

CARRIAGE OF ANIMALS.

How Creatures from the Wilds of Africa Are Transported.

Most animals are so admirably equipped for transporting themselves on long journeys, whether by land, air or water, that they have the greatest possible dislike to any artificial mode of conveyance, however carefully designed to meet their convenience.

The giraffe, recently on its way to England as a present to the queen from the Bechuana chief, Bathoen, was conducted on a somewhat novel combination of freedom and restraint.

In South Africa, where the Boer hunters expect to make some profit from live animals as well as from meat and hides, zebras are always tamed before being dispatched from the interior, and a number of these, with young antelopes of various species, may often be seen half-domesticated round the hunter's temporary camp.

Mr. Hagenbeck, of Hamburg, informed the writer that he once brought, among other creatures, 50 lions and leopards, besides rhinoceroses, from the neighborhood of the Atbara, or Black Nile, to the Red sea coast, without losing one animal.

OUR IDEA OF TAXATION. Theory Upon Which Revenue Is Obtained in the United States.

The general idea which constitutes the basis of the system of state or local taxation mainly recognized in the United States (though not in other countries), and generally known and designated as "the general property tax," is founded on the assumption that, in order to tax equitably, it is necessary to tax everything, the term everything being at the same time used in a sense so indefinite as to embrace not merely things in the nature of physical actualities other than persons, but also persons, incomes, rights, trusts, conclusions of law, debts, and in short any act of assessing capable of resulting in the obtaining of revenue.

The broad-headed horses are the cleverest. In the Household Cavalry the horses with broad foreheads learn their drill more quickly than the others.

KLONDIKE LIFE.

The Hard Time a Little Boy Had Amusing Himself.

The little Klondike boy came into the house at 11 o'clock and said to his mother, who was gold-dusting the furniture: "Oh, mamma, what can I do for fun?"

"Why don't you play with the little boy next door?" asked his mother, wiping the perspiration off her face and burning the handkerchief, that no gold be lost.

"I did, and we were throwing nuggets at a yellow dog, and he threw my two-pound one that I was keeping for luck right through the baker's window, and he kept it," said the little fellow, choking back the tears.

"Well, don't cry, Harry, over a little thing like that. Papa will bring you another if you ask him. Why don't you take your shovel and go out in the back yard and dig some more yourself?"

"Oh, that's no fun. Besides, they're so hard that I've bent my shovel." "Well, I can't think what to suggest unless you take your watering-pot and sprinkle the road in front of the house. We might as well lay the dust as to have it blowing all over passers-by, who walk away with it." And the mother put her feather duster in the stove and went to the closet for a fresh one.

Little Harry enjoyed his new sport for awhile, and then he came in and in an angry tone of voice said: "Say, mamma, there was the meanest woman out there. She's from Chicago, for Tommy told me so, and she stood with the dust blowing on her until I laid it, and then she tracked around in it until her shoes were covered with mud, and then she went away, and when I called out to her to come back and wipe her feet she only jeered at me."

Harry's mother was philosophical. "It can't be helped, my son," she said. "I noticed that Chicago girl, and thought she was there for no good to us, but she can have taken not more than \$10 worth of dust."

Just then the door opened and Harry's father came in with a meal-bag full of rich red gold, his reward for a day's digging, and in a moment the Chicago girl was forgotten, and Harry was happy in the possession of a five-pound nugget that made the two-pound one he had lost look like 30 cents.—N. Y. World.

MODERN GUNS. Some of the Machines Which Uncle Sam Has to Fight With.

Our little army is not behindhand in anything touching the modern guns for sea-coast or field defense. Of our own cannon we have already noted the Hotchkiss three-inch gun for field artillery. We have also the 3.6-inch model of 1891, which weighs 1,181 pounds, the weight of the charge being little over four pounds of powder, and the weight of the projectile 20 pounds. Its muzzle velocity is 1,550 "foot seconds," that is, 1,550 feet made by the projectile in one second of time on leaving the muzzle of the piece.

TO GET CHINESE CUSTOM.

Merchants Should Consider the Significance of Their Trademarks.

Hitherto a trademark has been regarded generally as an indication that the goods which bear it could be relied upon to have been produced in a particular factory or by a certain firm. But the Chinese appear to attach an entirely different significance to such marks. The British consul at Amoy (Mr. Christopher Gardner, C. M. G.), in a letter addressed to the secretary of the Association of Chambers of Commerce, says: "My long residence in the east has taught me that the Chinese and Koreans are very superstitious. They will often buy small articles, like biscuits, sweets, cosmetics, needles, thread, matches, soap, scent, medicines, etc., for the sake of a lucky label; and they will as often refrain from buying an article because it has to them an unlucky label. The coloring of a label is as important as its design."

The London correspondent of the Birmingham Post says: "A glance at the colored designs convince one that, in order to be looked upon with favor by the Chinese, goods should bear a trademark which expresses a desire for the happiness and prosperity of the consumer or user, and for the increase of his or her descendants."

Most of the 187 designs which Mr. Gardner gives as applicable to all commodities bear, in Chinese letters, such inscriptions as "Age and Happiness," "All Wishes Fulfilled," "Best of Luck," "Blessings and Fortune," "Calm Old Age," "Fame, Beauty, Health and Honor," "Dragon's Own Luck," and "Oceans of Happiness," or drawings of strange beasts and birds which convey the idea of similar good wishes. As a mark to be used by a manufacturer of locks, Mr. Gardner proposed a scimitar-shaped device, having upon it the inscription: "Honesty is the Best Policy." A peculiar figure is suggested for use as a trademark upon scissors, and the lettering in this case is "Cloth of Gold." Some inscriptions for trademarking for needles and thread read: "Happy Home," "Home Happiness," "Cloudless Skies," "Endless Spring," "Makes Handsome Clothes," "Lasts Long," "The Gift of a King," "Golden Life Threads," "Skillful Work," and "Threading Pearls." Mr. Gardner proposes as agreeable marks to be placed upon sewing machines, gold, silver or bronze medals, with such inscriptions as "Good Fairy," "Money Maker," "Daily Profit," "Mint of Money," "Myriad Per Cent.," "Tom Tiddler's Ground," and "Fremont's Profit." "Genial Breeze" is suggested as a suitable motto to attach to a trademark on ships' requisites.—Westminster Gazette.

KING LEAR. Slender Historical Foundation for Shakespeare's Great Play.

Whether the story of Lear, as narrated in Shakespeare's famous drama, has a foundation in fact has often been a matter of dispute among the learned, but, in spite of the masses of evidence introduced for and against the historical theory, the issue remains in doubt, though it is possible that some foundation for the story may have been found in the early history of Britain. The story is first told by Geoffrey of Monmouth, a chronicler of British annals, born about A. D. 1100, and died about 1154. His "British History" purports to be a translation of a Welsh manuscript, and that it is, in part, at least, derived from earlier sources of information is evident from coincidences with other narratives, but the admixture of fables, myths and marvels is so great as to deprive the whole work of historic value. A similar tale of an old king who divided his kingdom and property among his children, is narrated by Camden, he assigning the incident to Ina, king of the West Saxons. The idea is found also in French literature, the hero in this case being a king of the Franks, and it also appears in the mythical annals of Germany concerning a prince of the Rhine. In each case the story is located so far back in the early days of the nation as practically to belong to the realm of myth rather than of history.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

Men Are Growing Bigger. Recent athletic records show that our young men are surpassing their predecessors in nearly every line of muscular performance. It has been demonstrated, moreover, that the average American man has become taller by at least one inch within the last two generations, and that, compared with his European contemporaries, he has been steadily growing larger of limb, weightier in the scale and, most significant of all, longer lived.—N. Y. World.

Poverty as a Spur. Poverty is uncomfortable, as I can testify, but nine times out of ten the best thing that can happen to a young man is to be tossed overboard and compelled to sink or swim for himself. In all my acquaintance I have never known a man to be drowned who was worth the saving.—James A. Garfield.

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