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A RARE AND INTERESTING FLEDGLING

A young penguin was hatched in the Park in May, 1915. It is the first event of its kind in the United States. The parent birds are very solicitous for its welfare and are rearing it with the utmost tenderness. While the keeper holds it, the mother is much disturbed, and hovers over it joyfully when it is released.

black tamarin, a rare marmoset which had never previously been exhibited in our Primate House. Within a few weeks after we had received these black tamarins, Curator Beebe returned from a scientific mission in South America and brought three additional specimens from Pará.

The Passing of Sultan.—The venerable lion, Sultan, is no more. Owing to his advanced age and great infirmity, he was mercifully chloroformed by Dr. Blair. During his prime, Sultan was a favorite with painters and sculptors and has been the model for many notable works of art. While the average age of a captive lion is thirteen years, Sultan has been a docile captive for about seventeen years' time. Although not an exceptionally large animal, he was justly celebrated for his fine lines and luxuriant mane. It could be truly said that Sultan was most majestic and dignified.

Our Powerful Elephants.—Owing to the rapidly increasing size and strength of our male African elephant, Khartoum, it has been found necessary to substantially strengthen the structure of his outside enclosure. With Khartoum's growth has come a marked inclination to damage everything within reach. He has bent gates, broken trees, loosened the masonry and strained doors until it has been necessary to make his quarters practically armor clad. The addition to the outside structure consists of railroad iron of about 70 lbs. to the yard, bolted

to the top of the fence, and each post has been provided with a heavy T-iron brace running five feet into the ground and anchored in cement.

An Active Rhino.—The strength of our adult rhinoceros was an unknown quantity until demonstrated by a recent performance of Victoria in one of the yards of the Elephant House. To keep this animal from rubbing her horn against the iron of the outside fence an inner pipe fence was constructed. The latter consists of two pipe rails about a foot and a half apart. The pipe is of two-inch external diameter and of galvanized iron. During the recent cold weather the rhinoceros was shut in her stall for fully two weeks time and upon her release she was seized with a desire to play. She charged the pipe fence and not only bowed the lower two-inch pipe, but completely broke the upper pipe rail. From an examination of this clean break it would appear that a power nothing short of dynamite could affect the damage caused by the charging body of this animal.

Our Retiring Giraffe.—With another summer passing by, the idiosyncrasy of the male giraffe to remain in-doors continues. For two years this animal has gazed from his open door and stubbornly refused to leave his stall and wander about in his spacious outside yard. Repeated coaxing of his keepers, the placing of food outside, prodding and threatening are unavailing. We think that this animal at some time has bruised his head in going through a door that

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