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The King of Siam celebrated the 148th anniversary of one of his clephants the other day, and the animal was as coltish as some of the herd only 15 years old. This is the oldest elephant with any authentic record of his age, and the only signs of decay appear in his ears. He can't flop them quite so briskly as of yore.

The Japanese have made scientific progress in some directions, confesses the New Orleans Picavune, that leaves western discoveries far behind. The fouling of ships' bottoms from seaweed and barnacles has for ages furnished one of the most serious problems to navigators, and thousands of minds have pondered it and hundreds of schemes have been tried to overcome this greatest obstacle to rapid navigation. Some ingenious Jap, it seems, has solved the problem by inventing a sort of paint or lacquer, which, applied on the ship, prevents anything adhering to it. The Japanese men-of-war are treated to a coat of this preparation and it is reported that after being months in the water they were examined and not a trace of grass or barnacles was found on them. Several plates of iron and steel coated with this lacquer recently arrived in San Francisco from Japan, addressed to the United States navy department. They are to be subjected to a test by submerging them for some time in salt water to determine whether the Japanese process shall be applied to the ships of the white squadron.

Chasing the buffalo over the plains has become a thing of the past laments the Boston Transcript. The next thing is an effort to preserve, before he finally becomes extinct, some of the valuable qualities of this reliance of savage life, to serve the purposes of civilization. 'The American bison is an exceedingly touga animal, able to winter with comfort in the open air, and to find his food by sense of smell through the snows of the rigorous season. He is remarkably free from disease, and is possessed of enermous strength. His rapid disappearance has suggested experiments in crossing bim with the domestic cow. The two are said to associate readily, while their young combine many of the most valuable qualities of both parents, the mildness and tractability of the mother, the hardiness and strength of the father. The skin, too, makes a more valuable robe than that of the pure bison, being more evenly covered with hair and selling from \$50 to \$75, instead of the \$25 to \$40 which ordinary buffalo robes command. This is a curious and interesting experiment; the result cannot yet be predicted, but there seems a prospect that it may be the introduction of an animal quite distinct in character and of high utility for certain regions of the great West.

Cuba's Largest Sugar Centre. Matanzas is one of the largest sugarproducing centres in Cuba. Last year it exported about 160,000 tons to the United States and 60,000 tons of molasses. More molasses is made there than in Cienfuegos, but there is never anything wasted by the Cuban planters anywhere by any proce-s of the manufacture of sugar. The centrifugating machines separate the syrup into sugar and molasses, each of the first grade. This molasses is then worked over a second time with more syrup, and the centrifugators divide the combination into sugar and molasses, each of second grade. This second grade of molasses is carried through a distillery and converted into rum of various grades. In these hard times sugarplanters cannot afford to lose anything at all sweetish that comes from the cane. They sell their sugar, molasses and prime rum in New York, and the worst rum is worked off in the Mexican trude. The refuse cano makes the engines go .- [New York

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

No man is in a minority when he is right.

A lion never kills anybody while he

Man learns better by example than Love always takes off its coat when

it goes to work. There is no greater evil in human

nature than selfishness.

Nothing grows much faster than troubles that are nursed.

The right time for a man to repent is when he finds out he is wrong.

No man can believe for a blessing for which he can find no promise.

A boy doesn't object to hard work when it goes by the name of play.

Love that does not take off its coat and try to do something is all blarney. If the whole truth were known the

world would be full of people with hanging heads. When people find out that a man is mean at home, they don't care how

good he professes to be. A man who is wise in his own eyes looks at other people through the

The only consolation a mean man has is to remember that there is somebody else just as mean as he is.

wrong end of the telescope.

The Discovery of Mahogany.

The discovery of the beautiful and costly timber known as maliogany was purely accidental. The first mention made of it was by Sir Walter Raleigh, who used it in 1597 at Trinidad for repairing his ships. About the beginning of the eighteenth century a small quantity of it was taken to England by a West India captain named Gibbons, who sent a few planks to his brother, a physician residing in London. This gentleman, at the time of the receipt of the wood, was having a house built, and placed the planks in the hands of the carpenters. They attempted to cut it, but because of its hardness very quickly threw it aside. The doctor expostulated, but the workmen remained fixed in their determination to have nothing to do with a lumber which so successfully resisted their attempts to saw it. The planks were then taken to a cabinet maker named Wollaston, who was directed to make a candle-box with a portion of the wood. The same objection was advanced by this workman, but being a persevering individual, he persisted and finally made the box. When polished, it so outshone anything previously made that it very quickly became an object of curiosity and the people flocked to see

As a consequence the wood became quite popular, especially after a portion of the physician's treasure were employed in the construction of two bureaus, one for himself, and the other for the Duchess of Buckingham. These specimens of cabinet work caused the rejected wood to become a prominent factor in the construction of luxurious pieces of furniture. Thus Wollaston was amply rewarded for his perseverence in fashioning it into the candle-box, and his name, together with that of the physician and his nautical brother, became inseparably connected with the history of the introduction of this wood into civilized lands. - [Detroit Free Press.

A Prolific Cow.

Fred Springer, of Blacks, has the boss cow and family of cows on record. This magnificent cow, which is still living, has given birth to sixteen calves. The first two births were nothing outside of the ordinary, but for the next seven years she gave birth to twins regularly. Each time the calves were of different sex, each exactly alike in color and size and both lived. This is a good record for a cow, but the history does not end here. Her eldest daughter grew to womanhood and began raising a family of her own. Her first effort was a fine young heifer. Then, profiting by her mother's experience, she went into the twin business, and for five years she has given birth to twins regularly. These also were of opposite sex and all lived, thus making a total of 28. Pretty good-sized family, isn't it? But wait. You/have not heard from the oldest granddaughter yet. She believes in keeping up the good name of the family and does not propose to be outdone by any one. She has only been in business four years, but has eight children to provide for. Again they are of opposite sex, just alike and all living. A nice little family of 36, and only three mothers and nine years' work. Now, if : nybody has a cow story that will pent this, let him crack his whip and sail in. We want to hear it .- [Woodland (Cal.) Democrat.

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Tendency of the Times.

One of the most celebrated of American divines said recently that never since our world was swung out among the planets has there been such an organized and determined effort as that now being made to overthrow rightcousness and make the Ten Commandments obsolete. Alcoholism is taking down its victims by the hundreds of thousands.

As if the bad publishing houses of our own country were not enough, the French and Russian sewers have been invited to pour their scurrility and moral slush into the trough where American swine are now wallowing. There are enough houses of infamy in our cities, open and unmolested by law. to envoke the Omnipotent wrath which buried Sodom under a deluge of brimstone. The pandemonic world has massed its troops, and they are this moment playing their batteries upon family circ es, church circles, political circles, and national circles. Apolyon is in the saddle.

If the above lurid picture is true to life, Christians have their hands full, A week of prayer is not enough. Weeks of prayer are needed. And good works must be added to faith. The world is not to be conquered for righteoneness by a campaign of rose water.

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