

HAS FINE TRAITS

Animal Trainer Reveals Facts About Elephant.

Says the Brute is Both Tender and Affectionate, Though He Will Hold Grudge Against One Who Has Abused Him.

An elephant lives to a great age and comes to maturity slowly, and is not full-grown until from thirty-five to forty years old. It is a mistake to think an elephant is clumsy because he looks so. In proportion to its size an elephant is much lighter on its feet than a horse, and can outrun most horses for a short distance, and there is no one of an elephant's four feet that he cannot strike or kick quickly and accurately with.

An elephant can stand considerable cold if he is kept moving. I have taken elephants in Bridgeport, fitted bags over their ears and tails and worked them up to their bellies in the snow pushing cars without its doing them any harm. On the other hand, I lost a fine elephant once as a result of exposure to the cold, writes George Conklin in the Saturday Evening Post.

The elephant is the most affectionate of animals and will watch over and protect a favorite keeper, and he will also hold a grudge against one for some time, watching for an opportunity to get even with him. But I do not believe those popular stories of elephants that have remembered being cheated by strangers and squirting water over them when they had an opportunity after the lapse of years.

An angry elephant, however, is a dangerous thing, and an elephant keeper who is rough is always running a risk. A cross elephant is usually made so by the keeper. Some men are naturally cruel and are willing to do anything to satisfy their desire to show off. This is apt to be a fault of new men around elephants. I knew of the case of a fellow called Bayou Bill, who was with the Jerry Mable show. An elephant put her trunk round his shoulders, pulled him off his horse and before anyone could prevent she put one of her feet on his legs, pulled him in two and threw the pieces over her back. I have also known many instances of men being squeezed to death between a wall and an elephant's head or under its foot. But from a keeper or trainer who treats them properly an elephant will accept punishment, and when it has given in the man can do almost anything with it and the animal will not lay it up against him.

In spite of its great size the elephant is quite timid. A strange animal or an unfamiliar noise will start him in a panic. Once Tody Hamilton, the Barnum & Bailey press agent, had me demonstrate to a group of New York reporters how easy it was to frighten an elephant. It was at the winter quarters in Bridgeport. We had at the time some two or three dozen elephants, and I let a pig loose among them. There was a commotion at once. They snorted and squealed and kicked—and, by the way, they can use their hind legs like gatling guns. I also put some rats in among them, and they were just as afraid of them. If they had not been well chained the whole bunch would have run away.

Elephants are driven from the rear, or left, side, like oxen. The driver tells them to shy when he wants them to go to the right and says "come in" to bring them toward him. "Mile" means to go fast; "mule up" to trot, and when he wants them to stop the driver calls out "tat."

Misinterpreting His Motive.

At about three o'clock one morning—according to Toby, M. P.—Mr. T. P. O'Connor was orating in the house of commons to 12 or 15 members lying about in various stages of drowsiness.

Sir Patrick O'Brien was amongst them, and, now and then, rescuing himself with a start from falling asleep, audibly engaged in conversation.

"I protest against this disorderly conduct!" exclaimed Mr. O'Connor, at length. "The honorable baronet is constantly interrupting me."

"Sir," replied Sir Patrick, with a graceful bow, "the honorable gentleman misinterprets my motive. I interrupted, it is true; but it was with the intention of waking the honorable gentleman's audience." — Pearson's Weekly.

Five more alleged members of the I. W. W. were indicted under the criminal syndicalism act in the final report of the Multnomah county February grand jury, returned to Presiding Judge McCourt Saturday.

State Treasurer Hoff has increased the appraisement of the estate of C. O. Bigelow, who died a few months ago in Josephine county, from \$30,713 to \$40,713. Inheritance tax on the estate as now appraised will total \$475.

TYPIFIED SPIRIT OF FRANCE

Elderly Peasant Woman Proud That She Had Given Three Sons to Her Beloved Country.

"While I was in France several other boys and I were taking a Sunday afternoon hike and as we approached a little village we overtook a poor peasant woman, whose back was bent with toil and care, whose hair was gray with years of suffering, slowly hobbling along carrying a heavy pair of wooden shoes on her feet and pushing a wheelbarrow loaded with little pieces of wood that she had spent hours in gathering," says the "Flying Parson," Lieut. Helvin W. Maynard, in his article, "The Thrill of High Adventure," in Boys' Life. "One of the boys offered to push the wheelbarrow for her, but she, being so unaccustomed to such favors, looked at him in astonishment as though she thought he wished to steal her wood.

"Soon she was convinced he was friendly and allowed him to push her wheelbarrow for her. The expression of joy and happiness that beamed through the wrinkles of her careworn face I shall never forget. She insisted that we go to her home with her. We did, and there found an humble little stone building, unattractive, unfinished, and with no modern conveniences to add to its comforts. Seated in this cold, damp little hut she told us of real sacrifice. Although its floor was stone, its stove, which was the fireplace, its table, and its beds were all in one room, it was a home, and within its walls had been born and reared three stalwart and brave sons of France, who had given their lives for their country. This poor woman—I thought she must be poor—was happy and proud. Proud that she had given three sons to the cause of France. To her they could not have been born for a more noble cause. She would not have had them die otherwise. Was she poor? Far from it. With such a spirit no one can be poor."

Grammar and Washing.

"But Mrs. Wissinger," spoke up one of the young women teachers, "if you were to take in washing, you would get \$6 a day, as against we teachers' \$5," and again there was laughter.

We should think, remarks the Portland Oregonian, there would also have been consternation, if the other guides of the young mind and guardians of good English who heard the remark were not wholly off duty. The paragraph is from the Oregonian's report of a meeting at Milwaukee, Ore., between the school board and the public school teachers.

It is interesting and very pleasing to note that Milwaukee washerwoman get \$6 per day. It is somewhat above the scale, we hear, in other places, though there was an interesting story in the papers the other day about the modern washerwoman's practice of going to work in her automobile.

But what we started out to say was that the particular school teacher quoted would do better, far better, on several accounts, to take up washing where no questions will be asked about her grammar. Or has the wicked reporter put words in her mouth that she did not use?

Thought Cape Ann Greenland.

Cape Ann, which furnished a bleak and barren haven for adventurous explorers, was settled temporarily only three years after the Mayflower arrived at Plymouth. Some evidence indicates that Thorwald's "Cape of the Cross," which he thought to be a projection of Greenland, was the bleak Cape Ann. Capt. John Smith landed on what is now Cape Ann, and called it Tragabigzanda in honor of a Turkish Pocahontas who did not risk her head, but who fed him while he was a prisoner. Captain Smith explored the coast within two decades before the Pilgrims came.

Reports like that of Captain Smith "angling with a hook, and crossing the sweet air from isle to isle" attracted many English fishing vessels. However, the early settlers seem to have sought their subsistence largely through agriculture. It was not until 1700 that the northeast corner of Massachusetts became identified particularly with fishing.

Enjoyed Long Life.

They grow 'em long and hardy in the village of Shifnal, which claims the longevity record for England.

Headstones in a churchyard are cited, the two star exhibits being the stones of William Wakley, "aged one hundred and twenty-four and upward," and Mary, wife of Joseph Kates, aged one hundred and twenty-seven, who married a third husband at ninety-two.

Wakley lived in the reigns of eight kings and queens.

Playing Safe.

Mr. Hardface—No, dear; I can't kiss you here; it's too light.

Miss Manchester—But you kissed me on this very spot last night, under the electric light.

Mr. Hardface—True; but this is daylight, and some one might get a snapshot of me with a concealed camera.

ALL FOR THE BEST

Mr. Goslington Philosophizes on Human Ills.

Finally Comes to the Very Wise Conclusion That Many Seeming Misfortunes Are Really Blessings in Disguise.

"Glimmerby, my friend Glimmerby," said Mr. Goslington, "propounds the theory that both poverty and worry are conducive to longevity, and I think there is something in that. I am not so sure about the worry, and yet I think even that may be true! I can see, for instance, that if a man worried hard enough he would keep himself lean and so escape the ill and inconveniences attendant upon obesity; but that poverty tends to lengthen life I have no doubt whatever.

"The man who is poor, as we most of us are, has to work for a living. Surely it is in work that we are most blessed; and if we have work to do in which we are interested, that appeals to us, then are we fortunate indeed; we find a pleasure in labor and a joy in accomplishment; and it makes me smile to think how in such work we forget our worries entirely.

"So we don't really need to consider whether worry is a life prolonger or not; all we want to lengthen our days is to be poor, poor enough so that we have to work and keep plugging; but I do wonder that Glimmerby did not mention along with poverty and worry, as among the things that might tend to prolong life, our physical ailments.

"Some years ago a friend of mine began to lose weight and he kept on in that way until he had lost 25 pounds. Then he consulted a doctor. It was something that could be checked, controlled and perhaps entirely cured if the patient would follow faithfully the prescribed treatment; and then he was told that the general benefits he would derive from the treatment were such that his life might be prolonged to a greater limit than it would have reached if he had never had this ailment at all.

"I might add that this friend has now recovered several of his lost pounds, he is feeling very chipper and cheerful and he fully expects to live to be a very old man.

"The fact is that many things that we may look at, when they come upon us, as drawbacks are in reality blessings in disguise."

All Alike.

Lady Astor, the American M. P., told in London the other day a story about an anti-suffragist.

"Anti-suffragists are all alike," she said. "Once I was canvassing for signatures to a petition about Lord Milner, the viceroy to India at that time. When I called on Mr. Boggs, the grocer, he read the petition carefully and then said:

"Who is this here Milner, ma'am?" "Our Indian viceroy," said I.

"'Wot's a viceroy?' said Mr. Boggs.

"'A pro-consul, you know.' And I explained Lord Milner's position in detail.

"Mr. Boggs, satisfied, dipped his pen in the ink; then he looked anxiously.

"'You're not lettin' the women sign this, are you?' he said.

"'Oh, no, indeed,' said I.

"'That's right,' said Mr. Boggs, as he slowly traced his signature. 'That's right, ma'am. Women don't know nothin' about these things.'"

Radium Economy.

The use of radium on a large scale therapeutically involves danger of loss, and this factor has been a big one in inducing hospitals and clinics with a gram or more of the element in use to utilize radium emanation instead of applicators containing the radium itself. There has been installed in a Pittsburgh laboratory an elegant and useful apparatus for the collection, purification and tubing of radiation emanation obtained from a salt of the element. It differs from earlier apparatus in that liquid air is replaced by chemical means of purifying the emanation, which are felt to be more reliable.

Remonstrance against the paving of Railroad street was made at the meeting of the Albany city council by abutting property owners and may result in the former decision to pave the street being rescinded.

The Beaver Portland Cement plant at Gold Hill, under the superintendency of W. H. Green, is now ready to operate. Repairs have been completed and the plant cleaned up ready for a steady run of 1000 barrels per day. The plant represents an expenditure of nearly \$100,000.

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