smaller detachments, scattered through vault. You have recourse to your the outlying villages, are cut off pointed but eighteen, who were ineffi a man, and Yokdah's fierce The force in the census bureau, glass, and perceive with a momentary to. thrill of horror, that this strange glimincluding all grades, now numbers 1,864. swordsmen, with their thirst for of which 610 are females. The average mering proceeds from the teeth of thousvengeance still unslaked, sweep ouward to attack the main body sweep ands of human skulls, which fill up the whole interior of the building, which lies in the town of Gerba itself. This is the famous "Burj-er-Roos," or Tower of Skulis, which, for three An Awful Position. At dead of night the Spaniards are De Quincey's "Vision of Sudden Death" was verified in all its ghastly startled from their drunken sleep by the an improvement. centuries past, has given to this remote yell of "Allah Ackbar !" (God is vieook a strange and terrible renown. torious.) and instantly the whole town horror not long ago by four men in Ore-The vengeance of Timour has left upon is one whirl of struggling figures and gon. Starting out in a cance to make the banks of the Oxus more than one ossing arms and blazing torches and certain explorations on the John Day Golotha of this kind, which I had an flashing weapons and hellish uproar and river, they were suddenly enveloped in unexpected chance of examining during merciless butchery. But such a combat a dense fog, and so carried resistlessly he Khiva expedition of 1873. In is too unequal to last. Outnumbered and helplessly to the very brink of a Europe, however, there is but one simand unprepared and basely abandoned by their pusillanimous leader, the invacataract, where, by a miracle of chance, ilar monument, which, as might be extheir boat struck on a sunken rock, pected, belongs to Turkey, the only ders are soon driven pell-mell down to and hung there swaying with the cur-European country in which such a the shore, where the scene culminates rent. For the moment they were saved relic of utter barbarism would not be in a scene of horror worthy of Dante : or rather life and agony were prolonged out of place in the ninetcenth century; a little while, for escape to either shore The Christians, being put the worse, The traveler who rides along the great flung themselves into the sea, thinking was impossible. And even this brief fly unto their ships; but even lead pipe. outhern highroad from Belgrade to the respite was only a cruel mockery, for Sofia Pass over the Balkan, sees by the thither did the infidels pursue them, they had scarcely time to look about them and take in the full extent of their wayside a pyramidal building in which raging like savage wolves. Thus wa imbedded 30,000 human skulls. the fight waged in darkness amid peril and the hopelessness of their situ-Nor does this ghoul-like memento date ition, when they beheld an immense ice the waves of the sea-a thing unback to any remote age of halfthought of heretofore. And with floe bearing directly down upon them human ferocity. It is no older than the such rage did they grapple one from the rear. If it struck them they year 1806, when Servia's declaration of another that many sank and were drowned thus locked together, refusing were lost beyond a peradventure. It did independence was answered by Turkey strike them, and hurled them, boat and with the massacre which have left these to quit their hold. Many also were all, over the precipice into the seething 30,000 Christian heads a lasting memowaters below, where they came to, right slain with the sword, and many more, fore advised, never use any soap or rial of what the "unspeakable Turk" has always been and always will be. being borne down by the weight of their a scrub brush. It will destroy an oilside up, boat and men alike uninjured. Certainly there are few more remarkable armor, perished miserably. Of all that But among all these trophies of death escapes "out of the jaws of death" on record than this .- New York Graphic, had been in the town, none escaped; there is not one which can claim to be and last of all died Juan de la Saera and a soft cloth or flannel, and wipe off either as well-preserved or as hideously himself, whom God's vengeance suffered | with water and skim-milk. artistic as the fatal tower of Jerbeh. It not to live. For when he had well-The Sexton Got More Than the Minister. seems as if those who planted it here nigh gained the ships, a Saracen grappled A young gentleman was recently for an eternal monument of their venhim and would have slain him, geance had taken a grim pleasure in married at an uptown church, and as he Yokdah, the chief, cried aloud, 'Harm was preparing for the ceremony, he making it imperishable as the hatred by him not; I keep him for my own prize! which that vengeance was devised. The placed the money he intended to hand And by the force of many he was taken skulls are ranged in symmetrical layers, to the minister-a ten-dollar gold piece alive, and was dragged back to the -in one vest pocket, and a five-dollar like shells in the cases of a museum shore. Then the infidels, the battle gold piece for the sexton in another. each layer being supported upon a kind being ended, gathered the heads of The service over, the minister was met of treatle-work formed from the them that were slain and built them being ended, gathered the heads of larger bones of the skeletons which by the sexton, who wore a smile as into a tower; and Saera, when he had has served as the materials of this endured many and grevious torments, ghastly achitecture. The care with such as none but Saracen wit could dewhich every bone has been placed, and vise, was beheaded, and his head laid the gradual tapering off of the higher on the summit of the pile by Yokdah, tiers toward the point of the cone so far their prince, as being a fitting crown for as to lessen the strain imposed upon such a monument." See the basement, render the whole struc-Mr. Winans, the son of the late Balture as solid as a pyramid of stone. So timore millionaire, lives in great splenstrong, indeed, is its stability throughout, and so carefully has the outer coatdor in England, having one of the most ing of sun-baked clay, which binds the magnificent places in London, and, with one exception, the finest deer park in whole together, been laid on that the Scotland, which is kept up in royal style. He has a morbid dread of the storms of more than three centuries have been powerless to work it any farther harm than the gap in its seaward face. Accounts vary as to the total number sons has ever been in America. His in--and come is nearly \$1,000,000, with a prosof skulls which it contains, but by compect of trebling it in ten years. paring the the statements of the old He Christian chroniclers with those of local spends his money lavishly, but himself tradition, one may safely assume that cares for nothing but engineering. this gloomy of mausolenm has absorbed into itself the lives of at least twenty-five thousand men. The richest mine in New Merico, now worth \$3,000,000, was originally sold From the natives themselves there is for \$3 in silver, a little gold dust, and

confused tradition of a great victory achieved by their forefathers upon this spot, and the extermination of a vast

number of "unbelieving dogs." But Pure milk condensed to one-third will when you turn to the Christian historians of the period, you find the story complete in every detail, told with a graphic minuteness and childlike simwarm weather. plicity worthy of Herodotus or of Froissart. And a grim study it is—one of the most collossal tragedies of that strange era when everything, whether

Good milk requires good, sound food, and a large yield of milk requires a large supply of good, sound food. for good or for evil, was done upon a gigantic scale. The drama opens, as if Harness oil made of one gallon of neatsfoot oil, with four ounces of lampblack, well mixed, is simple and effect-

ive. The man whose watering-trough is not dry, and whose stock can drink their fill under cover, has much to be thankful for.

Spent tan bark has been plowed into are compact clay soil with the best results; never to return. The smooth, bright sea echoes with their jests and laughter, as it rendered the soil mellow and increased its warmth. and the rising sun lights up their glit-

Pastures that have been fed a few soatering arms and fantastic bravery, sons will generally produce more milk, or make more fat, than those which that cross whose spirit alas! is so widely have been newly seeded down.

different from their own. But even during the short southward voyage we Charred corn is one of the best things hear of many things which bode no which can be fed to hens to make them lay. It must not be fed as a regular diet, but in limited quantities each day, To heavily feed a cow of some milking capacity is very poor economy. Rich food will produce good results when fed to cows that give large quantities of rich milk.

> A teaspoonful of powdered charcoal a quart of bran, and refuse from the table, mixed and moistened with warm water, are the ingredients of a capital egg-producing food for hens. Soils are improved by mixing. The

physical properties of the soil have an important influence upon its average fertility. The admixture of pure sand with clay soil produces an alteration which is often beneficial, and which is almost wholly physical. The sand opens the porce of the clay and makes upon the undefended island of Jerbeh. At first he is only too successful. The it more permeable to the air. island is swept with fire and sword, the Flak is a group which won

Flak is a crop which would follow a clean cultivated crop of sugar beets or mangels. It can only be grown to advantage on well fertilized lands.

Mr. W. W. Higbee, Charlotte, Vt. writes to the American Cultivator that the dry summer of 1880 demonstrated in his neighborhood that animals had better go short of food, with plenty of pure water, than run in grass knee-deep with half enough to drink. ¹⁰ Iu many instances in pastures where there was lack of water, young stock and beeves actually grew poor, and did not veston News. command as much in the fall as they It is said

would have brought in the spring." Household Hints.

In icing cakes, the knife_should be frequently dipped into cold water. Cool rainwater and soda will remove

Going the whole hog-Attributing Shakespeare's plays to Boston.-Boston Courier

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If a cobbler is guilty of the crime of marrying two wives it has been decided by the highest authority that he must stick to his last.

It is asserted that Vennor at one time was a plumber. Well, he's not the only plumber that makes a good weather profit .- Statesman.

A howling dog and an amateur ac-cordeon player will cause the angel of peace to plume its wings and flee from the best locality on which the sun ever shone.-Argo.

Jerusalem is to have street cars, passenger elevators and a telephone ex-change, while to complete the misery of the inhabitants an organ grinder is on his way there.—*Philadelphia News*.

A fashionable young lady was seen blacking her brother's boots the other morning, and the next day she helped do the family washing. It is thought she is fitting herself to become the wife of an Italian count .- Puck.

The young milkman and his girl stood before a justice of the peace. "You take this milk-ahem !-- this man for butter or for worse ?" the mighty man of the law inquired. The girl said it never accurd to her before, but she sup-posed she would if that was the only whey.

These are cute fellows, those New York sharpers. One of them advertised that he could cure a turn-up nose, and would send the direction to all who would forward a dollar. A lady sent this amount, and was told in reply to employ a blacksmith to hit her nose on the end with a sledge hammer.

Some arithmetical chap has figured out that Vanderbilt's income would allow him to visit 8,000 circuses, eat 10,-000 pints of peanuts and drink 5,000 glasses of lemonade every day in the year. But he doesn't do it. Thus it can be seen that wealth is given to those who don't know how to enjoy it .-Boston Post.

Mrs. Bombazine, who engineers a Galveston hashery, can be very sarcas-tic. One of her boarders always comes late and cats like he has a power-of-at-torney to eat for several of his friends. Yesterday, she said to him: "Young man, you come at one and eat for twelve. Now couldn't you arrange it to come at twelve and cat for one ?"-Gal-

It is said that the bride in removing her bridal robe and chaplet at the completion of the marriage ceremony must ake especial care to throw away every pin worn on this eventful day. Evil fortune, it is affirmed, will sooner or later inevitably overtake the bride who keeps even one pin used in the marriage toilet. The above was written to discourage the excessive use of pins by the ladies; but the young men think that some such caution addressed to unmarried ladies would be more to the point. These are the pins that lacerate the poor fellows. - Boston Transcript. Old Chrysler is a very wealthy and aristocratic Galvestonian. Yesterday he was examining his orange trees, to see if they had suffered from the frost, when a young tramp stopped at his gate and "What are you looked in anxiously. looking at?" growled old Chrysler. "Just spelling out yer name on the door-plate, guyner." "What are you doing that for?" "Nothing, only I wanted to know your name, so I could set up an alibi in case you claimed me for your son, who escaped from the penitentiary the other day." He must have looked like he belonged to the family, for the old man followed him up three blocks, with a garden rake, to get a lock of his hair .- Galveston News.

remain sweet from five to ten days in

Temper in animals is hereditary as well as in man; it is not desirable to breed from a vicious sire.

Advocate.

pipers of the corps to play at chotohassuy, alias breakfast; tiffin, alias luncheon, and dinner, till the mess was fairly "skirted" to death-"telling Gordon to look up the guns.

"We shall start now!" I cried. "I have brought out a capital pair of double-barreled breech-loaders, smoothbore-the Prince of Wales brought down a stag of ten type with karree. one of them at Mar Forest this season- But t and in Snydor.

'Then I'll look up the beaters and old what-do-you-call-'em, the shikarree," said Far ruburson.

Farmularson and I left the compound by different exits, having agreed upon a rendezvous. When we arrived at the trysting place I found the shikarree and us. half a dozen beaters, armed not only with rides, but with rockets, the latter and saw something twitching backward for the nurpose of driving the tiger out

I had taken the precaution of thrusting a conteau de chasse, or deer-knifegiven to me, by the way, by his royal highness, the Duke of Connaught, while at Lord Fife's-in my belt, and armed with my double-barrel I felt a match for any tawny denizen of the yellow inngle.

The shikarree assured us with considerable circumlocution-and after exacting a solemu promise to save him full of gleaning ivory teeth. from the wrath of sahib, the colonelthat a tiger had been hovering about tion. this particular jungle for some time past ; that a cow had mysteriously disappeared, and, having been tracked, its nes were found close by where we were then holding council of war.

The jungle in which his Tigerian prelude to the spring. majesty was supposed to be ensconced was but a short quarter of a mile from camp, and of a very close and dense nature, save in bald patches, which yielded a goodly crop of boulders, or rol. where a small stream cut it in two. A few stunted trees endeavored to beard the fierce rays of the Indian sun, but King Sol had shriveled up their foliage until it was of the tawny yellow of the jungle grass, that color so admirably arranged to conceal the hide of the tiger

"Ah !" suddenly exclaimed the shikarree, in a low tone, "it's all right, The tiger is in the jungle. Ah, sahib. hit. here's his pug" (track). "See how it leads right into it."

"That's a large 'fist,'" observed Farquharson

'Yes, sahib, it is one great pug. Great tiger-great shiker" (beast) "for sahibs

The beaters, who, as a rule, are the most cowardly wretches in the world, now huddled together and held council in low whispers, their heads close, their the shikarree, confirmed me. eyes directed to the jungle, their burnished bodies in attitudes suggestive of instant flight.

The shikarree ordered us to beat that section of the jungle on our frantic cagerness to grapple with the immediate right as being the most dense, and where, in all probability, the quarry. tiger was now onjoying a post-prandial nap, good digestion having waited upon appetite.

The beaters were accordingly assembled, and Farquharson took the near side, while I took the other.

With a sharp glance at our ganlocks, and a general hitch to garments, we prepared to go into action.

I say, old fellow," pleaded my com panion-in-arms, "won't you give me the first shot? It's my first tiger-potting, you know."

in animal they had killed, althoug they had only lapped the blood, and the bullock was almost untouched. On the other hand, I have known a

tiger returning day after day to the carcass of the ox he had killed, and picking the bones clean, notwithstanding he had been twice fired at by a native shi-

But to return to my adventure. The shikarree suddenly gave a low "coo" twice, which told me that he had gotten on a warm scent. Suddenly I heard a slight noise like the crackling cient.

of a dry leaf. I distinctly saw a movement or waving in the high grass, as if monthly outlay is \$45,000. something was making its way toward Then I heard a loud purring sound

and forward just behind a clump of low brush and long grass, about forty yards He's there !" I cried, in a low tone,

to Alick, but without moving my eves. " I know it.'

Keep cool !" "Hang it all. I'm as cool as a let-

tuce-leaf!" Another second and we saw the ani-

mal, its white chest shining like silver, its ears laid back, and its open mouth 'I'd like to stuff him in that posi-

' observed Farquharson. o Hush!

"Shall I let him have it?" "Not yet."

The tiger advanced about ten yards or so in that low crouch which is the

"Now, Alick!" I cried. Furguharson fired at the second I spoke, letting the brute have one bar-

On receiving the shot the tiger doubled its head and paws into its chest, and, turning completely over

head and heels, disappeared over a boulder into the jungle. "I've hit him!" triumphantly exclaimed my companion.

" You have.

"I fetched him between the eyes." "Not a bit of it; you struck him in the chest, and I don't think he's badly

"Clear that jungle a little !" shouted Farquharson, who, with all the rashness of the neophyte, was for dashing after the brute in hot haste. While the men were tremblingly en-

large as the front door of the church. gaged in obeying the orders, my prac-"That was a fine couple," said the ticed eye perceived a disturbance in the smiling sexton.

grass a little to the left of the spot at which the tiger disappeared. A "chuck" " Very nice party, Jeremiah," said the minister. 'And quite a liberal one, too.

of the tongue against the teeth from what they gave me?" said the sexton, "Look out, Alick, he's there!" I as he opened his hand and showed the yelled; for Farquharson was already glittering eagle.

The minister eyed it curiously and breasting-I have no other word for it -the grassy billows of the jungle in a replied: "Ahem ! that's very kind in them; but see what they gave me!" and he fished up the five-dollar piece from Farguharson had reached an open his pocket.

space, when the tiger leaped forth, and, with a tremendous bound, buried its The sexton wondered, and the parson walked away, but both had a suspicion head in Alick's throat, both their heads there had been a mistake made there was .- Baltimore Every Saturday.

going down together. "Great God ! he's done for!" was my exclamation, as the blood gave a mad throb in my veins; then it became cold At a sale of autograph letters and nanuscript in Boston Edgar A. Poe

throb in my veins; then it became oold manuscript in Boston Edgar A. Poe brought \$15 (a criticism of Irving); fellow, if I could. It was an awful moment, and as T write I see the enormous head of that tiger, its gleaming eyes, its quivering whiskers, its distorted upper-lip, its

but little to be gleaned respecting this an old revolver. But they don't all famous catastrophe, save the vague and turn out so well.

washable fabrics cume grease from Parsley eaten with vinegar will reonions.

If your coal fire is low, a tablespoonful of salt thrown on it will help it very much

Oil-cloth should be cleaned with milk and water; a brush and soap will

A teaspoonful of tuppentine boiled with your white clothes will aid the whitening process.

Cakes, puddings, etc., are improved by making the currants, sugar and flour hot before using.

A spoonful of stewed tomatoes in the gravy of either roasted or fried meat is Cold boiled potato used as soap will

clean the hands, and keep the skin soft and healthy. Those not overboiled are the best.

In boiling meat for soup cold water should be used to extract the juices. If the meat is wanted for itself alone, plunge in boiling water at once.

Water standing for a night in a close or crowded room absorbs the impure air, and becomes very unwholesome and positively injurious to health. Be careal not to use water that has stood in a

All sorts of vessels and utensils may be purified from long retained smells of every kind, in the easiest and most perfect manner, by rinsing them out well with charcoal powder, after the grosser impurities have been scoured off with sand and water.

In washing oil-cloths, as we have becloth, that should last for years, in a short time. Use instead warm water

Tea drinkers nowadays will do well but if the leaves are black and of a rotten The mixing that is frequently adopted to reduce prices results in the two kinds which no tea is genuine.

An Actor's Practical Jokes.

The late Mr. Sothern's comical contrivances were endless. His pockets, in addition to the piece of soap which for years he carried about .in . order to startle unwary friends by marking their looking-glasses so as to give them sea, and says nothing would tempt him their looking-glasses so as to give them to cross it again, and neither of his two the appearance of being cracked across, were always full of labels marked "poison," and so on, and these he whenever an opportunity affixed, afforded, on likely objects. On the railings of a London square he one day saw a newly-painted board with the inscription: "None but led dogs admitted;" out came one of the endless supply of labels, and passers-by were astonished for a few days to read,

None but mad dogs admitted.

Bibliomania.

Bibliomania originated in the Netherlands at the close of the sixteenth century, whence it spread to England, raging violently there, and more recently appearing in France and this coun-The Bible has attracted any number of collectors. The British museum has the largest lot of different editions, though the late James Lenox, founder of the Lenox library in New York, nearly equaled it. The highest price ever paid for a single volume was at the sale of the Duke of Roxburghe's library in London (1812), when the Marquis of Blandford, in a spirited competition with Lord Spencer, paid a copy of the first edition of the " Decameron," published at Venice by Valdarfer in 1471, a sum nearly equal to \$11,300 of our money. When the marquis' library was put up at auction,

Tea drinkers nowadays will up were to apply the following simple tests to the tea purchased of their grocers. Turn out the infused leaves, and if they about \$6,000 less than he had bid-den seven years before. Nasser-ed-deen, Shah of Persia, has an Nights" on edition of the "Arabian wihich artists worked under his special texture, with an oily appearance, the tea will not be fit to drink. The purer the cost \$100,000. Henri Boulard, literary cost \$100,000. Henri Boulard, literary tea the more the distinctively brown executor of La Harpe, spent a fortune color of the leaf strikes the attention. in buying editions of Racine. Soleinnes gathered all the dramatic pieces that had ever been presented, going so far of leaves being supplied together. It is important to see that the leaves have which he could not read. A wellthe serrated or saw-like edges, without known New Yorker gave, some years since, \$2,500 for a copy of the Mazarin Bible, supposed to have been printed in The favorite books of biblioma-1455. niacs have been Delphini and first editions of the classics, editions that ap-peared in the infancy of typography, incunabula,) works of the Eizevirs, of Aldus; Comino, of Padua; Bodoni, Mattaire, Fonlis, and Bardou. There is no end to the vagaries of book fanciers. The defects of volumes became as great an inducement to ownership as any beauties. Dibdin (Thomas F.,) who first introduced the term bibliomaniae into our language to denote the rage for rare and curious books, has published a volume on the subject, and La Bruyere has, in his "Caracteres," a chapter exclusively devoted to them.

Oddly enough, the passion seems to be increasing throughout civilization,

Two Dollars per Annum.