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He has trained some of them for circus purpose and he keeps some others of them in cages for his amusement. Thus man must be grateful to animals for more than one reason. When one visits Delhi and has got some spare time, one cannot help visiting the zoo – The Zoological Park as it is called.

This is what happened with me when I visited Delhi during the last summer vacation. My uncle, who lives at Delhi, took me to the zoo one Sunday. The zoo is situated on the Matura Road, adjacent to the Purina Quail. The zoo at Deliria is one of the biggest in India. It spreads over many acres of land and inhabits vast variety of birds and animals. They are kept in their natural

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However, I liked the chimpanzee and the white lions in particular. Some people found favor with animals like crocodiles and hippopotamuses. Elephant ride was an added amusement to most of the children. I saw numerous new birds and animals which were previously not known to me. Many of them had been brought from foreign countries.

Thus the visit was to me not only a source of amusement but also of instruction.