A Remarkable Animal-Trainer.

In the year of 1721, in Perth, Scotland, was born the most remarkable animal-trainer in the world. His name was Bisset, and in early life he became a journeyman shoemaker; but having great fondness and faculty for managing animals, he soon gave himself up entirely to this occupation. His first success with educating brutes was with a horse and dog, whom he taught to perform many curious feats. He next tried his skill on a couple of monkeys, who soon learned to dance on a rope, drink to the company, ride and leap on the backs of horses, and go through intricate dances with their equally accomplished companion the dog. Three young cats were the succeeding subjects of Bisset's tuition, and these were instructed to play upon dulcimers, apparently reading from music-books before them, while they squalled a vocal accompaniment in three different keys, or tones, producing altogether a chorus whose piercing effect the musical may perhaps imagine.

The fame of Bisset's learned animals spread rapidly, and he was finally induced to exhibit them in London. A place in the haymarket was secured, and the "Cats' Opera" advertised. Crowded houses responded to the advertisement; and the horse, the dog, the monkeys, and the cats went through their respective parts amid great applause. In a brief time the skillful trainer found himself in possession of £1,000 as the reward of his novel enterprise.

Encouraged by this, Bisset sought other pupils in the animal kingdom. Among these was a leveret, which he taught to beat the time of several marches with his hind legs. Canary-birds, linnets, and sparrows, caught the trick of distinguishing the hour and minutes of the day, and of spelling the name of any person in their audience. Six turkey-cocks were made to go through a country-dance; and, in a single month's time, a turtle learned to fetch and carry like a dog. A gold-fish came to the surface at his call, and fed from his hand, and answered in various other interesting ways, Bisset's call upon its intelligence.

At length the master brought his ingenuity to bear on that most obstinate of all animals, the pig. He nearly met his match this time; but, after a patient discipline of a twelvemonth, gentleman-piggy was rendered docile as a spaniel, and obeyed his teacher's every command. This sapient creature could spell, cast up accounts, tell the time of day, kneel and make obeisance to the spectators, and otherwise conduct himself like a gentleman of parts. But such extraordinary porcine wisdom could no the accepted as a natural phenomenon by the ignorance of the age in which it dwelt, and it began to be whispered that Bisset, who taught animals to do all but speak, was in league with the Devil. This was enough to rouse the spirit of persecution; and one night, while the learned pig was exhibiting his tricks in Banelagh, Ireland, the mob, headed by a stupid official, broke into the room, destroyed the apparatus with which Bisset worked, and assaulted him and his pig so virulently that they barely escaped with their lives. This event was followed soon after by the death of Bisset; but whether the odium that fell upon him as a suspected necromancer had anything to do with his demise, our informant does not tell us.

SAGACITY OF THE PARTRIDGE.—An interesting instance of the sagacity with which the partridge will protect its young is given by Mr. Henshaw of the Government Survey west of the one-hundredth meridian. While riding through a pine woods a brood of partridge, containing the mother and eight or ten young, about a week old, was come upon so suddenly that the feet of the foremost mule almost trod on them. The young rose, flew a few yards, and dropping down, were in an instant hid in the underbrush. The mother meanwhile began some very peculiar tactics. Rising up, she fell back again to the ground as if perfectly helpless and imitated the actions of a wounded bird so successfully that for a moment it was thought she had really been trodden upon. Several of the men, completely deceived, attempted to catch her, but she fluttered away, keeping just out of reach of their hands until they had been enticed ten or twelve yards off, when she rose and was off like a bullet. Her tactics had successfully covered the retreat of her young.—*Galaxy for January.*

A STORY NOT TOLD DISTINCTLY.—A pleasing incident is told to the Cincinnati *Gazette* by a clergyman who has just returned from a health trip. He relates how a baggage man on a far Western railroad was so impelled by force of habit that he began to knock and kick and jam the trunk of an elephant, a menagerie company having the beast on a flat car. The force of habit was also strong, and the heap of blood and bones beside the track demonstrated that for once in a railroad encounter the trunk had the best of it. As above remarked, this incident comes from the lips of a clergyman lately returned from a Western trip, taken for his health.

A KNOWING DOG.—A saloon keeper in Newark has a dog that readily distinguishes the bell of the milkman who daily serves the establishment, and taking the pail in his mouth starts to meet him, jumps on the wagon, has it filled, and carefully and speedily returns. He is a large St. Bernard, and, even aside from his superior intelligence, is fit to rank as a king among dogs. His preformance just spoken of never fails to attract a great deal of attention.

A YOUNG couple in Worcester, Mass., got married and retired to their boarding-house. When midnight came, so did two "peelers" who arrested the pair, swearing that the marriage certificate was a forgery. The "happy couple" spent the night in adjoining cells. Now the police officers say it was a mistake. Married people will avoid Worcester til after the honeymoon. The bridegroom says such treatment is more irritating than one would think.

A GREAT STRIDE

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Thirteen years of interested and eager observation of different methods of doing business, while establishing and extending the largest clothing trade in the United States, have brought us to the following conclusions: **1st.** That a customer has a *right* to some GUARANTEE that his purchase shall prove exactly as represented. **2d.** That *Cash throughout* is the only basis consistent with the very lowest prices, as credit in every case necessitates higher prices to cover losses by bad debts, interest, law suits, hire of collectors, increased number of book-keepers, etc. **3d.** That, though justice does not require it, comfort and actual security in dealing are greatly promoted by giving to the purchaser the privilege *not only* of exchange of goods, but of *returning* the same within a given time, and have promptly *refunded back the cash in full.* **4th.** That all customers buying at the *same time*, should pay *precisely* the *same* price for the *same* quality of goods. **5th.** That the interest of customers will be best served by abandoning the practice of paying salesmen a percentage on each sale, as it leads to "hurrying up," and sometimes "over-persuading" buyers to take goods with which they are not fully satisfied. **6th.** That as customers generally inquire into the character and quality of articles offered for sale, and may not always be correctly informed or fully understand the clerks, a Label, made under the authority and guarantee of the firm, bearing a printed description of the name and quality of the goods, should be attached to each article.

Business men thoroughly bent on upright dealing, have been thinking over, working out and experimenting on propositions similar to the above, and here and there is an establishment which has accepted one or another of those conclusions, and ordered their business accordingly—one "Cash," another "One Price," &c.—but WE UNHESITATINGLY ADOPT THEM ALL, and confidently rely on the approval and support of an intelligent and discriminating public, we inaugurate what we believe to be the best system in the country, and we now announce One Price, Cash Payment, Cash Returned, and Full Guarantee, as the FOUR CARDINAL POINTS by which we shall hereafter steer our craft.

EXPLANATION AND ELABORATION

OF WANAMAKER & BROWN'S NEW PLAN.

1st POINT, "CASH." Houses doing a credit business *must* provide for losses on bad debts, interest on long-standing accounts, capital locked up, etc. To bear such losses themselves would drive them out of business. Therefore a per cent. is added to the price of each article sold, to cover this leakage, and Cash Buyers whether they *know it or not, really pay the bad debts and the interest on the long credits of the other customers!* Under the *Cash Payment* system one pays only for *what he gets*, and contributes nothing to a "Sinking Fund."

By this *Easiest Change* we shall lose some of our customers no doubt, but we will gain ten where we lose one, the advantages being so great to all who can avail themselves of them. So we say

CASH THROUGHOUT.

Bring Money for Clothing, and we will supply it at *prices possible under no other plan.*

2d POINT, "ONE PRICE." The *fairness* of this feature of our plan all will praise. It is simply treating all alike—exacting nothing from indisposition to bargain or ignorance, and at the same time, converting *all* the shrewdest customer's part could possibly extort, because the "One Price" which we mark on our goods, shall invariably be

NOT the "First" Price, but the LAST and LOWEST PRICE.
NOT the "TOP" Price, but the VERY BOTTOM PRICE.

In other words, Salesmen or "Headmen," have never been allowed, under ordinary circumstances, to fall below a certain figure! It is at that, or at a *lower* figure that we now determine to search our goods, calculating the cost to the exact penny, and fixing the price at the low minimum profit on which business on a large scale can be conducted.

We know that the larger business we aim for and anticipate, will require a large increase in the number of customers, and we shall therefore see to it that the "One Price" is based on the Smallest Profit, calculated to the exact and lowest penny, which will not be difficult to do with universal Cash Payment for the rule. The price will be marked in plain figures and no alteration allowed.

NOTE.—Whenever the exigencies of the season, the state of trade, or the money market may demand, the right is reserved to go through our stock before or after business hours and mark down any lot or lots of goods, changing the figures on our tax labels, so that the poor may see the same to all, and all buy alike at the mark down prices.

WANAMAKER & BROWN WILL NEVER HOLD THEIR GOODS.

3d POINT, "Full Guarantee." A printed Guarantee, bearing the signature of our firm, will accompany each garment as a Warrantee. This binds us in every sense, and will be honored as quickly as a good draft of the Government of the United States. This is a sample of the Full Guarantee, and tells its own story:

GUARANTEE.

We hereby guarantee
1st. *That the prices of our goods shall be as low as the same quality of material and manufacture are sold anywhere in the United States.*
2d. *That the prices are precisely the same to everybody for same quality, on same day of purchase.*
3d. *That the quality of goods is as represented on printed labels.*
4th. *That the full amount of cash paid will be refunded, if customers find the articles unsatisfactory, and return them unworn and uninjured within 10 days of date of purchase.*

[Signed,] *WANAMAKER & BROWN,*
OAK HALL,
Sixth and Market Streets, Phila.

DATE, ...

4th POINT, "Cash Returned." This is simply a concession on our part to our customers, to secure them full confidence in dealing for goods *they know very little about*, and we thus prevent any occasion for dissatisfaction from any and every cause whatsoever. If the garment is not exactly what you thought, if your taste changes, if the "home folks" prefer another color or another shape, if you find you can buy the same material and style elsewhere for less money, if you conclude you don't need it after you get home, if the season changes suddenly and you wish you had not bought it, *bring it back* unworn and uninjured, and the full amount of money you paid will be returned on the spot. What more can we do for our customers than this, when we make our clothing so that they can draw the money value with it equally as well as with a check on the bank?

THE ADVANTAGES

incident to a system having for its cardinal points those which we have now explained, are simply innumerable. Saving of time and temper, perfect security, absence of all huckstering, &c., &c., &c., &c. But above all this

IT MAKES CLOTHING CHEAP.

! !

Sinking the prices several degrees below what they have been heretofore, or could possibly be under the old systems.

By dispensing with certain clerks no longer needed, it reduces "Store Expenses."
By enforcing CASH Payments, the bad debts are avoided.
By putting plenty of ready money in hand, it enables us to buy goods at figures that credit men know nothing about.
By increase of sales, a smaller profit on each article is sufficient.

All of these "By-Ways" lead direct to

CHEAPNESS,

and this without lowering the quality or style of our Celebrated make of Men's ear "Sing" Clothing

SOME OTHER THINGS

Wherein our plan differs from others:
(a) It combines all the good points which exist, separately, or in partial combinations, and it adds some new and important features.
(b) It gives such a guarantee as no house in the world, to our knowledge, ever ventured to give as a rule.
(c) It makes our goods equivalent to checks on a bank, whenever they are presented unworn or uninjured.
(d) It has the great advantage of an immense business already established, to sustain the "New Constitution," and under no other circumstances could so many radical concessions to customers be made.

We have for years been working towards the present point, and though naturally falling into the current methods of trade, we observed and noted the defects of the old systems, and have been carefully weighing for a long time these newer plans, and preparing for this

ENTIRE CHANGE OF BASE

We now, *using clear of all combinations or customs, and burn the bridges behind us.*

Investigation is asked into all we have here put forth.

Staking the hard-earned and fought-for reputation of our house (of which we confess we are proud) on the faithful and exact fulfilment of all the promises and conditions herein laid down.

On this new, and in many respects Original Plan, we launch the Oak Hall Craft on

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3d, 1874,

bound for the Fall Trade, and by all our experience in trade, and all our knowledge of human nature, we are led to anticipate that *Marvellous and unprecedented Increase of Business for which we are well prepared.* Our warerooms, comprising 3 spacious rooms, are stocked to the full—our home workmen have been a small army, and as diligent and skillful as they are numerous. With the improvement already noted, there are also new styles, new cuts and more careful finishing. Everything possible has been done to meet and gratify the rush, and now LET IT BEGIN.

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Ebensburg House-Furnishing STORE

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of the most popular designs and of all styles, prices and qualities:

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of all kind, in great variety;

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CARBON OIL and OIL LAMPS,

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Paint, Varnish, Whitewash, Scrub, Horse, Shoe, Stove, Dusting, Clothes and Tooth Brushes, all kinds and sizes; Bed-Cords, Manilla Ropes, and many other articles, at the *lowest rates for cash.*

HOUSE SPOUTING

made, painted and put up as cheap as possible FOR CASH. ☞ A liberal discount made to country dealers buying Tinware by wholesale

GEORGE HUNTLEY.

Ebensburg, July 25, 1873.-tf.

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Cooking Stoves, Heating Stoves.

TIN, COPPER & SHEET-IRON WARE

Having recently taken possession of the newly-fitted up commodious building on High street, two doors east of the Bank and nearly opposite the Mountain House, the subscriber is better prepared than ever to manufacture all articles in the TIN, COPPER and SHEET-IRON WARE line, all of which will be furnished to buyers at the very lowest living prices.

The subscriber also proposes to keep a full and varied assortment of

Cooking, Parlor and Heating Stoves

of the most approved designs.

☞ SPOUTING and ROOFING made to order and warranted perfect in manufacture and material. REPAIRING promptly attended to.

All work done by me will be done right and on fair terms, and all STOVES and WARE sold by me can be depended upon as to quality and cannot be undersold in price. A continuance and increase of patronage is respectfully solicited, and no effort will be wanting to render entire satisfaction to all.

VALLIE LUTRINGER.

Ebensburg, Oct. 13, 1870.-tf.

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HAVING recently enlarged our stock we are now prepared to sell at a great reduction from former prices. Our stock consists of Drugs, Medicines, Perfumery, Fancy Soaps, Leon's, Hall's and Allen's Hair Restoratives, Pills, Ointments, Plasters, Liniments, Pain Killers, Citrate Magnesia, Ess. Jamaica Ginger, Pure Flavoring Extracts, Essences, Lemon Syrup, Soothing Syrup, Spiced Syrup, Rhubarb, Pure Spices, &c.

Cigars and Tobaccos,

Blank Books, Deeds, Notes and Bonds; Cap, Post, Commercial and all kinds of Note Paper; Envelopes, Pens, Pencils, Arnold's Writing Fluid, Black and Red Ink, Pocket and Pass Books, Magazines, Newspapers, Novels, Histories, Bibles, Religious, Prayer and Toy Books, Penknives, Pipes, &c.

☞ We have added to our stock a lot of FINE JEWELRY, to which we would invite the attention of the Ladies.

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Paper and Cigars sold either wholesale or retail.

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AS WE ALL KNOW, BUT THE

PRICES

At E. J. MILLS'

CHEAP CASH STORE,

Are not over, but rather under, those of any other dealer in

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Boots, Shoes, Notions,

GROCERIES, FLOUR, FEED, GRAIN, &C.,

In this "Neck o' Timber."

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E. J. MILLS.

Ebensburg, Jan. 18, 1874.-tf.

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Thankful for past favors I feel confident that my work and prices will commend me to a continuance and increase of the same.

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IN STYLES AND AT PRICES TO SUIT ALL CUSTOMERS

Having the most skillful workmen in the city, we are prepared to fill all orders for

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Bureaus,	Cane Chairs,
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Washstands,	Kitchen Furniture,
Sideboards,	Bed Lounges,
Chamber Sets,	Mattresses,
Parlor Sets,	Tete-a-Tetes,
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Book Cases,	Dining Tables,
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EVERY DESCRIPTION OF

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made to order in excellent style and at low prices. Cabinet and hairmakers' materials of all kinds for sale. Furniture delivered at any point in Johnstown or at Railroad Station free of extra charge. WM. P. PATTON.

Johnstown, Oct. 13, 1870.-tf.

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Parke's Marble Works,

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MONUMENTS, HEAD and TOMB STONES, COUNTER and CABINET SLABS, MANTELS, &c., manufactured of the very best Italian and American Marbles. Entire satisfaction guaranteed in price, design and execution of work.

☞ Orders respectfully solicited and promptly filled at the very lowest cash rates. Try us.

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COAL! COAL!!—The subscriber is prepared to furnish, in large or small quantities, all qualities of ANTHRACITE and BITUMINOUS COAL, at lowest market rates. Coal delivered promptly and free of charge for hauling at any point in Ebensburg or vicinity. Orders left at the Zahm Store will receive early attention. DANIEL H. ZAHM.

Ebensburg, Sept. 1, 1874.-tf.

How to Conduct a Courtship.

Don't be too sudden about it. Many a girl has said "no" when she meant "yes," simply because her lover didn't choose the right time and pop the question gently.

Take a dark night for it. Have the blinds closed, the curtains down, and the lamp turned most on. Sit near enough to her so that you can hook your little finger into hers. Wait until conversation begins to flag, and then quietly remark:

"Susie, I want to ask you something."

She will fidget around a little, reply "yes," and after a pause you can add:

"Susie, my actions must have shown—that is, you have—I mean you must be aware that—that—"

Pause here for a while, but keep your little finger firmly locked. She may cough and try to turn the subject off by asking you how you liked the circus, but she only does it to encourage you. After about ten minutes you can continue.

"I was thinking, as I came up the path to-night, that before I went away I would ask you—that is, I would broach the subject nearest my—I mean I would know my—"

Stop again and give her hand a gentle squeeze. She may give a yank to get it away or she may not. In either case it augers well for you. Wait about five minutes and then go on:

"The past year has been a very happy one to me, but I hope that future years will still be happier. However, that depends entirely on you. I am here to-night to know—that is, to ask you—I mean I am here to-night to hear from your own lips the one sweet—"

Wait again. It isn't best too be too rash about such things. Give her plenty of time to recover her composure, and then put your hand on your heart and continue:

"Yes, I thought as I was coming through the gate tosnight how happy I had been, and I said to myself that if I only knew you would consent so be my—that is, I said if I only knew—if I was only certain that my heart had not deceived me, and you were ready to share—"

Hold on—there's no hurry about it. Give the wind a chance to sob and moan around the gables. This will make her lonesome and call up all the love in her heart. When she begins to cough and grow restless, you can go on:

"Before I met you, this world was a desert to me. I didn't take any pleasure in going blackberrying and stealing rare-ripe peaches, and it didn't matter whether the sun shone or not. But what a change in one short year! It is for you to say whether my future shall be a prairie of happiness or a summer fallow of Canada thistles. Speak, dearest, Susie, and say—and say that—that—"

Give her five minutes more by the clock and then add:

"That you will be—that is, that you will—I mean that you will—be mine?"

She will heave a sigh, look up at the clock and over the stove, and then as she slides her head over your vest pocket, she will whisper:

"You are just right—I will."—*Territorial Enterprise.*

BROTHER GLOVER was a pretty big man in a certain old Connecticut village. He would swear a little sometimes, but when he subscribed $500 toward rebuilding and refitting the old church, that special word charity covered a multitude of sins. Brother Glover had a big voice. There was no time, tone or tune in it, but he believed he pleased in church singing. When the new church was finished it had to be dedicated, and a choir was carefully trained to do the singing. Brother Glover was not of the choir, and the intention was to row him out of the vocal exercises. The choir had carefully rehearsed a new dedicatory hymn and everything was ready for the interesting ceremonies. The church was crowded, and Brother Glover was in his place in a front pew, as large as life. The new piece was struck up, and Brother Glover's voice rose loud above the organ. There was a pause. The organ and choir were mute, and the latter mad. The minister, looking at a fly on the ceiling, explained that it was a new piece, which the choir had practised, and requested the congregation not to join in the singing. The piece was recommenced, and again Brother Glover's big voice broke it up. The preacher then fixed his eyes on Brother Glover and requested him to keep silence during the performance of the new piece, which he did not understand, and Brother Glover, looking at his beloved pastor with his big round eyes, replied in a big voice: "Look-a here, Mr. Barnhart, I paid $500 toward repairing this damned old gospel box, and by thunder I will sing." The preacher gave it up, and so did the choir.

THE BIRDS' CHRISTMAS CAROL.—They have sweet Christmas music in Norway—Norway, that far-off country, with the steel-blue sky and frozen sea. It is a song in the air. The simple peasants make the birds that inhabit those rude coasts and icy valleys so very happy on this one day of the year that they sing of their own accord a glad carol on Christmas morning, and all the people come out of their houses and rejoice to hear it.

On Christmas Eve, after the birds have sought shelter from the north wind, and the still night is bright with stars, the good people bring from their store-houses sheaves of corn and wheat, and, tying them to slender poles, raise them from every spire, barn, gate-post and gable. Then, when, after the long night, the Christmas sun arises, crowning the mountains with splendor, every spire and gable bursts into sudden song.

The children run out to hear the old churchspire singing; the older people follow; the air is filled with the flutter of wings and alive with carols of gladness. The song of the birds fills every village with happiness, and to this living, grateful anthem the people respond in their hearts, "Glory to God in the highest; on earth peace; good will to men."—*Jack-in-the-Pulpit, St. Nicholas for Jan.*