

TWO UGLY ANIMALS.

Trapping the big felines is child's play compared with the work of capturing those ungainly, colossal animals of the "big pig" family, the rhinoceros and the hippopotamus.

Too stupid to tame or to break to a halter and too heavy to transport through hundreds of miles of wilderness, it would take a man half a lifetime to bring one of these five to six thousand pound creatures out of a jungle into civilization.

Compared with the alert, grim exterior of the felines, there is little in the appearance of a phlegmatic, ponderous big like a rhinoceros to indicate its real ferociousness.

To catch a rhinoceros the trapper proceeds with preparations much as would an explorer bound for a two or three year expedition in the interior of an unexplored continent.

Skirting swamps and rivers, the men are ever on the lookout for the deep, round spools, like a plate driven into the mud, for in this wet ground the rhinoceros loves to wallow.

Noisless and from well to leeward, the trapper and his men gradually steal nearer until the cow and the calf are inclosed in a circle.

Now and then it happens that the trapper fails to kill in time—his gun may miss fire, intervening trees may interfere or the marksman may miss his aim.

Then comes the tracking of the frightened calf, which had fled at the first sign of trouble, and soon it is pushed, prodded and shoved up a bridge of log skids into a cage of the bullock cart.

But even more dangerous is the trapping of the hippopotamus, for, although in itself the "rhino" is a more savage antagonist than the "river horse," the trapper hunts the former on land and brings down at a safe distance, whereas in the case of the hippopotamus he must fight in the same primitive fashion that savages have used for ages.

THE UMPIRE WAS GAME.

Speaking of the doings of the veteran umpires, an old timer claims that Honest John Kelly is entitled to the record for freak doings among the indicator handlers.

The center fielder came all the way in and pretended that he could not see the ball in the gathering darkness.

Then the umpire came in and, taking off his glove, said: "Play ball. If

I can see 'em out there, you fellows can." The game was resumed, and the Pittsburghs won in a great batting rally by 6 to 5.—New York World.

WOMAN'S POSITION IN CHINA.

In China, as in other eastern countries, it is imperatively necessary if women are to be reached to reach them by women.

A Chinaman's best friend never thinks of asking after his wife if he entertains the guests; the higher class women are seldom seen driving out, much less walking about the street.

Medical work among them can best be undertaken by women. In point of fact, the Chinese women flock by thousands to the women's hospitals, carried on by lady doctors and nurses.

Much, too, has been done in the way of training and teaching young Chinese women, both as doctors and nurses; they are teachable creatures, very docile and eager to learn; deft-fingered and neat; but no oriental can entirely believe in the absolute necessity for rigid cleanliness and for antiseptic precautions.

IN PRAISE OF FRECKLES.

The persons who refused to adopt little Jasper, an orphan, the other day, because he was freckled, and thereby endowed Jasper with ephemeral celebrity, were not well informed as to the outward marks of character.

If they had been they would have preferred Jasper, and not have rejected him on the recommendation of his freckles.

Freckles are very frequently an accompaniment of red hair, and red hair has been immemorially regarded as a mark of spirit and independence.

Whether the ambitious and independent spirit resides in the red hair or in the freckles is a matter of grave doubt. The doctors have not yet attempted to tell us.

The association of character with freckles seems to suggest that they are more than skin deep; and yet science tells us that freckles are merely due to "increased local deposits of pigment granules in the epidermis."

A VICTIM OF WORRY.

There is always a cloud on his face because he is constantly expecting that something unfavorable is going to happen.

his health, or tear his children will be sick or go wrong or be killed.

In other words, although he has achieved quite a remarkable success, yet he has never really had a happy day in his life.

I believe this condition has all come from the habit of unhappiness which he formed during his hard boyhood and which he has never been able to overcome.

A little property directed training in his boyhood would have changed his whole career and he would have been a happy, joyous, harmonious man instead of being discordant and unhappy.

There is everything in starting right. What is put into the first of life is put into the whole of life.—Success Magazine.

ROQUEFORT CHEESE.

A shepherd boy with a poor appetite discovered the secret of making Roquefort cheese.

They swear by that story today in Roquefort, France, and if they only knew the lad's name they'd raise a monument to him.

WET AND DRY MOONS.

There is an old superstition which dies hard and that is that the position of the horns of the new moon tells what the weather will be.

If this were a sure sign of the weather we could have our predictions published many years in advance, for an astronomer can predict the exact position of the moon at any time in the future.

The cause for the different positions of the crescent is simple. The moon is south of the sun in the autumn and north of it in spring. The crescent

is found by the light of the sun falling on the moon, and the horns are naturally in a line perpendicular to the direction of the sun from the moon.

A SMALL WORD.

To define one word in the English language one modern dictionary takes eighteen columns of small type.

This second word is "of." If you were asked to define it—unless you are a dictionary maker or of an allied trade—probably you would have to reply: "Of? Why, of just means of."

But if you were a child your actual mastery of "of" would stand you in no stead whatever.

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