

THE EVENING NEWS.

Wednesday, May 23, 1870.

HOW TIGERS DINE.—The reports of officers engaged in the revenue and topographical survey in India go to prove that an extraordinary number of deaths occur in that country through wild beasts. The report says of the season 1867-8: No small obstruction was occasioned to the progress of the operations by the depredations of the tigers which infest the district. A tiger is reported to have killed one hundred and twenty-seven people, stopped the traffic for many weeks on the road between Mool and Channah, till it was shot by a lieutenant. In Chindwarrh one tiger caused the desertion of thirteen villages, and threw two hundred and fifty square miles out of cultivation. Another old tiger in Kurnool killed sixty-four people, stopping the post runners and police patrols, and driving off the laborers on the public works.

The statistical tables which accompany the papers show that the matter is one of very high importance indeed. In the Bhagulpore district alone—Bhagulpore is a large civil and railway station on the Ganges, within a night's run from Calcutta—in six years 1,434 people were killed by wild beasts; while in the whole province under the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal no fewer than 13,400 cases of death were officially reported during the same period, about 7,000 being caused by tigers and leopards, and over 4,000 by wolves. When to this is added the many hundreds killed yearly in Oude, the Punjab, the central provinces, Madras, and elsewhere, a sufficiently ghastly idea is obtained of the fearful scourge.

The published papers take no count of ravages of wild beasts in the native states, but if in the comparatively green wood of Bengal proper, with the system of head and hide money for wolves and tigers, the results be as are represented officially, what must be in the dry wood of Rajpootana and the Deccan, where countenance is given to preservation rather than extermination.

HINTS ABOUT THE HUMAN VOICE.—At a recent lecture in the Royal Assembly Room, Birmingham, Mr. Charles Lunn explained the qualifications requisite in a musical instrument, and passed on to speak of the human voice, nature's instrument. In order to produce a sound there must be air, or breath; but this did not produce tone or sound. That air must be set in motion by means of vocal organs, for sound was air in motion. The human vocal sound was the result of breath or air obstructed in the organs of sound, and that obstruction could be used at will. He then gave a minute description of the nature, mode of action, and capabilities of the vocal organs, remarking that sound was produced by the air coming out from the chest through the windpipe exciting the vocal cords.

The chief object of a master or a pupil in that science, was to get the greatest possible sound with the least possible air. Intensity and strength did not consist in or depend upon the quantity of air consumed, but the way in which it was used. He characterized the idea of there being a "chest voice" as stupid and erroneous. Having enlarged upon various other points, including the voice as a means of conveying thought, the influence of dialects, and the duties and objects of a master, he concluded by a brief reference to the nature of stammering and of consumption. He said there were various causes of stammering, and in two cases only could it be treated with any hope of success. If he were to say that he could "sweep consumption from the land," he should tell them what was false, but in many cases a proper knowledge of the nature of the vocal organs, the way to use them, and a due exercise of them, would prevent the disease from taking root in the constitution.

THE "YOUNG PERSON."—We really think the Legislature committed a crime when it adjourned without authorizing the County Treasurer to pay a bounty for scalps of Young Persons. Your regular Young Person is an active nuisance, whose every act is a provocation to exterminate her. We say "her," not because, physically speaking, the Y. P. is necessarily of the sex; more commonly it is an irreclaimable male; but morally and intellectually it is an unsexed female. Her virtues are merely moral milk-and-water—her intelligence is pure spiritual whey. Her conversation (to which not even her own virtue and intelligence are in any way related) is three parts rain-water that has stood too long and one part cider that has not stood long enough—a sickening sweetish compound, one dose of which induces in the mental stomach a colicky qualm, followed, if no correctives are taken, by violent retching, coma and death. The Young Person vegetates best in the atmosphere of parlors and ball-rooms; if she infests the fields and roadsides like gophers, lizards and mud-hens, she would be as ruthlessly exterminated as they. Every passing sportsman would shoot her with duck shot, and every strolling gentleman would step out of his way to snipe off her head with his cane as she decapitates a thistle. But in the parlor one lays off his desecrated raiment with his hat and gloves, and the Young Person enjoys the same immunity that a sleepy mastiff grants to the worthless kitten campaigning against his nose. But there is no good reason why the spider should be destroyed and the Young Person tolerated. She ought to be drowned in a sack, like blind puppies and superfluous pigs.—*Cal. News Letter.*

A singular fatal accident occurred a few days ago in Hamburg, Michigan. A three-year old son of Hiram De Wolf went into the stable of his father and climbed upon the box near the manger. In the plank constituting the front of the manger was a hole that had been made by the horse. The little fellow stuck his head through the place and was evidently looking at one of the horses while eating. The box upon which he stood, giving way, he fell, and his head not passing back, he choked to death. His father was in the barn at the time, but heard nothing, and in a short time found the child in the position described, dead.

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