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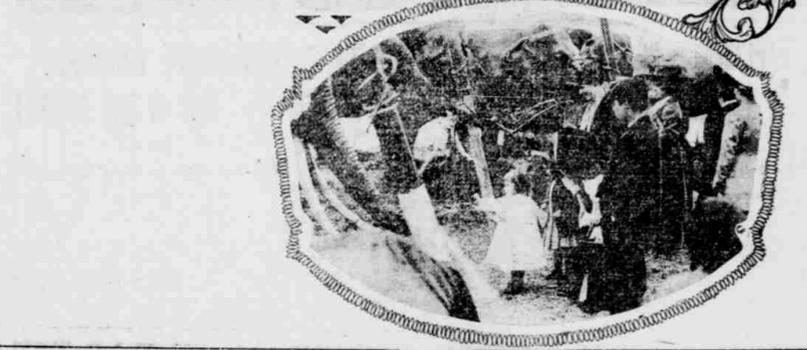
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### A RENEWED INTEREST IN ZOOLOGICAL MATTERS

Fine Opportunity for Investigation  
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(From Glenmore Davis, Barnum & Bailey Press Department.)

Through the recent artillery and literary efforts of Colonel Roosevelt a new and wonderfully illuminating spot light has been trained on the many queer, curious, uncanny and cantankerous beasts which inhabit the out-of-the-way places of the earth. White-haired old men, simpering school girls and pulling infants have pulled down dusty tomes and read volumes of zoological literature in the effort to make up lost time in getting wise on the habits and habitats of such things as the Blood-Sweating Behemoth of Holy Writ, seven of which sank under the mighty Rooseveltian broadsides; the wobbly-eyed wart hog, which snuffles the air and roots for wild turnips in the farthest jungles of British East Africa; the distinguished dick-dick which delves in the dark, dank, dreary bogs of distant Boringo; the incoercible ibex which inhabits the isolated islands of Lakes Tanganyika and Victoria Nyanza; the elongated, elastic Eland which leaps from mound to mound in search of the luscious leaves of the lofty lombobba plant and the Rhinoceros, last of the Paleozoic beasts who roars and grunts as he rambles his solitary way over the rolling plains of far-away Masai-land near the head waters of the White Nile.

A year ago nine out of any ten men knew nothing of the whiskered "wild-beest." Now he is as well known as Laura Jean Libby or Halley's comet. Yesterday did the thirty housewife as she sat up waiting for friends or husband to come home, while away the slow-moving hours by reading about the haunts of the hackle-headed hyena? Not on your life!

Things have changed. A monumental awakening has come among the people. Zoological gardens have ousted the moving-picture shows from their proud place at the head of the amusement column. The ponderous, palmated, pea-eyed pachyderm, yelped the elephant, has taken on a new and popular charm. Wild animals have come into their own for the first time since the famous Admiral Noah set sail on his justly celebrated and deservedly successful voyage. And Colonel Roosevelt did it. To him are due the grateful thanks of an enlightened people. He is the man who turned on the calcium. He is who showed us the light.

Since the densely and deviously populated ark touched ground on Arrarat no such traveling collection of wild animals has ever disembarked in one place as will roll, squirm, wobble, hop and walk off the four big Barnum & Bailey trains early in the morning of Monday, when the Greatest Show on Earth arrives in Phoenix. In the last four months seven shipments of beasts have arrived from Africa, Asia and South America and been added to the multitudinous zoological army which already clogged the great Barnum & Bailey menagerie tent. The corners and countries of the known and unknown worlds have been rifled and ransacked for new and outlandish specimens of the rare inhabitants of the animal kingdom, and now this collection is the most varied, the most colossal and interesting exhibition of wild beasts ever gotten together for the purposes of itinerant enlightenment.

Four herds of Asiatic and African elephants will be found at one end of the big tent. Among them is Hebe, the largest pachyderm in captivity and for a quarter of a century famous as the mother of Columbia, the first of her race ever born in America. Close by are the graceful giraffes, which re-

semble great swaying vegetables more than they do any form of animal life. One of them, Baby Bumbo, is the most valuable wild animal in captivity for the excellent reason that he is the first and only giraffe ever bred, born and reared outside of Africa. Bumbo, who is less than 2 months old, still obtains his sustenance in the way Nature so kindly arranged for all infants, tame as well as wild, and is guarded from the enthusiastic multitude of carressing women by four attendants who have been told that Barnum & Bailey prefer a live giraffe to the payment of the \$75,000 for which the long-legged youngster is insured.

Dr. William T. Hornaday, the director of the New York zoological gardens, recently spent an entire day examining the Barnum & Bailey menagerie. He declared it to be in every way the best and most widely representative array of rare beasts which ever undertook to tour this or any other country.

"How you ever succeeded in breeding giraffes is more than I know or can understand," said he. "Zoologists have tried it for centuries under the most favorable conditions and that the great trick should finally be pulled off by a traveling show is almost past believing."

"I never have seen a larger or better herd of camels, dromedaries, llamas and alpacas than is with this circus. Your wild beats, hartebeests, yaks, elans, nygais, tahrs, zebras, waterbucks, addax, rhinoceros, hippopotamus, lions, tigers, leopards, tapers, byenas, Bex and Niger antelopes, are all exceptionally fine specimens. Some of them cannot be duplicated in this country or in Europe. Their value is tremendous and they represent many years of care and financial outlay. I can imagine no greater educational exhibition or one that will bring more

genuine enlightenment to the American people than is embodied in the zoological end of this mighty amusement organization. I sincerely congratulate the men who are responsible for this stupendous undertaking. They have worked a great good."

Since the circus season opened the Baby Bumbo is not the only animal to be born in the Barnum & Bailey menagerie tent. Many of the 104 cages are now inhabited by youngsters and if things continue as they have started the four trains of eighty-nine double-length railway cars will have to be increased to take care of the wild infants. Seven lion cubs are on exhibition and were born since the show opened at the Madison Square Garden. Four kittenish tiger cubs add their plaintive meows to the tattle of groans, growls and grunts which arise from the menagerie at meal times. A month-old kangaroo, a baby chimpanzee and two ludicrously long-legged canid children have also been added to the kindergarten and there is every evidence that the hippopotamus cage must soon be enlarged to make room for a new Blood-Sweating Behemoth of Holy Writ.

Can it be that the circus animals have heard of the increase in the African death rate due to the unerring accuracy of the Rooseveltian aim and, to offset what looks like the speedy extermination of their race, have adopted the Rooseveltian policy of anti-race suicide?

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