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## The Hot Weather Continues.

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It is evident, according to Nansen, that the waters of the polar seas are far from being deserted by living creatures. Wherever the sea is open or partially so seals, narwhals and birds abound, and on the heaps of ice near the edge of the water the bears are numerous. Under the ice marine animals are not wanting. The explorers found in abundance little crustaceans, whose discovery was the result of an accident.

One day the cook sunk a piece of meat in a hole which he had cut in the ice with a view of thawing it out. That is a method often resorted to for the purpose of sparing the fuel. Forty-eight hours afterward, while taking out the meat, the cook was astonished to find an immense number of little animals that dropped upon the surface of the ice and commenced to jump about like fleas. Nansen, who is a professor of zoology, had no trouble in recognizing those little crustaceans, which may be seen jumping in the sand, and which are called sand fleas. He was delighted at the discovery, because the creatures are good to eat, although they contain but little nourishment.

A few months later on, when in 78 or 80 degrees north latitude, in October—that is to say, at the beginning of the long winter night—he fished up in a little net with close meshes a quantity of little crustaceans. This proves that life is by no means suspended under the ice; on the contrary, it is very active. In the mud of the bottom, where the water is shallow, there are numerous starfish, mollusks, worms, sponges and several species of crustacea.—Journal des Debats.

#### The Roman Fisherman.

A traveler in Rome tells of a citizen who was evidently too lazy to sit on the bank of the Tiber and fish after the manner of the ordinary fisherman, but instead arranged his apparatus in the form of automatic nets, which are made to revolve by the aid of weights and the current of the stream, so that it is not necessary for him to visit the spot oftener than once a day. With the aid of a pneumatic tube to shoot the fish from the bank to his house it would seem to be unnecessary for him to do even this. Nothing would be lacking then to complete his happiness but an electric broiler and possibly an automatic bone extractor.—Buffalo Commercial.

#### A Measure of Distance.

"How far is it from here to Brushburg?" asked a tourist of an old fellow who was hoeing weeds in a field of sickly corn "down south." "Is it far?" "Waal, it hain't so very fer nor it hain't so very nigh. If you go round by the big road, it's ferdar nor it is nigh, but if you cut across country it's nigher nor it is fer, an if you keep right straight ahead it's kinder betwixt nigh an fer, but it's considerable of a ja'nt from hyar no matter how you git thar."—Harper's Bazar.

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There is one thing that he is not—he is not a really clever animal, in spite of all the tales in the story books to the contrary; otherwise he would not suffer himself to be so easily captured in the kheddabs, the huge forest inclosures into which the hunters drive the herds of elephants for the purpose of capture.

All the actions which are apparently spontaneous on the part of the working elephant are really performed at the bidding of the mahout. The driver on his neck directs every movement by pressure of the knee, and as the man's knees are concealed under the elephant's ears it is very easy to imagine that the elephant thinks for himself.

When the mahout elects, for a change, to sit on the saddle, or pad, he drives with his feet, and the dullest eye can detect how a rub of the heel on the right shoulder turns the elephant to the left, and vice versa.

After his tractability his gentleness is the elephant's most marked characteristic. The mahout takes cruel advantage of his disposition sometimes, thrashing him on the toe nail with a billet of wood, or—if free from risk of discovery by his European master—pricking his trunk with a spear till blood flows.

An elephant has rarely been known to retaliate save when it must. When that curious madness comes on him, no one dares approach him in his pickets. If he be taken in must, and the fact escape notice, the consequences are likely to be awkward at least.

In a suburb of Rangun an elephant belonging to a firm of rice merchants was one afternoon taken down to the river for his usual bath after work. He had, the mahout said, been "dull" all day and seemed out of sorts. He was in must. He signified the fact by seizing his mahout and tossing the astonished man into the water; then he ran into the "go down" close by and, with one squeal, dismissed some 200 coolies at work there.

The go down was a huge palisade shed, covering over an acre and was full of loose paddy (unhusked rice) and stacks of bags and grain. For two nights and two days that elephant enjoyed himself among those stacks. Spearsmen, posted round the palisade wall, kept him in, and one might have supposed 40 elephants bent on mischief had been there instead of one mad one. At last he was made prisoner with the aid of two big tuskers and chained up until such time as he should recover himself.—London Sketch.

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