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name, for obvious reasons, I refrain from mentioning. E. V.

WILD BEASTS FOR SALE (4th S. viii. 514; ix. 28).—With reference to the above, I beg to send you a copy of a paragraph which appeared in *The Times* newspaper of Saturday, Feb. 19, 1872:—

"**HAIRY RHINOCEROS.**—A fine specimen of the *Rhinoceros Sumatrensis*, brought over to England by Mr. William Jamrach, and purchased by the Zoological Society, was on Thursday safely deposited in her new home at the Gardens, Regent's Park. The den or cage in which the animal came to this country was of such gigantic proportions that it was found impossible to get it into any of the gateways belonging to the menagerie; Mr. Bartlett, the able superintendent, therefore determined to back the 'trolley' against the palings, and having previously removed a portion of them, the work of tethering the brute was commenced. Fortunately, the animal is of a docile disposition, otherwise Mr. Bartlett and his assistants would have had a hard task. The roping having been completed, the huge door was removed, and the animal issued slowly forth, having carefully surveyed all round, and the men giving a pull at the leading rope she started for her journey to the elephant house. She behaved remarkably well, and with a little gentle manipulation of the ropes and with many a snort was led to her new domicile. She now stands in the next apartment to the large male Indian rhinoceros. This is the second of this rare species ever brought to Europe, a much smaller one having been landed in London about a month ago and forwarded to the Zoological Gardens at Hamburg. Mr. William Jamrach also brought over with him an extraordinary collection of wild animals, consisting of three tigers, two large tiger cats, five elephants, one male Indian rhinoceros, five casowaries, some gigantic storks, and a large number of smaller animals and birds. It is remarkable that this large collection was brought over from India through the Suez Canal without a single accident or death.

I may also state that for many years past I have dealt with Mr. Jamrach, in Ratcliffe Highway, for foreign shells, &c.; and on visiting his place of business so long since as 1854, I passed innumerable wild beasts, birds, and reptiles in cages for sale. On one occasion, nearly twenty years since, he left me in his house for the purpose of trying to buy an elephant which was on board a vessel in the London Docks. Your correspondents may be assured that there has been a regular market for wild beasts in the vicinity of the London and East India Docks for more than twenty years.

E. G.

Teignmouth.

MAUTHER (4th S. ix. 95, 167).—I notice an inquiry for "the derivation of the Norfolk word *mauther*." I do not possess an Icelandic dictionary, but I have heard my late husband, Sir Wm. J. Hooker, of the Royal Gardens, Kew, say that he recognised the application of *mauther* to girls, as in his native county, Norfolk. The word is pure Icelandic. It is still in frequent use in Norfolk. Sir William travelled in Iceland upwards of sixty years ago. His *Recollections of a Tour in Iceland*, together with his and the ship's company's escape

from destruction by fire at sea on their homeward way, caused at the time a considerable sensation. No Englishman had visited the island since Sir Joseph Banks and Sir John Stanley did so long before. Sir George Mackenzie's tour took place the year after my husband's. It is curious that a word so suspiciously like *mother* should be used solely to girls—perhaps as "wee wifie" is similarly applied in Scotland. MARIA HOOKER.

"**THE DEATH OF NELSON**" (4th S. ix. 139).—DON will, I think, find this picture in the Nelson-room at Greenwich Hospital, where it is exhibited under—"No. 7. Lord Nelson in the Victory's Cockpit, mortally wounded, Oct. 21, 1805. By B. West, P.R.A." E. J.

Nelson Square, S.E.

JERVIS: JARVIS, ETC. (4th S. viii. 539; ix. 100.) I think I should know something about the way to pronounce this word: for, sixty years ago, I used to sing—

"My name d'ye see's Tom Tough, I've seen a little sarvice,

Where mighty billows roll, and loud tempests blow;
I've sailed with valiant Howe, I've sailed with noble Jarvis,

And in gallant Duncan's fleet, I've sung out, yo heave ho!

Yet more shall ye be knowing, I was coxen to Boscawen;

And even with brave Hawke have I nobly faced the foe;

So put round the grog; so we've that and our prog,

We'll laugh in care's face and sing—Yo, heave ho!"

TOM TOUGH.

LADY ALICE EGERTON (4th S. ix. 94, 150).—A portrait of this lady is still at Golden Grove, and in good preservation. See Heber's *Life of Jeremy Taylor*, note (M). C. P. E.

"**IN THE MID SILENCE,**" ETC. (4th S. ix. 139).—ALPHA is informed that this stanza is the first of seven. It is called a "Midnight Hymn," and was found in MS. in a chest in a poor woman's cottage. It has been in my possession many years, and if ALPHA wishes for the whole hymn I will forward it. M. E. B.

The lines, "In the mid silence," &c., are the beginning of a "Midnight Hymn" of six stanzas, from a MS. found in a chest in a poor woman's cottage, published in *Hymns and Poems for the Sick and Suffering*, edited by Thomas-Vincent Fosbery, M.A., vicar of St. Giles's, Reading, fifth edition, 1861, London, 8vo, p. 234.

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CHANGE OF BAPTISMAL NAMES (4th S. viii. *passim*; ix. 19, 100, 169).—The law upon which a baptismal name can be changed is that of Peckham's *Constitutions* (A.D. 1281), No. 3. By this constitution the duty of lay men and women to