

TRAINING CHILDREN FOR CIRCUS LIFE IS GENTLE

Old Time Acrobat Says Modern Methods Are Mild.

"Boys have a pretty easy time now-days," said the old circus acrobat. "When I began to work, a boy was treated like so much soft metal that had to be hammered into shape. If he missed a trick he usually got a cuff at the side of the head, and if he didn't pick up after this it sometimes went a good deal further and left him with black and blue marks. That was the way of doing things then, and boys were treated as if they had just so much stupidity that had to be knocked out. This is all changed, and I am glad of it. Youngsters in these days are coddled and looked after like so many tenderlings that would wither and split under a stiff lake breeze.

"I was a German turner at the age of 5, and at the age of 10 the bars and trapeze were playthings for me that made the old folks' eyes stand out with pleasure. When a showman came along and offered to take me with him, my head nearly spun off its pivot. The old folks were wild at the idea, and it took a long time to talk them into a belief that it would be a good thing for me to hook up with this showman, who would watch over me and be responsible for me. I think the old people were brought around more by the idea that I would run away if they didn't consent, and that would make the future a whole lot worse for me. "Well, sir, I don't think my mind ever had so many pleasant pictures in it as



PYRAMID CLIMAX OF ACROBATIC SPECIALTIES.



SOMERSAULTING FROM SHOULDER TO SHOULDER.

at this time, when looking ahead at the imagined charms of a circus performer's career. I took to the work like a duck takes to water, and although I saw a good deal of the old-fashioned method of treating slow juveniles, I must say that I was treated pretty well and had no great cause for complaint. I grew fast and strong, and took great pride in accomplishing new tricks.

"Before I was 21 I married, and before long little ones came into my care. I liked the work and began to think of making my boys professional acrobats. How to do this without any of the harshness of which I had been a witness, and which was a tradition of the business, made me think a good deal. I got the boys interested in their work by telling them of the great rewards success would bring them and by winning their confidence.

"The confidence of a child is a wonderful thing, and will make them forget all fear. By the old way of teaching, when a boy made a slip, he got a blow with a stick as well as a hard fall. That would take the courage out of a man or a beast, so what could you expect from a child? I just took the other course and used encouraging words. Of course, the great thing is to avoid accidents, and I watched every move and took every precaution to this end. Then I took the little fellow on my shoulder and taught him to stand erect, while I reeled around. If I felt there was going to be a fall I forgot the wheel and myself and everything to save the child. In this way the little fellow learns that his protector's eye is ever open for him, and him only, and he gains confidence with every effort.

"Aids Help Beginners. "In these days mechanical devices are used to prevent accident. Although performers claim that it is better not to make use of them, as they are apt to make the learner lean too much upon outside aids, they are generally found rigged up in training quarters. One of

ing up high, and has the most perfect confidence in himself. Even after the youngster has shown great self-reliance, there is danger of a lapse, and only weeks of patient training upon a single perilous act can justify the risk of a public performance.

"Initial Delights of Child. "The first public exhibition repays the child for all the hard work and discouragement of the training. The music, lights, the enormous crowd of attentive people and the applause which comes after the best feat, sink into the juvenile nature with delight too sweet for words. He feels that after all the many months of hard work, and the dangers of it, he has been able to do something which not only lifts him above all those of his own age, but makes all the grown people marvel.

"Youngsters Full of Steam. "Look on this time on a father must look out sharply lest the enthusiastic youngster overtax his strength, and grows stale. The boy is now full of steam, and moves around as if the world was an easy thing for him. He is a long way from the boy that has to be driven to split wood or hoe a potato patch.

"Often when we are traveling through the country, I get the Ringling Brothers to give me a day off and go on a fishing trip into the country. Sundays we always go into the country. Sometimes for an aimless long tramp, sometimes for a fishing trip and sometimes to shoot, but never to work over the new feat. I believe in boys and their boys and my boys are as fond of the woods as a trapper.

"Young Minds Cultivated. "Of course, boys must study some, but that after all is not the most important thing. Give a boy a good strong body, and the study will come easy enough later, and he will do his studying better. Two or three hours every morning my boys are busy with their books, and they are always glad to get at them. Their bodies are strong, the flesh on their cheeks is firm and rosy and they never have any sickness. Living outdoors as they do, practically physically, as they must, and always this care, beyond their lot, I fall to see, wherein their lot could be bettered much in any other situation they might be placed.

"Circus Life is Healthy. "My good health and vigor, I credit to the circus life I have lived. A man who spends for his living upon a clear eye, steady nerve, and strong arm, must walk carefully in the way of living. Of course, he must miss a good many pleasures common to the ordinary man, but then he remembers the exchange of health, vigorous eye and arm, must walk that comes to him, and I don't think he feels very badly. Only the other day I met an old acrobat who had turned 65 and he was as hearty a looking old fellow as I ever saw. He stood as straight as a rod, and he looked as sturdy and alert as a broad-shouldered athlete of 30 or 35."

Since then bad blood has existed between the two men. Threats have been made by Moody, it is said, and when he met Sullivan in Frank Scott's saloon about 3:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon, the latter began calling him names. Moody started for a side door and Sullivan for the front door, both pulling revolvers. Sullivan is said to have drawn his weapon first. Moody fired twice, the first bullet taking effect. Postmaster J. E. Brader ran out the front door and thrust two little girls who were passing out of the line of fire.

DEMONSTRATION IN BOSTON. (Special Special Service.) Boston, Mass., Aug. 27.—The Democrats of Boston and vicinity turned out in full force today at the big demonstration held in Charles River park and which marked the real opening of the Democratic campaign in New England. Senator Bailey of Texas and Col. William A. Gaston were the chief speakers.

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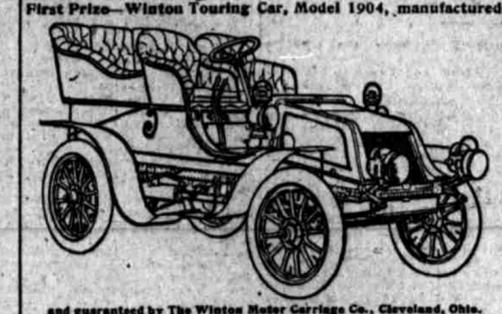
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A \$400 PIANO to be awarded as a special prize for the nearest correct estimate received on or before September 1st. Two prizes on one guess is what you have a chance to win if you send in your estimate at once. In addition to the special prize you have an equal chance at 5,000 other prizes.



The Cable Co., Chicago.



First Prize—Winton Touring Car, Model 1904, manufactured and guaranteed by The Winton Motor Carriage Co., Cleveland, Ohio.



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CONDITIONS OF THIS GREAT CONTEST. This contest is based on the total vote to be cast for the office of President of the United States, and will close at midnight, November 7th, 1904. The official figures of the government will determine the result, and the prizes will be awarded by a committee of disinterested judges. Estimates will receive a certificate for each estimate, and these will entitle the holders to such prizes as they may win. When the contest is decided each estimator will receive a printed list of the successful estimators.

HOW TO MAKE AN ESTIMATE. It costs you nothing to be entitled to participate. You pay only the regular price of the paper and you get free a chance to win one or more of the 5,000 handsome and valuable prizes. You are entitled to one guess for each twenty-five cents paid on subscription account, provided remittance and subscription are forwarded together, but no estimate will be allowed on a remittance of less than one dollar.

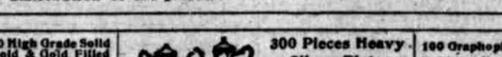
DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES. These 5,000 prizes, valued at \$40,000, are all the finest of their kind to be obtained in the market, and their quality is guaranteed by the well known firms which are the sole distributors. They will be distributed to the winners on the absolute merit of their estimates by the Central Press Association of Chicago. In case of a tie for any individual prize, it will be awarded (jointly). Participation in this contest is not confined to our readers, as the contest is being advertised in a number of other publications, the subscribers to all of which have an equal opportunity to share in the distribution of the prizes.



50 Ranges and Stoves, made and guaranteed by The Kalamazoo



Clark Piano Co., Chicago.



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100 Moore's Non-Leakable Fountain Pens.



100 Gem Safety Razors, guaranteed

THE PRIZE LIST.

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