

## An Expensive Bath.

One hears a good deal nowadays about the luxurious and scented baths which fashionable women consider necessary to give their oogs, but an animal that requires a more costly bath than the smartest of lapdogs is the elephant.

The elephant's bath takes a week to carry out in every detail, it requires the services of three men, and it costs \$300. This treatment is necessary for a circus elephant, and if the animal is a valuable one, the proprietor of the circus does not consider the money wasted.

The first process consists in going over the great body with the best soap procurable; 150 pounds of soap are used, and the elephant's ears are especially carefully attended to. When the soaping and drying are completed the elephant is well sandpapered, and after that rubbed all over with the purest Indian oil until the mouse gray skin is supple and glistening. This last finishing touch is the most expensive part of the whole bath, as \$150 has to be spent on the oil alone in the process of each bath.

## Famous Necklaces.

The most costly necklace in the world belongs to the Countess Henckel, a lady well known in London and Paris society, the value of which is said to be \$250,000. It is really composed of three necklaces, each of historic interest. One was the property of the ex-Queen of Naples, sister of the late Austrian empress; the second, once the property of a Spanish grandee; while the third was formerly owned by the Empress Eugenie. Not long ago a necklace composed of 412 pearls, in eight rows, the property of the late Duchess of Montrose, was sold for \$56,000. The Empress Frederick of Germany is said to have possessed a necklace of 32 pearls, worth at least \$200,000; while Lady Ilchester's necklace of black pearls is valued at about \$125,000.

A biologist says that the two sides of a face are never alike. In two cases out of five the eyes are out of line; one eye is stronger than the other in seven cases out of ten; and the right ear is generally higher than the left.

The rat is such a nuisance that in England alone it is estimated he causes damage to the extent of 10,000,000 pounds every year. If all the young rats lived, a single pair would in three years multiply to 640,000 rats.

Our happiness depends on little things, says a philosopher. This is true. A man who comes into possession of a bad half-crown never knows true happiness until he has palmed it off on someone else.

Men in Belgium are not on an equality as voters. Unmarried men over twenty-five years of age have one vote, married men and widowers with families have two votes, and priests and certain other persons have three votes. Severe penalties are imposed on those who fail to vote.

His Holiness the Pope has lace estimated at something like 250,000 pounds in value. It is kept in cedar-wood cabinets in the Vatican, and as it is the custom of the Royal and noble Catholic families of Italy, Spain, and Austria to present their bridal lace to the Church, the collection is an ever-growing one.

It is stated that on the three tube railways, comprising 41.68 miles of single line, controlled by the Underground Electric Railways Company of London, Eng., the number of automatic signals averages 15.85 per mile, and that these signals drop and rise 1,538,282 times a week. The weekly cost of maintenance is said to be 4 pounds 3s. 6.68d. per track mile, 5s. 3.22d. per signal, and 0.457d. per train mile.

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