

LOUNGING ON A GIRAFFE.

The Englishmen Who Convert Wild Beasts Into Articles of Furniture—Curious Tropics.

Many country houses have their walls adorned with the hunting trophies of their occupiers, says London Answers. But it is much more interesting and very much more uncommon to find these trophies made into articles of furniture and serving a double purpose of use and ornament.

The hunter who has been gored by a rhinoceros and carries the marks of his wounds about him, must find a strange fascination in using the very horn with which his injuries were inflicted to hang his hat on.

His majesty the king possesses a somewhat similar trophy in the shape of a ferocious-looking bear which he shot many years ago in Russia. It now stands in the smoking room at Buckingham palace gravingly holding a tray in his front paws.

In the hall of Baroness Eckhardt's beautiful mansion in Grosvenor square there is to be seen an even larger bear—one of the largest, in fact, that has ever been shot—that fills the useful office of light holder.

Probably the most original chair in the world is to be found in the residence of J. Gardner Muir, the well-known hunter and traveler, at Market Harborough. It is made from a baby giraffe which with its mother was shot near the Kidboko river, British East Africa.

RISKS BY ALPINE GUIDES.

Their Profession is Growing More Dangerous and Difficult Every Year.

With the increase in the number of club huts, ladders and other facilities for mountain climbing, it has become the fashion, especially among those who know very little about the subject, to speak of the modern Alpine "ascensionist," though he had fewer dangers and difficulties to encounter than the man who undertakes to walk to Brighton.

This is due to the fact that, as Switzerland is continually being opened up more and more for the ordinary tourist, there is an ever-increasing number of men (and women, too), without possessing any of the necessary knowledge, training or experience, are anxious to emulate, and if possible outdo, the feats of world-famous members of the Alpine club.

The "tenderfoot," on the other hand, with his brand-new ice ax and carefully coiled length of "red thread" rope, imagines that he is displaying his courage and general superiority by overruling the suggestions of his guides and insisting on doing things which they know from experience to be both perilous and foolhardy.

The statement that "the hurr can choose his own guide" holds good in most of the Swiss climbing centers, and any member of one of the recognized Alpine clubs has a right to choice of guides. In some places, however, and especially in Chamonix, the regulations of the guides' bureau are very stringent, and they try to enforce the tour de role on every possible occasion.

MEN THE MORE LIBERAL.

Messenger Boys Find That They Give More in the Shape of Tips Than Women.

Ten messenger boys were asked whether they liked best to deliver messages to men or to women, says the Chicago Tribune.

Eight replied without hesitation that they would rather deliver messages to men. One boy said stoutly that he would rather take envelopes to women, and another boy said that he had been a messenger only six days and had no choice and did not know a thing about it.

With women it is different. They seem to think that when they have paid charges on a telegram, or have sent the book they have gone as far as they ought to be expected to. And often they haven't got the change handy. The men for me every time. That's what almost any boy in the service will tell you. The women might give you a tip if they had the change at their elbow, but the man always has change in his pocket, and thank goodness, we get our share.

EXCAVATIONS IN ROME.

What Has Been Discovered by Archaeologists in the Last Fifteen Years.

As early as the autumn of 1898 attention had been directed to the various fragments of an architectural character which were scattered throughout the Forum area without assignment to the original structures, says Prof. Hübner in the Forum.

The minister of public instruction appointed a commission consisting of Sig. Boni, Gattiano Langianni and Prof. Hübsner, whose duty it was to undertake the restoration of those monuments the relative completeness of whose remains justified such an undertaking.

Little did these scholars realize the results of this praiseworthy determination. In November, 1898, two of the colossal pillars which had adorned the north side of the Sacra Via opposite the Basilica Julia had been replaced on their bases and the shrine at the entrance of the House of the Vestals was restored.

What proved to be of greater importance was the digging of "tastil," or experimental trenches, in various parts of the Forum. On January 10, 1899, the now famous "lapis niger" was found, which many at once accepted as marking the tomb of Romulus.

THE "CITY" FARMER.

Influence of the One Who Leaves the Town and Takes Up Agricultural Work.

In the interchange of population between city and country the law of compensation publishes one of its edicts. Some one has said—and the statement does not seem to have been seriously disputed—that but for the virtue country blood, which is constantly injected into the life current of New York city that great metropolis would have stagnated and decay, observes the Southern Field.

It is asserted that the highest general average value of farm lands of any country in a certain state is maintained by a number of "city farmers," who went out and bought farms, each on his own individual initiative. The first successes achieved brought other city men to join the colony, and in the course of time it became almost impossible to find a farmer in that whole section who had not come from some city occupation.

At a small school in the backwoods a well-meaning but misguided instructor gave his pupils the task of subtracting 629 from 99,788,889 and nothing remained as a home lesson. On the way from school the children, vexed at so easy a regulation, but vexed at working their fingers, were so vexed that they sorrowed after working for hours without any perceptible diminution of the figure.

The eminent Bavarian sanitarian, Prof. Pettenkofer, was once trying to convince a Munich householder of the advantages of plumbing and drainage; but his conservative friend answered: "Nonsense. I want to be able to smell my house."

PRIVILEGES OF WOMEN.

They Are Not Seeking Them as They Are Granting Legal and Other Rights.

A while ago a woman pretended to have a child, in order to secure a fortune. She was acquitted, but two male accomplices were convicted. "Who had that child, anyway?" shouted a bystander. Time and again women on trial for murder go free on evidence that would hang a man, says Collier's Weekly.

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Although some American institutions have been charged with conferring degrees too bountifully and carrying academic distinction to hasty extremes, no one will object to this new variety of degree—a variety of the sort that gives spice to life.

In human values the bachelor of science in domestic engineering holds the most important position in the world. What is the mere bridge builder or naval architect to the engineer in the kitchen, solving the chemical problems of hot bread and making geometric cakes?

Assilams for Birds and Beasts. Such is the reverence in India for certain birds and beasts that wealthy Hindus have established homes or asylums for the aged and infirm among them.

ODD FILIPINO DISHES.

Table Dainties That Are to Be Found Regularly Upon the Native Bill of Fare.

Ever eat a dish of cinang na lada? Sampled the delights of escabech lada? Tossed with the grateful and comforting tortang baka? Or the cari cari? Or mitchong baka? These dishes have not yet made their appearance on the menu cards of either Fifth avenue or Sixth avenue, but if the influence of returned travelers from the Philippines goes for anything they will in time assume a prominent place on the hills of fare, says a New York exchange.

There is this peculiarly about the dish of the country, it contains some form of bauang (garlic), luya (ginger), or sampalok (tamarind). These the native must and does have.

Cinang Na Lada—A fish stew aided by a plentiful portion of sampalok and seasoned with salt and pepper.

Escabech Lada—Four enough amount of fish to hold the fish. Fry it to a grateful brown. Serve in some sauce.

Tortang Baka—A beef omelette with onion, potatoes, pepper, salt, and anything else the order has and the order will hold.

Objected to the Principle. The Spanish credit system illustrated in an American Soldier's Little Story.

"I didn't know how they did business in Porto Rico until I got there," said an American who was, according to the Chicago Daily News, stationed there for a year or more.

Drilling with Steel Shot. The price of black diamonds, used for core drills, having risen in 10 years from three dollars to \$50 per carat, a substitute for them has long been sought.

INTRODUCING FOOD PLANTS.

Many Garden Vegetables of Northern Origin Have Been Experimented With in the Philippines.

The Philippine bureau of agriculture has forwarded to the bureau of insular affairs, war department, a report on the introduction and distribution of seeds and plants in the islands, which shows that much has been done in the way of introducing new food and forage plants, as well as new fruits and other growths of economic value.

The results show both success and failures. As was anticipated, the results secured by the bureau were better than those obtained by the natives who had secured seed for experimental purposes.

Among oil-bearing seeds, sesamum, rape, peanuts and sunflower have done well, and there seems to be a valuable future for them in the islands.

Experiments with textile plants have been confined to cotton and jute. While the former has given good results, it is a question whether the native grower has an adequate conception of the standard crop requirements of cotton-growing countries.

Hour Glass of Eternity. Something About the Realization of Dreams of Scientific Investigators.

At the international chemistry congress recently Sir William Crookes read a paper on "Modern Views on Matter—the Realization of a Dream."

Several roads in the environs of Paris were tarred last year to combat the dust evil. The inspector general of roads and bridges went over them recently, and found them in excellent condition.

Not Reciprocated. He: But I love you, Carrie. She: Well, and I love caramels, but I don't see as that fact is calculated to make caramels lappy.—Boston Transcript.