

The premium of £20 has been awarded to Mr Thomas Oliver, jun., architect, Sunderland, for the best design for West Hartlepool Markets.

EDMOND'S MENAGERIE OF WILD ANIMALS.—The wild beasts in this magnificent collection now exhibiting in the Market-place, South Shields, are in the finest possible condition; indeed, we have never seen anything finer even in the Regent's Park Zoological Gardens, London. There are a great number of Lions and Leopards, some of the former being noble-looking animals — and one superb Bengal Tiger. There is also a splendid Giraffe (which we never saw in any Collection before except the celebrated Van Amburgh's), and a very large Rhinoceros, with one horn. We cannot, however, in our limited space, enumerate a tithe of the wonders of nature in this large and beautiful Menagerie, which we recommend to our readers of every class, as a treat of no ordinary kind, it being a rare occurrence for such a number of really good specimens of Natural History to visit this locality. The Menagerie closes to-morrow evening.