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A Vacation.
 A certain scientist in the service of Uncle Sam at Washington is said to be a hard taskmaster to both his official and his domestic servants.
 Being detailed once to accompany a scientific expedition on an extended cruise, the scientist is said to have agreed to a trifle in communicating the news to his personal attendant.
 "Henry," said he, "how would you like to go with me around the world?"
 "Do we go from east to west, sir?" asked the man.
 "Yes."
 "And we lose a day going that way, do we not, sir?"
 "No, sir."
 "Then, sir, I should like very much to go. It would give me a day off."—Harper's Weekly.

One Gift She Missed.
 His year-old Harry wanted to buy his sister a little birthday present. His heart throbbled with joy at the thought, though he had in his pocket only 10 cents. Nevertheless a week ahead of time he went around the shops and came back with a very satisfied look. His mother asked him what he had bought.
 "I got her a cream puff," he said.
 "Well, you know, Harry," said his mother, "that you'll keep fresh for a week."
 "That's what I thought after I bought it," replied Harry calmly, "and so I ate it."—Ladies' Home Journal.

How Fast He Could Go.
 A horse and trainer of race horses who is known almost as well in England as he is here recently sold a horse to an Englishman. The Englishman before paying for the horse quizzed a bit about the price and then said:
 "I know, I'd like to see the horse first just to see how fast he can go."
 "Never mind about that," said the trainer. "He can't go any faster than I can tell it."—New York Sun.

Family Secret.
 "That's papa's picture," explained the little girl to the caller who was looking at a framed photograph on the piano. "You wouldn't know it unless I told you 'cause it's not a smile on the face."—Chicago Tribune.

Dealing the Water.
 Constables—Come along. You've got to have a bath. "Trump—A bath? What? Why? Constable—Yes, of course. Trump—Couldn't you manage it wly one of them vacuum cleaners?"—London Tit-Bits.

It is the common wonder of all men how among so many millions of faces there should be none alike.—Browne.

Harrisburg to Hartford.
 Pennsylvania grangees are preparing to attend the national grange meeting at Hartford in goodly numbers. Plans are being made for a large party to rendezvous at Harrisburg, then to proceed to New York, stop overnight and go on to Hartford next day.

New York will have added about 10,000 new members by the time the next state grange meets in February, 1908.

Exact justice, equality and a fair reward are the watchwords of the grange.—Aron Jones.

The Pennsylvania state grange will meet at West Chester, Pa., Dec. 10-13.
 J. W. DARROW.

to do away with the causes of disease, in which event they are being brought into court or forced to comply with the law.

Another important feature of the commissioner's work is appealing to the municipalities, namely, the utilizing free of cost to them of the services of the engineering department in consultation and advice respecting the installation of new water works and sewer systems. This engineering service does not interfere with the work of

Bulls in the Graveyard.
 The graveyard was full, and a brand new cemetery was laid out. Sandy Mc-Tavish, looking over it with Andrew Bruce, protested that it was "too continental" in style. "I'd rather see than be buried in a spot," he declared.
 "Andrew, it's a little difficult to please. 'Well, it's the verri reverse w' me," he said. "I'll be buried nowhere else if I'm buried."—Glasgow Times.

Elementary Arithmetic.
 Judge—What age are you? Pat—Eight and yoursore my lord. Judge—And why not fourscore and eight? Pat—Because, my lord, I was eight before I was fourscore.—London Answers.

CATCHING AN ALBATROSS.

The Bird Enjoys the Sport and is Landed Uninjured.
 With the birds settling by the dozen it is easy enough to capture specimens for examination without causing injury or pain. Any sharply barbed hook is altogether superfluous. The albatrosses absolutely enjoy the excitement, and the sport obtained is not without a novel interest.
 A small metal frame should be made in the shape of a hollow triangle attached to 100 yards of stout line and kept afloat by a good sized piece of cork. The sides of the metal frame are then covered with bits of fat pork, the hard skin of which is securely bound thereto. The bait is thrown astern, and the line is slowly paid out.
 Presently a great albatross swoops through the air, impelled by curiosity to investigate the nature of the floating pork. It settles before the dainty morsel of food; numbers of birds follow suit, each one made bold by competition, and then the sport begins.
 At this moment additional line must be given in order to compensate for the prodding of the ship, thus enabling a bird to seize the desired food. With a sudden rush the supreme effort is made. Once or twice the attempt proves ineffectual; but, rendered bold by greediness, a final grab finds the curved bill securely wedged inside the apex of the triangle, as the fierce tugs on the line quickly indicate.

Steadily the haul is made, hand over hand, until a helpless albatross is bodily lifted on to the poop in an absolutely uninjured condition. A slackened line enables the bird to escape, and if scattered wits permitted such an effort sudden flight would obtain release.
 The other birds invariably commence to attack a wounded comrade, a steady pull being required, even if the line does cut your hands, to save it from their friends. Once safely on deck the mandibles are tied together, for otherwise the bird throws up an oily fluid, a disagreeable habit possessed by all the tribe.

Subject to this precaution it may wander gravely around to survey the new horizon of life. The large eyes gaze with a truly pathetic confidence expressive of anything but fear.
 It is a strange spectacle to witness the inquisitive bird solemnly waddle to and fro among the equally inquisitive human beings around. True, it objects slightly to the process of measurement, pecking sharply by way of protest, but a gentle box on the ear soon induces submission as the dimensions are rapidly noted, the albatross meanwhile reposing affectionately in the arms of the second officer.

The specimen happens to be a small one, but the wing expansion from tip to tip is less than ten feet, the extreme length of body is three feet six inches and the formidable bill measures upward of four inches.—Cornhill Magazine.

MAKING A COAT.

Thirty-nine Distinct Varieties of Work by as Many Men.

According to the United States bureau of labor, the old saw "It takes nine tailors to make a man" is filled with misinformation, for in reality, the bureau finds, it takes thirty-nine men of different trades just to make a coat under the present system of shop manufacture, for the day when one tailor measured the customer, cut out the cloth and, with his apprentices, shaped it into a finished and pressed garment has practically passed. To-day all one tailor may do through his entire life is to mark the piece where buttons are to be sewed on. Another man never marks places for buttons. His specialty is to mark buttonholes. A third man spends the long day in sewing on buttons, a fourth in marking buttonholes. Men who sew sleeves do not make armholes. The armhole men give place to shoulder shapers, and these last do not touch collars, which are a distinct specialty. Even the men who manipulate the tailor's goose are divided into pressers of seams, edges, linings, sleeves and coat pressers. The busters stick to one distinct specialty of busting, and a separate functionary, the busting puller, undoes their work. Even the coat strap is a separate province. So that when the coat is finished it represents thirty-nine distinct varieties of work by as many men. And when a man finally puts on the coat he is wearing the product of 312 fingers and seventy-eight thumbs, not counting the digits of those who sheared the sheep, wove the cloth, dyed it, finished it, shipped it and cut it nor the ink stained clerical hands which kept a book record of all the processes. Probably from sheep to wearer the coat was handled by at least 3,000 fingers.—New York Tribune.

Elephant Police.

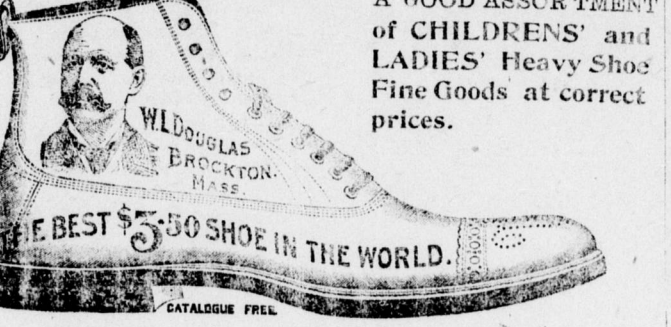
The sight of six pairs of elephants simultaneously at work capturing a half dozen struggling, trumpeting mates is an imposing one. Like a pair of animal policemen arresting a prisoner, the great beasts sidle alongside a victim, take him between them and jostle and squeeze and worry him, tail first, toward a tree. Every inch is contested by the herculean fighters until nearing a stout tree or stump the little brown elephant catchers slide from their mounts to the ground, crawl under the ponderous bellies and shuffling, kicking feet, slip cable slings about a hind foot and take a turn around a tree.—Strand Magazine.

Brilliant Idea.

"I can't understand," said the stranger, "since the monument is perfectly cylindrical in form, why they put in square railing around it."
 "Perhaps," replied the native, "they didn't have enough railing to go round."—Philadelphia Press.

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