

AGE OF ANIMALS.—A bear rarely exceeds twenty years; a wolf twenty; a fox fourteen or sixteen; lions are long lived—Pompey lived to the age of seventy years; a squirrel or hare seven or eight years; rabbits seven. Elephants have been known to live to the age of 400 years. When Alexander the Great had conquered Phorus, King of India, he took a great elephant which had fought valiantly for the king, named him Ajax, dedicated him to the Sun, and let him go with this inscription "Alexander, the son of Jupiter, hath dedicated Ajax to the Sun." This elephant was found with this inscription 350 years afterward. Pigs have been known to live to the age of thirty years; the Rhinoceros to twenty. A horse has been known to live to the age of sixty-two, but averages twenty to thirty. Camels sometimes live to the age of one hundred. Stags are long lived.—Sheep seldom exceed the age of ten. Cows live about fifteen years. Cuvier considers it probable that whales sometimes live one thousand years. Mr. Malleiton has a skeleton of a Swan that attained the age of two hundred years. Pelicans are long lived. A tortoise has been known to live to the age of one hundred and seven.

THE PLANT NAME POSTS IN KENSINGTON GARDENS.—The other day an old lady took one of these for a head stone, and, after reading two long Latin words, said, "Oh, he was evidently a foreigner, but it's a shame they didn't give him Christian burial." As we walked through, the other morning, and very pleasant the green turf looked, when the sun was good enough to touch it, we heard a positive repetition of the error.—A stolid-looking woman was studying one of them, and we heard her read, in a well-satisfied tone, rightly or wrongly we did not stop to see—"Rosa Tormentosa? Ah! that was a very naughty girl, you may depend on it."—*Agricultural Gazette.*

MR. EDITOR:—Mr. Rhodes, dairyman, of London, (England,) about the year 1830, made a dreadful oath that he would have upwards of a thousand live milk cows in his dairy, but strange to relate, he never succeeded to get together more than 999! If he purchased a number, say 10, before he got them to his dairy he would find some of his cows dead, leaving only (or less than) 999. Your notice in yesterday's paper, of the large dairy of 300 cows, at Norwich, Chenango county, reminded me of the above circumstance.—*From the Buffalo Express.*

CEMENT FOR STONE WARE.—Gelatine is allowed to swell in cold water, the jelly warmed, and so much recently-slacked lime added as is requisite to render the mass sufficiently thick for the purpose. A thin coating of this cement is spread while warm over the gently-heated surfaces of fracture of the articles, and let dry under a strong pressure. What oozes out is removed directly with a moist rag.—*Chemical Gazette.*

GUANO.—The Governor of the Falkland Islands has just sent home despatches announcing that guano has been discovered in large quantities in those islands. The climate there being less dry than at Lobos, the guano is not of equal value to the Peruvian product; but there seems to be no doubt that this discovery in the Falkland Is-

lands will prove to be one of great value, both in a trading and an agricultural sense.—*Daily News.*

John Johnston, an extensive farmer near Geneva, has now on his farm 25 miles of drains. His son-in-law, Mr. Snow, on an adjoining farm, has laid 88,000 tiles and drained 200 acres of his land. Mr. Johnston says, "the whole country ought to be drained;" a remark which comes nearer the truth than most figurative ones do.

Poetry.

SATURDAY EVENING.

How sweet the evening shadows fall
Advancing from the west;
As ends the weary week of toil,
And comes the day of rest.

Bright o'er the earth the stars of eve
Her radiant beauty sheds,
And myriad sisters calmly weave
Their light around our heads.

Rest, man, from labour; rest from sin,
The world's hard contest close
The holy hours with God begun;
Yield thee to sweet repose.

Bright o'er the earth the morning ray
Its sacred light will cast;
Fare emblem of the glorious day
That evermore shall last.

GUTTA PERCHA.

1. My parent died, when I bled from her side,
To fill mankind with wonder;
2. And now I stand in the wide world around,
The green-sward above and under.
3. I hold the flower in the sunny bowers;
1. I shelter the dead in their graves;
5. I circle the hair of the maiden fair;
6. And bid defiance to knives.
7. The miser his gold often gives me to hold;
8. I aid to extinguish the fire.
9. I'm placed o'er the green, where the school-boy is seen;
10. I wait at the toper's desire.
11. I ride on the wave, the sailor to save,
When he shrieketh aloud in despair.
12. I whirl the machine, whose arms, timely seen,
Hiss as they fly through the air.
13. I've been tried, and am cast with felons at last;
14. I am balm to the wounded and torn;
15. I rival the oak; (16) the tell-tale I cloak;
17. I am fashion'd as high and low born;
18. I constantly mind the sightless blind;
19. Many garments my long arms bear;
20. By the sick man's bed, (21) by the ship's mast-head—
In various forms I am there.
22. Deep in the earth, though unseen in my worth,
I faithfully serve mankind;
23. I bear the whisper of the softest lipser,
24. And hold that when traced the mind!
25. When the emigrant lands on far-off shoals,
Perchance he'll tread on me.
26. On the rich man's table (27) in the horses' stable,
My forms you may frequently see!
Now I challenge your mind my secret to find,
28. Though I travel along by your bed,
29. I come from the south. (30) I may dwell in your mouth,
31. Or may rest on the top of your head!

The following explanation may serve to illustrate the above:

1. Refers to Gutta-percha trees, they are tapped, and the article which is then a milky juice, exudes. 2. It is used both above and under ground. 3. Gutta-percha flower-pots. 4. Lining for collars. 5. Bonnet caps. 6. Policemen's slaves. 7. Money bowls. 8. Water buckets and Engine pipes. 9. Cricket balls. 10. Mugs. 11. Lace wooves. 12. Machine driving belt. 13. Indestructible vessels for the use of prisoners. 14. Balm for slight wounds, instead of sticking-plaster. 15. Ornamental mouldings. 16. Coating of the telegraph wires. 17. Medallions and casts of celebrated and notorious persons. 18. Cord for window-blinds. 19. Clothes-lines. 20. Utensils for sleeping apartments. 21. Cordage and speaking-tubes. 22. Pipes for drainage. &c. 23. Acoustic tubes. 24. Inkstands. 25. Soles. 26. Ornamental dishes. 27. Buckets and harness. 28. Noiseless curtain rings. 29. From Singapore, &c. 30. For filling decayed teeth. 41. "Sou'wester" hat.