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WILD ANIMAL FIGHTS.

Enormous Physical Force Exposed in These Fierce Combats.

In the pitched battles which sometimes take place between the great carnivora and the largest and most powerful of the ox tribe the forces of animal courage, desperation and bodily strength must be exhibited on a scale never elsewhere seen, says a writer in Leslie's Weekly. Such combats do occur, but have seldom been witnessed and still less frequently described. Two or three lions sometimes combine in such an attack, but from the marks seen on buffalo it is probable that sometimes there is a single combat, for it can hardly be supposed that the buffalo could escape from more than one lion.

The number of foot pounds of energy put into such a struggle must be something extraordinary. The efforts of a lion, which can strike a man's arm from the shoulder and leave it hanging by a strip of skin or which can carry a cow over a high stockade, endeavoring unsuccessfully in close grips to drag down or disable a buffalo bull, must be on a gigantic scale, and the strength which can slink him off and, it is believed, occasionally crush the lion afterward must be even more amazing. A buffalo bull has been credited with engaging three lions in mortal combat and making a good fight before he was disabled by one of the lions hamstringing him by biting his legs from behind.

Errors of Diet.

An insurance man of my acquaintance ate heavy breakfasts with meat and coffee, a hurried lunch at noon, but also with meat, and a heavy dinner at night. He took no exercise, always rode between house and office, became fat and bloated, and his blood became so overloaded that he readily succumbed to disease at forty-five. The wonder was that he lived so long. He was a type of the average well-to-do citizen. Like him, most of us eat too much, says a writer in Good Housekeeping. Diet should depend upon temperament and vocation. At hard work out of doors one requires more nutriment than at sedentary labor indoors. A gradual reduction in diet, even an occasional fast, will cure many ordinary ills. Add deep breathing, fresh air, body building exercises, plenty of sunshine, water inside and out, and it is astonishing how much better one feels.

Prices For Sermons.

Much has been said of the practice of buying and selling sermons, a practice, by the way, of no very special novelty. Just before Toplady was about to be ordained Osborne, the book seller, the friend of Johnson, offered to supply him with a stock of original sound sermons for a trifle. "I would sooner buy secondhand clothes," was the tart reply. "Don't be offended," said Osborne. "I have sold many to a bishop." The price of sermons, as of all else, has varied with the times. In 1540 a bishop of Lincoln received from the churchwardens of St. Margaret's, Westminster, for a sermon on the annunciation a pike, price 2s. 4d.; a gallon of wine, eightpence, and hont hire—in all 3s. 4d. In the seventeenth century sermons seem to have been valued at about 5 shillings each.

Making It Clear.

Religious examination papers are an ancient and unfulfilling source of joy. The latest one to be put in evidence comes from an English church training college. Candidates for admission are required to give in writing some account of the religious instruction they have received, and a recent answer to the first two formal questions ran as follows:

Question: What instruction have you had in religious knowledge?
Answer: None.
Question: By whom was it given?
Answer: By the vicar.
The thing might have been expressed more logically, but not much more clearly.

A Guest's Mot.

Grellie does not tell the following story in his famous "Memoirs," but it is a fitting return for his own rather malicious wit: On one occasion, when Lord Alvanley was his guest, the dining room had been newly and shrewdly furnished, whereas the dinner was but a very meager one. While many of the guests were complimenting their host on his taste and magnificence Lord Alvanley interrupted them with, "For my part, I should prefer more carving and less gliding."

Changing the Diet.

Cannibal Chief—Wasn't that last missionary you sent us a writer of books?
Agent—Yes.
Cannibal Chief—And the one before was formerly an editor?
Agent—That is correct.
Cannibal Chief—Well, I wish you'd send us a football player next. The medicine man says we're having too much brain food.

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