

THE SAME OLD CIRCUS.

W. D. Howells Tells of His Joyous Visit to the Wild Pleasures of the Circus.

The circus announced itself in the good old way weeks beforehand by the vast posters of former days and by a profusion of small bills which fell upon the village as from the clouds, and left it littered everywhere with their festive pink. They prophesied it by a same borne by the first circus I ever saw, which was also an animal show, but the animals must all have died during the fifty years past, for there is now no menagerie attached to it. I did not know this when I heard the band playing through the streets of the village on the morning of the performance, and for me the many old camels and the pimpled elephants of yore led the procession through accompanying ranks of boys who have mostly been in their graves for half a lifetime, the distracted ostrich thrust an advertising neck through the top of the cage, and the lion roared to himself in the darkness of his moving prison. I felt the old thrill of excitement, the vain hope of something preternatural and impossible, and I do not know what could have kept me from that circus, as soon as I had done lunch. My heart rose at sight of the large tent (which was yet so very little in comparison with the tents of the three-ring and two-platform circuses); the alluring and illusory side shows of fat women and lean men; the horses tethered in the background and stamping under the fly-bites; the old, weather-beaten grand chariot which looked like the ghost of the grand chariot which used to drag the captive in his triumph; and the canvas shelters where the cooks were already at work over their kettles on the evening meal of the circus folk.

Throughout the performance at this circus I was troubled by a curious question, whether it were really of the same moral and material grandeur as the circuses it brought to memory, or whether these were thin and slight too. We all know how the places of our childhood, the heights, the distances, shrink and dwindle when we go back to them, and was it possible that I had been deceived in the splendor of my early circuses? The doubt was painful, but I was forced to own that there might be more truth in it than in a blind fealty to their remembered magnificence. Very likely circuses have grown not only in size but in the richness and variety of their entertainments, and I was spoiled for the simple joys of this. But I could see no reflection of my dissatisfaction on the young faces around me, and I must confess that there was at least so much of the circus that I left when it was half over. I meant to go into the side shows and see the fat woman and the living skeleton, and take the giant by the hand and the armless man by his friendly foot, if I might be so honored. But I did none of these things, and I am willing to believe the fault was in me, if I was disappointed in the circus. It was I who had shrunk and dwindled and not it. To real boys it was still the size of the firmament, and was a world of wonders and delights. At least I can recognize this fact now, and can rejoice in the peaceful progress all over the country of the simple circuses which the towns never see, but which help to render the summer fairer and brighter to the unsold eyes and hearts they appeal to. I hope it will be long before they cease to find profit in the pleasure they give.—Harper's Weekly.

Ways of the Woodcock.

These long-beaked, migratory birds, which are as interesting to the gourmet as to the hunter, remain concealed in the darkness of the woods all day, and do not leave their hiding-places until it begins to grow dark; then, in the spring, they first fly in zig-zags around the edges of the woods, often in twos or threes, finally coming to the open, damp places of the woods, or to the pastures, or to the edges of water, or to the woods, in search of food, which preferably consists of different kinds of worms and insect larvae. In the morning twilight the woodcock repeats this zig-zag flight and searching for worms. At their breeding-places they fly in the same way again as soon as the young brood is able to take care of itself, but in the late fall the birds seldom move in this way. They then generally hurry to the feeding-places. The woodcock does not live long in captivity. His inclination to migrate shows itself continually; but he is not afraid of men, and never fails to eat the worm which is thrown to him. In spite of his voracity, however, the woodcock generally grows thin when in captivity and finally dies.

The Blessing of Ignorance.

Few persons will be disposed to deny that when the noble chairman of a congress of teachers selects the praise of ignorance as his theme he deserves public thanks for a contribution to the safety of nations. This is what Prince Czartoryski, a member of the Austrian Chamber of Peers, has just done at the Padagogogus at Stry, in Galicia, where he credited illiteracy, in which Austrian Poland takes high rank, with having a favorable influence upon the character and understanding. According to the Prince, the illiterate are, for the most part, well-behaved and sensible. Education and enlightenment in the hands of common people are like an axe which may be useful but may also be an instrument of mischief. History shows that enlightenment is not essential to happiness and prosperity. Political considerations may, perhaps, account for this extraordinary desire for greater ignorance in Galicia, but it would be interesting to know what induced Prince Czartoryski to select an educational congress as the place for giving expression to it.—Vienna Correspondence London Times.

Big Feet Once Fashionable.

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Awful War.

Terrible Deeds of Spanish Soldiers in Santa Clara Province.

Maddened by his inability to crush the insurgent armies, Captain General Weyler continues to wage war on innocent women and children and helpless old men in Cuba.

The latest story in regard to Spanish atrocities comes from Villa Clara, the capital of the Province of Santa Clara. Colonel Rodriguez commands the Spanish troops in that province, and he is slaughtering the innocents in a way to delight Weyler. A letter from Villa Clara gives an account of the terrible deeds. According to the letter, Colonel Rodriguez, at the head of 1000 Spaniards, left Cruces recently on a scouting expedition. He took a route through the rural districts, and made stops at different towns and villages, which were looted and burned. He devastated farms, killed horses and cattle, and in fact, destroyed everything that would sustain life.

In the towns of Potrevillo, Majagua and Megas Neuvas the ferocious instincts of the Spanish soldiery ran riot, and deeds were committed as horrible as those credited to the Turks. Old men were shot down as they ran from their blazing homes, and women and young girls were assaulted, the Spanish soldiers even being so fiendish as to satiate their infernal lust on daughters in the presence of the mothers of the victims.

In the three towns named thirty-seven old men, six women and eight children were killed. Each of the women was slain in defense of her own house or in fighting to save her daughter from outrage. The murder of Senora Valdes and daughter was peculiarly atrocious. After the women had fled from their burning home they were seized by the soldiers, who made insulting proposals to them. The mother and daughter fought for their honor, but were overpowered. After the women were assaulted they were shot dead.

The wife of Antonio Fabian was shot through the heart, because she struck a soldier, who was trying to assault her 12-year-old daughter. The aged mother of Senora Fabian was bayoneted because she denounced the murder of her daughter.

Many of the most comely women from the towns named were forced to accompany the troops, and when Colonel Rodriguez returned to Villa Clara there were nearly a hundred miserable creatures in his train, who had seen their homes burned, relatives murdered and been forced themselves to become the victims of the soldiers. Colonel Rodriguez, in reporting the result of the expedition, stated he had dispersed numerous bands of insurgents. As a matter of fact, he did not go near an insurgent camp, and he triumphed over helpless old men and innocent women and children.

Editor J. L. Montgomery, of Marshall, (Ill.) Democrat, states that for many years, he suffered untold agony from Dyspepsia. At last he began to take Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and by the time he used six bottles, he was as well as ever. Cures others, will cure you.

Winking and Reading.

A well known doctor has shown that winking is more frequent as the retina becomes more fatigued, and it has been found that in reading at a distance the number of winks is 1.8 with electrical illumination, 2.8 with gaslight, while with weak illumination, which barely permits reading, the number is 6.8 per minute.

Lippinott's Magazine For November, 1896.

The complete novel in the November issue of Lippinott's is "An Interrupted Current," by Howard M. Yost, a new writer with a happy knack of story-telling. The scene is in eastern Pennsylvania, and the action turns on tracing the perpetrators of a bank robbery and their plunder.

"Simon Smith" was the alias of an innocent fugitive from justice in Colorado, who was sheltered by a clergy of the improved modern type. His tale—from and to the life—is from the pen of the late Dr. William R. Mackay. Le Roy Armstrong, in the sharp western manner, tells of a kind of "Journalism that Pays."

"The Land of the Five Tribes," i. e., Indian Territory, is instructively described in brief space by Allan Hendricks. Alvan F. Sanborn casts more light on "English Traits," and R. G. Robinson on "Florida Snakes."

"Modern Ancestors and Armorial Bearings" are lightly handled by Adrian Schade van Westrum. The "Two Sides" of a long-standing controversy—between editors and those who seek to be contributors—are considered by Frederic M. Bird.

Dr. James Weir, Jr. a promising naturalist of Kentucky, finds in some of the animals what he calls "The Sixth Sense" or homing instinct, which enables them to return promptly to their quarters after an outing. "Breads, Condiments, and Fruits" are discussed in order by Calvin Dill Wilson. "The Wind" is imaginatively treated by William Potts.

The poetry of this number is by Ella Gilbert Ives, Carrie Blake Morgan, and Prof. Charles G. D. Roberts.

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The undersigned executors of Fannie Freas, late of the Borough of Berwick, in the County of Columbia, Pa., deceased, will expose to public sale on the premises on

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 1896,

at ten o'clock a. m. of said day, all the following described real estate to-wit: All that messuage, tenement and tract of land situate in the township of Briar Creek, County of Columbia and State of Penna., bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a stone corner; thence by lands of Emmor Dietrick, south 89 1/2 degrees east, 42 perches to a stone; thence by the same south 73 1/2 degrees east, 32 perches to a stone; thence by the same south 87 1/2 degrees east 37 6-10 perches to a white oak; thence by the same south 11 1/2 degrees east, 19 perches to a stone; thence by the same south 84 1/2 degrees east, 28 4-10 perches to a stone; thence by land of Hannah Sporenberger north 82 degrees east, 40 9-10 perches to a stone; thence by land of Eli Whitney north 71 1/2 degrees east, 66 5-10 perches to a stone; then by other lands of the estate of Henry Rittenhouse deceased, north 54 1/2 degrees west, 42 perches to a stone; thence by the same north 81 degrees west, 5 perches to a stone; thence by the same north 1 degree west, 28 8-10 perches to a stone; thence by land of the heirs of John Conner deceased, south 83 degrees west, 50 5-10 perches to a stone; thence by the same south 48 1/2 degrees west, 19 8-10 perches to a stone; thence by the same and lands of Levi Shaffer north 86 degrees west, 104 perches to a pine; thence by lands of Levi Shaffer and lands of Emmor Dietrick south 34 degrees west, 42 2-10 perches to a stone, the place of beginning, containing

100 ACRES and 32 perches of land, neat measure, be the same more or less, whereon is erected a large two-story

FRAME DWELLING HOUSE, large bank barn, wagon shed, ice house, and other outbuildings. There is a good well of water at the house, and also one at barn. There is also a large orchard on the premises, and a variety of choice fruit trees of all kinds. This is the old Henry Rittenhouse hill property and is situate about two and one-half miles west of Berwick on the creek road.

Also, at one o'clock p. m. of said day will be exposed to public sale on the premises in Briar Creek township aforesaid, the following described valuable real estate to-wit: The undivided seven-ninths of all that piece, parcel and tract of land, situate in the said township of Briar Creek, beginning at a pine knot in land of George Evans, thence by the same north 12 1/2 degrees west, 79 1/2 perches to a stone; thence by land of Tobias Smith south 70 1/2 degrees west, 150 perches to a pine; thence by land of Abraham Ervine south 51 1/2 degrees east, 69 1/2 perches to a hickory tree; thence by lands of Jacob Folk, north 75 degrees east, 132 perches to the place of beginning, containing

53 ACRES and 97 perches, and allowance. Also at the same time and place the said George W. Ash will expose the undivided two-ninths of said above described tract, the same to be sold as an entire property. This tract of land is well timbered with oak, yellow pine and hemlock timber, and is a very desirable piece of woodland.

Also at three o'clock p. m. of said day, will be exposed to public sale on the premises, all that certain piece, parcel and tract of land situate in the township of Briar Creek aforesaid, bounded and described as follows to-wit: Beginning at a stone in the centre of a public road leading from Evansville to Salem line; thence along centre of said public road north 83 1/2 degrees east 87 5-10 perches to a stone; thence north 7 1/2 degrees west, 225 perches to a stone; thence south 87 degrees west, 87 7-10 perches to a stone; thence south 7 1/2 degrees east, 232 perches to a stone, the place of beginning, containing

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Elias Schlicher, late of Beaver township deceased.

Notice is hereby given that letters of administration on the estate of Elias Schlicher, late of Beaver township, deceased, have been granted to the undersigned administrator, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

J. W. SCHLICHER, Administrator. Mounds Grove, Pa. Solely, Atty. 10-3-96

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.

Estate of Isaac Holstein, deceased. Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary on the estate of Isaac Holstein, late of Roanoke creek township, Columbia county, deceased, have been granted by the Register of Wills of Columbia county, Penna., to the undersigned, to whom all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payments, and those having claims or demands will make known the same without delay to

WILLIAM HOLSTEINE, Executor. 10-3-96

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