

# THE WORLD'S FAIR AS A WOMAN SEES IT

If the famed African pygmies are going to take their proper place among the astonishing attractions of the Fair they will have to bestir themselves and get out of the common-place trousers, baggy shirt and one-gallus outfit of the Southern plantation darkey and don their own costume, or a modification of it if it is too scant for our climate.

It is whispered that they are cannibals, but if that is their lay they will have to prove it, and no doubt the Fair management, who says it is going to let them live just as they do at home, will be overwhelmed with people tendering superfluous relatives. Heretofore exhibits have been disappearing, but no doubt there will now be mysterious gaps here and there on dark nights in the ranks of the guards on duty.

Well, anyway, whatever drawing card the overgrown pygmies are going to flash is still up their hickory shirt sleeve, but it is plainly not that of their general appearance, which is that of jolly, rollicking good nature personified.

Their interpreter, a young black from their own country, speaks English well and except for the tribal mark of a hole through the body of the right ear would pass muster anywhere as a Pullman porter or a kaffir-dressed ebony edition of a Jefferson guard. Even the hole in his ear would pass for a bullet wound received in the discharge of his duty and an unloaded revolver.

The captive balloon seems very much puffed up over the flourishing business it is engaged in these days. From the time the balloon is brought out of its stable in the morning until it is led back at night it is busy taking passengers for a seven-minute spin a thousand feet cloudland for 50 cents each—in advance. A thousand feet will remain the limit, although if business continues good the price will doubtless go higher. The tickets are round-trip ones, and so far no one has offered to sell the return coupon to any aerial scalper. Every one seems to enjoy the ride immensely, and, as usual, after trips, seems glad to get back again.

You may imagine that only a few reckless ones here and there would care to make the perilous-looking ascent, but you find just the same crowd taking this air line car that takes the terrestrial street car. There are staid old gentlemen, who are doing a lot of giddy things at the Fair they would not do at home, and portly old ladies, whom you would not expect to see sailing heavenward so soon. There are mothers and fathers who go up with their children, and young men who go up with the girls they are escorting, and a whole raft of odds and ends of humanity who want to say they got off the earth for once in their lives.

It apparently takes sand to run a balloon business, the same as any other, but the sand is in bags, and only used when especial weight is wanted in the car. The balloon goes up from a small platform, in the center of which is the pulley under which the rope passes to a distant kerosene-run engine. Below the balloon, which is of strong silk and filled with hydrogen gas, swings a web-guarded basket, in which the passengers stand.

Each day proves over again how very interesting the public finds the moving picture exhibits, for no matter where they are given or on what subject, they always have an attentive audience. Sometimes the pictures are inclosed so that they must be viewed through peepholes, but always there is an eye glued to every lens, and beside it is a waiting list of other eyes.

Sometimes they are given airless little halls and a crowd hermetically seals the doorway. Any one of the larger buildings could depopulate the Fair if it daily gave on a monster screen moving pictures of scenes in every part of the world; Eskimos spearing seals or miners panning gold up under the Arctic circle; parrots flitting and monkeys swinging in some wild tropical jungle or a long line of ox teams trekking across a veldt.

Yesterday a woman with a fondness for the beguiling biograph and fascinating microscope came unexpected upon a moving picture that held her as if spellbound. She had gone to look through a screen just because she saw others doing that same thing. In the picture she saw two children come out of a tree-shaded farmhouse, a boy carrying some gray cambric covered books and a slate with a dangling sponge and pencil, and a girl in a calico dress and slat sunbonnet carrying a tin dinner bucket. A woman stood in the doorway and watched the children until they had passed the woodpile and the smokehouse and crossed the barn lot and climbed the orchard fence on their short-cut way to school. The flitting picture showed the children loitering a mo-

ment beside the orchard branch while the boy set a tiny paddle wheel a-going and climbed an apple tree to look into a robbin's abode house. Then they went through patches of sun and shade, out through the bars into the meadow, and so came to the creek. Through this the barefooted boy waded comfortably, while the girl walked warily over the footlog and even crawled a little way where the swift current made her head swim.

The children made several detours from their path to look into the meadow lark's storm cave of a nest, and to give a brush heap a rabbit-scaring kick or two, before they climbed a fence into a highway beside a railroad crossing. There they hurriedly put some crossed pins on the track and scurried back and let the coming train flatten them, which it seemed to do to their satisfaction.

Then into the clear-cut moving picture came a little schoolhouse beside the road and about it big and little children played, some throwing a ball over the house in the ancient game of "Ant'ny over," and others playing marbles and jumping a rope. Then a big boy appeared with a brimming wooden bucket, a teacher in a calico dress and ruffled white apron came out and rang a noiseless bell, and all the children crowded into the doorway as if it were the entrance to an exhibit giving away lardless doughnuts.

Then the moving picture suddenly stopped, for the picture-watching woman turned away from the hole she had been gazing into, which was but a mesh of woven wire cage out in the back yard of the Forestry building. What had started the picture moving was a flock of sleek little quails, one of which was trotting about and whistling and crowing softly to himself in a plaintive voice that recalled to the woman the scenes among which long ago she had heard that call first.

Memory is running a lot of moving picture machines out at the Fair without having any concession at all, which must worry the management as much as not being able to collect a commission on what people are carrying away in their minds.

GENEVA LANE.

## DANIEL SCOLDS MR. BRYAN

Plain Talk Which Was Apparently Lost on the Old Leader.

ST. LOUIS, July 6.—William J. Bryan has heard very plain talk to-day from Democrats eminent in the party. One of these was Senator Daniel, of Virginia.

"I called on Mr. Bryan," said the Senator to-night, "and spent considerable time in conversation. I can hardly analyze his attitude. Yes, he seems determined to fight some things that do not suit him.

"I told him that he owed much to the Democratic party, which has done everything in its power for him. Every suggestion he met with some objection. But I assured him that if his objections were true, nevertheless it was time now for all to join and help in the campaign. Events were more forcible than any man's opinion."

The Senator told how he had formerly lectured Bryan, but his words did not apparently make much impression with the Nebraskan, who has been plotting against the opposition forces, and trying to prevent Ohio from climbing upon the Parker band wagon.

## CHEAP EXCURSIONS

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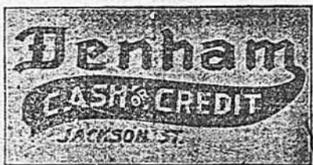
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## PITS FOR ELEPHANTS

THE WAY THE BIG BEASTS IN INDIA ARE CAUGHT.

After They Have Fallen Into the Warily Laid Traps Trained Pachyderms Are Used as Lures and Aids in Completing the Capture.

It will probably interest many of our readers to know how elephants in the interior parts of India are caught in pits. In the first place, one generally knows the "run" of elephants, in which case several pits are dug in different places, and they are so well made that sometimes one has to be careful how one walks, for there is the possibility of a bad fall and a broken neck or legs. The pits are dug in several places, the size of them being about eight to nine feet square and about the same depth. At the bottom of the pit a lot of branches and leaves are placed, so as to break the fall of the elephant as much as possible. Over the mouth of the pit several stout branches are laid and on the top of these some turf, leaves and grass, so as to make the place look as natural as possible. On the occasion of which I am writing six or eight pits had been dug in the above manner, and we expected news every day of a catch.

One morning just as we were going out to do some inspection work a forest guard came running up to say that there had been a fall in one of these pits. We ordered an old tusker to be taken off at once to the place hours before he arrived and found a small cow elephant. She got furious when any one went close to the pit and tried to seize us with her trunk. No time was to be lost. We set to work at once making rope out of fiber which we had brought with us. In the meantime the head guard had got together a lot of coolies cutting branches and young saplings.

Having got everything ready, the tusker's mahout, who had come with us, made a noose out of one of the ropes just made. The next thing was to try to throw the noose over the elephant's neck. The mahout tried several times, but failed. She was simply furious at this and trampled on the rope and charged the sides of the pit. At last the mahout made a splendid shot and got the rope round her neck, and then the tug of war began. She tried all sorts of things to get the rope off, but it was no good. We had the other end of the rope tied to a small tree. Then she stood in the pit quietly for a long time. We now had nothing to do but to wait till the tusker came. When he arrived he had a look at the cow in the pit, and they touched each other's trunk and exchanged elephantine conversation. Then the rope which was round the captive's neck was fastened round the old tusker's body. When all was ready the coolies began throwing small pieces of wood and branches into the pit. Several rather heavy bits hit her on the trunk, which she seemed to object to. She slipped about on these small pieces and lay down several times and groaned. Nothing seemed to move her, although several bricks, etc., were thrown at her.

At last the mahout hit on a happy idea. He had a swaggar red handkerchief, which he took out with a flourish and flicked it at her. Up she got at once, but only to fall again. The same thing was repeated several times. It was pitiable when she lay down and groaned and looked quite helpless. The old tusker was getting sick of this and pulled for all he was worth, which made matters worse. At last the lady, obtaining a foothold, got her forefeet on the top of the pit, and then the old tusker renewed his efforts. Up she came, not on her legs, but on her side. She was dragged in this manner for a few yards, and then the tusker evidently thought he was a bit of a brute to go on in this unmannerly way and stopped. Then she got up to her feet and trumpeted and at once made a dive into the jungle.

Eventually we got her back to camp at 8 p. m., feeling very cold and tired. But we had not finished yet. The next thing was to see her tied up with the others. We had to take lanterns from the camp, besides torches, for it was quite dark, to see her tied up. The old tusker got between the newly captured cow and the mahout, who had a noose ready and got in between the fore legs of the tusker and slipped the noose round the hind leg of the cow and then tied the end of the rope to a tree. When this was done and she found herself tied up she tried to break the rope, stamped on the ground with rage, and when any one went fairly close to her she made a charge at him. Once or twice the old tusker twiggled this little game, turned round and gave her "what for." Then the other rope, which was round the cow's neck, was fastened to another tree opposite her. All the time the old tusker kept between her and his master. It was not till 9 p. m. that I was able to think about dinner.—Cor. Madras Mail.

### A Mysterious Tree.

On the estate of Stora Senby, on Adelsö, an island in Lake Malar, Sweden, there stands an old fir tree stump which is considered by the natives to be a spirit tree. Small coins and trinkets are found in a hole in the stump, and for years no one has been known to find the hole empty. A writer in the Wide World Magazine says he has been there three times and has found a few coins each time. The tree stands far from any dwelling, and there is no village on the island. Snow lies deep round the tree all winter, and no footmarks are to be seen in it, and yet one finds the coins there, apparently without human agency. No one on the island offers any explanation of the mystery.

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Grand Lodge, B. P. O. Elks, July 18-23. One fare plus \$1.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale July 15th, 16th, 17th, good returning until July 23d, inclusive.

Detroit, Mich.

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Louisville, Ky.

Knights of Pythias, Biennial Encampment, August 15-19. One fare plus \$1.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale August 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th, good returning until August 31st, inclusive.

San Francisco, Cal.

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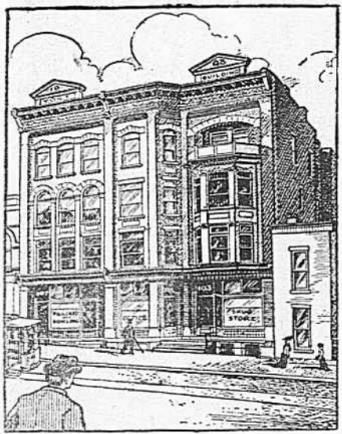
Sovereign Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., September 19-25. One fare for the round trip to Chicago or St. Louis added to fares tendered therefrom (Chicago \$50.00; St. Louis \$47.50). Dates of sale to be announced later.

Toronto, Ont.

Friends' General Conference, August 10-19. One fare plus \$2.00 for the round trip. Tickets on sale August 9th to 11th, good returning until August 31st, inclusive.

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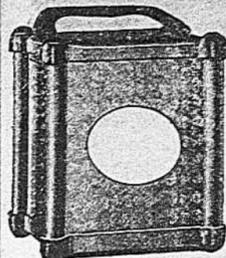
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  - No. 55.—Wheeling & Cincinnati Express. 7:29 P. M.
  - No. 71.—Wheeling Accommodation... 1:36 P. M.

- EAST BOUND.
- No. 8.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express. 3:25 A. M.
  - No. 72.—Grafton Accom'n 10:53 A. M.
  - No. 46.—New York, Baltimore and Washington Express. 1:48 P. M.
  - No. 4.—Grafton Accom'n 8:38 P. M.

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