

TIGER TAMING.

A STURDY HEART, STRONG ARM
AND STOUT CLUB NECESSARY.

The Vaunted Power of the Human
Eye a Myth—How the Tiger's
Claws Are Clipped—
Training Secrets.

A New York Sun reporter describes a recent interview with George Conklin, Superintendent of Barnum's menagerie. We quote as follows:

Mr. Conklin and his visitor approached a long cage standing in line with many other cages in a long one-story brick building, which bounded the eastern end of the great enclosure which the big show occupies during the winter season. The cage had five Bengal tigers in it. Four of them were together. The fifth was separated from the others by a temporary iron grating. Two of the four tigers which were in company had thick leather collars round their necks and stout chains several feet long fastened to them. The tiger in solitary confinement was similarly harnessed.

"Well," said Mr. Conklin, "I'll tell you one thing we do besides feeding these tigers. We train them. Those fellows in there who have chains on them, and are just now spitting and growling at us in such savage style, are new. We have had them only a month or two. The others are old boys who will let me go into the cage and not say a word to me. By the time we go on the road they will all let me go into the cage. I give them a lesson every day. That's one thing we do during the winter."

"How do you tame them?" asked the visitor.

"It's easily done," said the trainer carelessly. "Every day I have the men catch the ends of the chains which hold the new tigers, and fasten them to the bars so they can only move a certain distance. Then I arm myself with a raw-hide whip and a stout club and enter the cage. I take a chair with me and sit down in the corner. The minute I get in the untrained tigers spring at me. No doubt they would chew me to shreds if they got at me, but the chains hold them and they only tumble on the floor. I hit them smartly with the whip and they crouch back and snarl. After a little I shove my chair closer. Then they jump at me again, but again they are thrown down by their chains. I shove closer and repeat the programme, and finally I get so close that they can touch me with their noses, but not bite me. Here I sit for a long time, talking to them as long as they remain quiet, and switching them with all the force possible when they become fierce. In the course of a few weeks they become used to my entrance, and only cringe and snarl at me. Then I try them, one by one, without a chain. I have never so far used the club. Now I hold it ready to deal a mighty blow if necessary, but it is seldom necessary. The tiger is subdued and permits my entrance whenever I choose. I have got these tigers here nearly tamed. They snarl yet, you see, but next week I will tackle them without chains. That fellow in the other compartment is tractable enough, but he persists in fighting with the big Bengal, so we have to keep them separate. Do you see that long mark on his belly? He and the big fellow had a particularly hard fight the other day, and that is one result. If we hadn't had the big fellow's claws clipped beforehand, he'd have ripped open the new one from end to end. So there's another delicate job for me. I've got to get those tigers on good terms."

"Is there any basis of truth in many stories that are told of the power of the human eye over wild beasts?"

"Not the slightest," said Conklin disdainfully. "Of course it is true that a man who aims to subdue wild beasts must show a fearless front, and no doubt the eye shares with the body generally the task of impressing the beast. But the real requisite is real fearlessness. If a man's heart is sturdy he need not care a rap about his eyes. He can leave them to themselves just as he leaves the other members of his body. The secret of taming wild beasts is the realization that all wild beasts, however ferocious, are at heart cowards—particularly if they belong to the cat family, as lions, tigers, leopards, and panthers do. That granted, a stout heart, a stout arm, and a stout whip or club is all that is necessary. I never have known fear."

"Do you always clip the claws of your ferocious animals?"

"Those of the cat tribe, always," said the trainer. "It is quite a job, too, and requires a number of men. You've got to get your lion or tiger bound in such a way as to throw him on his side and then reach in through the bars and grab his four feet. These you pull out between the bars and hold tight. This is no small job in the case of a very large lion or tiger. They struggle violently, even after they are helpless and while the operation of clipping is going on. I killed a fine panther this winter clipping his claws, or rather he killed himself. After we had him securely down so he could hardly move a muscle, he strained so in his efforts to free himself that he broke a blood vessel and died almost instantly."

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REALTY IN VIENNA.

Property Values and the Method of Con-
ducting Sales and Transfers.

Statistics compiled by the Call
Board Committee of the Chicago Real
Estate Board shows the following
facts regarding realty in Vienna and
the method of conducting transfers,
etc.:

Property is valued by the square
meter—equivalent to nearly eleven
square feet. Outside the city, property
is valued by the yoke; a yoke is equal
to about one and one-fourth acres.

The new wards of the city will be
more uniform than the older portions,
and be divided into blocks. But the
blocks are much longer and wider than
with us, and are much sub-divided. The
most valuable property is on Stephan-
platz, Karntnerstrasse, Graban, Kohl-
markt and Kingstrasse streets, where
on an average it is worth about \$100 to
\$110 a square foot.

Transfers are made by warranty
deed, and mortgages are used as with
us—notes separate from the mortgage
are not used. The mortgage and note
are on one document, and in case of a
number of payments a separate com-
bined note and mortgage is used for
each payment; common rates of interest
are 5 and 6 per cent.

Lawyers do the business. A system
of records lies exposed in the Court
House of every ward in the city. The
cost of the copy of a record, or its ex-
amination, is stated to be generally 1
florin (41 cents).

In the "inner town," six months' no-
tice to leave has to be given to the tenant.
In the nine other wards only three
months' notice is required. All rents are
paid six months in advance, May and
November being generally the time of
said payments.

A ground tax is invariably collected,
but houses not rented pay no other tax
until they are rented. When a build-
ing is rented, the Government requires
a blank to be filled out and turned into
it at once, giving the premises rented,
terms of lease, etc., and signed by the
tenant and owner. The numerous
taxes on property in Vienna, amount at
the lowest to 42 per cent of the yearly
income. In some cases it amounts to
more than 50 per cent. Mortgages are
taxed. The rights of creditors of
owners of property differ somewhat in
different portions of the city. Property
has "servituten," i. e., rights gained by
long occupation, but said rights are
considered as but a limited lien. En-
tailed property can be sequestrated for
a number of years until the debt is li-
quidated. When an owner of property,
a husband, dies leaving no will, his
wife and children all share alike equally.
A wife dying barren without making a
will, the husband has no right of in-
heritance, but the birth of a child,
though only living an hour, gives the
husband all rights of inheritance.
Where there are children and no will,
the children inherit equally. The
father can only claim a small sum for
sustenance, if in poor circumstances.
Sales of real estate are infrequent. All
sales as well as all property inherited
is published in the newspapers, being
previously recorded in the register of the
ward where such property lies.—Chi-
cago Journal.

A Very Solemn Road.

We pass by fish-ponds where a man is
sorting fish out of a hand-net; farm-
houses, the women coming to their doors
to gaze at the "white barbarians;"
through rice fields where the path is so
narrow that the chair hangs above a
depth of watery ooze, writes a traveler
of the road to Canton, China.

Here and there among the newly
turned fields is a patch of vivid green—
rice plants awaiting transplanting; a
crop of trefoil; or lotus with their ex-
quisite leaves, each plant growing alone
in wet mud. The Celestials are lotus-
eaters, but the food has lost its virtue
since the days of Ulysses, for the
"heaven Chinese" takes opium when he
wants to dream.

The road winds on through sparse
bamboo plantations, past hedges in fresh
spring green, starred with jessamine
and tiny white wild roses; and all along
the way on every scrap of rising ground
are graves! those of poor people for
the most part, whose relations cannot
afford a granite slab, and only a sod of
turf shows some one lies below, some
one who has worked out his life's story
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