

LAST HIPPO IN NATAL.

Strange Creatures of the Earth, One by One, Are Disappearing Forever.

The last hippopotamus has been slaughtered in Natal. All the larger and more curious creatures are disappearing so fast that this will be a monotonous world, at any rate for naturalists, in another century. Not so long ago the hippopotamus haunted the rivers of Cape Colony and Natal, and "lakew cow bacon," as the salted layer of fat under the hide is called, was a favorite dish; but now this huge creature has disappeared from both countries. The hunter has been its enemy for many a century, but the rifle is a far more deadly weapon than the assegai, says the London Standard.

The animal has an appetite proportional to its bulk, and can accommodate a good deal of vegetable produce. Besides this, it is a wasteful feeder, trampling down and tearing up much more than it consumes, and it prefers cultivated plants to wild vegetation. That has proved its doom in Natal.

One herd was left at Seacow lake, a coast lagoon near Durban, and was protected by the government. It consisted of parents and a family of five. Unfortunately, these, like young people all the world over, loved "sweeties," and made nocturnal raids on the neighboring sugar cane plantations. The owners petitioned the government, a warrant of execution was granted, and the parental bull, who must have been nearly 50 years old, was the last to fall, and will henceforth be only an "exhibit" in the Durban museum.

So the strange creatures of the earth disappear before the white man, the great destroyer. The hippopotamus, the elephant and the giraffe, to speak only of Africa, with many kinds of antelopes, are rapidly diminishing in numbers.

BIRDS IN THE CHOIR LOFT.

Two Sweet Singers Interrupt the Preacher with an Outburst of Nature's Melody.

In a certain Methodist Episcopal church up town the choir loft is profusely decorated with palms and other growing plants, and among the green foliage hang two gilded cages, each containing a sweet-singing canary, says the Philadelphia Record. During the opening musical service the birds, encouraged to emulate the melody of the organ, frequently burst into song, but after that they invariably tuck their little heads away beneath their wings and sleep during the pastor's sermon, just as though they were regular members of the congregation. One Sunday evening, however, the birds were restless for some reason or other, and suddenly, during a pause in the sermon, those emanated from the choir loft a few joyous notes sweeter than any salaried soprano in all this broad world could ever hope to utter. The next moment the other bird had joined in, and a rippling flood of melody went floating through the church. The pastor stood and gazed appreciatively in the direction of the choir loft. The members of the congregation sat in hushed admiration of the gratifying song. For fully three minutes the two little songsters had full sway, and poured out a perfect cascade of trills and quivers and delicious crescendos. When the melody finally ceased the preacher, before resuming his discourse, remarked: "I do not know what I would not give to be able to preach a sermon half so good as that."

WORSHIP OF THE SHAKERS.

In Stately Manner They March Into Church by Twos to the Singing of Their Hymns.

Sabbath worship is usually conducted at the public church, where visitors from the world are free to attend, writes Madeline S. Bridges, in Ladies' Home Journal. Four sisters and four brethren stand in the center of the room and form a double quartette. The Shaker dance, so miscalled, is in reality a more or less stately march, in which all the members join—the brethren in a procession, two by two, followed by the sisterhood in like order. They move in step to the hymns they are singing, either slowly or quickly, as the measure of the time demands. The ritual is of the simplest. Testimony of faith fervently uttered by those who feel impelled to speak, a few earnest words of exhortation from the elders, the march and the singing of hymns.

Something curious in regard to these Shaker hymns is the fact that they are claimed to be largely inspirational—the music and words come together "as gifts," and frequently to those who are not musical. For instance, very often a tap will sound on the door of a musical sister, and an unmusical sister will enter with the announcement: "Sister, a song has just come to me. Can you take the words and note it for me?"

To Survey the Transvaal.

It is said that President Krueger and his executive have decided to have the entire country of the South African republic surveyed geologically. The work is to be carried out under the supervision of a citizen of the republic, Dr. G. A. Molengraaf, who has been in England lately arranging for the publication of the results of the survey by means of annual reports and occasional separate papers, to be accompanied by maps. A geological survey of this rich mineral country will be of inestimable value.

Meet West Bloomers.

Women bicyclists in St. Petersburg are ordered by the police to wear bloomers or "rational dress," as the wind blows too capriciously in Russia's capital for skirts to be worn with decency.

A SERIOUS PROBLEM.

What to Do with Philippines and How to Govern Them.

Because of Jealousies of European Powers the United States Will Probably Keep Permanent Hold on the Islands.

Major Gen. Merritt, who is to go to the Philippine islands as military governor, is expected to govern them under martial law until congress decides what shall finally be done with them.

There is little doubt, says the Washington correspondent of the New York Herald, that they will be permanently held by the United States. In view of the jealousy existing among European nations many senators and representatives believe that it will be more difficult to relinquish control of the Philippines than to hold them.

In view of this belief some consideration is already being given to the problem of devising a civil government for the islands when the war is ended. The extension of the territorial system of the United States to the Philippines is out of the question, as it will be a great many years before the inhabitants are capable of any degree of self-government.

The proposition that seems to meet most favor is to have the government of the islands administered by a board of three commissioners, to be composed of two civilians and one officer of the United States army, as in the District of Columbia. When the number of Americans in the islands increases sufficiently a very limited form of popular government might be introduced, to be expanded in the future.

Tariff taxes are to be collected by military authority and are to be turned into the treasury of the United States. As the war progresses the same system of collecting taxes is to be applied to such Spanish territory as may be occupied, thus compelling the conquered territory to aid in defraying the expenses of the war.

Until such time as congress shall take action formally annexing the Philippines or any other conquered Spanish territory to the United States all goods coming from such territory will be taxed at United States custom houses just the same as goods from other countries.

IS TO MARRY AGAIN.

Report That There Is to Be an Interesting Sequel to Divorce of Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett.

Mrs. Frances' Hodgson Burnett, the novelist and playwright, it is said, is preparing a sequel for the divorce she recently obtained from her husband, Dr. Burnett, of Washington.

The creator of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," who has sailed for England, it is declared, will soon take unto herself a new helpmate. Stephen Townsend, it is rumored, is the happy man. The disparity in their ages is ten years.

Townsend, who is 35 years of age, is the son of Rev. Dr. Townsend, who for 13 years has been rector of the Protestant Episcopal church, St. Mark's Strand, in London. Stephen Townsend has been on the stage for some time, and made his debut under Comynia Carr, when that dramatist was directing the fortunes of the Comedy theater in the English metropolis. It was there that he first met Mrs. Burnett.

Later he became her private secretary, and assisted her in writing "The First Gentleman of Europe," which David Frohman produced at the Lyceum theater, and in dramatizing "A Lady of Quality" for Julia Arthur. In the latter production he played the earl of Dunstanville.

WANTS TO FIGHT SPAIN.

Count Van Waldekk, of Holland, Comes to This Country and Enlists in Regular Army as Private.

A soldier by birth, who, though young in years, has already fought under two flags, and who belongs to the nobility of his native land, has enlisted at Cleveland, O., as a private in the infantry of the regular United States army. The new recruit is Eugene A. Van Waldekk, who is a Dutchman by birth and who bears the title of count in the nobility of Holland. Count Van Waldekk, who is only 25 years of age, belongs to a distinguished military family and has been in the military service ever since his twelfth year, when he was sent to a military training school. He served as sergeant major in the Dutch army and then went to Germany and entered the military service with the rank of first lieutenant. His commission expired April 14, and he at once set sail for America to enlist his fortunes under the stars and stripes.

Spain has done more wrong to my country than to the United States," said Count Van Waldekk, "and I want to avenge my ancestors for the Thirty Years' war carried on against them by the Spanish."

Force of a Rife Bullet.

In the English official regulations for 1898 it is stated that the mean extreme range of the Lee-Metford bullet may be taken as about 8,500 yards, although, with a strong wind, 3,700 yards have been observed. The bullets find their way through joints of walls unless the walls are made very fine and set in cement. About 150 rounds concentrated on nearly the same spot at 200 yards will break a nine-inch brick wall. Rammed earth gives less protection than loose. When fired into sand the bullet is found to be always turned aside after it has entered a little way.

Trolley Road in Peking.

And now they are going to have a trolley road in Peking. The Chinese government has granted a concession to a German syndicate and the contract has already been let to Stemans & Halske, of Berlin. A trolley road is also under construction at Seoul, the capital of Korea, by the American Trading company.

OBJECTIONABLE CUPIDS.

Salvation Army Girl Plans a Raid Upon Works of Art at the Omaha Exposition.

Miss Dorothy Mauer, a pretty lieutenant in the Salvation Army, has shocked Omaha admirers of art by securing an ax and chopping to pieces a number of groups of Cupids which decorated the Fine Arts building of the exposition.

The young woman performed thefeat at the hour of midnight. Had the frail framework to which she was clinging in order to execute her work given way she would have been precipitated 50 feet to the stone pavement below. When she had done the work to her satisfaction the girl descended to the ground, where she was met by a big policeman and several exposition guards, who had been prancing around on the ground below begging the girl to desist in her work and come down that they might arrest her.

A charge of malicious destruction of property was placed against her. The next morning her friends furnished a bond and she was released. She said:

"On Sunday afternoon I was at the exposition holding religious services. I was horrified at the offensive picture presented by the group of nude figures in different parts of the ground. I thereupon registered a vow that with God's help I would at least destroy some of the dreadful pictures. On Monday I visited Miss McCormick, also a lieutenant in our army, and told her of my plans. She favored them, and at night we went to the exposition grounds early. We remained in hiding until nearly midnight. Then we approached the high fence. The top is covered with barbed wire, which tore our clothes and flesh terribly, but we managed to get over. Then we found a long ladder leaning against one of the buildings. Miss McCormick remained below as a sentinel. I climbed up the building, but the ladder was too short by 30 feet. Then I was forced to make my way on my hands and knees. I cut with a small ax all the figures I could find all to pieces."

OMAHA WOMEN PATRIOTIC.

They Positively Refuse to Wear Gowns Coming from the French Capital.

The women of Omaha and other large Nebraska cities are determined that their patriotism shall be shown in more ways than making flags for the boys and shedding tears over the departure of the citizen soldiers. They have entered upon a boycott which promises to touch Paris fashions.

The move was inaugurated by the Society of the Daughters of the Revolution, which has a considerable membership. It has been seconded by hundreds of women in the city.

A call has been issued with the intention of forming an organization which will soon make itself felt as far as French things are concerned in the novelty and dress goods stores. A member of the Daughters of the Revolution said:

"This spirit of retaliation I believe the society women of the west will enter upon with a vim. Certainly it is a very substantial way of showing our dissatisfaction with the pronounced pro-Spanish spirit manifested by France at this critical moment. It is not too much to say that no more Parisian gowns and bonnets designed in the French capital will be worn by the society ladies of Omaha for some time to come."

The big stores which handle French patterns and designs in Parisian hate, gowns and the many articles so dear to the feminine heart, which are so liberally imported from that gay center of fashion at all times of the year, are beginning to feel the effect of the boy-

cott.

MASSACRE OF MISSIONARIES.

Terrible Story of the Butcherings in West Africa as Told by a Native Who Escaped.

A letter received in London from Sierra Leone, west coast of Africa, says that a Memina native who was with the American missionaries at Rotofunk when they were massacred by the insurgents, but who made his escape by resuming his native garb, furnished the following account of the tragedy:

"We started to walk to Sierra Leone, but had only gone half a mile when we met war boys who blocked the way. Rev. Mr. Cain tried to frighten them by firing a revolver over their heads; but seeing they were determined to do mischief, he cast his revolver away and said he would not have anybody's blood on his hands. The war boys then seized the party, including Miss Hatfield, Archer and Kent (Shenk?), stripped them of their clothing, dragged them back to the mission house, in front of which the war boys cut down Rev. Mr. Cain and hacked him to death, and then treated Miss Archer and Miss Kené (Shenk?) in the same way. Miss Hatfield, who was very ill, was thrown on a bare wire netting, and finally her throat was cut. Mrs. Cain escaped to the bush with a native girl; but the war boys went out seeking for them and they were afterwards killed."

Conditions—Complaint sur les lieux.

FRANK MARQUEZ.

Sheriff Civil pour la Paroisse d'Orléans.

V. Bouton, avocat pour le plaignant.

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ANNONCE JUDICIAIRE.

Vente d'une grande propriété de valeur du Sixième District.

Portant le No Municipal 6315.

Rue Hurst, entre les rues Calhoun et Boulevard Exposition.

Otto M. Seidel vs Samuel B. Allison.

COUR CIVILE DE DISTRICT pour la Paroisse d'Orléans—No 56 439.—En vertu d'un writ de saisie et vente à moi adressé par l'Honorable Cour Civile de District pour la Paroisse d'Orléans dans l'affaire ci-dessus intitulée, je procéderai à la vente à l'encherre publique, à la Bourse des Encanteurs Nos 629 et 631 rue Commune, entre les rues Camp et St-Charles, dans le Premier District de cette ville le JEUDI 10 juin 1898, à midi, de la propriété ci-après décrite, à savoir:

Un certain lot de terre, située au 1er étage de la maison d'angle de la rue Baudin et Baudin, à l'angle de la rue Baudin et Baudin.

Le lot No 629 borné par les rues Olympia, Murat et Hénocque, et l'avenue Washington.

Le lot No 631 borné par les rues St-Patrick et Baudin.

Le lot No 632 borné par les rues Olympia et Murat et trois quartes de la rue Baudin.

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