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THE ENGLISH VEGETARIANS.—Vegetarianism pure and simple does not claim many adherents, as the association devoted to its advocacy has only 1,000 members in London and 600 in the provinces. About an equal number of persons are understood to accept the views of the organization, and to carry them out, more or less, according to their appetite. The cult has now so far advanced that a vegetarian calendar has been formed, in which herbs, fruits and plants take the place of saints. It contains 366 menus—one for every day, with an extra dish thrown in to cover leap year. Yesterday, at some twenty-five different churches in the metropolis and neighborhood, vegetarian sermons were preached, at the request of the society, and the general burden was the duty of kindness to all animals. Many people, especially ladies, while extremely kind to pets, were thoughtless in regard to what they wore and ate. Aigrettes are still largely used in hats and bonnets, and other feathers also find a prominent place in female adornment, and the preachers particularly condemned the practice of destroying bird-life for this purpose. It was also urged that, while it was necessary to prevent cruelty to animals, it was still more desirable to inculcate kindness toward them. Vegetarians have gone a long way in this matter, and, though they wear clothing made from sheep's wool, they do not use ordinary boots. The soles are made of asbestos

and the uppers of a prepared material not unlike leather in appearance. To-day the National Vegetarian Congress and Exhibition opens in the Memorial Hall, Farringdon Street, and will continue for the rest of the week. Here will be shown all the various foods upon which vegetarians live and thrive, compressed vegetables being among those most in favor.—London "Telegraph," September 11.

FIRE-RESISTING MATERIALS.—Underwriters will be interested to learn that an exhibit of fire-resisting materials at the Paris Exposition is being arranged for. The "Review" (of London), in its issue of September 13, says: "There will be an important collective exhibit at the forthcoming Paris Exposition, representing the fire-resisting materials, system of construction and appliances of Great Britain. The arrangement of this collective exhibit (the first of its kind) is in the hands of the British Fire Prevention committee, to whom the Royal Commission has allotted the necessary space gratuitously, recognizing the national importance of the idea and the disinterestedness of the effort being made by the committee to show what the country can produce in this direction. Mr. Frederick R. Farrow, F.R.I.B.A., chairman of the commercial section of the committee, has kindly undertaken the direction of this collective exhibit, and it has been decided that all applications from British and colonial firms to be represented in this national exhibit must reach the offices of the committee by October 7. The committee itself will exhibit a model of its testing station, specimens of reports, and the like."

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