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ELEPHANTS AS NURSEMAIDS.

Siamese women trust their children for a cough. Take a teaspoonful evto the care of elephants. Their babies play about the huge feet of the animals, who are ever careful not to hurt the little creatures, And if danger threatens the sagacious old nurse will curl the child gently in his trunk and ally, the glasses have been so loosely the male students when the women swing it out of harm's way upon his own broad back.

on a day's journey, a camel 400 long, it will be too hard and stiff. in order to accompany and protect a cold room would get out of tune rather hyperbole. He was probably

USES OF APPLES.

Apple sauce, well made, is a delightful relish; poorly made it is any thing but appetizing. Quartered, stirred and sweetened only, somewhat broken and tasteless, such is not attractive, The old-fashioned way to Umake apple sauce was to cook the pared quarters in sweet cider, till tender, keeping all in shape. It took a half a day to make it, and ciderapple sauce was apparently a necessity in every farmer's larder. Apple butter was also thought much of. It was made by cooking apples, cider and sugar all together, for a long tency, and by stirring continually. Its quality depended upon the amount of stirring and it had the appearance of keep for their associations, but which a soft marmalade.

But to the good apple sauce of our own day, a tart apple is called for, ripe, yet not too mellow. Pare, slice and stew with a little water, stirring often till of an even, smooth consistency, then add a little salt, and sugar to the taste, and keep stirring till thoroughly incorporated and remove at once from the fire. It ready to put into a dish to cool. little nutmeg or lemon flavor is matter of taste, and some stir in a piece of butter to add to its richness. Sugar counts for little if added while ooking. We have all its effect if

dded after the sauce is cooked. A light and quick apple dumpling is made in this way. Pare and slice four mellow, sour apples into a two quart pail or pudding dish, add one cupful of sugar, a little salt and several bits of butter, The apples will have juice enough of their own. Over these put a stiff batter, made of a coffee cupful of flour, one teaspoonful of Royal baking powder, a little salt, a teaspoonful of butter, and milk to have the batter laid in one piece over the apples. Press down the crust and cover the pail, and steam briskly for an hour and a half. Turn out, upside down, on a platter, and serve with a hot sauce, flavored with lemon. Stir the yolk of one egg into the sauce and lastly stir in the white, beaten to a froth.

Another way is to roll the pared cored, tart apple in a rich paste, or if preferred in a plain "pie crust," and bake it. The cores should be filled with butter, sugar and a good pinch of cinnamon. To be served with hard sauce or both hard and soft sauce. These can be made very rich or plain, but they are always good An apple porcupine is a handsome dessert. Pare and core six nice, fair sweet apples, stew in a large kettle with a little water till tender, then remove carefully to a platter and regular, ovalshape. sugar to the juice left in the kettle. liberally and cook a few minutes, till it readily stiffens, then pour it over the apples, having flavored it with vanilla. When cold and stiff, stick over the apples, the back of the porcupine, blanched almonds, split and once divided; these are the porcupine bristles, and should stand up well and briskly. All over this scatter generously shredded cocoanut, and over this the whites of two eggs beat-

Apple pie! Who does not love piece of good apple pie? But there are apple pies and apple pies! Into the inside of a perfect pie go seven different ingredients, butter, sugar, flour, salt, spice, water, vinegar or lemon juice. Having pared and thinly sliced tart apples, lay into a plate unsatisfactory than a thin pie, neither should they be too thick, they look gross and not inviting.

Over the apples put evenly one cupful of sugar, over this a spoonful of butter, cut in small bits over this a liberal pinch of salt, evenly distributed; then spice of any sort desired, cinnamon or nutmeg, or lemon flavor or grated lemon rind. Then one spoonful of water, and one of lemon juice, instead will do. Lastly a good sprinkling of flour over all; this thickens the juice and prevents loss of it, but the edges of the cover of paste and the bottom paste should be secured with great care, to bake a "perfect pie." A few, yes, quite a good many tiny thin slices of quince preserve added to an apple pie, for "spice," give it more delicious flavor.

SUGGESTIONS TO HOUSEKEEPERS. Never add nuts to any cake you desire to keep for any length of time.

The best cakes for keeping are rich fruit cake, dried apple cake, English pound cake, and old-fashioned election or loaf cake.

Mayonnaise and boiled dressings for salads, may be made in quantities of a pint or more and kept for some days if put in glasses, covered tightly and kept very cold. But a French dressing must be made just before it is wanted.

A correspondent says strained honey and lemon juice are excellent The reason why jelly sometimes be-

Scraps of cold turkey and chicken their daughters.

may be made into a tasty dish for lunch or supper if scalloped. Cut the meat from the bones and mince it, very fine. Put it into a butered baking dish in alternate lay-Passengers on certain railways noers with bread or cracker crumbs. torious for their snail-like speed may finishing the top with the crumbs. Pour over all a cup of gravy, if any were left, if not, dot the top liberally with butter, season with salt and

boiling water, and bake in a mod-If you have an old-fashioned homespun counterpane, of the vintage of the early years of this century or the late ones of the last, you have a treasure. They are greatly esteemed as portieres or its drapings for a couch

or divan, spread over it as a Bagdad is. Nothing is nicer than an "oldfashioned room" which one furnishes with the antiques and makes quaint and cosy by use of things too good to throw away or desirable to are incongruous with modern furni-

### DOMESTIC RECIPES.

Fruit Cookies .- One cup butter; three eggs; one cup sugar, rub to a cream, Add one cup chopped and seeded raisins, four tablespoonfuls sweet milk, one teaspoonful soda; cinnamon and nutmeg for spice.

Chocolate Pie.-First bake your crust, then mix two tablespoonfuls chocolate, grated and melted, with one cup of sugar and one of water, two tablespoonfuls of cornstarch, the yolk of one egg, a piece of butter size of a walnut. Let come to a boil, pour into the crust, and when cold cover with a frosting made by beating the white of an egg with powdered

"Favorite" Pie.-Bake quartered apples in one crust. When done. mash down with a knife; spread with a little butter and sweeten. Cover with whipped cream, sweeten and flavored, when cold.

Banana Pie.-Bake a crust. Slice full of bananas sweetened. When cold cover with whipped cream.

SPECTACLES FOR SOLDIERS.

England Forbids Them, and Scouts Can not Tell Cavalry From Cattle. The following interesting anecdote on spectacles in the army is told by

correspondent of London Truth: A few years ago at some foreign maneuvers I spent an afternoon on the The Brakeman's Experience in Novel outpost line with an officer of erack British regiment. Pointing to some fields about 1,000 yards away, he said: "There are some cavalry among the trees. I wonder whether they are scouts from the other side." I pointed out to him that the supposed cavalry were really cattle. Although short-sighted, I have good sight even for long distances, thanks to a properly-selected pair of pince-nez spectacles. My officer friend used his book. field-glass and admitted his mistake. adding, "I am short-sighted. It is a great nuisance. One cannot always be using field glasses." I suggested that he might use spectacles as I did. "I would gladly," he replied, "but there is such a prejudice against them in the service." Just imagine this cavalry officer sent out scouting, and going about his work half blind because en to a stiff froth, with two spoon- of the prejudice against spectacled offuls of powdered sugar. Have the ficers! I could name men on active surface rough, not smooth and not service in Africa at the present moat all hiding the porcupine's quills, ment who are very short-sighted, but and brown all delicately in the dare not wear glasses. Some of them wear single eyeglasses, to the great switch for the express-train. Sh damage of what sight they still have. Yet last year in Germany at the im- switch, readin' as I went and would

I regard this as one of the most conspicuous instances of wooden-headed stupidity with which our army is govlined with good paste, a liberal sup- erned. Another which deserves to be ply of fruit, for few things are more bracketed with it is the exclusion of men from the army because they happen to have false teeth. If there is in Pall Mall, these are among the many absurdities which will at once

The correspondent I have just quoted states on the authority of Mr. Conan Doyle's book that the redoubtable De Wet actually goes about in blue spectacles, owing to some eye trou- book?" ble. If this is true, it is indeed one many of the British officers whose the book again; just left it there by sight was scientifically tested before the road. Never finished the story, they received their commissions can either." see as far as the blue-spectacled De

HE SEES THROUGH HIS NOSE.

man blind from his birth who claims these is the equestrian statue of the to be able to see through his nose. Duke of Wellington at Aldershot. The The severest tests have been appli- Guards' Crimean Memorial, erected on keeps the farm buildings in proper ed, with the result that the most skep- the open space between the United tical are convinced that the man's eyes | Service Club-house and the Athenaeum are absolutely sightless and that he Club, was cast out of cannon taken at can distinguish objects by some Sebastopol. The statue of Achilles, means inexplicable on any other hypo- in Hyde Fark, erected by the women of thesis than the one claimed. There England to Arthur Duke of Welling- new clerk of yours, remarked the are recorded instances of a similarly ton and his brave companions-in-arms, man who wanted to do the clerk a unaccountable gift of sight. A treat- was cast from cannon taken at the favor, and I want to say that I conise by a German scientist, Johann victories of Salamanca, Vittoria, Tou- sider him a youth who will succeed. Zahn, published at Nuremberg in 1702, louse, and Waterloo. The capital of I notice he is the kind who puts some gives a well-authenticated account of the Nelson Column is of bronze, cast thing aside for a rainy day. a man who had permanently lost the from cannon recovered from the wreck | Dear me! and I've missed two umsight of both eyes and yet had ac- of the Royal George. quired the power of seeing through

THE LATEST IN VIENNA.

University chaperons are the latest comes stiff and tasteless after stand- Viennese novelty. In consequence of ing a few months is because, gener- the riotous and insulting behavior of

Tired Axles" and "Fatigued" Rails are Not Empty Figures of Speech.

WEARY RAILWAY TRAINS.

new excuse can be concoted for late pepper and pour over all a cup of cherish a love of justice, must ask if fingers they are on a weary train before volleving forth their unkind maledictions | vels or Oriental magnificance. The at the heads of blameless officials.

> metal becoming weary!" may be your thought, but experts familiar with the ways of machinery, say that work makes it tired, and that it needs rest, "What caused the axle to break?"

sks the Traffic Manager. the Inspector.

That answer is frequent, and often in accordance with the facts. times an axle breaks, or a rail parts or a wheel separates under much less than the usual strain, and the most careful examination possible will show no defect or weakness. This leads engineers to charge fatigue of the metal with the result.

Sinews of steel can tire as well as muscles of brawn and metal that does not have its rest will cease to do its work, and may cause gret damage. At least so the engineers say; and assert that without rest the affinity of the molecules of the metal for each other becomes weakened, until the breaking point is reached. Then comes

## HIS FRIGHTFUL LESSON.

A gentleman who was travelling in the West says that one day in a railway car he came unexpectedly upon a little story of possible tragedy. He had been into the dining-car, and when he returned to his place it was to find the seat occupied. A brakeman sat there, turning the leaves of a novel which had been left behind He rose at once and laid down the

"No," said the traveller, "sit still and read, if you like." "No, sir," replied the man, resuming his seat. "I never read novels while I'm on duty. Something happened to me once from doing that.

"Tell us about it." "Well, sir, I was readin' a story one day, a blamed good story, too. I was breaking on a freight-rear-end brakeman. We ran off the main line onto a sidin' to wait for the fast ex-

"It was a lonesome little place and I was sent back to throw the was late, and I walked along to the perial maneuvers I saw plenty of of- you believe it? I never throwed that ficers in spectacies, and a good many switch at all. I just set down on a bank, under a tree, and read away.

"All of a sudden I heard the whistle of the express, and here she was, a-comin' round the bend likelike-well, she was makin' forty miles an hour, maybe. "At that minute I see the target

of the switch was pointin' straight at me, and I knew that switch wa'n't devoted herself to improving the eleto be a new regime worth anything throwed, and in a minute she'd be crashin' into that fregiht and there'd "I tell you I dropped that fool movel and put for that switch; and

I got it, too. But I hadn't no more'n browed if over than the front wheels of the engine passed over it. 'Twas mighty close call!" "Well, what did you do with the "I just set there on the bank

remblin', till the conductor called me

MONUMENTS TO SOLDIERS.

Several of the monuments erected to famous British soldiers have been made out of the gun-metal captured in There is living in Paris to-day a their victories. The most famous of

WHY THEY TUNE UP.

It has often puzzled the uninitiated to give a reason why musicians tune their instruments in public, and not before they enter the orchestra. If tie they tuned their instruments before entering the theatre or concert room, covered that the air is admitted and tried to avail themselves of the newly- the temperature is very apt to be dif- healthy appetite. Well, last night at to let well enough alone and insist the water contained in the jelly is granted permission to attend lectures, ferent in the place of performance, dinner he remarked to me that he BURDENS CARRIED BY BEASTS. evaporated, leaving the remainder too many mothers of women students have and therefore the instruments would never knew any one with an appetite An ox can carry 200 pounds weight stiff. If the jelly has been boiled too registered for the university lectures not be in tune. A plane that is in I shouldn't call that sarcasm, but if the room were suddenly heated. | thinking of an ostrich.

PRICELESS GEMS.

They Are Kept Handy So They May Trickle

Through His Fingers. The Shah of Persia has more prebe interested to learn that a brand- world. In his palace at Teheran he keeps \$10,000,000 worth of them in a arrivals or even tardy departures. In glass jar, and loves to let the almost future irritated travellers who still priceless gems trickle through his

His crowns and his thrones are mar-

Kanjanian crown is shaped like Trains, like human beings, are more flower-pot, with the small end open easily wearied the older they get, and and the other closed, having at the the giddy, darting motion which they top an uncut, flawless ruby as big found easy to accomplish in a hey- as a hen's egg. Two Persian lambdey of youth sobers down as the years skin caps are adorned with splendid creep on into a slow and more or less aigrettes of diamonds, and there are halting progression. Then comes a gauntlets and belts innumerable covperiod, when, if human, they would ered with pearls and diamonds, the take to crutches or a grandfather's handsomest being the Kanjanian belt, stick, but as no satisfactory crutch has about a foot deep, weighing about 18 been devised for railway trains they pounds-one dazzling mass of diaare allowed to potter about on subur- monds, pearls, emeralds and rubies. ban lines just for all the world as if Drinking bowls studded with jewels, they were in a back garden raising swords, one or two of which are worth a quarter of a million each, epaulets | Whether our patrons be RICH or It may sound strangely to hear per- of diamonds and armlets so contrived sons talk about a "tired steel axle" that the brilliants revolve, and keep or a "fatigued iron rail," but that up an ever-changing scintillation, sort of talk is heard along railways seem to realize the wonders revealed and in machine shops, and is consid- by Aladdin's lamp in the cave. There ered correct. 'The idea of inanimate are dresses embroidered thickly with jewels, trays of pearl, ruby and emerald necklaces, and hundreds of diamond, ruby and turquoise rings.

The first place among the gems belongs to the famous Draya-ir-Mur, or Sea of Light, sister diamond to the Kohinoor. It is an inch and a half "Fatigue of the metal," answers long, an inch broad and three-eighths of an inch thick.

ENGLISH HENS NOT LAYING WELL

Fewer Eggs Than Usual This Year and British Farmer is Said to Be at Fault. The British hen is laying even fewer eggs than usual at this time of year. The result is that the average

dependable new laid egg to put upon his breakfast table, even at an extortionate price. The annual consumption of eggs in London in the course of a year is estimated at 650,000,000. Great Britain consumed last year eggs to the value of £10,000,000. English farms could produce all these without the displacement of other agricultural products. But so sadly behind his proper place is the British farmer that he allow-

town householder can scarcely get a

1899 no fewer than 1.940,000,000 eggs, to the value of £5,044,392. The Poultry Organization Society of England defines new-laid eggs as not more than three days old in warm weather or five days in winter. Its expert says: If the home farmer would only arrange for his young hens to commence laying eggs by Nov. -and it can easily be done by hatching early, there would soon be a bet-

ter supply of new-laid eggs. Here is a little illustration showing the proportion of foreign ones imported. The eggs consumed in Great Britain in a year, if loaded into railway wagons would make a train 150 miles long, containing 43,000 trucks. these 150 miles, seventy-five would be foreign, fifty British and twenty-five

GROWTH OF GERMANY.

The growth of Germany since the var with France is the most remarkable phenomenon of modern Europe. Since the treaty of peace was signed n 1871 Germany has not extended her territory by a single acre on the Continent of Europe (if we except the acquisition of Heligoland, but she has ercased her population by 16,000,000. he Germans numbered 40,000,000 in 71: they number 56,000,000 now, and

et, although there are so many more

nonths to feed, the Germans are bet-

r fed, better clothed, and in every

ay more prosperous than they were

then. This is attributed largely to the fact for twenty years Germany mentary education of her people; FARM LANDS IN ENGLAND.

short turf. These flints have a tale to use graphophones for the purpose to tell besides that in which the geo- of making their wills. logist revels. They show that the of the object lessons of the war. How into the caboose. I never picked up land on which they lie was formerly cultivated. Corn once waved over a considerable portion of the great plain. It was abandoned as unprofitable long before the drop in prices twenty or twenty-five years ago. A statement was recently made in one of the daily papers that two farms in Essex, on the borders of Epping Forest, are to be had rent free, provided the tenant pays all rates, etc., and

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chant. Much obliged for your tip I'll watch him. ONE SORT OF BIRD.

brellas already, returned the mer-

I don't like Mr. Slyman, exclaimed he athletic girl. I think he's sarcas-

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A NOVEL WILL.

Wealthy Russian's Will Found in a ed the foreigner to send in during Graphophone. One of the wealthiest land proprietors near Smolensk, in Russia, died a! few months ago, and after the funeral his heirs and attorneys began to look for his will. They fancied that this task would be merely prefunctory, and that the document would be found among the other family papers, but, much to their surprise, they were unable to find the slightest trace of it. Every room and article of furniture in the house was then carefully searched, but the result was the same, and the only conclusion at which the heirs could arrive was either that no will had ever been made

or that if one had been made it was destroyed before their kinsman's The missing document, however, was found a few days ago and in the strangest place imaginable. A young man was rambling through the house, and, happening to see a graphophone on a table in the library, he examined it to see if it was in working rder, and finding that it was he put record in it, which he supposed was that of some popular Russian song, What was his amazement, however, when instead of a song he heard the

dead man's voice slowly recite the words of the missing will! The heirs were promptly notified of this discovery and they lost no time in carefully examining the record containing the will. It was found to be flawless, and the question then arose whether such a will would be deemed valid by the courts or not. This question is now being discussed in the Supreme Court at St. Petersburg and the case is interesting all Over a considerable extent of Salis- lawyers who have heard of it. Many bury Plain, which is now used for think that the will will be pronounced military manoeuvres, quantities of entirely valid, and if so it may bebroken flints are to be seen on the come a common practice for persons

TERSE SAYINGS.

uphold you. Liberty is freedom to do what you ought, not what you like. If you have religion by proxy you may have Heaven in the same way.

There are some things you must

The God who upholds a universe can

both be and live before you can be-The artillery of skepticism often opens up new mines in the mountains of God.

The nails of the cross may mortify

the flesh, but they are the best tonic for the spirit. ICE CREAM IN THE ARCTICS. A favorite dish with the Eskimo is an ice cream made of seal oil, into which snow is stirred until the desired consistency has been obtained; then frozen berries of different kinds are

added. This decoction is about as

tempting to the civilized palate as

frozen cod liver oil. HIS COMPLAINT.

A poet has said that there are songs in the silence, remarked the young man who carries a music roll. Yes, answered Mr. Blykins. The trouble is that so many people refuse

PARIS MUSHROOM TRADE. Paris has 60 wholesale firms which deal in mushrooms exclusively.