

they are constructing wild animals as lifelike in appearance as

any that ever rambled through the forests and jungles of Africa. The raw material was supplied by Theodore Roosevelt, while the art, skill and beautiful workmanship that con- are as carefully finished as the prodverts it into the finished product are net of a sculptor. furnished by a staff of experts whose work is equaled by few men in this celve the skin the latter has to be country.

A story went the rounds recently that there was not enough money available to mount all the Roosevelt specimens. As a matter of fact, it is not the intention to mount all of them. There are a good many duplicates, and there would be no object in pre-paring duplicates for public exhibition. The skins of those animals which are the skins is the supreme test of the not mounted will be kept, however, and will always be available for examination by persons interested in the but are pasted, so that they will adstudy of them.

A Question of Men.

"It is not a question of money," said an official of the Smithsonian institution. "It is a question of men. There is sufficient money to mount the Roosevelt specimens and also other specimens which we have, but there are not very many men who can do the sort of work that we are doing the animal. In doing this the molds here. A man has to be more than a taxidermist. He must be something manner that a man puts on gloves, of a naturalist himself, something of a sculptor and a good deal of an observer of animals in the life."

The work that is now going on in the taxidermy shop bears out this fastening skates to the heel of a shoe statement. Only a few men are employed there, and they work quietly and deliberately on their delicate tasks. Scattered around the room are clay models of all sorts of wild ani-There are plaster casts, too, mals. which are executed with a fidelity to life worthy of a Barye. So excellent is the work on these casts that many of them would serve for statues rather than mere bodies to be clothed with skin.

tailor's." remarked the head of the turn. "A tailor has furnished to him shop. the body, and he makes the suit of clothes to fit it. Here we get the suit of clothes, and it is our job to build the body."

Mount Skins on Statues.

Up to about ten years ago the usual method of mounting animals' skins was to construct a more or less rude framework, drape the skin upon it and then stuff it. The result usually sonian institution and others are paintwas an unnatural pose and a mis. ed by its own experts. The latter are shapen beast that would not have been the best, although it is possible to buy recognized by its fellows in the jungle. a satisfactory grade of artificial eyes Taxidermy of this kind is frequently from almost any manufacturer. The exhibited in the form of stuffed bears

N the taxidermy shop of the Na- system is faithfully reproduced As tional museum at Washington in the case of many of the Rooseveit specimens, there are no living counterparts in this country. The taxidermists in such instances make a study of the nearest relative of the animal that they can find. From the large clay models are made plaster casts. These casts are permanent work and

> When a plaster cast is ready to resoaked and made thoroughly pliable. It is then given a coat of arsenical scap on the inside. This is for the purpose of making it proof against moths. A sufficient amount of the poison permeates through to the roots of the hair, so that a moth never takes more than one bite and usually does not get that far. The fitting of success or failure of the model making. The hides are not only sewed on. here snugly to the hollows of the cast as well as to the protuberances

Fitting of Legs a Delicate Task.

Perhaps the most ingenious part of the work is the fitting of the legs, The plaster casts of logs are made separately from the body. In the skins the legs have not been detached. The first operation is to mount the legs of are slid into the skins in the same At the upper end of each leg is a de vice for locking it to the body. This is nothing more nor less than an adaptation of the old fashioned method of Almost any one of the grownup boys will remember how he used to put plates in the heels of his winter shoes in order to receive the little knob which came on the heels of the skate and bow, after walking to the skating pond, he would have to slt down and dig the snow out of the holes. When the skin of the animal has been stretched over the plaster body the legs are made fast by inserting the little knobs into the plates containing "Our work is just the reverse of a the holes and then giving them a half So accurately are these joints made that the legs are held as firmly in place as if they were actually a part of the main cast. Only by this method can the cutting of the skins to separate the legs from the body be avoided.

Eyes Bought or Made.

The last operation is the luserting of the eyes. Some of the eyes are purchased in the market by the Smithbeauty of the hand painted eye is that and other animals used as advertise- it has a more lifelike expression and has the peculiar qualities of always ap-There is a whole drawer full of glass

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Rival managers, jealous of Mack's success, have been heard to sneeringly rall it "luck," Personality, basebail wisdom, foresight, all these have been attributed as reasons for Mack's suc-And we are all willing to admit that all may be minor factors in the success of Cornelius the great, just as they are in the accomplishments of any man who attains something worth while.

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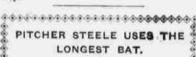


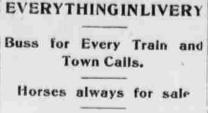
pugilistic world that he is Conley's master and is now in hard training. Johnny said the fight cannot take place soon enough to suit him, while Conley said he would be able to battle inside of two weeks. Conley claimed the bantamweight championship before he was beaten by Coulon and is anxious to regain his hurels.

SEEKS ANOTHER LONG WALK.

Edward Payson Weston Says He Figures on 2,000 Mile Jaunt.

Edward Payson Weston, the walker, who observed the seventy-third anniversary of his birth recently, is looking for fresh fields to conquer. "I feel as strong today as I did when I started on my jaunt from the Atlantic to the Pacific," said the veteran the other day, "and I'm now looking about for some attractive route a couple of thousand miles long suitable for a similar trip."





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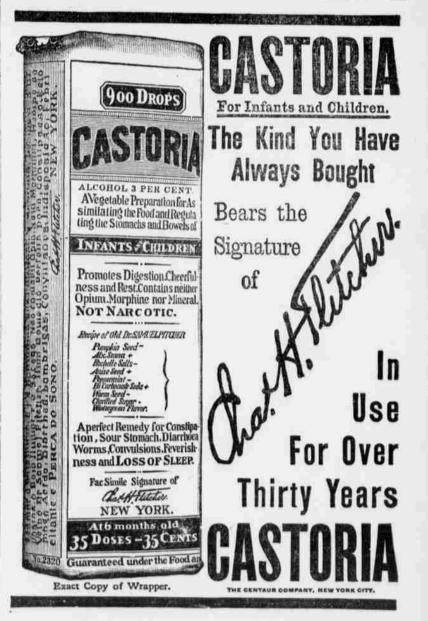
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ments over the doorways of fur stores. But a revolution has come in the pearing to be directed at the observer mounting of animals for scientific museums. It is now the fashion to make eyes in the taxidermy shop, but in a statue of the animal itself and then nearly all the important specimens a to clothe it with the hide, fitting it so pair of eyes is specially prepared to fit closely as to allow muscles to stand in | the subject. relief and joining the seams with such infinite skill that they are practically now working on several important

dermists at the Smithsonian institution The miniature model represents the make use of animal statuary, of pho- bed of a dried up stream. In the ceutographs, drawings and personal stud- ter of it is a small water hole, which ies of live animals. But most impor- has been dug by zebras, whose tracks tant of all are the measurements that may be seen in the soil. were taken in the field by the naturalists who accompanied the Roosevelt expedition. Every skin that was sent over here had a set of measurements that were taken immediately after the animal was killed. These measurements are more minute and complete than any ever taken by a tailor who bed of the stream. One of the lionessmakes a suit of clothes. They are invaluable to the taxidermists in preparing the plaster casts over which the cubs are at play, after the fashion of skins are stretched.

Hides Are Well Tanned.

were packed in brine. The first thing ter cast that will receive the skin of to be done was to have them tanned the lion. This skin hangs in a cabinet so that they could be permanently pre- on one side of the room. It has a served. This work was done in pri beavy bushy mane, yet not so large a vate tanneries, the result being that mane as is often seen on animals in the hides have been converted into captivity. As one of the Smithsonian soft, pliable leather without in any workmen explained, this is usually the way damaging the hair. In skinning case. A wild lion traveling through nearly all of the animals very few cuts heavy jungle and undergrowth gets his were made. One incision along the hair combed so continually that he belly was sufficient in most cases, with loses a part of the natural growth the exception of short incisions in the Lions in cages accumulate better heads legs. The rule was to get the skin off of hair because there is nothing to the animal with a minimum of cutting wear it off. This makes more work for the taxithat is practically unmarred.

great detail and decides the pose into African buffalo, which is now comout to the Washington zoo in order to of defying his foes. Just at present a study poses. From the miniature piece of burlap is wrapped around the structed, and this carries the detail catch his eyes in case they should hap even further, so that the muscular pen to fall out.

The Smithsonian taxidermists are groups. The largest contains five lions In doing this sort of work the taxi- and will be an elaborate production

An Impressive Group.

A family of lions has driven away the zebras and taken possession of the water holes. The head of the family, a large, fine specimen, is standing on a little rise of ground just above the es is lying down; the other is crouching and lapping up the water. Two kittens.

The lionesses and cubs are already mounted for this group, and the taxi When the skins arrived here they dermists are now completing the plas-

The zebra, which is now being mountdermists, but it produces a specimen ed, is a magnificent specimen of the male and will be one of the most When the Smithsonian experts un showy of the Roosevelt collection. If dertake to mount an animal in nearly will be shown with the head extended all cases they first make a miniature toward the ground as if grazing. The model in clay. This is worked out in largest specimen of all is a full grown which the animal is to be placed. plete. The buffalo is shown standing Frequently the workmen make trips with head thrown up as if in the act model a life size clay model is con- lower part of the head. This is to

@ 1911, by American Press Association. CONNIE MACK, MANAGER OF THE ATHLETICS that has been Mack's blg asset. During his career as a manager there has seldom-one might almost say neverbeen a time when he was not prepared for any old emergency.

Mack has the great faculty of knowing when one of his stars is about to fade and knowing when one of his youngsters is ready to jump in and fill the veteran's shoes. Then comes the fateful day when the youth who has been nursed along by Mack, who kept him watching what the other players did, is made a regular.

That has always been Connie Mack's system. It's very fine to have a pennant winning ball club. But they can't go on winning pennants or keeping in the race forever

The history of Mack's success might be traced almost from the beginning with his faculty of obtaining and training ball players as the blg factor. Mack does not want to buy stara. He wants to make stars. And that his system is a good one is evident from his record.

Pitcher Elmer Steele of the Pittsburgs uses the longest bat on record. It is fully a foot longer than the one with which Honus Wagner does such execution. One afternoon at the training camp in Hot Springs, Ark.. Elmer was greeted with a laugh when he approached the plate. telegraph pole in hand. hope," he remarked, "that all the pitchers in the league take me for a monkey this season. I'll show them what's what."

Yale and Harvard to Row June 30. After wrangling over the date for a month or so Harvard and Yale have finally decided to row their annual varsity eight oared race on the Thames, in Connecticut, June 30. The Yale and Harvard managers have made an innovation this year by adopting an eligibility agreement. This provides that each crew captain shall send to the other a complete list of all oarsmen, who will be allowed to row forty days before the regatta. The eligibility committee will consist of Robert D. Wrenn of Harvard, Otto Bannard of Yale and the referee of the regatts who is almost certain to be William H. Melkleham of New York city.

CURRENT SPORT EVENTS Montreal is building a \$300,000 curl ing rink Princeton is planning a new stadium seating 40,000. Chicago is to hold next year's American bowling tourney. Indianapolis opens the grand circuit July 2; aggregate value of purses \$22,-

900. University of Missouri's new athletic stadium at Columbia will seat 8,250

and will be ready July 15.

A national aviation school will be opened by one of the prominent promoters at College Park, Md., on the outskirts of Washington.

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