Trained Seals.

They are exhibited in the large tank at the Aquarian, which was constructed for the white whale, and has been recently devoted to the exposition of the natatorial powers of Miss Annie Beckwith. At one end a small tent has been erected on a platform raised a couple of inches above the water. From the upper surface of this the seals can glide into the fluid or return at will. Their first performance was a violent tugging at two bell pulls, to give notice to the visitors. The bells were in hideous discord, and the noise was continued far too long for the comfort of the auditors. The bells removed, the animals took, at the command of their keeper, their stations on two inclined boards, which raised their head and fore limbs above the general surface of the platform. To one hand-like forefoot of the male was attached a cymbal, with which it struck another conveniently placed in front, while the female was playing the tambourine by striking it with very great rapidity. The musical discord was varied by the keeper holding a banjo to the smaller performer, who evoked hideous sounds by rapidly scraping across the strings with her nails. This done, the audience were informed that the animals were about to indulge in smoking. Short pipes, about six inches long. were placed in their mouths, on my second the male but declined, having been alarmed by the too near approach of the flame to his face. Various articles, as baskets, logs of wood, etc., were then thrown into the and quickly and easily retrieved and brought to the keeper's hand by both the animals. The next performance consisted in both animals climbing up by aid of their fore limbs, a ladder rising from the surface of the water at an angle of about 45 degrees. After diving into the water from the top of the ladder the animals shot themselves by the impetus of their rapid motion on to the platform, and seizing a couple of short cords attached to revolvers, fired a rapid succession of shots. The performance concluded by a remarkable exposition of the strengthipossessed by these animals when in the water. A small boat capable of holding three children, whose united weights must have been about about eight or nine stone, was dragged very rapidly around the tank by the two seals in succession. A small collar was placed over the head, to which the traces were attached - that were to the boat. The secured strength displayed by the seals was remarkable; the little boat, pulled by the muscular strength of one animal, threw off the water from its bows as if it had been propelled by a vigorous sculler. The exhibition was to me of a peculiarly interesting character. The animals manifested a great degree of intelligence and docility, in keeping with their high cerebrial development. Nevertheless, they have their peculiar mental idiosyncrasies. One of their characteristics is extreme susceptibility to alarm; the slight-est alteration or fright will throw them out of work, and it is difficult to reassure them. Their training was effected by a system of rewards, without any punishment, and the visitors may notice a piece of fish dropped into the mouth of each after the performance of every trick. The amount of fish devoured by these two animals is about 3000 pounds per diem. The oleaginous Clupeidae, herrings, pilchards, etc., are preferred; but failing these, whitings, haddocks, etc., are given, these being carefully cut open to insure the absence of any fish hooks, which have repeatedly caused the death of captive seals, and possibly of wild ones also.-|London Field.

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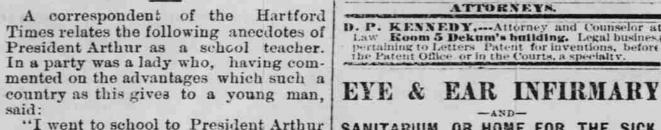
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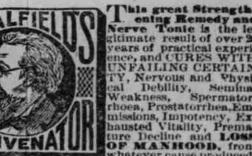
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