BILL OF FARE AT THE ZOO. Thousands of Frogs are Consumed at a

Menagerie. I have been initiated into the mysteries of the kitchen of a great West end, London, hotel during the preparation of innumerable toothsome barquets; I bave explored the nethermost corners of the "Ship and Turtle," and fathomed the depths of turtle soup but I must soy that the kitchen and storehouse of Zooland were new ground to me. For they have both at the Zoo, and very curious and very interesting were the revelations which Mr. Bartlett made to me one afternoon concerning the food consumed in the Zoological Gardens, says a writer in the Westminister Budget. As I was walking toward the superintendent's house I noticed a bowed figure a few yards before me. It was that of a man past middle age, his face tanned yellow, and his hair grizzled by wind and sun. The man carried a pack on his back, but it seemed scarcely to impede his progress, for he went along at a rapid shamble, and it was with difficulty that I k pt pace with him. He and I beta made for the office, and then I found that on the top of his pack was a box tull of mice, while the pak itself was filled with dezens of

Thousands of frogs must be consumed in the Zoo during the year. The snakes and the salamanders like nothing better, and really you may supress that hypersensitive shudder. The trops are fresh and tender, and probably much more toothsome than many a dainty which chets rave over. In the winter months a store of trogs may be seen in the reservoirs of the Zoo. awaiting their time, and consuming in their turn vast quantities of worms. These frogs cost sixpence a dozen. All sorts and conditions of venders find their way to this litt'e office. Boys bring for sale their rabbits, pigeons, and guineapigs. The rat-catcher brings up rats and mice; the butcher, the baker, the fishmonger and the greengrocer also pay their daily calls; and I must not forget the milkman. There are some 2000 living creatures in the gardens, each of whom has a palate of the greatest delicacy. It may te a choice mutton-chop for an ape or a parrot; strawberries or a pineapple for a chimpanzee. Poor Sally was such a gourmet. Individual fancies must be gratified in such a valuable collection. If a lion is a little "off color," as they say, he likes nothing better than a rabbit with the fur on. It is as if you or I might tancy in oyster and a glas of Chapis after a late night.

Many favorite horses and their days in the Zoo. An aged carriage herse, a back who had done his work, an animal that is incurably vicious, a violent animal that has thrown his master or his mistress-these find their way to the gardens. It is better that they should die an casy death than linger on in the shatts of a hansom until they drop in the streets beaten and hungry. The lions and the tigers and leopards, whose allowance varies from 10 pounds to six pounds a day, consume, on an average, one horse a day the year round. This demand exceeds the supply of gift-horses, so the society buys from the knacker a dead horse, costing from 25s. to £3, this latter being the price of a carthorse. Before passing on to the reptile horse, I may mention that the owls and Fayks like nothing better than dead birds or dead rats, or

a dead cat for and all. you will notice that no mention is made of the frogs, ducks, rabbits, guinea-pigs, cats and mice which find their way into the reptile house. Nor, indeed, of the cockroaches, of which there is an ample supply in the gardens. Nor again of powdered oyster shells, which the ostrich loves. These may be called the "extras"; but like most "extras," they mount up to a considerable total in the bills. One is on delicate ground in dealing with the live food. Years ago there was an absurd outery by sham humanitarians against the prectice of giving food to the snakes. But as snakes prefer to slaughter their own food or starve, the question resolved itself into one of Zoos or no Zoos. The Zoos carried the day, but, by a blessed compromise, the public are no longer allowed to be present at these banquets. Mr. Bartlett, the wisest of practical zpologists, who has passed years of hour in the reptile-house, says that the theory that snakes tascinate their food is all nonsence. The guines-pigs and geese are as happy in the snakes' cages as in their own hunting grounds. The ratt e take feels hungry, says; he sees them, he uncoils himself, he poises his head, and—the guinea-pig is paralyz d in a tew seconds, dying a painless death. The python crushes his ducks with terrible certainty, which is quite as agreeable to the ducks as having his neck wrung, I'm sure. Some years ago there was a cage full of spiders in the insect house. One day a live cockroach was dropped in, the spider smelled him, the cockreach was surrounded by his savage toes and made mincemeat of in a minute or two. Some person wrote to the WATCHES AND DIAMONDS. papers and cried "Fie!" on the wicked spiders, and a new cry rent the air. It was "Pity the poor cockroaches!' I believe it is the custom of timid housemaids to drop a fluiron on cockroaches. It

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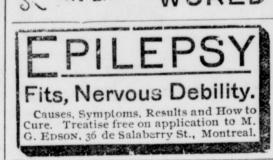


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SLUTGAMBLING IN CHICAGO. More Money Lost in These Machines ? han in the Gambling Houses.

"What I Know About Gambling" was the subject of the sermon delivered by the Rev. John Rusk at the Fullerton avenue Presbyterian church recently. He said: "I know that gambling for many years has been a protected industry of the City Hall politicians and the police. Gambling houses running wide open today boast that they tave protection, and it is said that the controller of 'ne line of these machines is the sen of an ex-mayor, but I am not in a position to prove this statement, although it is a matter of public rumor.

"The public has little idea of the amount of money taken from the pockets of the poor by these machines. It they could see the pitiful letters which first called my atten ion to the evil, they would begin to understand. They were practically unknown a tew years ago. I think that it is a small estimate, considering that the large saloons run from five to a aczen of these machines, to say that there were 10,000 of these devices in the city of Chicago three weeks ago. In the larger saloons they net the proprieters hundreds of dollars a day. I have seen men lose several dollars within a few minutes in nickels. It is a very small estimate to average the daily loss in one of these machines at \$10. Many make less, but the majority make more. This alone would make a loss to the people of \$100,-

"When I called on Chief Radenoch to ask i im to serve twennty-four wrrrants on the proprieters of these places and have the machine smashed, he informed me that he cidn't know the policy of the administration, and, as many respectable citizens had gone into the business, he did not care to serve the warrants. Later, however, he consented to serve four of the twenty-four. Two of them were truit peddlers near one of the public schoos who ran machines for the benefit of the children. The next day cart loads of machines were seen leaving the city, and the owners asked our officers if it was merely another shakedown. We an wered by taking out warrants for places in the vicinity of City Hall that had not closed up, and it was while smashing these machines that our attorney Mr. Gault, was so brutally assaulted by one of the nickel-in-the-slot machine men. These machines have probably robbed the people of more money than all the gambling join's put together. Because the money invested is in nickels it may seem to the public a small thing, but to mothers who have boys growing up it is not."

Sergeant McElroy's Whereabouts.

"The Ninth Cavalry was the first regiment to use the Hotchkiss monntain gun. said Capt. Day, of Washirgton," and the way that gun was hauled about by our troop was a caution. Lieut. Humphrey commanded the gun outfit in our troop, and he could hit an ordinary target with it as far as it could be seen.

"He was a profane man, and whenever any of the boys get weary on a march they would say: 'Let's go back and hear Humphrey swear.' In marching over moun tains it is very often necessary to climb down inclines which are almost a sheer drop, and at such places the soldier will sit down between the forelegs of his horse and they slide down together.

"The gun outfit, always being in the rear, would generally find such places worn about as smooth as glass when they came up, and Humphrey's protanity then was something terrible. I remember one very amusing incident connected with an affair of that sort. The incline was almost a sheer precipice, leading thirty feet below into the cannon. When Humphrey came up, of course, all the dirt was worn off, leaving only the slippery side of the rock. "He sat down and swore long and loudly, but finally got up and ordered the outfit over. The sergeant, a colored man ramed McElroy, was about to let the guns and the two mules go over by themselves, when Humphrey yelled: 'Hold on there, blank, blank, &2., go over with 'em and report.' "So over they all went, and after hearing a big splash in the canon below, followed by silence, Humphrey called out:

"McElroy, are you killed?" "A big spluttering was heard below, and pretty soon McElroy's voice came up: 'No, sah; Ise not killed.'

"Where's the mule?" " 'He's kickin' on top o' de heap, sah.'

" Well, where's the wheel mule? "'He's under de off mule, sah." " 'Is the gun all right?" "Yes, sah; dat's under de wheel mule

"Well, where in ---- are you?" " 'Ise under de gun, sah."

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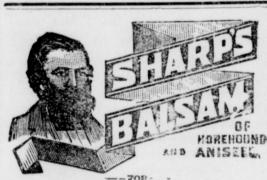
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B WHISKEY IN KHAMA'S COUNTRY. He (an Keep His Own People Sober, but the

Bil Whites Give Him Trouble. King Khama of the Bamangwatos, South Africa, has long been known for his antipathy to liquor dealers. Perhaps there is no other country where liquor is so vigorou. ly excluded. Khama makes all his own laws, and he endeavers to have the punishment fit the crime; and as the drink habit, in his opinion, is a crime little less heinous than murder, it goes hard with the unfortunate subject who is seen to be unsteady on bis legs or is caught with a surreptitious whiskey bottle. Ot late years, however, the king has been having a great deal of trouble with the white men who flock into his country, and insist that interference with their potations is an infring ment of

their rights. A short time ago Khama, who is getting well along in life, paid a visit to Cape Town and made his first acquaintance with a railroad, a steamship, the sea and other wonderful things. While in the capital he received a deputation from the various temperance secieties, and to these kindred spirits he poured out his grievances. His language shows that he does not approve of all features of the "higher civilization."

"I rejoice greatly in your words, my friends, I have no difficulty in keeping liquor from my own people, but my difficutty is that the white people will have liquor, and I do not know how I am to succeed in carrying out the law. I have been almost in despair on the subject on account ot this; but, so far as my own people are concerned, I never will give in. I began when I was quite a boy, and determined that I would have nothing to do with liquor; and one of my indunas present, who is an older man than myself, is one of those who have supported me in this matter; and I have others who are faithful to me, and will give you a handsome, well who are doing their very utmost to assist written adv't., a splendid circulation, me in the entire prohibition of liquor in and if the people want your goods our country. The one difficulty is that we have white people there who have another government, and I cannot control them. I feel that I shall go back much stronger, and greatly cheered and comforted by your

BREAKING IT GENTLY.

How George Washington Told Sambo of His Brother's Death.

He was digging rock in a phosphate mine on the Ten Mile Hill, near Charleston, S. C., and I was assistant superintendent of the place. One day after the hands had knocked off he said to me: "Boss, is you know how fur rite one

I assured him that my education had extended that far, and asked to whom he

wished to write. "To my bredder," said he.

"And where is your brother?" "He am een de penitentiary."

"For what?" "He kill one man."

"Oh, he murdered some one?" "He aint murder no one; he slaughter

"Ah, manslaughter!" "Dat's de way. Will you please write

one letter to em, en arx how he do? He name Gus Pritchard."

"How is that, when you are his brother, and your name is Robinson?" "Oh, dat's all right. Beto' de wah nig-

ger been hab only one name, same like de people een de Bible, en so dey tek dere massa name fur dere lass name.' "Very well, I'll write to inquire about

Pritchard."

I wrote to the Superintendent of the penitentiary in Columbia, and was informed that Pritchard had been dead for several person to Robinson, so I asked George Washington to do so, and I endeavored to impress upon George the possible person to Robinson asked George by the possible person to the stimation of c.c. his friends, than when thoughtlessly and indifferently clothed. impress upon George the necessity of breaking the news gently.

"Oh, I know wha you mean," said George, "I know. All right, sah." On the tollowing day I asked George whether he had broken the news to Robin-

son, and he replied: "Oh, v , sah, I tell em een de way what you say a muss. Fuss I say, Sambo, enty you got one bredder?' En he say, 'Yes.' Den I say, 'Enty ye bredder am een de penitentiary?' en he say, 'Yes,' again. Den I say, 'He dead."

"Good gracious, man! Do you call that reaking the news gently? What did Robinson say ?"

"Sambo say: "Oh! den he am dead! ity for treatment. Send for references But wuffer you tell me bout eem een sich a roundabout way ?""

"Wiser Than the Serpent."

In one of the Midland counties of England there is a religious house belonging to the Institute of Charity. The religious folk continue the good works of the mediaval monasteries in dispensing food and clothing to all poor applicants. Some time ago a man presented himself at the door minus boots, and begged for an old pair. Now, it happened that a brother had seen him, before approaching the monastery, remove and hide in the grounds his own boots. So the applicant for bounty was asked to wait while a pair was found for him. The brother aforesaid went to the shrubbery, and entering by another door brought the man his own boots, saying-

"I hope that these may fit you!" The man's tace was a picture, but he had no alternative but to accept his own again, as though he had never never seen them before. The artful dodger recognised the fact that if the brethren were as gentle as doves they were also considerably wiser than the serpent, and made off as quickly as possible.

From Jest To Earnest.

An amusing story is told, which illustrates the intensity of feeling among the Japanese in regard to the Chinese war. In one of the Tokio theatres a play was being acted, in one scene of which a fight was represented between a Chinese general and some Japanese troopers. The fictitious Chinese tought with skill, in order to show off with greater clearness the valor of the Japanese. But the audience was so enraged at an occasional good thrust made by the representative of China that they roared with the greatest vigor, and one man, entirely forgetting that he was merely looking at a play, jumped upon the stage in his excitement, seized the Chinese general, beat him unmercifully, and finally pitched him into the pit, where he fell unconscious.



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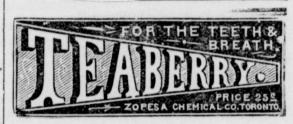
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