

## Elephants' Feet

The feet of elephants in captivity have to be looked after carefully all the time, and once or twice a year, anyway, specific treatment is required to keep them in order. If the elephant is in a traveling show, where he is doing more or less marching in street parades, and it may be in moving from place to place on the road, his feet are worn down to something like what they would be in nature. In such a case they would have to be regularly overhauled only once a year, at the close of the winter season. In the case of elephants remaining in one spot all the time, in a stationary menagerie, where they would do no marching, and would scarcely wear their feet down at all, their feet are looked after twice a year. A captive elephant on the road might suffer in his feet from stone bruise, or might pick up a stone, or a rock, or any one of forty things; or he might have corns or have something the matter with his toenails; or possibly have suffered the loss of a toe nail by some accident. From some such injury the elephant might go lame, or suffer otherwise. It might be that the foot would need to be protected under treatment, and there is used for such purpose a bag with a shirring around the top, which, drawn over the foot, and up a little on the leg above it, can be closed around the leg to keep out gravel or anything else that might otherwise work in and irritate the foot.

This elephant with the sore foot would, of course, be spared all the walking possible. He would not appear in the parade, but in the case of a railroad show, for instance, he would on arriving at or leaving a show town, limp along with that bag over his foot from the car to the show lot, or from the show lot to the car, by the shortest way. Incidentally the elephant's feet are being looked after all the time; the annual or semi-annual over-hauling is to keep them down to their natural proportions and conditions and make them less liable to injury. In its general shape the bottom of an elephant's foot is somewhat like a blunt oval. The sole is a flat pad or cushion, tough, but elastic, being of a gristly or cartilaginous character. Commonly this pad would be about an inch in thickness. The elephant's toes do not project separately out beyond the rest of the foot, but are virtually inclosed within the front rim of the foot, their presence marked by the toenails, which are in appearance as much as anything like big black hard-

## Regular Pedicuring to Keep Them in Condition.

shell clamshells set around on the front edges, five to a foot in the case of the Asiatic elephants and four in the case of the Africans.

With no use of its feet, nothing to keep them worn down as they would be kept in nature, the pads may grow to be two inches thick, and come to have crevices or seams in them in which foreign matter may lodge, and the elephant is in more danger of picking up things, which may become imbedded in the tough pad and get out of sight and work through into the quick.

The toenails also get long, and they may curl under the sole of the foot and they become thus more liable to be caught, and the situation is then one of inconvenience and danger to the animal. But before they reach this stage the elephant's feet are trimmed down into shape. The feet of the elephants in the Central park menagerie got one of their regular overhauls last week. "Tom," said Elephant Keeper Snyder to the larger of the two elephants, on one of the days when this work was going on, "give us your feet."

And the big elephant lifted his foot as a horse might have lifted his on a like request. "Tom can tell you what you are thinking about when you look at him," says Keeper Snyder.

Jule, the other elephant is not so tractable or not so intelligent, and it takes more diplomacy and effort to get at her feet for the work necessary to be done upon them. But even with the most docile of elephants it takes two men to do the work conveniently, and, at the menagerie in the park when the elephants' feet are fixed Head Keeper Shannon gives Keeper Snyder a lift. It might not be expected that these elephants would pick up anything here in their long-acquainted quarters, whose floor they have trodden for years, but on this occasion in one of Jule's feet Keeper Snyder found a die, one out of a set of dice, which had already been worked in, out of sight, and in one of Tom's feet; the bowl of an iron teaspoon, the handle having been broken off. The metal of this spoon could be seen when the foot was lifted up, but it was imbedded sufficiently so that it took quite a pull with the keeper's elephant hook to pull it out. How these two odd and curiously different things found their way into the elephant's cages to be picked up in their feet could not be said for certain, but it is probable that they were thrown in by thoughtless children.—New York Sun.

## The Mysterious Lhasa

May Eventually be Entered by Dr. Berthold Laufer of New York City.

With the hope that he may ultimately penetrate the mysterious Tibetan city of Lhasa, Dr. Berthold Laufer, who is connected with the Museum of Natural History, New York city, is about to renounce the world and his friends for the solitude of a Buddhist temple. He will leave in a few days for Pekin, where he will settle in a Lamaistic monastery to live the life of a recluse and to be among the priests, studying their language, customs and ceremonies. He hopes to obtain one of their official degrees which would facilitate him in his attempt to reach the holy city of Lhasa. All the specimens he can secure will be sent to the New York museum. Dr. Laufer believes that in view of the increasing commercial relations between China and the United States, greater knowledge should be had of that country and its people. But one other foreigner has ever lived in a Chinese temple. He was a Hungarian, Cosma de Koros, and death cut short his labors. A number of scientific men are interested in Dr. Laufer's mission.

### Accents by Phonograph.

It has long been supposed that France, or a Frenchman, is necessary for the acquisition of a proper French accent. This is no longer so now that an economical substitute for the Frenchman has been found in the phonograph. It is understood that the corps of distinguished French professors are spending their whole time in converting into phonographs. A professor's day's work is to fill thirty phonographic cylinders. These cylinders

are destined to go forth bearing precious French accents into thousands of happy English homes. A book has now been prepared, called "The Pictorial French Course." It contains thirty lessons, each illustrated by a picture ingeniously portraying the objects alluded to in the lesson. Each lesson corresponds word for word with one of the phonographic discs. All that the student has to do, therefore, is to set his phonograph going. The book will tell him what it is saying. It will be seen that the new system is pictorial-oral.—London Daily Mail.

### Investors of Wood Pulp Paper.

A writer in a London newspaper, speaking of the ingenuity of wasps in building their nests, says: "Like a trained spaniel, she finds at last some old stump or sill of wood, some fallen trunk or weatherworn wound in growing timber whereon she settles and proceeds to bite off bits of wood and chew them into paste. With this she flies to the hole again, and with jaws, and head and feet, molds the thin-drawn paste into fine gray paper, silky, strong and waterproof. Here is an invention—"paper from wood-pulp" which has been littered before the blind eyes of man ever since in prehistoric ages he first discovered wasp's nests, but was reserved to be his "triumph" at the end of the nineteenth century of our modern era!

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## California's Promising Future.

"The attention of the east is being attracted to California in a marked degree," said a man from the Pacific coast the other day. "The great field for the eastern investor will henceforth be found in the northern part of the state. The development of gold and copper mines in Shasta county, and particularly the discovery of oil in the northern counties is assuming such proportion that they cannot longer be hidden from the investment seeker, and eastern capital will not fail to discover the great possibilities. The oil industry of California will reach this year an output of over 10,000,000 barrels. The Santa Fe and Southern Pacific railroads are burning oil on their locomotives; the sugar refineries, street railway power houses and manufacturing industries are substituting it for coal. Four months ago the home consumption for fuel only amounted to over 400,000 barrels to a month. Coal in California costs from \$8 to \$14 a ton. It is imported from

Washington, British Columbia and Australia. Hence petroleum, of which four and a half barrels equal a ton of coal, is proving a boon to California."

### Rubber Tires on Fire Engines.

A set of rubber tires suitable for use on a fire engine cost from \$350 to \$450. There is no question about the advantages of their use. With rubber tires an engine goes less often to the repair shop and so is more continuously in commission. And if you should happen to see a rubber tired engine go around a corner or get into or out of the tracks of a street railroad, you'd think the advantage gained there was enough to pay for the tires. The engine doesn't swing or slide, but it follows true and the driver knows just where he can go and what he can do with the machine when he's under way.

Birds' wings and breasts now vary both quills and flowers in the decoration of outing hats.

### The Earldom of Arundel.

The Duke of Norfolk has acknowledged the truth of the singular story that has recently been told about the chief of his country seats, the famous Arundel castle, in Sussex. It seems that the ownership entitled to the "title and honors" of the Earldom of Arundel, the most ancient title in the peerage, is not at all likely that the house of Howard, of which the Duke of Norfolk is the head, will get into financial hard luck, and be forced to part with the castle as a valuable asset, but if in the course of human events such a climax comes in the family fortunes of the Howards, there is said to be no legal obstacle to prevent the purchaser of Arundel castle, even if he be the newest of the new among the untitled millionaires, from taking his seat in the house of Lords as the Earl of Arundel. It is a title which dates back more than 350 years before Christopher Columbus made the preliminary surveys for the establishment of popular government in the United States, and while the Duke of Norfolk's dukedom is the oldest in the peerage, his earldom antedates it by nearly as long as it does the first voyage of Columbus. The dukedom, in fact, was created nine years before that celebrated trans-Atlantic excursion was announced as a pleasing and exciting novelty to the skeptical Spaniards, and it will be a curious thing if multi-millionaires, weary of buying what little remains to be purchased of the American continent and its business enterprises, should write a small check (small, of course, for an American multi-millionaire) and add Arundel castle to his minor possessions, so as to be able to use the house of lords as a club during his spring visits to do a little shopping on the London stock exchange.

### Envoy to Athens.

Baron Rosen, who will be remembered by many people in this country as having been for a number of years consul general in New York and charge d'affaires at Washington, has just been appointed Russian envoy at the court of Athens, which, from a Muscovite point of view, is an infinitely more desirable post than Munich, where he has been since he made way at Tokio for Minister Iswolski. Baron Rosen, who belongs to the Lithuanian nobility, and the origin of whose family is German, is regarded as one of the most astute of Muscovite diplomats, and, above all, is a man of action. His appointment to Athens consequently creates a good deal of attention, and is held to indicate that the Russian government is on the eve of some new move in that part of Europe, either in connection with the Macedonian difficulty or else with regard to Crete.

### Dispatch to Dewey.

Rear Admiral A. S. Crowninshield, chief of the bureau of navigation, issued a formal statement that he is the author of the famous dispatch to Admiral Dewey, ordering him to proceed from Hongkong to Manila and there capture or destroy the Spanish fleet. Admiral Crowninshield states that he wrote the dispatch in the White House and submitted it to both Attorney General Griggs and the president, and that the only change made in the dispatch as he wrote it was the addition of the word "capture" or "destroy" to the dispatch then was handed to Lieut. Whittlesley, who took it to Secretary Long, and after the latter had signed it, sent it to Admiral Dewey.

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