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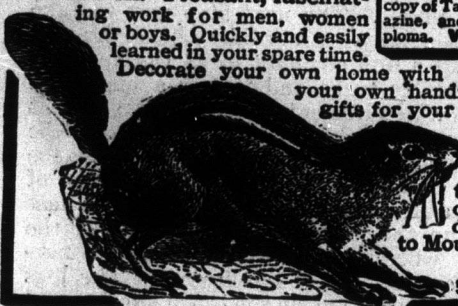
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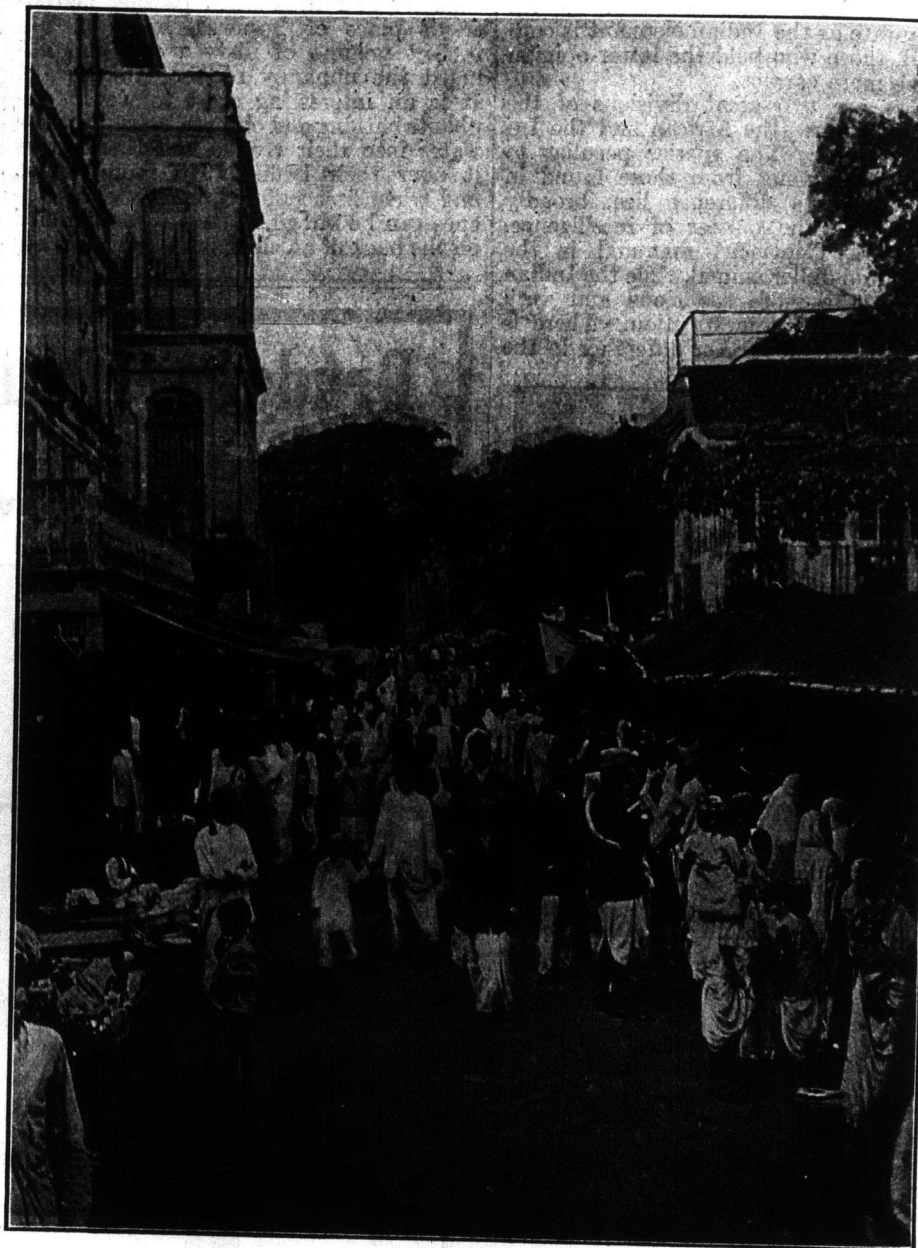
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on the stack and then viewed it in order to examine its position. If unsatisfied as to the symmetry with the remainder of the pile he would take the log and place it a little further on the one side or the other until he could assure himself that it rested properly and squarely. Elephants are frequently used for the purpose of stacking timber in this way in the large lumber yards at Kemmendine, near Rangoon. The marvellous manner in which elephants can use their trunks is displayed at a very tender age. A very unusual event

took place—indeed there are only a few such events recorded—while the writer lived in Mandalay. A baby elephant came into the world and when only a few months old he became as adept at using his trunk as his middle-aged mother. On more than one occasion he was caught untying the strings which fastened bags of sugar (weighing probably a hundred pounds) so that he could help himself.

Having referred to this youngster it would be as well to now give some interesting facts concerning him. He grew at



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a wonderful pace and a record of his growth was kept. It was found that in less than a week from his birth his size had increased two inches at the shoulder. The old mother elephant was more jealous of her baby than can be imagined, in fact unless you had had a personal introduction to the "mama" and become fairly well acquainted with her, it was quite unsafe to go near the calf while she was in sight. On one occasion an officer attempted to snapshot the little one and although he stood fifty yards away the mother viewed the camera with some suspicion and very naturally, you would have said had you been present; the officer was compelled to flee and abandon his idea. Another time someone gave the calf a sharp smack on the trunk for opening the bags of sugar, whereat the old lady first gave a shriek of horror at the unchivalrous act and then gave chase to the offender. She flew after him and he dodged around everything in sight until he was safely inside his office. There is no question that had that young man been caught in the chase that day there would have been a military funeral and promotion for somebody.

Popular ideas are very often wrong, but perhaps in no case does the general public err so much as in the case of the age of the elephant. One finds that text-books even will give an elephant's maximum age as one hundred and fifty years. But this is very much in error for broadly speaking, (I refer of course to the Indian beast) his greatest age is about the same as ourselves. An elephant eight years old (and you will notice his chipped, brittle ears) has all the same characteristics as a man of the same age—all the same evidences of senile decay. In the Afghan war when Lord Roberts made the famous march from Cabul to Kandahar there