

great expertness in their administration in order to achieve their end. He urged that the stations at which such tests are made be reduced to the fewest practical number and that the work be checked periodically.

Dr. Chace also made a point of distinguishing between color blindness and color ignorance. "From the standpoint of safety", he asked, "what difference does it make if the engineer can distinguish colors clearly by comparison, if he calls a red light yellow, or a green one blue?"

LONDON ZOO HAS WHITE ELEPHANT

The only real white elephant in captivity, so far as is known, has just been received at the London Zoo from Rangoon. The royal beast has been given a new house and will be paraded daily for inspection, but, on account of the semi-sacred character invested in white elephants by Burmese tradition, English youngsters will not be allowed to ride him according to the time honored custom of the British Zoo.

The elephant is the property of Dr. Saw Durmay Po Min, president of an organization of the native Christians of Burma, who has agreed to loan the valuable animal for exhibition purposes, a proportion of the receipts going to the association he represents.

"White elephants" are usually no more than pale grey. Such a one was exhibited in the United States by the Barnum and Bailey circus about forty years ago. This animal, however, is said to be almost pure white with the yellowish pink eyes of a true albino.

The London Zoo already possesses an albino rarity in the shape of a white cobra, while large crowds are flocking to the British Museum to see the white tiger just put on exhibition. This albino was shot in the jungle by the Maharajah of Rewa and presented by him to the King, who has loaned it temporarily to the Museum. The tiger is not pure white but rather cream colored, according to report, with greyish brown stripes in place of the usual conspicuous black bands, and is smaller than the typical Bengal tiger.

SUGAR MAY HELP RESIST INFECTION OF JOINTS

The sugar we eat may have a definite bearing on the ability of our joints to resist infection.

Dr. Ralph Pemberton of Philadelphia reported recently to the section of the American Medical Association on diseases of the bones and joints that the amount of sugar digested in the body has a well defined relationship to inflammation of the joints. In more than sixty persons with disturbances of the joints he found a low tolerance for sugar. Dr. Pemberton believes that control of sugar digestion is a factor in the healing of such diseases.