

### IVORY FOR THE MARKET.

The Supply is Diminishing—A Timely Suggestion.

Naturalists and commercial experts are bewailing the fact that there is danger that the supply of elephant ivory may soon be exhausted. At least sixty thousand elephants are slaughtered yearly to obtain the amount of ivory necessary to supply the world's demand. The value of ivory depends somewhat on the locality from which it comes. West African ivory is the most valuable. It is exceedingly fine-grained, and some of the choicest specimens have the semi-transparent appearance of onyx. The best ivory comes from animals found in very warm and humid atmospheres. In northerly situations, where the air is cooler and dry, the product is coarse and harsh, lacking the velvety elasticity of the other. Guinea ivory is slightly greenish at first, but whitens upon exposure to the air and light. Vegetable ivory is obtained from taqua seed, and is a valuable substitute for the real article. There are several manufactured ivories, of which celluloid is best known and is, perhaps, the most valuable. In view of the enormous consumption of ivory, the establishment of elephant farms is suggested. The animals are extremely docile in captivity, and when reared with domestic surroundings are manageable and may at the same time be made useful as beasts of burden.—N. Y. Ledger.

### AN AMERICAN COUNTESS.

Lady Randolph Churchill and the Snake on Her Arm.

There are certain women in the world who capture public attention to that degree that everything they do is promptly chronicled. Lady Randolph Churchill is one of them. When returning home from India with Lord Randolph, she noticed a British soldier tattooing a deck-hand. It dispelled the ennui that had seized upon her as an incident of ship life, and from watching the operation from her deck chair she concluded to try it herself. She had the artist brought before her, and asked him for some designs. He suggested the Talmudic symbol of eternity—a snake holding its tail in its mouth. Lady Randolph was charmed

and bared her arm for the operation. Lord Randolph swore and protested. But the tattooing was done—so it is said, at least—and it is described as a beautifully executed snake, dark blue in color, with green eyes and red jaws. As a general thing it is hidden from vulgar gaze by a broad gold bracelet, but her personal friends are privileged to see it and hear the story of the tattooing.—N. Y. Advertiser.

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COTTON.	
Good Middling	5 9-16
Middling	5 1/4
Low Middling	4 18-16
Good Ordinary	4 1/8
Tone—steady.	
PEANUTS.	
Prime	1 1/2
Extra Prime	2 1/8
Fancy	2 1/4
Spanish	2 1/2
Tone—Dull.	
Eggs—steady at 18 to 19 cts	
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“ “ damaged, 1.00 to 1.75.	
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