# HIS FIRST ELEPHANT.

# Laughable Scenes in a Menagerie at

Cork.

An American travelling in Europe last summer wandered aimlessly into an enclosure at Cork, where a travelling menageric chanced to be exhibiting a collection of animals, among which was a ponderous Indian elephant, a cage of chattering monkeys and a few other living curiosties.

There was nothing unusual about the show. In fact, it was rather a poor exhibition. One man in the throng, however, attracted the gentleman's attention and he paused a moment to observe him.

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He paused with wonderment before the elephant, eyeing it with suspicion and keeping it at a respectful distance as he surveyed the beast. At last his native curiosity got the better of him.

Uncovering his head and pullting at his shaggy forelock he said, in a whisper of awe tempered with respect, but in the richest Irish broque imaginable:—

"I'm after axing yer 'Oner's pardin' and phat might that be? Shure the two eyes of me nivver rested on the likes o' that before or since."

The gentleman explained that the animal was an elephant and a harmless beast, and to illustrate the point approached the creature and reached forth his hand containing a bit of something palatable, which the aummal conveyed to his mouth with his trunk.

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restitution. In the meantime he asked his late employer to look after his family, stating that his wife was innocent. The merchant made inquiries, and heard nothing but what was favorable as to the character of the woman, whom he found in utter despair after—reading a letter similar to the one he had received. He gave her a cheque for \$2.50, saying he would assume that the man had defrauded him to the extent of \$1,500, which he would place to the debit of his account. The wife is thus reliqued from any immediate want and the merchant has offered to interest himself further on behalf of the family.—[Yankee Blade.

# How Stepniak's Glib Tongue Got

# NOTES AND COMMENTS.

ETHER-DRINKING has become so prevaent in Ireland that the Lord Lieutenant as scheduled ether as poison, to be sold only by chemists. The habit started in traperstown, and claims 78,852 slaves, It acts thrice as quickly from drunk to sober as other spirits, and resembles the oppum-habit in the resulting moral paralysis.

Amonot the curiosities of recent will-making is the bequest of the late Mr. John Noble, the English millionaire varnish manufacturer, of an annual income to his son, Mr. Wilson Noble, the present member of Pauliament for Hastings, with the proviso that \$10,000 a year shall at once be struck off if he should fail to be re-elected.

Sheep-Raisno, if one may judge by the case of a young New York woman, is rather profitable, after all. Her brother had sone money invested in sheep in Utah, and induced his sister to put \$1,500 into the investment with him. This was two years ago. She sold her share of the sheep several weeks ago to her brother, who was increasing his holdings. She received a check for \$3,500 not a bad return on a two-years' investment.

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THE most lenient pawnshop in the world is the Monti di Picta in Rome, established in 1585. Any person who brings a pawn may borrow from \$12 that is loaned above that is paid at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum. At the end of two years, if the pledge be not redeemed nor interest of the money paid, the pledge is sold, and the overplus of the debt is laid by for the owner who has it in his power to demand it within 100 years.

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Stanley has now given up an opinion which he entertained when he set out in search of Livingstone. He was then led to believe by the natives that a white or light-colored people would be found somewhere in central Africa. Several of the tribes had traditions of the existence of such a people there, and Dr. Livingstone himself heard of these traditions during his African wanderings. Stanley became convinced during his recent explorations that there is no white native race to be found in the central regions of the Dark Continent.

DR. ROBERT COLLYER the famous black-Dr. Robert Collyer the famous blacksmith preacher, has not forgotten the trade he learned in his boyhood. Talking to a Chicago reporter the other day of the horseshoe he made just after the big fire, he said: "A student at Cornell wrote me offering me \$1,000 if I would make a horseshoe. He probably thought that either I did not know how to make one or would back down, thinking it unbecoming my dignity. In either case he was disappointed, for I made it "—and here the speaker's eyes began to twinkle—"and I don't think it was such a bad piece of workmanship, either. Could I make one now? Let some one offer me \$1,000, and see how quick I would turn one out."

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A FACT which has been recently commented upon is that there has been an almost entire absence of poisoning cases from adulterated candy, which were so numerous in former years. This evil at one time became so serious that an association was formed for the distinct purpose of securing the passage of special statutes in various states making the adulteration of confectionery with any substance injurious to health punishable by a heavy fine; and for several years liberal rewards have been offered by this association, as well as by its individual members, for evidence against any offender sufficient to obtain a conviction under the laws, the association assuming the cost and responsibility of the prosecution. In New York and Brooklyn, according to the Commercial Advertiser, there are a large number of firms, including all the large manufacturers of confectionery, who are pledged to the prosecution of all offenders against the special statutes passed by the Legislature on this subject; and by application to a member of the association any suspected confectionery can at once be analyzed free of charge.

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RELIGION OF JAPANESE WO-

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Even the Priests.

The religion of the Japanese women must appear very complicated and confused to their little gliddy brains, when even the most learned priests of the country lose themselves in their cosmogonies, their symbols, their metamorphoses of gods in that millearry chaos upon which the Buddhism of India has so strangely foisted itself without destroying anything. Their most serious cult seems to be that of their defunct ancestors. These shades or familiar gods possess in each household a perfumed altar, before which the living pray long at morning and night, without, however, believing absolutely in in the immortality of the scul, and in the persistence of the ego as understood by our Occidental religions.

To the religious contradictions which baffle us must be added susperstitions as old as the world, the strangest or the gloomiest, and fearful to listen to atnight. Beings half gods and half ghosts haunt the black darkness; at crossways in the woods stand ancient idols gifted with singular powers; there are miraculous stones in the depths of forests. And to have an approximate idea of these women, with small oblique eyes, one must reduce to chaos all that I have just said, then try to transpose it into glidy brains that laughter prevents most of the time from thinking, and that seem at moments to have the heedlessness of the brains of birds.

Withal, they are assiduous in their attendance at all the pilgrimages, which are constant, at all the ceremonies and festivals in the temples. During the fair season they come in smiling troops, two or three times a month, from all corners of the country to pagodas deliciously situated in the country, covering the little roads, the little bridges, with the incessant passing of their marine blue dresses, and with the wide shells of their black head-dresses.

In big cities, on almost every summer evening, there is a pilgrimage to some sanctuary or other—sometimes in honor of a god so ancient that nobody remembers exactly his rol

I read a very interesting statement recently that the three late Dukes of Athole planted in their lifetime 14,000, 1000 larch trees on their estates. The writer who made this statement seemed to doubt the fact on the ground that he imagined that their Graces did so with their own hands, which would necessitate each of them planting 200 trees a day for sixty years. When, however, a man is said to "plant" an estate it does not mean that he does so personally than, when it is said that a man "furnishes" a house, he makes his own cabinets and tables, or puts down his own carpets—though our grandfathers and grandmothers, as often as not, actually did the latter, as well as—good souls!—sewing the various strips of carpet together. If, however, it comes to planting trees with one's own hands, there is still something to be said. Charles II. planted nearly all the trees in the avenue at Windsor with his, and some that are now in St. James' Park; and George III. had a mania for planting trees, as well as innumerable grape vines. Her present Majesty has planted over 5,000 trees in various places she has visited, and the Prince of Wales cannot be very far behind her in also doing so.—[Galignani Messenger.

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The Forgatful Employee.

A successful business man says there were two things which he learned when he was eighteen which were afterward of great use to him, namely: "Never to lose anything, and never to forget anything."

An old lawyer sent him with an important paper with certain instructions what to do with it. "But," inquired the young man, "suppose I lose it, what shall I do then?"

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"I don't mean to," said the young man, "but suppose I should happen to?"

"But I say you must not happen to; I shall make no provision for such an occurence; you must not lose it!"

This put a new train of thought into the young man's mind, and he found that if he was determined to do a thing he could do it. He made such a provision against every contingency that he never lost anything. He found this equally true about forgetting. If a certain matter of importance was to be remembered, he pinned it down in his mind, fastened it there and made it stay. He used to say: "When a man tells me he forgot to do something, I tell him he might as well have said: 'I do not care enough about your business to take the trouble to think about it again."

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I once had an intelligent young man in myl employ who deemed it sufficient excuse for neglecting any important task to say: "I forgot it." I told him that would not answer. If he was sufficiently interested, he would be careful to remember. It was because he did not care enough that he forgot it. I drilled him with this truth. He worked for me three years, and during the last of the three he was utterly changed in this respect. He did not forget a thing. His forgetting, he found, was a lazy, careless habit of the mind, which he cured.—American Grocer.

The oyster planters of the Long Island Sound are taking limestone from the Hudson River with which to make oyster beds on which spawn can attach its self. These planters first used all the oyster shells they could get from towns a along the sound and from New York. Then they brought them by the shipload from Maryland. The oyster shells, however, broke up rapidly and were washed away, and it was found necessary to resort to limestone, which is found to make a permanent bed.—[Baltimore (Md.) Trade.

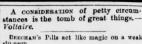
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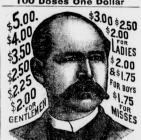
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