

DRESSING THE CIRCUS BEASTS

BWARE OF THE MONKEYS, FOR THEY'RE OUT TO BITE.

They'll Get Me Yet, Says the Monkey Man With His Eye on the Solemn Chang—Ward the Camel's Heels, Too—The Pig Is But a Squealer, Elephants Tame.

It may have occurred to some of the young and old children who whoop with glee as the ponies scamper around the ring with the monkeys clinging to their backs that the monkeys are about the cunningest things that ever were. It may have occurred to some of these youthful hearted spectators that it would be great fun to go back into the dressing-room and pet those monkeys, and play with them.

There is a wicker, stony faced young man down in the basement of the Garden who knows better. He has grown old before his time trying to keep his features and fingers intact in spite of the evident determination of the dear little monkeys to remove the same.

"They'll get me in time," he says. "The boss told me, when they put me down here, that they'd get everybody who ever tackled the job, and that they'd get me. And when I get careless they will. When will I get careless? Why, when I get to thinking that I know more about monkeys than the monkeys know about me and the joy of chewing off one of my ears. That's all they live for."

Back in his cell in the assorted small animal wagon sat the venerable Chang. Solemnly benevolent of countenance, Chang regarded the stranger with a pathetic and weary smile. It was hard to believe that Chang's record of acquisitions to date includes one human nose, one human eye, three human fingers and half of an ear. Chang regards with scorn the trait which the side show man attributes to the only and original Gysacutus. Chang knows of whom it really might be said: "He eats 'em alive, ladies and gents; eats 'em alive."

Yet twice a day Chang must be taken out of that little cell of his and put on a pony's back to do his part in the races. There are four monkeys which travel with the show as jockeys exclusively. They are of a tough breed, and the jolting and nervous shock of that crazy scamper around the arena does not injure them as it would the common or organ grinder variety. The arms and legs of Chang and his three fellow jockeys are as hard as steel, and as quick in motion as ever a steel spring was.

The monkey man has an assistant. He is a loosely grinning, long armed, erratic individual for whom the monkeys seem to have a peculiar sympathy. Chang allows the assistant to give him a chew of tobacco now and then, and even to pat him on the back. The assistant is just about as quick as a monkey. Moreover, whenever he is within reach of the monkey's grasp he keeps his eyes fixed on the monkey's eyes and is always ready to jump. But the head monkey man smiles grimly when he sees the assistant making love to Chang.

"He likes your nose, Able," he says. "He wants it for his collection. And he'll get it—some day."

The method of getting Chang and his friends out of their cells at each performance is not pleasant for them, but it is the only safe way for the monkey man. It must not be imagined that the procedure hurts the monkeys; it does not, except in their vanity—and everybody knows how sensitive are the feelings of the Bandar Log.

The monkey man has an iron bar some four feet long, with a loop of iron at each end; each monkey has a long light chain on his collar, and the end of the chain is tied to the door of his cell. The monkey man opens the door the least bit and gets the end of the chain and puts it through the loop at the end of the iron rod. Then he runs the loop up the chain until it is right against the monkey's cheek. Now the monkey cannot fly at the keeper; indeed, he can hardly wiggle his head. He is held as in a vise. The monkey man draws him out of the cell to the floor, and leads him to the open space where the ponies are waiting.

The stranger is as lucky enough to be admitted to the animal dressing room while the circus performance is going on might well feel that there was about to be a blast exploded from the warning cries shouted by the monkey man and his assistant while the jockey monkeys are being led within the radius of that iron rod is safe except the man at the centre of the circle. He is not strong enough to keep one of his wards from swinging through an arc and fastening on the person of anybody within reach; and it must be remembered that in this moment of humiliation the monkey is very, very much enraged against the whole human race.

With a swing of the iron bar each monkey in turn is aided to leap to the back of a pony. Chang, bloodthirsty veteran that he is, has done the trick so often that he makes the leap without any assistance at all. But one or two of the others are new and cling to a deflation that the floor is the best place for them.

On the saddle of each pony there is a little iron upright support. The monkeys grab for this as soon as they are in their perches. Attached to the supports are very short chains, with a snap bit at the end. The monkey man takes a fresh grip and holds the monkey's cheek tight against the loop at the end of the rod while the assistant snaps the person of the short chain over the monkey's collar.

Now is the jockey fastened to his saddle so that he cannot get off—but he is not dressed. Moreover, he doesn't want to be dressed. Why should a grave and bewhiskered and respectable member of the Bandar Log be compelled to cover his soft fur coat with a gaudy orange and black blazer? But his cheek is still held close to the end of the bar and the monkey man's assistant patiently detaches the black fingers from the iron support to which they cling so desperately and slips the sleeve up one arm.

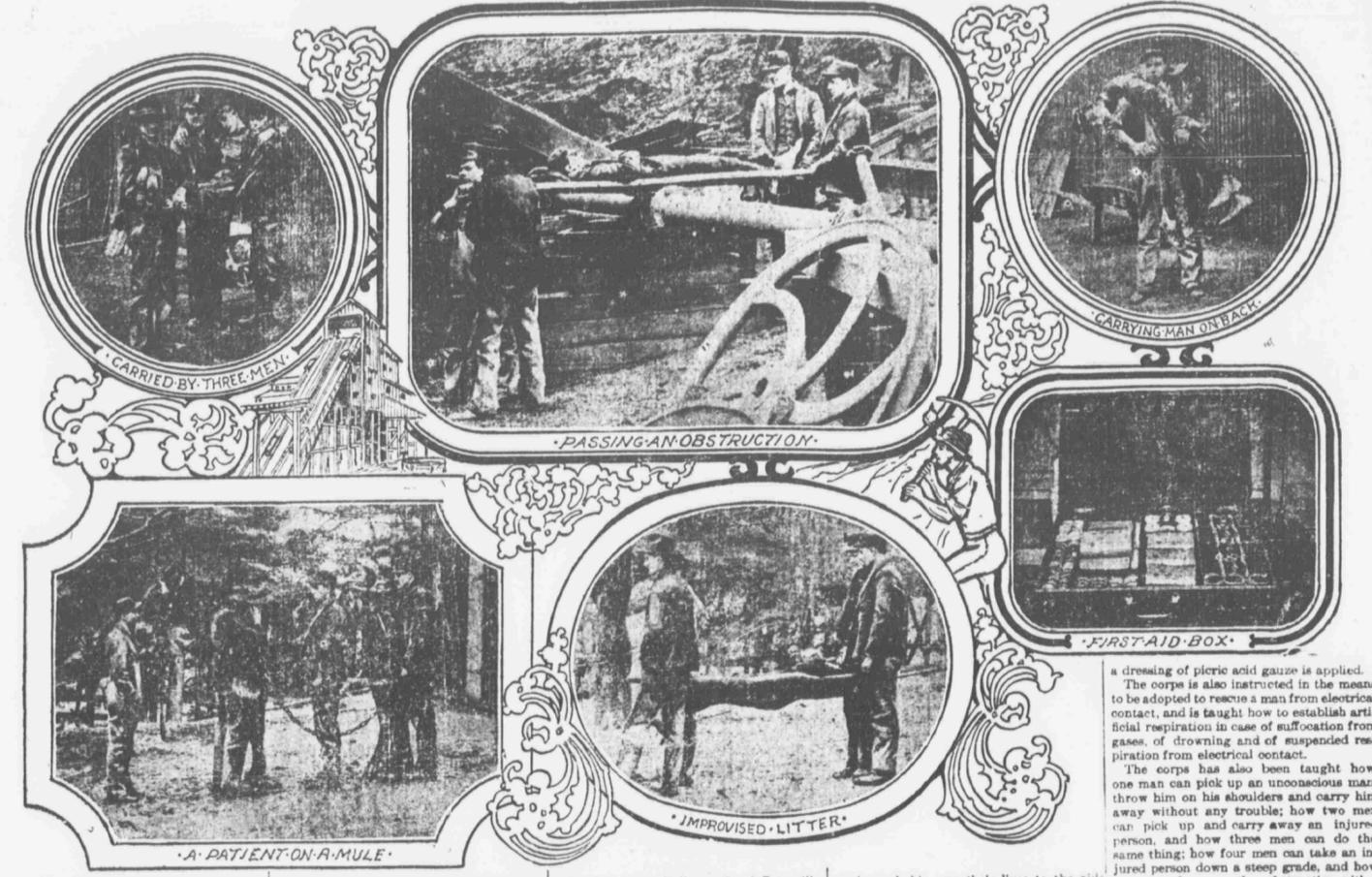
It is for all the world like dressing a very cross baby, except that the human child is never quite so dangerous in its rage—at least the writer has never seen one which had to be held down with an iron bar while its jacket was put on. The other arm is slipped in the person of the monkey, but, wined, and the monkey is dressed. Then the assistant gets out of the way, the iron rod is slipped off the long chain, the end of the long chain is looped up at the back of the saddle and the monkey is ready for the race. When all is ready and they are waiting for the ring manager's signal from the arena, Chang has his daily reception.

In all the laundry glory of his yellow jacket he sits perched up on his haunches, one small hand on the saddle support, and keeps a glittering eye out before and behind, first over one shoulder and then over the other. Chang has a frank and undegraded hatred of the monkey man. He is not the person who handles the hated iron rod?

The monkey man never comes within

FIRST AID IN THE COAL MINES

A System Which Is Expected to Save Hundreds of Lives Yearly in the Anthracite Region.



POTTSVILLE, Pa., April 15—Hundreds of lives will be saved, it is expected, in the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania through the action of the Philadelphia and Reading Coal and Iron Company in adopting plans to extend the benefits of the first aid to the injured system in the mines.

The mortality list of the anthracite region each year is largely added to by deaths from wounds and injuries which are not necessarily fatal but which result in death because of the loss of blood and the lapse of time ensuing before skilled medical aid can be secured.

The method of handling injured men at the bottom of shafts and slopes has also been clumsy and helped to decrease the chances of recovery for an injured miner.

The whole system of handling the injured has been revolutionized by the Reading company, and steps have been taken to organize first aid corps at all the collieries. About 200 young men will be enlisted in this work, and it is the intention of the company to reward them with appointments as assistant foremen.

Dr. George H. Halberstadt of Pottsville has been delivering lectures on this subject to the employees of the Reading company this winter, and his organization of a model first aid corps at the Wadesville colliery and the gratifying results achieved led the company to decide to extend the system to all its mines.

Surgeons at hospitals where patients have been received who were treated by the first aid corps organized by Dr. Halberstadt are unanimous in testifying to the value of the system, and several men al-

ready probably owe their lives to the aid thus rendered. It is considered certain that the plans outlined by Dr. Halberstadt will soon be adopted by every coal company in the country.

When a man is injured, the members of the first aid corps are instructed to respond to a call in double quick time, carrying litter or stretcher and the box containing the bandages, splints, &c. Fractures of the foot, leg, thigh, rib, collarbone, arm and forearm, or injuries to the head are promptly dressed. For burns of the body

at other times of the day? He tried the experiment in getting down to business in the morning. Hitherto he had sought his office in the business section of the city by the Sixth avenue elevator. He never made the trip in the morning or afternoon without meeting several acquaintances. If he failed to talk with them then he was certain to be greeted by a friend who had been waiting for him on the street.

The idea occurred to him that he might try to get his office in the same vicinity that he had begun to take his dinner. The experiment was a complete success. It was necessary for him to get out of the house a little bit earlier, but he found compensation for that in the variety of new ways in which he could travel downtown.

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The restaurants in which he now dined were attached, as a rule, to apartment hotels. They were often situated in side streets and sometimes far uptown. Outsiders were rare guests and he may have attracted the attention of the regular dwellers in these hotels. But he had never seen any of them before and that made no difference to him. Then he did not go to the same house during the first week more than once.

He found the food in these places less to his taste than it had been in the restaurants to which he was accustomed, but it was good enough for an exile, as he liked to fancy himself during these days of his retirement into the only kind of solitude possible to a man who has to stick to his business and go to his office every day.

He still accepted invitations to the houses of his friends. What he was trying to do was to avoid the kind of public attention that he had been attracting and to keep out of particular places with which he was identified. The scheme worked splendidly. He was living as much out of his conventional rut as if he had gone to Europe.

From the Indianapolis News. "I had a boy," said Dr. S. H. Moore, "and each year I have learned some new trick of this little billed bird of erratic flight fame. The 'pewee' is a tyro compared with the snipe in its efforts to deceive the hunter. It is a near relative of the snipe and a few days ago I saw a specimen of the snipe in the rear of the club's grounds. It was a fine specimen, and for an hour or more we did not see a snipe or hear a snipe with the intention of returning to the city, a snipe rose a few feet from the ground, and in a few moments it was on its second later another shot was fired and the snipe fell dead. It was a fine specimen, and for an hour or more we did not see a snipe or hear a snipe with the intention of returning to the city, a snipe rose a few feet from the ground, and in a few moments it was on its second later another shot was fired and the snipe fell dead. 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