CONTEST OF WILD TERRIFIC BEASTS. We have received information from a gentleman who has recently returned from a trip in the Southern States, and who was an eye witness of the affair, of an extraordinary, sudden, and terrific contest among the wild animals belonging to the Southern Branch of the Barnum and Van Amburg Museum and Menagerie Co., which was brought about in consequence of their being liberated from captivity by a railway accident. It appears the entire menagerie was en route from Montgomery to Mobile, and a broken rail precipitated seven cars down an embankment, forty feet from summit to base. Most of the cages were more or less damaged by the accident, and those containing the Himalaya bear, the Bengal tiger, the Thibet bear, and Brazilian tiger were so much shattered as to liberate the occupants, and permit them to escape to the adjoining forest, whence they were speedily attracted by the carcass of a deer that had been in one of the cages, and was killed by the casualty. Now occurred one of the most remarkable contests of brutes that has ever taken place on this continent. During four hours the tigers and the bears and the hyena contended for the mastery. Nor did the terrified attachees of the menagerie dare to interfere. The noise of the contest is described as being appalling in the extreme, and did not cease until the participants had satisfied the cravings of their appetite. After which the Himalaya bear and one of the tigers played together as **ELDREDGE & CLAWSON** cat and kitten. At this juncture, Capt. Hall the "Lion King," and former companion of Dr. Livingstone, together with one or two courageous assistants, made an essay to recapture the animals. The cages containing the ruminating animals were discharged of their occupants and brought to a close proximity to the fugitives. The bears and hyenas were then lassoed and dragged into the dens. Capt. Hall then courageously approached the tigers, caressed and pat-ted them, and finally led them without resistance to their dens. The driver of the band wagon was instantly killed by the accident, and the company sustain-ed a loss of two lions, a panther and a leopard.-N. Y. Tribune.

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