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### ATTACKED BY A PANTHER.

Seven miles south of Bedford, Pennsylvania, near the village of Chaneyville, are extensive forests, which stretch away in all directions for many miles. The road from there northward to this town leads through these large forests which for some time past have been the haunt of panthers and other wild animals. A few days ago, in the evening, Philip Swartzwelder was returning home on horseback by this road from Chaneyville, and just as he passed a peculiarly rocky part of the woods a large panther sprang into the road and attacked him. The ferocious beast leaped upon the horse and clawed Swartzwelder terribly, tearing his coat and pantaloons from the shoulder down the side, along the leg and lacerating his leg from the hip nearly to the knee. The horse became frightened and in its frantic plunging the panther lost his grip and fell off. The horse and rider made good their escape. This is the second experience of this kind Swartzwelder has had within a short time. He may think himself fortunate for it is seldom that the panther is cheated out of his prey. A few days ago another gentleman was followed by a panther for several rods. Panthers have lately been heard crying in the woods by a large number of persons in the neighborhood of Chaneyville, and have been seen by several persons

### KING THEBAW.

Now that difficulty is expected in Barmah all that can be learned concerning that monster of cruelty, King Thebaw, will be of interest. On one occasion the King, having got uproariously drunk on three large bottles of raw whiskey, put over seventy of his relatives to death. He had them thrown head foremost down wells and then crushed to death by heavy stones

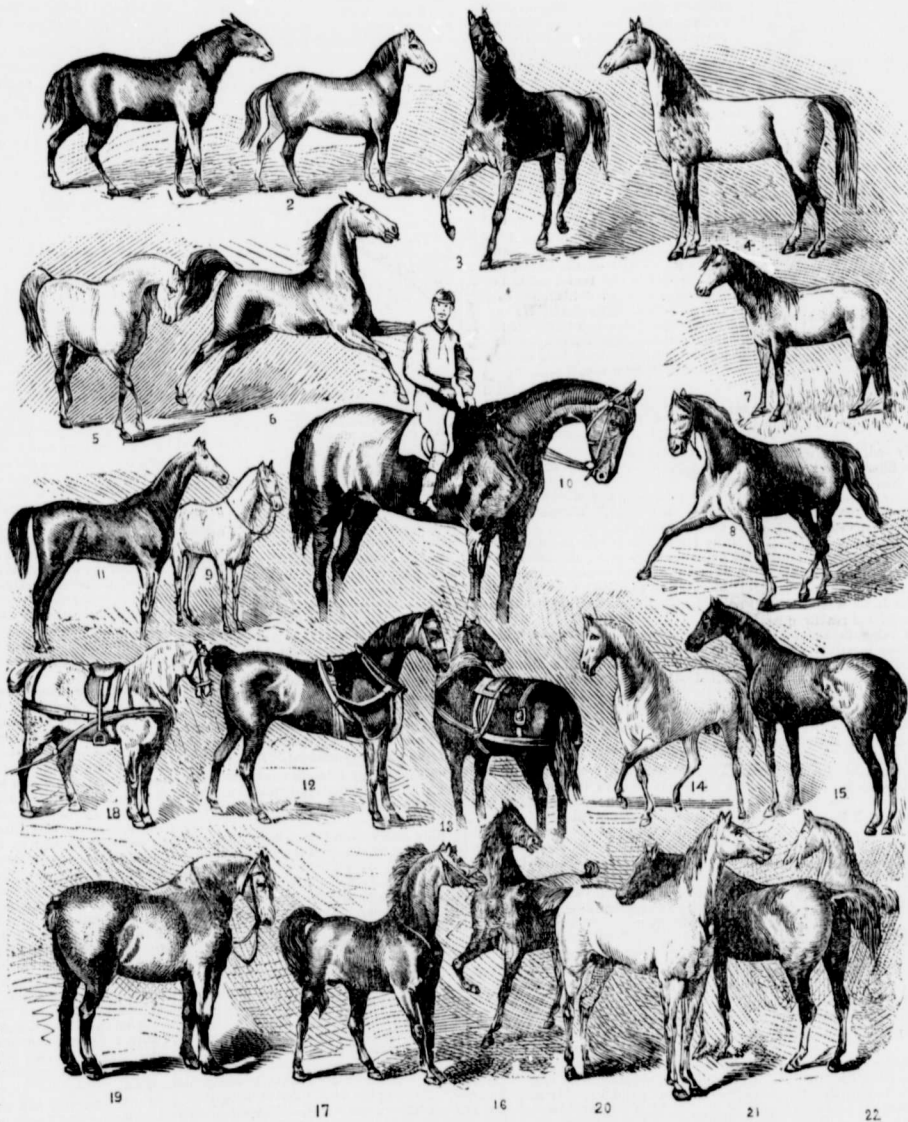
which were thrown on top of them. For six months the King apparently reformed for he committed no further monstrosities, but now his evil passions have again got the better of him.

In a letter recently received from Barmah a characteristic sketch is given, in illustration of the state of the country under its present ruler, in which it is stated that at Sagine there is what is called the king's

workshop, which was erected at the instance of the last ruler at an enormous expense, his idea being to build steamers for his own and the country's use. The ship-building yard is at Mandalay, and the place at Sagine was designed as a foundry, in which cast and wrought iron were to be treated. Two large furnaces, fifteen boilers, three furnaces for cast iron, seven large engines, five rolling mills for bar iron, and a quantity of other machinery (including a large steam hammer, lathes, punching and shearing machines and stone ore crushers) has been put down.

All that is required is to start the fires and raise steam, yet this valuable property is meantime overgrown with the products of the soil. The large steam hammer is twined round with beautiful crimson creepers; from out of one of the furnaces grows a large prickly cactus; the rolling mills are shaded with large tree ferns. The machinery, however, is not rusted, though nearly ten years have elapsed since the last king died. The works were suspended at his death, and the present king will neither spend more money on the undertaking nor sell it to others.

As King Thebaw still declines to deal fairly with the Indian trading company whose goods his government forfeited, troops and war materials are being sent out from Calcutta to make him submit. Burmese troops are also being mustered and altogether things look adverse to peace. Barmah will of course be the loser if there should be war.



USEFUL EUROPEAN BREEDS OF HORSES AND THEIR ANCESTORS.

1, WILD TARPAN; 2, KIAND; 3, ARABIAN HORSE "TURKMAN-ATTI"; 4, ARABIAN "TAJAR"; 5, MOROCCO BARR; 6, CIRCASSIAN; 7, HORSE OF THE RUSSIAN STEPPES; 8, OLOFF, OF RUSSIA; 9, MOLDAVIAN; 10, ENGLISH THOROUGHBRED RACE-HORSE; 11, ENGLISH HUNTER; 12, CLEVELAND BAY; 13, SUFFOLK PUNCH; 14, ANDALUSIAN HORSE, OF SPAIN; 15, LIMOUSINE, OF FRANCE; 16, MELLEBAUD, OF FRANCE; 17, CROSTEN, OF FRANCE; 18, FERCHERON, OF FRANCE; 19, BULOANNE, OF FRANCE; 20, IMPROVED MCKLENBURG; 21, 22, IMPROVED PRUSSIAN HORSES.