

A CIRCUS IN A STORM.—This evening, at Belleville, Ohio, about the middle of the performance in Van Amburgh's menagerie, a sudden gust of rain and wind came on. The tent was tossed about in a frightful manner. The audience rushed from their seats in every direction. Under the direction of the manager the showmen sprang to the ropes and lowered the centre of the tent; but the wind proved too strong for them. The chains and the ropes on the west side were broken, and the immense tent was lifted many feet high, and carried sheer over the heads of the people and fell on the east side of the ground. The lights were extinguished and pitch darkness prevailed. The large centre poles and other smaller poles were dragged by the ropes through the people, and fell among them, crushing and maiming quite a number. The people, blinded by the darkness, rushed in every direction, supposing they were coming toward the village, till many of them found themselves on the banks of the Clear Forks, farther from home than when they started.

Dr. N. D. Whitcomb, who was wounded in the head and arm, seeing one of the lights in the village, made for it. When he got nearly to it he saw something white shining in the darkness. On closer scrutiny he recognized the tusks of the elephant Tipso Sais, who had broken loose and was leaving the show in disgust. While the doctor was reflecting on the best method of capturing him, he saw something white approach, which proved to be the keeper, who appeared sans attentionables, having been in the act of dressing for the performance with the elephant when the catastrophe occurred.

The lion's cage was caught by the ropes and upset, falling upon Professor Langworthy, the lion tamer, and seriously injuring him.

It is too soon to know the number of persons injured. A little daughter of Mr. William Gehart was struck on the forehead and the skull badly fractured. A daughter of Mr. David Steitz is a badly hurt that her life is despaired of. Miss Rosie White, Miss Emma Charles, Miss Agnes Garey, Dr. Whitcomb, Andrew Evans, Addison Hamilton and doubtless many others whose names I have not yet learned were more or less injured.

It is proper to add that no blame can be attached to the managers of the show, as the tent was secured as well as such tents usually are.

One lady was struck upon the head by a pole, but her waterfall received the blow and doubtless saved her life.—Cin. Commercial, Oct. 21.

FREDERICK WILLIAM of Prussia had a peculiar fancy for giants, and he determined to establish a regiment of them, the members of which were collected at much expense from various nations. Just at this time Peter the great, of Russia, was endeavoring to civilize his barbarous subjects, and he therefore agreed to let the Prussian monarch have all the giants he could find in his empire, on condition of receiving an equal number of Westphalian Whitesmiths in exchange. We are not informed how the peasants, most interested, liked this arrangement, but it does not appear that their feelings were consulted in the matter. In other countries, however, where the inhabitants enjoy more freedom, the agents of the Prussian monarch sometimes ran considerable risk in kidnapping and carrying off tall men against their will. In Holland one of them was arrested, and summarily hanged as a man-stealer; and the Elector of Hanover, who was also King of England, menaced Frederick William with war if he persisted in stealing Hanoverians. The King would pay any sum, however high, for his giants. Nine thousand dollars were once given for one man, who was seven feet high and stoutly built. It cost \$300,000 a year to maintain this regiment, which was the Prussian King's pride and almost his only amusement. He used to make his favorite giants sit to him for their portraits, and if the likeness happened to be bad (which it generally was) the man was painted till he bore a very close resemblance to the King, a very free in applying the cane to the backs of any of his subjects that displeased him, and he did not confine the use of it to minor offenders. He once beat the whole of the military council, because they had dared to condemn one of his giants to death for stealing.

WASTING OTHER PEOPLE'S TIME.—A committee of gentlemen had an appointment to meet at twelve o'clock. Seven of them were punctual; but the eighth came bustling in with apologies for being a quarter of an hour behind time. "The time," said he, "passed away without me being aware of it. I had no idea of its being so late." A Quaker present said: "I am not sure that you should regret that time should have wasted things over a quarter of an hour; but there were seven besides thyself whose time thou hast consumed, amounting in the whole to two hours, and one-eighth of it only was thine own property!"

A HORRIBLE STORY.—A correspondent of the Cologne Gazette describes how the German soldiers have revenged themselves on the French peasantry for certain alleged acts of cruelty performed by the latter on the German wounded. "An old woman," he says, "spiked out the eyes of a wounded German captain while he was lying in bed. Some Prussian hussars entered the house, immediately after, and seeing what had happened dragged the old woman, who was quite seventy years old, into the garden, and there literally trampled her to death with their boots and spurs. I went to the spot myself and heard the story confirmed by an official of the Post Office, who refused to believe it, but found it was true on digging up the mutilated corpse. Another woman, who was caught cutting off a dying man's finger, in order to take his ring, was tied to a cart and dragged along until she died."

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