

A TRAINED ELEPHANT.

A Detroit paper has the following: "Baby Anne," exhibited on Friday and Saturday in this city, is a popular and well known as the majority of human actors who tread the boards instead of the sawdust ring. Like them, she endeavors to please, and in her way, feels chagrined as deeply when she fails to receive the approbation believed to be merited. She is now 5 years old, and though far from her "teens" is nevertheless a pretty good lump of a body, weighing 1,800 pounds. Her history has been carefully kept, and McLaughlin, her trainer, can tell you everything about her.

At the time of her capture she was only two years old; but Smith, her captor, assisted by a party of Africans and dogs, found her as hard to control in her infancy as most women are at mature age. After a few weeks training she was started for the coast, 800 miles away, and Kenyon has yet in his cargo two large byonias that rode in baskets slung over Miss Annie's back. Her cost in New York was \$18,000, and at the time of her purchase she was the smallest elephant in the country, and is still the only genuine African elephant.

Though she has never been hard pushed to test her endurance on the road, she once took a stretch of 42 miles over the rocky roads of Pennsylvania in 11 hours, and showed not the least sign of exhaustion. Miss Annie is a model female—one of the old school—and would as soon twist her head off with her trunk as to harm a human being who treated her courteously. Last winter, in her quarters at Philadelphia she exhibited love and hate in a very singular manner. Mr. McLaughlin had imbibed rather freely, and returning to the barn, got into a difficulty with a policeman, who was bent on arresting him. The officer had been around the barn a good deal, and was somewhat acquainted with the elephant. The trainer fled to the barn, and getting behind "Baby" refused to submit to arrest. The M. P. boldly advanced to bring him out, when the elephant thrust him aside with her trunk. This was repeated several times, the trainer encouraging her, when the policeman gave her an angry blow with his baton and sought to push by. Blowing her shrill trumpet, "Baby" caught him round the waist, and giving him a strong whirl deposited the frightened blue coat in a barrel of oats 30 feet away. As he had no instructions to arrest elephants, and could not arrest the man without her, he concluded not to press matters further.

At another time last summer, during a hot night, McLaughlin laid down beside "Baby" on a bale of hay, and soon fell asleep. Near him was the cage of the Bengal tiger, a fierce and ungovernable animal, and treacherous to the last degree. By lying down the beast could get his paws at full length under the bars, and on the morning of that very day he had thus given his unsuspecting keeper a stroke with his claws that tore open the man's cheek in a horrible manner. Restless, McLaughlin rolled about, and the eyes of the tiger glistened as he saw the body coming nearer to his cruel claws. At length, just as one of the keepers entered the door, the trainer rolled down so near that the tiger reached out and caught his clothes. With a savage snarl, he was straightening back for a pull, to get the flesh under his nails, when the elephant, who had also been sleeping, rose up at the growl, and seeing the situation at a glance, rushed forward before the man at the door had scarcely advanced a step, and with a blow of his trunk made the tiger let go his hold and scream with pain.

OUTSIDE BARBARIANS.

THE VIEWS OF A MANDARIN ON PARISIEN SOCIETY.

The Mandarin in Burlingame's troupe, who writes up the manners and customs of the various countries for the Chinese archives, has given the Paris correspondent of the London Post a translation of his last letter. In it he speaks of the table habits of the Paris barbarians. "We have dined," he says, "at their tables, where the stomach is expected to receive with pleasure some thirty different objects of food and perhaps ten different liquids. The French and other foreigners eat until they feel very uncomfortable and require much medicine drugs, as may be seen by the many chemists' shops of this city. They have the same capacity as our pigs. Had you been there the other night and observed how these people rudely scrambled for the food at the supper table when we gave our fete! They put their hands violently on the dishes and disputed with each other roughly." In telling about Burlingame's bail he writes: "Oh, if you had seen the women at our ball! They came half undressed, that is to say, the upper part of the body was wholly exposed, but they are jealous of showing their feet, and seem to have a desire to hide the floor also, as each woman drags about with her a long robe, on which it is not etiquette to place your shoe. Their eyes are painted round (not all of them), and they use coloring for the lips and pearl powder for various exposed sections of the frame. They purchase the hair of the dead and artists work it into various designs; then the women put it on their heads, with flowers, and yet they are not a dirty people. The high caste women are allowed every license. At our fete they were clasped round the waist by men they knew not and danced with painful vigor, for it was very hot."

There really is nothing new under the sun. The paddle-wheel for boats is seen on the Assyrian slabs, and in more than one old European fresco. The bicycle seems to have been known in China more than two centuries ago, and the velocipede was probably seen even before that in Europe. Among the ancient painted glass in and about the once noble church of Stoke Poges may be seen the representation of a young fellow who is astride the mute but active horse; he is working his way along with the air of a rider who has introduced a novelty, and is being looked at by admiring spectators. It is one of the most curious illustrations of ancient times in the painted glass windows of the interesting church.

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