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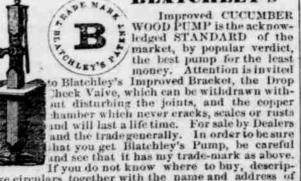
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Children Nursed by Wolves.

gelist, has the following paragraphs:

Secundra orphanage by one inmate, known | much harassed and fatigued that sentries | a large farm (and we believe two), and was as the "Wolf Boy." Within ten years will occasionally fall asleep as they stand- considered a wealthy and prosperous fartwo boys, said to have been found living an act, however, which is looked upon as mer. About twenty-years ago he had one wild with wolves, have been brought to one of the gravest of military offenses. If | colt, for which he expected to receive a Mr. Erhardi for support. One of them Luffin found a man asleep, he sat before large sum, but the price not being forthdied about two years since, having proved him in silence; but the slightest sound of coming the stallion was placed in the stable too untamable to endure human habits. approaching footsteps was sufficient to where he still remains, being now twenty-The one still remaining was found when make him apprise the sleeper of the danger four years old, with two other stallions, apparently about seven years of age, and to which he was exposed. He would then one aged sixteen years and the other elevent

native farmers, being greatly troubled by am glad to be able to record the fact, that been out of the stables but a few times; the incursions of wolves, followed them to his faithful services, in due time, obtained and during the past five years have not their dens, and proceeded "to smoke them for Luffin the respect of every member of seen open daylight. During all seasons of out" by building fires in the entrance. At the corps. It would have been a high the year, het or cold, these animals have length the whole wolf family emerged, old misdemeanor to offer him indignity. and young, and among them this boy, running rapidly on hands and feet. The story seemed to be corroborated by the fact that, when brought to the orphanage, he still bore the marks of the fire through which he had passed. He also walked like a quadruped, and would receive at first only raw flesh, which he ate as wall the carnivora do, gnawing it at the side of his mouth. As we saw him he was standing erect, and had learned to submit to clothing. His expressions were of course unintelligible, and sounded more like those of an animal than like a human voice, though he was scarcely more bestial in appearance than many of the lowest grades of idiots. There was, however, a restlsss motion of the head and gnashing of the teeth, which appeared decidedly canine.

That children have been nourished and reared by wolves, is not to be eredited with-

out the very strongest evidences. The missionaries at Secundra, however, and so far as I know, all other intelligent citizens in the neighborhood, regard the proof in these two cases as entirely valid. Nor are these the only "wolf boy" who are claimed to have been found in India. Max Muller, of London, on seeing some accounts of these curious freaks of nature, opened a correspondence, some months since with

various persons in India on the subject. six cases, which seem to be well attested by bodies. missionaries, and by officers in the civil and military service. There is no country where such would things be more likely to occur than in India. The prevalence of wild animal life, even in well-settled districts, is surprising. We saw in one instance not | death less than thirty huge apes in one band only a few rods from the railway. Deer or gazelles were frequently seen feeding within easy shot of laborers in the field. On wolves from the mission compounds, in out food. which we were spending the night. Accordprovinces, 2,000 lives were destroyed in hatched by the sun. one year by wild animals, mostly wolves. The great majority are children who are snatched away at nightfall from the vicinity—sometimes from the very doors of their rude homes.

With these facts no further light can be | remarkable given on the subject of the wolf-boys. Whether the maternal instinct of the wolf, when not particularly hungry, might in | ted fact. one of 10,000 cases take such a freak as to protect a child, which she intended to cat, and allow it to share her prey, is a question for each theorist to decide for himself. It is worthy of note that all these children are idiots. If we suppose that they were originally sound, their wolf regimen has reversed the Darwinian process, and borne them back to bestiality, both in body and in mind.

A Dog on Duty.

Crimea, a large dog, I don't exactly know replies: of what breed, but universally admired for beauty and intelligence, attached himself to that particular corps. Wherever the sight of a ham, and she suddenly decides regiment marched, he invariably accom- to take a han. panied the troopers. Several times he went into action, and was once seriously wounded with the point of a lance. It would have been universally regretted had poor Luffin's wound proved fatal. One of Well I don't know either. My husband the farriers undertook to dress it, so that, was saying he'd like some sausage. Have with a little care, he soon got well again. you any real nice sausage?' Where the dog came from, or who his original owner, nobodly knew. He would do you want?' never follow an individual soldier beyond the barrack gates, however kindly he might be invited; but when the men were in full condition may be, may cure himself cheaply, privately, dress, whether mounted or on foot, providand radically.

Shall I weigh a pound, madame?' on taking up his proper position. One thing was very remarkble—he had sufficient discernment to enable him to distinguish a 'church parade" from any other. He never showed any desire to attend public

At the beginning of his military career he had to pick up his living as best he could. He was accustomed at meal times to go from hut to hnt, or among the tents, when the men were under canvas. In some of these habitations he met with good treatment and a supply of food, but from others he was not unfrequently summarily and ignominiously ejected. However, Luffin, in course of time, was allowed regular rations at the regimental expense, toward which all the members of the corps contributed a share, from the colonel to the drummer. The noble animal must have been aware of his promotion, for it was observed that he never went "a-begging" after. One of Luffin's marks of high intelligence I cannot personally vouch for,

was said and generally believed that he was in the constant habit of visiting the sentries The Rev. Dr. Ellinwood, in a letter from | during the night, especially in the Crimea, Cawnpore, India, to the New York Evan- to sec if the men were at their post and on Our interest was greatly excited at the during a campaign, the troops are often so Thomas Ham, who owned a few years ago he has been eight years at the orphanage. | trot off to the next post, where he scarcely | years. The story of his capture is this: Some halted if convinced that all was well. I

Facts for the Curious.

A single codfish produces more than a million of eggs in a season.

The tarentula, of Brazil, is nothing more nor less than an enormous spider. Fish have no evelids, and necessarily dust.

sleep with their eyes wide open. Alligators fall into a lethargic sleep durng the winter season, like a toad. Naturalists say that a single swallow will

devour six thousand flies in a day. Serpents of all species shed their skins annually like sea crabs and lobsters.

early always at the expense of its life.

Seals are as intelligent as dogs, and can be taught to perform many tricks like them.

honey-bee which has not been furnished perfect one is soon supplied by rapid

In South America there is a prolific

As a result there have appeared thus far partly outside, in place of within their around, not for the purpose of paying any

hundreds of years old. The Egyptians embalmed them. Serpents never feed upon anything but

Turtles dig holes in the sea shore and ing to a recent census of the northwest bury their eggs, covering them up to be Lobsters are very pugnacious, and fight

severe battles. If they lose a claw another

How a Woman Buys Meat.

severed from the body.

When a women enters a butcher shop to select a piece of meat for dinner, she has her mind made up to take a mutton roast. Therefore, when the butcher rubs his hands When the "Spankers" were in the and asks what will she have, she promptly

> 'I'll take some of that mut-She stops there. Her eyes have caught

'Is that nice ham?' she inquires. Best ham I ever saw, madame. How

Well you may give me three p-

' Plenty, madame. Now, then, how much 'It's pork sausage, it is?'

'Yes, ma'am.'

suppose?

ough for our small family, but-but-' I was just wondering if a veal pot pie wouldn't suit him better,' she answered .-'You have veal I suppose?'

'Well, I suppose a pound would be en-

bit of veal—as good a piece as I ever saw. 'Yes, that does look nice veal,' she says, lifting it up. 'And you'll take it ' 'Let's see,' she muses. 'Y-no, I guess

'Oh, yes, madame. Here's a splendid

not. I guess I had better take pork Nice chops-how much,' he asks. 'One of these slices will weigh a pound,

'About a pound, madame.' 'And it was a young hog?' ' Quite young, madame' 'And you'll cut the rind off?'

'Yes, madame. ' Well, she says, heaving a deep sigh .-'I guess you may give me some beefsteak some that's nice, and be sure to cut

all the bone out.' And she's only been half an hour comjan, 30, '73-tf. but I have been assured of its truth. It ing to the point.

A Crazy Horse Breeder.

[From the Hudson Register.] There resides in the town of Kinderhook the alert. The reader must be told that, an old man aged eighty years, named

> Those animals during their lifetime have stood at the racks eating nothing but hay or straw, and drinking water occasionally. They have not been permitted to breathe fresh air or straighten out their limbs over the ground or the fields during that time. Never being groomed their hair became long, and their skins filled with hay seed which fell from the hay-mow and with

No doubt the horses would have remained there until relieved by death had not a gentleman named Gray from Ohio induced the old man to let one "go west." This horse, when taken from the stable, was greatly deformed about his feet. His hoofs, which had never been handled by a blacksmith, When a bee, wasp or hornet stings, it is had grown to the extraordinary length of ten inches, and, in fact, curled over so that In the darkest nights fishes pursue their | the horse walked on the heels of his forusual movements the same as by daylight. ward feet and above the hoof. The horse Fishes swallow their food whole. They was led to the blacksmith shop last week, have no dental machinery furnished them. where his feet were pared down and shod. Frogs, toads and serpents never take The excitement occasioned at the shop any food but that which they are satisfied | where he was shod drew together a crowd of about 400 persons.

Women Funeral Thieves.

A correspondent writing to the Pottstown Ledger says: In the neighborhood If the eye of a gnat is put out another of Fox Hill, Pottsgrove township, Montgomery county, there resides two females, a mother and daughter, who make it their Turtles and tortoises have their skeletons | business to attend all the funerals for miles respect to the dead, but as a matter of It is believed that crocodiles live to be speculation. They rarely, if ever, accompany the funeral cortege to the grave, but remain about the house and edeavor to insinuate themselves into the good graces of animal food which they themselves put to those having charge of the culinary arrangements, and endeavor not only to get Toads become torpid in winter, and hide a good dinner, but if possible carry away themselves; taking no food for five or six with them well-filled baskets of eatables prepared for the occasion. If they fail in Serpents are so tenacious of life that | this, they have no compunctions of contwo occasions goats were carried off by they will live six months and longer with- science about helping themselves in a stealthy manner.

> They have become so bold in this work; and met with such success, that they have not stopped here, but have recently been detected in stealing other articles that they found lying around loose. They were plying their old game at a funeral lately. After A whale suckles its young, and is there- the dinner had been eaten, a lady friend of fore not a fish! The mother's affection is the deceased discovered that a new parasol belonging to her was missing, and an old The power of serpents to charm birds one left in its place. The residence of the and small quadrupeds is a well authentica- two women alluded to above was searched, and the missing parasol found in their pos-There are agricultural ants in Texas that sesson, besides a lot of hair brushes and actually plant grain and reap and store the | children's clothing, which had been taken from other parties. Legal proceedings, are The head of a rattlesnake has been to be instituted against there long-fingered known to inflict a fatal wound after being females, and until then we withhold their

How Much Lime we Use.

A physician, in his recent work on physiology, remarks that "it is estimated that the bones of every adult person required to be fed with lime enough to make a mantel-piece every eight months." It will be perceived, therefore, that in the course of about ten years each of us eats three or four mantel-pieces and a few sets of front door steps; and in a long life, we suppose, it is fair to estimate that a healthy man could devour the Capitol, and perhaps two or three medium sized marble quarries besides. It is awful to think of the consequences if a man should be shut off from his supply of lime for a while, and then get loose in a cemetery! An ordinary tombstone would be hardly enough for a lunch

Genuine Fools.

He who wipes his nose on a nutmeg grater and picks his teeth with a razor. She who says "no "to a proposal of a gentleman when she has reached the age of thirty. He who gets so drunk at night, that he puts his clothes to bed, and hangs himself on the back of a chair. She who rubs her cheeks with brickbats in order to give them color. He who puts on his hat and takes his cane and starts out in pursuit of an honest and disinterested politician. She who pinches and slaps a child to make it quit bawling.

A man living near Jamestown is the happy possessor of two Augora goats. On Tuesday he cut the fleeces from the backs of these animals, carried it to the algacamills of Jamestown, had it made into mohair, took the cloth to a dressmaker, and that envening his daughter was wearing a dress made from the wool taken from the goats in the morning.

In one school district of Scranton the teachers have not been paid for four months. The Secretary and Treasurer of the board and the lawyers got all the