

PRIVATE MENAGERIES, ENGLAND'S LATEST FAD

Owner of Cobtree Manor Has
Big Collection of Wild
Animals.

Few people visiting Cobtree Manor, Maidstone, a stately old country house, would imagine that they had alighted on the largest private menagerie of caged animals in England. It belongs to Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake, who is the honorary secretary of one of the

strangest clubs in existence, the Amateur Menagerie Club, an exclusive organization, with Lord Lilford as its president and the Earl of Altramar as vice-president. It is devoted to the purpose of encouraging the keeping of wild animals and birds of private persons.

The menagerie at Cobtree Manor includes two lions, four leopards, four bears, three leopards, five wolves, four dingoes, two jackals, two camels, two foxes, a spotted hyena, a sacred Indian

bull and a number of strange cattle and birds.

An interesting animal is a spotted hyena from West Africa, who is said to have the strongest jaw in the world. He can crunch bones into powder which would break the teeth of the healthiest lions. But perhaps the most talented animal in the whole menagerie is a lioness that was presented as a cub to Queen Alexandra at the Bath Club some years ago.

Since then, under the careful tutelage of Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake, this particular lioness has developed into a first-class circus performer. She vaults chairs with the easiest grace, sits up and begs, and goes through various evolutions at the bidding of Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake once he has entered her cage. This is the only amateur trained performing lioness or lion in existence. There is another performing animal in the menagerie, a bear, who in the days of its youth was a wonderful trickster, firing off pistols, ringing bells, and doing all sorts of astonishing things. But with the advance of age Bruin has retired from the business, as his fellow artists say, and now he performs no more.

Two other splendid inmates of the menagerie are the griffon vulture and the golden eagle. The whole collection is being lent by Mr. Tyrwhitt-Drake to Edinburgh this summer, where it will be on exhibition for three months. A curious fact concerning Cobtree Manor is that the house was once the manor farm of Dingley Dell, immortalized in the "Pickwick Papers."

FRENCH OPIUM SCANDAL

163 Dens Discovered in Toulon Alone.

Paris, May, 8. — The revelations in connection with the opium scandals at Brest and elsewhere continue. During the last few weeks numerous discoveries of opium dens have been made in Brest, Toulon and other naval ports, and it was known that naval officers, as well as civilians, men and women, frequented the places.

Further inquiries undertaken by the naval authorities reveal a state of affairs absolutely undreamed of. It appears that opium smoking in secret is something like a general thing in the French fleet. Not only officers, but lower-deck men are slaves to the habit. In Brest, Toulon, Cherbourg, Lorient, Rochefort, Marseilles and Algiers facilities for opium smoking exist in abundance. In Toulon alone it has been discovered there are no fewer than 163 opium dens.

In the present state of the law nothing can be done to prevent the evil, the consequences of which to the navy may be of the gravest character. It is possible to prosecute traders in opium, but those who smoke or induce others to do so are perfectly immune from punishment. Anyone can get opium, morphine or hashish through the customs with perfect freedom, while the smallest bottle of spirits or box of matches is pounced upon immediately.

In the great French colony of Indo-China there is a state opium factory, the production of which is 240,000 pounds of the drug annually. And in China opium is the staple of the economy who smoke, eat, or chew opium, points out the Matin.

Not long ago the governor of Indo-China, M. de Lamoignon, sent an order to the general commanding the troops in the colony to send back to France all the drug-takers among the troops. "Why, you are asking me to evacuate the colony!" replied the general.

WILLIAM FLOCKHART PASSED AWAY

London Architect Left His Mark in Bond Street.

The death of William Flockhart, the architect, was hardly noticed outside of the technical press in old London, and like most architects of distinction who are not members of the Royal Academy or mayors of towns, his name is not included in "Who's Who."

Yet he was one of Great Britain's most fashionable architects. He had left his mark daintily on Bond street and built a large number of country houses, as well as the White Star Building in Southampton, and many other works of considerable interest. Like Nash, he had a gift for shop facades, and was largely influenced by Paris. The modish boudoir shop style appeared in his Bond street work. Messrs. Duxbury, a gallery is the best instance in the latter manner. He had a gift for making shops look expensive and exclusive, and a Flockhart facade will long remain as a perfect lure for millionaires.

Stage Draws "Higher Noble"

Berlin Society Leader Appearing in Munich Theatre.

Berlin exclusive society is being shocked by the fact that members of the "higher nobility" are going on the stage. The "higher nobility" counts as of equal birth with reigning sovereigns and looks upon all foreign nobles, including English Dukes, as inferior.

The Baroness von Lygicki, a member of the family of the "higher noble" Prince Sayn-Wittgenstein, and a kinswoman of the "higher noble" Czartoryski of Poland, has gone on the Munich stage under the bourgeois name Fraulein Ilse Koenig. This is the first case recorded of such a lapse from aristocratic dignity, and the offender's relatives at a family council have formally repudiated her.

The Baroness's troubles have brought out the fact that Baron von Wangenheim, a relative of the Constantinian Ambassador, is playing at the Deutsches Theatre in a stage name, and that two other aristocrats, Baron von Kieddorf and Count Rudolph Protzmann, are respectively a Berlin opera singer and a Cologne low comedian.

DUELS FREQUENT IN GERMANY

That duelling still obtains in the German army, far more than is generally known, is evident by the statement made in the Reichstag by the Minister of War, Herr Heeringen, who stated that according to the official record there were 124 challenges in 1912, of which seventy-one were settled without duels, and fifty-three duels were fought. In seventeen cases the challenger was a civilian. There were only two duels between officers. Gen. von Heeringen said every effort was being made to stamp out duelling in the army through the military courts of honor, which have authority to enforce their decisions.

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Mischief of Hoarding Gold

Signs of It in Far-Away Corners of the World.

British and continental bankers all agree that as a result of the prevalent war scare people of the countries affected have been hiding gold. This has been especially noticeable in Germany, Austria and France. The Bank of France has been paying out as little gold as possible in order to protect its reserve. Word comes from Berlin that the German authorities have been pushing their campaign for strengthening the Reichsbank's gold stock by an order of the Government to public financial boards, to pay all salaries as far as possible in Reichsbank notes instead of gold.

Discussing the persistent scarcity of gold for daily circulation in France, the London Standard's correspondent writes from Paris to London that "the minister of finance points out that the people only have themselves to blame, seeing that gold is undoubtedly being hoarded, and he does not propose to urge the Banque de France to issue more than usual, for any supplementary gold output would probably disappear from circulation like the rest, thereby lowering the reserves, and perhaps necessitating a further rise in the bank rate. Meanwhile the outcry for the issue of 20-franc notes is becoming louder, owing to the awkwardness of the cumbersome 5-franc pieces, which are now used instead of gold."

An eminent London banker notes with some alarm that the natives of India still continue to hoard great quantities of gold, following an immemorial practice. Thus they weaken the potential reserves of the yellow metal, which might be held by the great banks of Europe and used as a basis of credit for the activities of civilization.

For long centuries India has been noted for the prevalence of the custom of hoarding; and one great monetary authority has described that country as "the sink of the precious metals." When silver began to depreciate, the Indian people were quick to note the fact, and more than ever sought to hoard the yellow metal. It is impossible to calculate the amount of gold and silver hidden away in India. One guess is as good as another, but the amount must be enormous.

When silver began to be shipped extensively from Mexico to Spain in the sixteenth century, and the value of the white metal depreciated, the fact became almost immediately known at the capital of the Grand Mogul in Hindostan, for bad news proverbially travels fast.

Another country, with a very poor population, the land of Egypt, also is much given to hoarding gold, a fact noted by Lord Cromer, who governed that country for many years. An observant British resident says that when an Egyptian has occasion to pay a large sum of money he will very probably produce European gold

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