MAN AGAINST LION.

Struggle of Bidel, the Famous Lion Trainer, with His African, Sultan.

The professional career of Bidel, the famous lion trainer, was one of wonderful courage, force and perseverance. It was characteristic of the man that when great physical exertion became impossible to him, he devoted his energies to forming a mutual aid association among men of callings similar to his own. The beginning of the end of Bidel's exercise of his profession was a terrible struggle with his African lion Sultan, of which he gives a thrilling description in his autobiography.

"After my performance at Neuilly," he says, "my wife and I were to drive to Asnieres and take possession of our house there. I, who had started with so little, was to realize one of my dearest dreams. I was to cease to be a wanderer, and to possess at last a home of my own. I hoped for the evening to pass. The performance would last less than an hour."

But the most perilous moments of Bidel's life were to intervene before he started for Asnieres. He entered the cage as usual. The first, second, third and fourth lions and two white bears were brought forward, then returned to their cages, and he was left face to face with Sultan. Sultan was never good humored.

"This evening," writes the trainer, "I was at once that he was uncommonly savage. As usual I presented the gate. He crouched in a corner, refusing to leap.

"I cracked my whip. He growled. I condoned to cage him. He growled more angrily, showed his teeth, and lashed the air with his tail. Suddenly I was seized with an intolerably sharp twinge of rheumatism. My left leg tortured me. What should I do—be frank! I did not consider it for a moment. I should fight. I took a step forward. Another sharp pain seized me; but my left knee, and I fell.

"Then I doubted not that it was all over with me. The tamer fallen is the tamer conquered. With one bound Sultan was upon me, his heavy paw on my chest, cutting my flesh, scratching my face, tearing me. I did not cry out. I knew the necessity of being calm; the slightest false movement and I was lost. The beast was panting with fury, his mouth open; I seized his throat, and with all my strength twisted the skin to strangle him. He paused; his muscles relaxed.

"Suddenly he turned his head. Two of my employes, the brave and faithful Manoch and his son, had entered the cage and were attacking the lion with an iron bar. I lifted myself, half rose, then jumped to my feet. I stood! That meant safety. I was again master. I marched on the rebel, and with a gesture forced him to return to his cage. It had been a bad moment, but it was over. I would have gone on, but the public protested, 'Enough! Enough!' and I was given over to the doctors. They found seventeen wounds."—Youth's Companion.

Little Jeff Davis Hayes Indignant.

When the presidential party reached Colorado Springs, Colo., the citizens were prepared to give him a royal welcome. This being the home of Mr. Margaretta Davis Hayes, the daughter of Jefferson Davis, the citizens of that city, long before the arrival of the president, had induced her little six-year-old son Jeff with the idea that he was a president in embryo.

Like other ladies of the town, Mrs. Hayes put on her children their best apparel and sent them out to see the president. Jeff, whom the enterprising citizens of that little city had given a conspicuous place in the reception of president, was recognized and saluted by Mr. McKee, Mr. Wanamaker, and other members of the distinguished party, but received no word of recognition from the president. At this neglect upon the part of the nation's executive he was highly incensed, and on returning home he expressed his indignation to his mother. Gesticulating with his hands, he said:

"Mother, Mr. Harrison didn't even take his hat off to me."—Cor. New Orleans Times-Democrat.

Contagiousness of Disease.

Among the practical questions connected with the subject of contagious disease is one which relates to the length of the period of special exposure. The Boston Medical and Surgical Journal says that the contagiousness of measles, mumps and whooping cough disappears with the patient's recovery; that there is probably no danger of his conveying the disease to others for about a week after he himself was exposed to it—that is to say, during the so called period of incubation; and that the contagiousness of measles does not extend beyond a fortnight.

The Stormy Petrel.

A bird of immense wing power is the tiny stormy petrel, the smallest web footed bird known. It belongs to every sea, and, although as serene foul, it boasts the utmost fury of the storm, skimming with incredible velocity the trough of the waves and gliding rapidly over their mossy crests. Petrels have been observed 2,000 miles from nearest land.—Current Literature.

To Increase the Length of a Foot.

A civil engineer of Copenhagen has proposed a new international system of measures and weights, in which he suggests that the length foot should be increased by about one twenty-five hundredth part of its present length. The foot would then contain exactly 1,000 ounces of distilled water at 4 degs. centigrade, and an easy comparison with the metric system would be possible.—New York Times.

Bells and Changes.

The number of changes which can be played upon a chime of bells is wonderful. Twelve bells will allow no less than 479,001,600 changes. The bells in St. Patrick's cathedral are among the finest of their kind in the country, but they can hardly be classed with the great bells of the world.—New York Press.

THAT'S THE GIRL.

The Young Woman Who Is Able to Meet Every Man Upon His Own Ground.

In glancing over the columns of a newspaper my attention was caught by an article in which a lady discussed the attractive qualities of marriageable girls in the area of eligible.

If my understanding of the writer's conclusions is correct the inference may be drawn that she believes we all kinds of girls and all kinds of men, almost any kind of a girl will please some kind of a man, observation undoubtedly justifying such an opinion.

There is, however, one girl—every man knows which one I mean—whose versatility and adaptability render her particularly acceptable.

She is always frank and free in conversation, even on unconventional subjects, but she is never bold, and will discourage seeking approaching familiarity.

You are positive that her smiling interest in the matters which interest you is not entirely assumed, and you are sometimes also that she knows whether your affected desire to understand the affairs occupying her mind is genuine.

There is no hesitation, either, when you are present, that she over thinks of you which cannot be any greater degree, if in any other way, than your mere nightly across the.

In conversation, her large fund of general information is evident, yet you are not incommoded by a display of knowledge greater than your own.

If you desire to air your stock of sonorous sentiments she can wonder more more gracefully than that other girl with whom you can talk nothing else, and there is delightfully amusing all sensation of being there and not being there.

Perhaps, in a moment of critical mood, you sit down to reflect on this girl's charm, determined to discover whether it is the result of impromptu naturalness or the most consummate art. What is your conclusion? It is as, you, but one thing is certain—the charm is there, you're hit.

Now, to be honest, doesn't it lie in the fact that she apparently realizes just that impression of your character and personality which you have, in the depths of your consciousness, is a little too favorable for unclothed truth, yet is not so absolutely flattering not that you can honestly endeavor to believe it correct.

This girl, who seems on total ground every man worth meeting, though not endeavoring adulation, usually takes her place among several suitors. And if this man is sensible enough to treat her after marriage as he did before, he seldom regrets the choice.

Any disappointment she may feel is never publicly admitted.—Frederica Hanson Vivia in Kate Field's Washington.

Women in Australia.

Women appear to be making great progress in many directions in Australia, and it is not to be wondered at, seeing that the bell, the alcove and the social discussion which are the distinguishing characteristics of the sex find there such a field for exercise. Lady Martin, the widow of a judge in sydney, is the daughter of the late "Billy Duke," a sporting, who in his day was notorious, and who, long after he had become rich and respectable, could not upbraid his sweetheart without the latter's turning on him with, "Why, sir, I was more a man you know. You were reformed only just in time."

A highly respected Australian, Mr. Dalley, a member to whom was recently unveiled in the crypt of St. Paul's, London, was a convict's son and married a convict's daughter, and one of Sydney's leading lawyers is the son of a lady, now dead, who went out as a Bell Bower girl. The "ladies," by the way, who were shipped to the Bell Bower, adopted the simple method on the way out. By the, taking one thing with another, considering how careful one has to be in order to talk and what indulging speeches one must be always making, it's not surprising women come in the form in Australia.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

The Dangers of Beliladona.

Belladonna is said to have taken its name from the use pretty women make of it to improve their complexions and make themselves prettier still. There is great danger attending its use for that purpose, greater even than with arsenic, which is more frequently used with similar intent. A belladonna fiend is too sad a sight for feel I have and come to treat, and the work is far from pleasant, owing to the terrible effect the female inquiries when the system becomes impregnated with the drug. The homeopathic use belladonna quite freely, but only in infinitesimal doses, when it seems to have a decided effect.

As is the case with all drugs, it becomes necessary to increase the dose after the system becomes habituated to its use, and many a fiend will take seven or eight times a day than a dosing of Hahnemann would prescribe in a month. Before the terrible and horrible final death of the lady the fiend suffers acute agonies and the system succumbs to a degree bordering on insanity, besides perspiring in the coldest weather like a man who has been running up a steep hill in August. I never met a man who was addicted to the habit, and most of the fiends are women.—Interview with a Doctor.

Good Rules for Women.

A distinguished professor of the College of Physicians and Surgeons gives the following as the law of perfect health, beauty and longevity for women: "Eat fresh and wholesome food three times a day, and as much bread, crusted wheat, potatoes, rice, oatmeal, etc., is possible, between the different meals and on retiring at night drink a glass of milk, if thin, or a cup of beef tea or broth if you are spare.

"Every night and morning take a warm sponge bath in water in which about a tablespoonful of salt to the basin has been dissolved. After the bath a brisk rub with a coarse towel, exercise ten minutes briskly with dumbbells or in any way you enjoy, breathing deeply and freely. Sleep nine hours at night and one in the middle of the day, and wear loose clothing."

More than half a million of enthusiasts women are visited in the philanthropic, intellectual and co-operative work for the advancement of the interests and privileges of womanhood in the great national associations incorporated under the names of the National Women's Christian association, National Suffrage association, National Centenary Association of the Universalist church, the Woodchucks, the King's Daughters and the Association of Working Girls' societies.

Space Over Bread Frames.

The query, "Is a deep cover over the bread frames (say from 3 to 6 inches) more desirable than one having just a few spare thereof" was variously answered by prominent apiarists in a recent issue of The American Bee Journal. Some said yes and some said no. Professor Cook replied: "It is better in the spring, as we can pack warmly above the bees. At other times I see no advantage, of course we should use a shallowed in colonies?" The editor said: "The question is too indefinite to answer intelligently. There are times and circumstances when a space over the bread frames could be utilized advantageously, since though it is not generally thought advisable to have it there. Particularly in spring, or in winter, for protection, if they remain out of doors."

A Size for Entomologists.

A well known local entomologist shot a male king bird in the vicinity, and on picking it up was surprised to find a strange insect under its crawling out of its mouth. This gave the gentleman an idea, and on skinning the bird, preparatory to mounting, he took particular pains not to injure the gizzard. On opening this he found exactly what he thought he would—a mate for the beetle. The fact that I found one beetle therefore supposed to be a stranger to this locality led me to think that perhaps the bird had caught both the male and the female, and I was right.

"This curious incident shows how little is known even of the fauna of our own neighborhood. Here I have been studying beetles for twenty years past, and have handled in that time more than 2,000 species, yet in this strange instance, and at a time when I least expected it, a new species falls directly into my hands. This also shows the variety of food eaten by the king bird, one of whose favorite morsels is the cockroach, or water bug. These it devours to such an extent that it has become a nuisance to beekeepers, who know it as the 'bee bird' or 'eagle fighter.'"—Cincinnati Times-Star.

A New Guinea Bee Catcher.

R. H. Deas, of London, England, who spent some time in New Zealand, Samoa, and New Guinea, says that among the curious things in New Guinea is a man catcher. This instrument consists of a strong wand, about one-half an inch thick and about twelve feet long. This rod is bent double so as to leave a loop, fifteen inches in diameter, open at one end. A spear is fastened to the handle so that the spear head projects into the loop. The spear is of wood, and is very hard and tough. When the warriors of New Guinea go to battle they carry this terrible weapon with them.

As their enemies begin to run they follow them and throw the loop over the head of the pursued. The shock throws the victim back upon the spear head, which pierces the unfortunate man's neck, and in nearly every case instantly kills him. The victor then cuts off the head, leaves the body and carries it home, for the warrior is judged according to the number of heads he can show. The natives show a good deal of ability in making their weapons, and use pieces of iron, glass and stone for spear points.—St. Paul Pioneer-Press.

He Hadn't Heard of Mrs. Wilson.

A story of Ella Wheeler Wilcox, which is too good to slumber, and which Mrs. Wilcox tells herself, is of her call not long ago upon an uptown patron in whose parlor hung the framed lines to recall the name of a newly woman, a protege of hers. The reverend gentleman received her request favorably, and opening the register, asked, as he began to write, who it was that recommended the competence. "My name is Wilcox," replied her visitor, "Ella Wheeler Wilcox."

The rector smiled in his turn, and coming to the next question continued, "And to whom do you refer, Mrs. Wilcox?"

"Sir," replied the lady, with impressive dignity, "I refer to the whole world."—New York Times.

Ambrosia Grown.

One of the millionaires of this town, who is a sociable sinfonian as well as a shrewd and successful banker, came here nearly fifty years ago from Vermont. He was a poor boy, with plenty of strength and energy. The highest aim of his ambition then was to accumulate $10,000, go back to Vermont, buy a farm and live there the remainder of his life. He was able to buy his coveted farm in Vermont many years ago, but instead of being contented to live on it, he can barely find time to spend a few weeks each summer there. Already worth a million or more, he finds his chief pleasure in delving for more money in this great city.—New York Times.

A Spanish-American Dainty.

"The most delicious thing I ever ate was roast monkey," said a drummer at the Atchison who occasionally takes a trip through the tropics. "Talk about chicken and turkey, or even canvas back duck, they are not equal in flavor or tenderness to a young monkey. The natives in Spanish America are very fond of them, and they never hesitate about eating them. They scoop out holes in the ground and make a small fake oven in which they roast them. Sometimes the animal is boiled, but no matter how prepared the meat is always a palatable dish."—Pittsburg Dispatch.

Some Lovers' Superstitions.

When a young lady's hairpins fall out it is a sign that her sweetheart is thinking about her. If she sees a red bird and kisses her hand to it she will see her sweetheart before Saturday night. A styme made accompanied while talking is also looked upon by the sanguine as a forerunner of a lover's appearance.—Detroit Free Press.

Archbishop Corrigan will not sanction marriages between Catholics except in the church. When one party is Catholic and the other Protestant he grants permission, and a priest performs the ceremony in private houses as observed in the church.

Tree in His Fetters.

It is told that one day during the war a squad of Confederates, wearing captured blue overcoats, rode up to a house in Tennessee and greeted the owner with: "Well, old man, what are you, rob or Yank?" Puzzled by the blue coats and gray pants, and not knowing to which army his visitors belonged, Old Caution answered: "Well, gentlemen, I'm nothin', and very little of that."—New Orleans News Item.

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