Animal Curiosities



A Rabbit Becomes Foster Parent to Chickens machine used in training their voices.

In this way the hen is enabled to transmit the best musical quality to its offspring. The music room is a large Routed a Snake.

Pussy and the Lion. Says the Cincinnati Enquirer: Last extreme age has made a pitiable show | munication had been written with a these many weeks. It was the kitten's lead-pencil in French:
"'The iron ship Tamaris, of Borgood night to her, for Paul and kittle pnly bit of outside life that Paul was he came forward and put his great, Last night when kittle came, and, rubbing coaxingly against the bars, mewed all softly to her jungle laws.

mewed all softly to her jungle lover to come and say good night, Paul Cochous. The M—— at once went just lay still, his head between his to that island, but found on it no paws, and didn't notice here of all traces represents the control of the c kittle stopped and just looked and looked at the noble, great fellow. Finally a keeper saw her do something that instinct never let her do before. She shyly crept through the big black iron bars, and, going in, caressed the great bowed head in her most loving way. But there was no response. Then kittle slowly went away, and Paul slept on—the sleep that knows

Scores of people who had known the old lion for nearly 20 years had just been visiting him, and hosts of tiny children had tossed him kisses just as death was coming on. He died exactly as Superintendent Stephan, in the Enquirer a month ago, said he would, as if asleep, with his head between

A Rabbit Nurses Chicks.

He was greatly surprised, however, when he discovered that an old tame rabbit in the hen yard had taken possession of the nest and was caring for the brood. The chicks nestle close to Br'er Rabbit and are thriving. hens are jealous of the rabbit, and fights take place frequently.

News of Shipwreck Brought by an Albatross.

The following account of how ship-2,000 miles by an albatross, and how aid was dispatched to them, only to es for the truth of the story. Says | Mr. Dierhold:

Ocean, about 1,000 miles south of from such a fate." a small group of four barren, rocky slands, called the Crozet Islands. elephants. Their latitude is between 16 degrees and 47 degrees south. Free Mantle, South Australia, with a ece of tin tied around its neck, and earing the words in French: 'Thiron the Crozet Islands, Aug. 4, 18-Over 2,000 miles of ocean had this bird of tireless wing borne the message of albatross and its message. It was at once conjectured that the shipwrecked sailors were the officers and crew of the brig Tamaris, which had left word had been received from her. The French and British governments, snake writhed and lashed its body therefore, straightway ordered searching vessels should be sent out to rescue the unfortunate sailors within six feet of the struggle and grounded there. Then I saw that the had been cut in half a dozen made known to the civilized d. The French transport M— Islands, and touched first at the small human beings were found there,

A Wonderful Medicine.

after meals, Dizziness and Drowsi-, Cold Chills, Flushings of Heat, Loss spectite, Shortness of Breath, Cos-ness, Blotches on the Skin, Disturbed DOSE WILL CIVE RELIEF INTWENTY MINUTES. This they will be acknowledged to be

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though it was plain that the islands had been recently occupied. Says the Cincinnati Enquirer: Last found traces of recent camp fires, night a little purring kitten rubbed biscuit boxes and other articles scatherself in friendly fashion against the great iron bars of the den of Old been piled up to attract attention, and Paul, the Zoo's famed lion, of whom fastened, on which the following com-

way to coax Paul to come to say deaux, with thirteen men in the crew, good night to her, for Paul and kittle went ashore on this island of Cochus were best of friends. She was the during a heavy fog. Some time afterwards she got clear and floated off, ever friendly with. Every night for but three hours later she filled and weeks kittie has crept shyly up in sank. The crew escaped to the island front of the bars of her old lion lover's home, and when she mewed to him two small boats, taking with them two kilograms of biscuits. The crew had lived on Cochous Island nine months, and their food being now ex-

paws, and didn't notice her at all. trace whatever of the shipwrecked Tiring of coaxing him, the faithful men. They visited all the islands in those waters without result, and it became evident that the unfortunate crew had been lost in the perilous passage by boat to Possession Island. It is supposed that they attempted to go to the other island, believing that their chances of rescue would be bet-ter there. * * * They little dreamed that eight days before they left the desolate island rock, on which they had lived so forlornly, the bird to whom they had entrusted their brief message had finished his wonderful flight, told the world of their calamity, and set two nations to work to rescue them from their dire distress."

Toads Waylay Fees.

A Dunkirk N. Y., dispatch says: "I found out something last night that makes me feel silly, and I've learned A hen belonging to Farmer J. C. a little lesson in natural history that Wood, of Somers Center, N. Y., says I shall not soon forget," said S. V. the New York Journal, hatched out Hall. "Every night," explained Mr. the New York Journal, hatched out Hall. "Every night," explained Mr. Four-year-old Robbie ran breathlessly ten Cochin chickens several days ago. Hall, "when I have gone out about into the house. "Oh, mama!" he said, The chicks were hardly a day old when the mother hen deserted them.

Then Mr. Wood was in a predicament, Then Mr. Wood was in a predicament, and the work of one of my hives of bees, the one nearest the walk, and I was careful

A teacher observing one as he was afraid the little ones would die. account of their usefulness in destroying troublesome insects. I stopped to watch, and I soon learned all about it. The hive, under which they burrowed in cool retirement in the daytime and in front of which they took up sentinel positions in the early evening, stood on the ground with only a board be-tween it and the sod. The board projected in front of the hive about three inches, so as to afford the bees a convenient place for alighting. While I watched the bees arriving home last night, heavily laden with honey, I saw wrecked men sent news of their plight | those two toads shoot out their long, slimy tongues and capture every bee. I did not wait to see them eat many before I killed them both. I dissected arrive too late, is told in Our Animal one and found his stomach full of bee Friends by G. H. Dierhold, who vouch- whole, and others in various stages of digestion. I estimated that those bon't you winking, blinking toads have been decreatures? vouring 50 or 60 a day. I had supposed

Chipmunks Rout a Snake.

Islands, called the Crozet Islands. They lie some distance west of Kerguelen Island, and are chiefly known my life up at Pompton Plains,"

To a distance west of Kerguelen Island, and are chiefly known my life up at Pompton Plains,"

Doarder. "It was Una, wasn't it, who trimmed the claws of the lion? I wonder how she got him to consent." to navigators who sail in that direc- said Fred Bullitt, of Newark. "I was pers, "that she said she wanted to tion to hunt whales, seals, and sea in a boat fishing for bass, when my at-On tention was attracted by my wife to these remote islands a crew of thirteen sailors were wrecked early in mon black snake, slightly less than five wistress' illness—nothing serious—no August, 18-, and the means by which feet in length, and it was hanging great cause for alarm, I trust? the fact of this shipwreck was made head downward from a button bush at known were, to say the least, remarkable. Sept. 22, 18—, a dead albatross
was found upon the beach at the edge of the lake. Its back shone like peacock coal as its head swung two and fro over the water.

The New French Maid—No, monsieur; nozzing beeg, nozzing grande. Something what you call leettle, peture water. "It is admiring itself in the water," said my wife."

"More likely it is watching for fish," en shipwrecked men took refuge up- I said, and just then I saw what the snake was really after. A chipmunk ran from under a log, and in a flash the snake seized it by the head and disaster, only to perish of exhaustion at the close of its flight. A dispatch was immediately sent by the governor of South Australia to the French gov-ernment telling of the finding of the stelly began swallowing the chipmunk without attempting to crush it. The chipmunk's head had entirely appeared, when a diversion was created by an older and larger chipmunk France for New Caledonia early in that jumped upon the snake's back the spring of 18—, since which time no and off again in a flash. This was re-

> places by the sharp teeth of the little squirrel, and was trying to get rid of the one it had tried to swallow. It seemed to have difficulty in this, and before it succeeded in ejecting it still another chipmunk arrived on the scene and attacked the writhing snake. The wo little ground squirrels acted as if they had seen snakes before and knew ust how to tackle them. They sprang on and over the snake, resting but an istant to inflict a bite and avoiding the lashing tail. The snake seemed to not!" but one notion and that was to of its head, the snake got rid of the little chipmunk, and I expected to which did not seem to be much the worse for its adventure. The old ones licked it all over, and showed genuine delight over its escape. Suddenly they were startled by a movement of my wife and all three scam-

HATCHING CANARIES OUT WEST

Milwaukee Now Supplies This Country With Most of the Warblers.

From the Milwaukee Sentinel. Milwaukee supplies the United States with the bulk of the Hartz Mountain canaries, and there is no great crime in the deception, for the Milwaukee bird is really an improvement on the imported article, having just as fine a voice and being much

liar yodding quality when they have tirely cured."

been here a year. The native canary For sale by C. McCallum and B. A. quite a picture in this respect. is hardier than the imported ones, and | Mitchell.

A Rebuilt Managase Moster a month of Chickens

good a singer. Before they are mated the hen birds EXECUTACION NOCK NOCK NAME OF THE PROPERTY OF

are kept in separate cages in the music room, carefully fed and made to listen to the music of the singers and the one with a south exposure, and is kept with the same scrupulous neatness as the breeding room. In the corner of this room is the bird organ, and with it the little birds are given

with proper training, is every bit as

their vocal training. When the machine is started the notes emitted are wonderfully like the song of the untutored canary. These notes are known to bird trainers by the term pfeiffen. Gradually the whistle strikes on to a different line. an improvement over the pfeiffen, and is called klingel rolle. A higher step still is called the klingel, and a still higher step the hohl klingel. Lastly comes what is called hohl rollen, and a bird whose voice has been developed up to that point is worth \$50 in the market any day.

A Smile:

A Laugh.

He-One characteristic is found universally among all women-they all

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She-Now, that isn't so.

*** "Bridget, I've discovered that you carry more food home with you than you cook for us." "Yes'm; but me family is bigger'n yours."

"I've cured our next door neighbor of borrowing our lawn mower." "How did you manage it?" "Every time he did it I sent over and borrowed his

Tommy (inquiringly)-Mamma, is this hair oil in this bottle?

Mamma—Mercy, no! That's glue. Tommy (nochalantly)-That's why I can't get my hat off.

Bobbie's Description of a Bagpipe-"there's a man out here with a dead

A teacher observing one boy coming in late, said he: "Now then, sir, what are you late for?" "School, sir," answered the lad, quietly taking his seat among the remaining boys. .2.0.5

What It Requires—Shockitt—Does learning the bicycle require any particular application? Sprockitt-No; none in particular. But arnica is as good as anything. ****

"There was a strange man here today to see you, papa," said little Ethel, who had met her father in the hall as he came home. "Did he have a bill?" asked Binks. "No, papa, he had just a plain nose." ****

Tourist (in Jersey, apprehensively)
—How about the Jersey mosquitoes? Don't you find them pretty vicious Jersey Native (indifferently)-Not at "In the southern part of the Indian cean, about 1,000 miles south of from such a fate."

all! Not at all! Why, they'll eat right out of your hand!

**** "It was Una, wasn't it, who boarder. show him something new in toe clips."

**** The New French Maid-No, montite. What zey call ze leetle-smallsmall-smallpox.

First Passenger-Would you-ah-Second Passenger-Certainly, sir. First Passenger-Ah, thank you; now, as you cannot see to read your would you mind letting me

have it, too, please? **** Teacher-John, of what are your shoes made? Boy-Of leather, sir. Teacher-Where does the leather

Boy—From the hide of the ox. Teacher—What animal, then supplies you with shoes and gives you meat to

Boy-My father.

**** An old-time lord mayor of London, whose sporting experience was limited, rode forth one day to join the city hunt in the fields about Marylebone. Placed by his escort under a tree, his lordship heard the hounds give tongue in the distance, and the sounds grew louder and louder, till one of the city scouts shouted out: "The hare come this way, my lord." The lord mayor rose to the occasion, and drawing his sword, he exclaimed heroically: "Let him come! I thank heaven I fear him

get rid of its prey so that it could de-fend itself or run. Finally, with a fling taking his daily bath. One day his begged so hard to be allowed to per-sonally superintend his "tub" that see it show fight, but instead it glided sonally superintend his "tub" that away as fast as it could in its lacerat- mamma finally consented. When he ed condition. The two old chipmunks then turned their attention to the little exertions, mamma recollected that his ears were usually the chief cause of discontent, and that he generally dis-liked to have them washed. "Warren," she said, "how about your ears—did you wash them carefully mamma," said the youthful Ananias, soberly, "I put the wash cloth in one ear and pulled it out of the other.'

CRUEL SCIATICA.

Incessant Pain-Tormented-Racked

Life Despaired of. John Marshall, Varney P. O., County of Grey, writes these strong words: "For two years I was completely laid up with sciatica. I doctored without any permanent relief. I had given up hope. A friend saw the notice of a cure of what seemed a parallel case to

The Poets.

A Song of Harvest. Sing a song of harvest-sing it, ring it

sweet; Set it to the music of the ripple of the wheat! Sweetheart, sweetheart Reaping as we go, A kiss amid the music

And the wheat would never know! Sing a song of harvest-sing it, ring it of dew!

Sweetheart, sweetheart, Summer sighs to go. A kiss amid the music, And the wheat would never know!

Sing a song of harvest-of many a golden tithe;
Set it to the tinkle and the twinkle of

Sweetheart, sweetheart, Love's a reaper, too;

And the thrilling heart of you. Sing a song of harvest like the ripple of a stream, Till the shadows kiss the meadows and the stars above us dream;

Summer sighs to go; A kiss amid the music And the wheat would inever know! . . . The Farewell.

whisper in the vines,
A subtle sense of sorrow in the shadow however, for he'd try to start right off of the pines;
And the stream in music flowing has the echo of a sigh,

bye-good-bye!" The lily seems to languish, the rose is they made a second start straight for The

The wind is singing round and ever with a sigh start down the slope at the entrance and ever with a sigh start down the slope at the entrance of the pool, and, making one big splash, leaves, it sings, "Good-bye—good-were in and floundering about.

A creature who is honestly entitled by colorists to be called a pachyder-

bells in dells of twilight, beneath

And all the hills sing: "Linger!" and all the valleys, "Stay!"

And all the gardens: "Rest thee here on jeweled beds of May!" a sigh is thrilling-filling the But earth and weeping sky; And

love, with lips unwilling, kisses "Good-bye-good-bye!" Floral Hints

Pansies-Freesias-Bloom for Xmas -Beautiful Streets, Etc.

By Narcissus. This is a good month to start pansy

and Helps.

seed for early spring blooming. As coyish, and as modest, fair, Give color true and odor rare,

I'd know my gift to be divine. get, for the best are just as easy to cause he has maimed a few men for grow as poor ones. Sow in a shallow life, and raised cain generally? True, box or in pots, with good drainage, in phant house a little while ago, but a mixture of leaf mold and good potting what of that? They certainly haven't soil. Keep them in a warm, shady any right to make him, the king of the place, where the sun will not dry them whole Zoo, stand there like a mischievous schoolboy while two silly girls lend me your spectacles a moment, out, cover them with a piece of glass are permitted to run about as much please?

or wet cloth until the plants show as they please, and the same thing has through, when they will need all the got to keep up every day until Sepair they can get. As soon as the little tember. plants show the second pair of leaves they should be transplanted into other won't soften the inexorable keepers boxes or pots in the same kind of soil, to which a little sand has been added, about two inches apart. Here they may grow until they are nice, stocky, little plants, about three inches high, when they should be transplanted into their permanent bed in the garden. This bed should have previously been enriched by a thorough spading and mixing a lot of good rotten manure with little soot and wood ashes, the soil being made nice and smooth with a fine rake. They will be well established by the time the frost comes, and may then be protected with a covering death is busy in the ranks of babies of evergreen boughs and leaves. Do not and young children. This is the time cover them with leaves alone, as the snow and wet packs them close, and they smother the plants. If these hints are followed a nice lot of sturdy plants for early blooming will be your

reward next spring. FREESIAS. If you want freesias to bloom in January or February they should be planted this month. Some people do not succeed with these lovely plants, and get discouraged, and give up trying to grow them. To all such I would say, "Try again." They are so emmently desirable, as winter-blooming plants, so dainty, so fragrant, and beautiful, that it pays to persevere and conquer difficulties. Procure large, round bulbs, and plant six in a fiveinch pot, setting them about half an inch below the surface. The best soil is one composed of tufty loam, that just der a good sod, with a little sand and rotten manure. The pots should be put away for a month for the roots to form, although many think they do bloom better by being put away. You may either bury the pots in a heap of the with whom do we get our impressions of the extravagance of the men? From mobody.

That is why we are familiar with the bloom better by being put away. You may either bury the pots in a heap of ashes, or put them in a dark closet or cellar. Don't forget to water them well women had had a chance to tell of the cellar. Don't forget to water them well women had had a chance to tell of the before putting them away. They should extravagance of the men it would be be left outdoors as long as the weather another story.—Memphis Commercial is fit, after which they will come on all right in the window with the other

plants. If you wish to have sime flowers in bloom for Christmas, you should plant a few pots of Roman hyacinths about the end of this month: they make a very beautiful and acceptable Christmas present; they are the earliest of the winter-blooming bulbs.

The perennial phloxes are now in all "One bottle MINARD'S LINIMENT cured"

mine, by South American Echemeatic Cure, and knowing my little faith in their glory, and some very fine specitive efficacy of any femedy, he promens are to be seen in different parts cured a bottle himself and brought it of the city. Our city is looking very Experience has shown that the imported article loses the power of transmitting its voice to the young after passing through an American winter. day or so I was cut of bed, and in three days I was able to walk to Durace to make their verandas and front yards look tasty and beautiful with days in pots, vases, boxes and hangham, a distance of four miles, to pur-chase another bottle. I am now en-flowers in pots, vases, boxes and hang-Sweet peas are more beautiful than

ever, and pay for all the extra care we may give them. I have some this year that are regular court beauties. The best sorts properly grown are a revela-tion to anyone who has always thought that a "sweet pea was a sweet pea, anyway.

ELEPHANTS IN THE BATH

Two of Them Have Rare Sport, While Old Bolivar Looks on With Envy.

Philadelphia Inquirer. There was great excitement in the elephants' apartments at the Zoo yes-terday afternoon, when at just 4 o'clock the doors of their winter lodg-ings were opened and they stepped out to enjoy their summer daily wash.

They were sublimely happy and snuffed eagerly at the water. A long Symphonies of sunlight, and mysteries | period of captivity in a stuffy cage had just ended, and the mountains of tired, dirty flesh were only too quick to welcome the inviting pool that lay before them. The elephants don't get a chance to

bathe with any amount of satisfaction during the winter and spring, and as the summer months draw near, they look forward with eager anticipation to the daily outing. Empress, the charming young widow, of 27 years, has for a long time been afflicted with rheumatism, and last summer the keepers had any amount of trouble over her ailments. As a result some of them had a conversation in front of her cage a few weeks ago to the effect that if the rheumatism reappeared it would not be advisable to let her bathe this summer. The keepers noticed that Empress appeared to be listening very intently. Whether it was this conversation that did it or not will probably never be known, but it is certain from that hour her majesty's rheumatics began visibly to improve.

There are three elephants altogether, Empress, Jennie, and last, but by no means least, Bolivar, Fourpaugh's old There's a murmur in the maples, a mountain of viciousness. He couldn't for India.

Jennie and Empress came tripping daintily out of their houses and paus-And ripples: "Summer's going. Good- ed at the door with timid modesty at seeing such a crowd of spectators assembled. Catching sight of the water ghostly white; golden sunflower droops and long switch plied vigorously forced dreams through the enchanted them to trot slowly about the enclosure night; surrounding the pool several times. After a while they were allowed to

by scientists to be called a pachyder-matous mammal ought to preserve his "Good-bye," the valleys echo; "Good-bye," the hills repeat;
"Good-bye," from daisied meadows, from gardens violet-sweet;

by scientists to be called a pachyder-matous mammal ought to preserve his dignity at all times and at any cost. But Jennie and Empress wanted to be happy and didn't care two cents for happy and didn't care two cents for what anyone thought of their friskia misty sky,

Seem singing in their ringing: "Goodbye-good-bye!"

a misty sky,

Iness. It is true that once in a while

Jennie would remember her 55 summers and straighten. mers and straighten up a little, and Empress would think with poignant regret of the happy days when she and her handsome husband, Dom Pedro, used to frolic about together. And he died before their honeymoon was end-ed, and for a time the world seemed desolate. But a playful splash from Jennie brought her back to the present and she would start in and enjoy herself again.

All the while these two elephants were wading and splashing, ducking and spouting about poor old Pete, the Indian rhinocerous, was lying mo-tionless in his cage next the elephants' under a heavy shower bath. This is his most enjoyable occupation, and he

keeps it up for hours.
Next to him was wicked Bolivar, and he must needs be content with a hasty wash off from a rubber hose ery day, and all the while Jennie and Empress are regaling themselves in their big bath he has to stand manacled in his cage and glumly He has been grumbling about Sweet little flower! If skill were mine this hardship for some time. He is to paint a face alike to thine, advances on the part of the keepers, and with contemptuous sniffs turns down peanuts galore. Why, he reasons, should he be kept in his room, Buy seed of the best strain you can with chains all over him, simply behe nearly demolished the whole ele-

But all the reasoning in the world and Bolivar has to stand there in sulky, wounded dignity and watch bath after bath, while the silly crowd of spectators applaud.

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