

Young People's Department.



AN ELEPHANT SCENE.

KINDNESS IN THE ELEPHANT.

HAVE you ever noticed how carefully an elephant will lift his feet and put them down again when stepping over a man lying on the ground? It is because they know the danger of their own great weight and are kind in their disposition. Children in the East have their own pet elephants sometimes and the big creatures enjoy a frolic with the little ones, as well as they do themselves. We have heard of an elephant who was trained to take care of a baby. It would rock the cradle and keep the baby in good humor for hours at a time. It got so fond of the baby that it would not eat unless the infant was close to it, and the mother always felt that her little one was quite safe under its protection, and so it was. There is something very remarkable in the wisdom and kindness of an elephant.

The *Boys' Own Paper* lately tells us the following incident, showing that an elephant was once more humane than his masters:—

"The favorite elephant of the Grand Vizier, under Rajah Dowlah, was the hero of a noble deed. This great nabob had arranged for a mighty hunt in the neighborhood of Lucknow, where the game was rather plentiful. The preparations being completed, and a train of Indian nobility assembled, the procession of hunters began to move off the field. After passing through a ravine, the gorgeous sportsmen entered a meadow, which was covered with sick people, who were lying exposed to get the benefit of the pure and fresh air, and they were so distributed as to obstruct the course of the beasts of burden. Rajah Dowlah was intent upon feeding his cruel eyes with the sight that the mangling bodies of the miserable creatures would produce by compelling the huge elephants to trample them under foot. The Grand