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BEAR HUNTING IN AMERICA.—Large game is usually abundant in the Sierras. A great many bears are seen, and sportsmen find plenty of use for their rifles. Two hunters recently killed a grizzly weighing 1,100 pounds. They fired 17 shots at him, and the ferocious savage chased them up trees no less than eight times. Keeping up a running fight with a grizzly is rather exciting work. When you fire at the bear and simply wound him, he forces you to be as nimble as a squirrel in getting up a tree. If your foot should slip, you can sing, "Goodbye!"

VEGETATION OF AFRICA.—Fruit trees—the plum, the orange, the lemon, and the peach—grow wild in the jungle; the vines are luxuriant, and numerous streams everywhere irrigate and adorn this agreeable land, whose rich meadows, lowing herds, sparkling waters, and shady trees, often present a scene of European beauty to the traveller.

THE FULMAR FURBER.—The Fulmar Petrel, which is exceedingly rare elsewhere, is the most characteristic feathered inhabitant of the Island of St. Kilda, being worth as much to the St. Kildan in the way of profit as the reindeer to the Laplander or the camel to the Arab. He sells the feathers, which serve him besides for bedding; he calls the pink oil which flows freely from the beak when the body is squeezed; and he salts down the flesh for his winter food—each family laying in several barrels. "Deprive us of the Fulmar," writes a grateful native, "and St. Kilda is no more."

THE CAUSE OF SNORING.—In the act of breathing, the air may travel to and from the lungs through the channels of the mouth or the nose. Both channels unite in a common cavity just below the soft palate, which is attached by one end to the hard palate, or bone forming the roof of the mouth and the floor of the nose. The other end of the soft palate hangs loose, and is moved by the currents of air passing in and out of the lungs, as a window-curtain flapped in a breeze. If the air passes through the nose alone, the end of the palate is pressed gently down upon the tongue so as to lessen the movement or vibration, and no sound is heard. But if the mouth as well as the nose be open, so that two currents of air pass in and out together during the act of breathing, the soft palate is thrown into rapid and sonorous vibrations, and what we call snoring is the result. It follows that the remedy for snoring is to keep the mouth shut, and admit air to the lungs only through the channel of the nose. This can be effected by means of a simple cap fitting the head snugly, and united by an elastic band, near the ear on each side, to a cap of soft material fitting the chin.

A STRANGE METHOD OF HUNTING THE TIGER.—In the province of Oude a singular plan is adopted for successfully hunting this ferocious animal. The track of a tiger being ascertained which, though not invariably the same, may yet be known sufficiently for the purpose, the hunters collect a quantity of leaves of the prous, which are like those of the sycamore, and are common in most underwoods, as they form the largest portion of most jungles in the North of India. These leaves are empared with a kind of diadema made by bruising the berries of an indigenous tree. They are then strewn with the gluten uppermost, near the place to which the tiger usually resorts during the noonday heat. If by chance the animal should tread on one of the smeared leaves, his fate may be considered as decided. He commences by shaking his paw, with a view to remove the adhesive incumbrance, but finding no relief from that expedient, then rubs his paw against his head with the same intention, by which means his eyes and ears become agglutinated and occasion such uneasiness as causes him to roll, perhaps among many more smeared leaves, till at length he becomes completely enveloped, and is deprived of sight, and in this situation he may be compared to a man who has been tarred and feathered. The anxiety produced by this strange and novel predicament soon discovers itself in dreadful howlings, which serve to call the hunters, who in this state find no difficulty in shooting the object of their detestation.

THE SPIDER MONKEY.—The queen of all the pets is the black and grey spider monkey from Guiana, consisting of a tall which has developed at one end a body about twice as large as a hare's; four arms (call them not legs), of which the front ones have no thumbs; and a head of black hair, brushed forward over the forehead, kindly, and face, with its wide, suspicious, beseeching eyes and mouth which, as in all these American monkeys, as far as we have seen, can have no expression, because it has no lips. Others have described the spider monkey as four legs and a tail, tied in a knot in the middle; but the tail is, without doubt, the most important of the five limbs. Wherever the monkey goes, whatever she does, the tail is the standing, or rather hanging point. It takes one turn round something provisionally, and in case it should be wanted; often, as she swings, every other limb hangs in the ridiculous repose, and the tail alone supports. Sometimes it carries, by way of ornament, a bunch of flowers or a live kitten. Some times it is curled round the neck, or carried over the head in the hands, out of harm's way, or when she comes silently up behind you, puts her cold hand in yours, and walks by your side like a child, she steadies herself by taking a half turn of her tail round your wrist. The spider monkey's easiest attitude in walking, and in running also is, strangely upright, like a human being; but as for her antics nothing could represent them to you save a series of photographs and those instantaneous ones; for they change every moment—not by starts, but with a deliberate ease which would be grace in anything less ugly—into postures such as Collet or Brouhaigh never fancied for the ugliest imps. All absurd efforts of agility which you ever saw are quiet and clumsy compared to the rope-dancing which goes on in the boughs of the Poul-tree. But, with all, this spider is the gentlest, most obedient, and most domestic of beasts. Her creed is that yellow bananas are the *summum bonum*; and that she must not come into the dining-room, or even into the veranda, whether, nevertheless, she slips, in fear and trembling, every morning to steal the little green parrot's breakfast out of his cage, or the baby's milk, or fruit of the sideboard; or in which she makes her appearance suddenly and silently, sitting on the threshold like a distorted fend, and begins scratching herself, looking at everything except the fruit, and pretending total absence of mind till the proper moment comes for unwinding her long, yellow nose and making a snatch at the table. Poor, weak-headed thing, full of foolish cunning; always doing wrong, and knowing that it is wrong, but quite unable to resist temptation; and then professing in futile explanations, gesticulations, mouthings of an "Oh! oh! oh!" so pitifully human, that you can only punish her by laughing at her, which she does not at all like. At present, she has more than one habit to learn or to recollect, ere she becomes as fit for human society as the dog or cat. Her friends are every human being who will take notice of her, and a beautiful little Guanaquito, or native deer, a little larger than a roe, with great black melting eyes, and a heart as soft as its eyes who comes to lick one's hand, and who believes in bananas as firmly as the monkey. When she can get no hand to lick, she licks the hairy monkey for mere love's sake, and let's it ride on her back, and kick's it off, and let it get on again, and take a half turn of its tail round her neck, and throttle her with its arms, and pull her nose out of the way when a banana is coming—all out of pure love, for the two have never been introduced to each other by man, and the intimacy between them, like the famous one between the horse and hen, is of nature's own making.

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