FURS OF WILD BEASTS

WHERE THEY ARE OBTAINED AND THEIR COMPARATIVE VALUE.

Rabbit For For Hats-Russian Wolfskins. Chinese Dogskin Robes - Animals of Canada and Alaska-Reverence Given to White Beasts.

"White has always been considered a poologist, "You will find mention of that fact in the Bible, fifth chapter of Judges. The Indians of this country used to regard a white buffalo hide as of exceptional value, and for one such they would give several horses. Nowadays the aborigines of Alaska set such store by a white marten skin that they will pay five forskins for it. The reverence with which white elephants are regarded in Siam is well known. In Africa King Cetewayo, who was sub-dued by the British, kept a herd of royal white cattle. They were said to be very beautiful. The zebu, or sacred ox of India, is white. Blue, by the way, is most rare in mammals, the only species in which that color is found being the b' faced mandrill; The so called blue fox

rather a deep drab. "It is a curious fact that many wild anfinals increase with the settlement of a country, feeding in the cultivated fields. and thus procuring food more readily than when the land was unreclaimed. An example of this is afforded by the rabbit, which has increased so enormously in some parts of the world—notably in Australia and New Zealand, into which it was imported. In 1891 no less than 8,198 bales of rabbit skins from New Zealand and Australia were offered for sale in London. Vast numbers are killed for the use of ment preserving companies, which put them up in case. In this shape they are sold in great quantities for ships' stores, being a very cheap sert of meat. The fur is chiefly used for making soft felt hats. For this purpose the hair is cut off by mashinery and passed through a blower, which throws it into a revolving copper disk. As it accumulates it adheres together and forms a sort of cloth.

"The prices for skins of all sorts depend much on fashion, and hence are apt to fluctuate considerably from year to year, A fine lionskin with a black mane is worth \$300, but the hide from a menagerie specimen of the royal beast, being ever so handsome, will hardly bring more than \$125. Tiger skins cost much less than lionskins, but the bide of a white tiger, which is an albino and extremely rare, will fetch a small fortune. Tiger claws are mounted for pins by jewelers. They are worth \$1 or even more apiece in the rough. There is a woolly tiger of Mougolla which has a fur of great richness. The length and thickness of the bair are due to the fact that the animal lives in a

"Demestic cuts contribute largely to the supplies of the fur markets of the world. Of inte they have been turned to commercial account in another shape, many tons of them in the form of mum-mies, as embalmed by the ancient Egyptians, being carried to England and sold at a high price for manure. The substance known in trade as 'civet' is obtained from the so called 'civet cat.' It is of a yellow color and has the consistency of honey. Its smell resembles that of musk. When un-diluted, the odor is so powerful as to be offensive, but when properly mixed with other substances it becomes agreeably arpmatic and delicate. It is utilized chiefly for mingling with and improving the bouquet of less costly scents. Civot cuts are sometimes kept in wicker cages for the purpose of collecting this secretion, it is said. The latter is used by women in the

It is exported from Aden in horns. Wolves furnish many skins to the furmarket. In Russia about 170,000 of them are killed annually, a reward of 10 rubles a head being offered for them. During 1889 80,000 of them were alain in the province of Wologda alone, the number of persons killed by wolves in the same province that year being 200,

"Chinese dogs, belonging to a peculiar breed native to that country, supply much material for robes, a good one requiring eight skins. They are exported by way of Shanghai to London and New York, In color they are black, white, fawn and mot-About 75,000 of the bides are sold in England annually. In Mantchooria and eastern Mongolia are thousands of dog farms, which rear all the way from a score to hundreds of these canine beasts for market every year. The skins take a brilliant black dye and make excellent sleigh robes. They are used to a considerable extent for making men's contain Canada. The skins of Siterian dogs are likewise utilized as fur. But the Siberian animal which yields for its size the most costly of all fors is the sable. It is only about 9 inches long, including the fail, and in order to trap a single specimen the hunter must often endure many a hard day of exposure and toil. From 12,000 to 25,000 sables are caught annually, many of the pelts being employed in China for the robes of mandarine.

Another small and valuable for bearing beast is the marten of Canada and Alaska. For centuries the trapper has sought to capture it in the forests, its precious skin going far to repay him for his long winter's tramp and toil. The pelt, made up into mulis, capes and boas, is commonly but erroneously known under the name of sable. The tails are made up separately into garments, which fetch very high prices. They are also used in the manufacture of the finest 'sable' paintbrushes. No part of the creature is lost. Even the sking of the pows are sold by the pound to traders, who make them into cost linings and tobacco pouches. The Hudson Bay company exports to England about 70,000 of the pelts annually. Yet another little animal, mostly taken in Siberia, furnishes the ermine for, which is worn by the queen of England and is also used for the state robes of British peers. Nevertheless it is no longer so fashionable as it used to be, and hence is much less costly than formerly. "-Washington

He Meant Overshoes,

"Hearing a gentleman speak of his overshoes as his gums," said a physician, "brought to my mind a story told of a prominent Philadelphian, who, with his wife, went to make a call on a friend in New York. On entering the drawing room the hostess inquired of Mr. - where his wife was.

" 'Oh,' said Mr. ---, 'she's in the ves tibule cleaning her gums." "-Philadelphia Call.

Files of Newspapers.

Writing in the New York News, a contributor observes that the collection and preservation of files of newspapers and pe riodicals for public use in New York is a comparatively modern idea. The New York Society library was the first of the public institutions to start what is now looked upon as a needed requisite of a library in a newspaper office.

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It Was Less Deadly Than the Billy and Could Be Put to Many Uses.

Probably the most popular order which Superintendent Byrnes ever issued was the one abolishing the night stick. No citizen was ever known to call a night stick anything but a club, a term which is never used by the police to designate any weapon they ever carried. Club was a bard, harsh name that most citizens were unable to disassociate from clubbing and led many to believe that they might some day have the misfortune to be unjustly clubbed. It will surprise such people to learn that if they ever should be clubbed they will fare worse under the weight of the short, hard batens now carried than under the blows of the old time night sticks. The explanation is simple,

The night sticks were made of the best seasoned locust. Well seasoned locust becomes comparatively light and is springy. The battons, or billies, which replaced them are made of the heaviest wood availablerosewood, lignum vitze and the like-and are short and absolutely devoid of pliability; consequently a blow on the head, which, dealt with a night stick, would result only in a scalp wound, if dealt with the policeman's present weapon might result

in a fracture of the skull. So true is this that many of the older policemen who have carried a night stick for years will draw a revolver on a refractory prisoner, hoping to intimidate him by the exhibition of it, rather than to risk drawing the billy, which would have litthe or no terrifying effect on the prisoner and might result in his death if the officer

was forced to use it. The night stick had many uses with which the general public had little chance to grow familiar. The regulation length was 22 Inches, but they often exceeded this by two or four inches. The leather thong which the user wrapped about his land to re-enforce his grip on the weapon was nearly as long and was strong enough to sustain the weight of most men. It gave its possessor a reach of at least five feet, and time and again the night stick has been used as a support until other assist-ance could come for some unfortunate who had fallen or jumped overboard, and in cases of great emergency where the drowning rian or woman was losing strength or growing benumbed with cold awaiting the arrival of beats or ropes the night stick and strap have been used to drag them up to the pier. Again, it has been found invaluable as a life saver when litters were too far away and the ambulance men with two night sticks, one of the sticks slipped under the knees, the other under the arms of the patient, could carry him easily and rapidly to the hospital or

Another and probably the least thought of use to which the handy night stick has been put was in extinguishing fire. Fires started, no one knows how, in rubblah in cellars or in bedding or clothing in rooms and closets are among the most common that give the firemen a run. Many such a fire that would have resulted in a damaging conflagration if left to await the arrival of the fire department has been beat-en out with a night stick. Last, but not least, the fear of it has quelled many an incipient riot, while the judicious use of it has kept many dangerous corners free of the corner loafers which made them dangerous and has done more than the fear of arrest and imprisonment to break up the gangs which used to infest many portions of the city .- New York Sun.

Discovery of Columbus' Map of America. The remarkable discovery of a copy of a map by Columbus, drawn on a letter written from Jamaien in July, 1503, is recorded by Nature. This, although only a rough pen and ink sketch, shows exactly the mbus himself as to the part of the world he had reached, which he believed to be the east coast of Asia. The original map, drawn by Columbus and his brother Bartholomew, was presented to a priest named Hieronymo, who gave it together with a description, to Alexander Strozzi, a noted collector of early voyages. He is supposed to have copied the original map roughly on the margin of the letter from Columbus, which he had bound in a volume with other documents, and this volume is now in the National library at Florence, where the existence and significance of the map were discovered by Dr. R. von Wieser, professor of geography at Innsbruck, acting on behalf of the Austrian institute For Historical

Research,-Pall Mall Gazette. Something For Nothing. "The darkest hour in any young man's life," says Horace Greeley, "Is when he sits down to plan how to get money with

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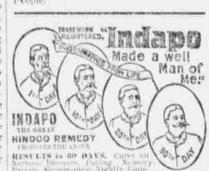
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Almost as demoralizing to character, though not positively criminal, are the many ways of trying to increase one's wealth at the expense of others-by gambling. Still a third way of getting something for nothing is to hunt for a sinecure. The new mayor of Brooklyn, elected on a strong platform of municipal reform, returning home from a short trip just aft er his election, found three bushels of letters from applicants for office, most of them, it is safe to say, from lazy young

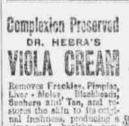
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This incident has led to the quotation of President Lincoln's apt saying, "If ever this free people-this government-is uthuman struggle for office-a way to live

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Lion Taming. There are tamers and trainers. A tamer is simply a man of unlimited nerve. A trainer has nerve and judgment. My friend tells me that a trainer can teach a lion about as many tricks as can be taught a dog. Sometimes the Bon himself will unconsciously suggest a new trick, "I had to train four hous to jump a gate. One of them was so stubborn that I determined to leave him for the last. When I came to him, he was lying in a corner. I began striking him. He sprang up and came to-ward me. He had a wicked look, so I hit him a sharp blow from below on the end of the nose with my cane, the only weapon I ever take into the den. The blow stung sim so it turned him around, and as if to scape another he jumped up to the bars and remained standing with his forefest upon one of them, the gave me a look which said plainly, 'Pil stop here if you won't do it again.' He looked superly standing there drawn up to his full beight So I sat down on the gate, lit a digarette and kept him in that position till I had the ished. I trained the other lions in the act and a fine appearance the four made stand ing against the bars."-Harper's Young



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