

How the Cowbows Came to Exhibit the Circus Elephant. Ever since sunset the prairie breeze

had fanned a fever-flushed little face. SICK Bolt upright in a splint-bottomed chair by the bedside, a man had fallen asleep again and again, in spite of his determination to remain awake. But, notwithstanding his weariness, he had granger, who ought to have known that the cattle interests were the only ones regarded on the range, and have governed himself accordingly.

The turtle-dove flew from the piece of a fence as the squad came close, but the half-sleeping, half-delirious child did not notice the cessation of her soothing, mournful coo. The orange in the eastern sky was climbing higher. and the myriad forms of prairie-life

the elephant. The weapons drawn, as the manager felt sure, to slaughter any opposers, were but as protective measures against the anticipated charge of the elephant. The manager's fears seemed realized as there was a nervous rush upon the part of the cowboys which hurried the elephant, driver and all out of the procession. Perhaps, if he had beheld the

in some subdivision, and they come out training the memory is now being all right. carried on in New York by a large These men frankly admit that a good number of persons, who are positively memory is invaluable. coining money from their profession. Among actors a retentive memory There are several professors in New is necessary or a "good study," as York overrun with pupils who wish to the veteran assistant secretary of the improve defective memories and who Actors' Fund, Bon Baker, has it. But are willing to pay the person who will it is not so necessary now in the time

settled. If there is no will, no disputed claims against the estate, and no minor or other person under disability interested in it, the purchaser should see that all debts and liabilities of the deceased have been provided. for, and that his grantor has taken sufficient deeds from all persons interested. Still he will have to run the risk that a will may yet be found. If to estate has been settled in regular form, he will be nided in his investigations by the records, and ordinarily claims of creditors not presented within a reasonable time will be barred, freeing the land as to them. Whether there is any will or not, the intending purchaser should investigate whether there is any hostile interest in the land on the part of any widow, widower, heir, legatee or any other person, especially one under disability or not represented. If there is a will, it must be examined to see that it is valid upon its face. Unless it has been duly proved and the time for appeal has expired, it may be well to ascertain whether any suspicious circumstances, such as mental feebleness, insanity or undue influence attended its execution. If the testator leaves children, born or unborn, or descendants of a deceased child, and they are not mentioned or referred to in the will, they will have an interest in the land, which the purchaser must take into account. A . child born after its father's death has the same rights as another, and, like any minor, may have until he is fortyone years old-till he is of age and twenty years more - to assert his rights. The above are the chief precautions which a person about to purchase land ought to take to secure a valid title to it .- Rural New Yorker. ----THE SEWING MACHINE. .

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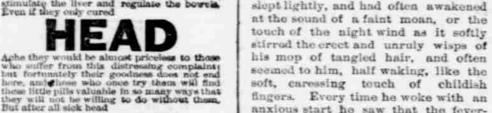
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"Tell me more 'bout the ole elephant, pappy!"

And the man had told again of the old elephant-how he was almost as big as the "shock," and was dirt-colored, and had long, white tusks and great big flappy ears, and had a trunk that he swung from side to side as he walked.

"An' he likes little boys-don't he?" "Likes 'em first-rate!' the man would answer. "Thinks a heap of em!"

And the fever-bright eyes of the child would be bent more engerly uppiped. on the long bill that fluttered on the wall, and, in spite of his loving anxisty, the man would nod, his head

would slowly sink forward on his breast. and he would be asleep from sheer wonriness. Presently, as the candle burned almost out, the cast grew gray, then

lighter. A turtle-dove, that had winged her way through the misty half darkness to a resting-place upon the topmost strand of the settler's nices of barbed-wire fence, greeted the coming morning with her soft, solemn

If they had looked from the window of the " shack," and the gray of the morning had turned a little more to gold, the settler and the sick child might have seen a novel procession passing along the section-road, a quarter of a mile away. There were queer. canvas-wrapped vehicles and queerer blanketed animals that looked strange enough in the coming light, but which, denuded of their wrappings in the clare of the sunlight and on the main street of Range City, would blossom out into the more or less gorgeous

chariots, cages and curiosities of a circus-parade. This last crawling end of the procession was dimly discerned by a little squad of broad-hatted, jangle-spurred horsemen, whose galloping cayuse ponies had carried them swiftly across

the prairie in the direction in which the circus was slowly taking its way. "Thar!" cried one of the cowboys,

as they reached the forks where the little-worn by-road that passed the settler's cabin left the section-road. "Thar they air! Come on!" -The squad seemed on the point of

dashing along the section-road in the wake of the circus. "Hold on thar, Scotty!" cried the

oldest man of the group. "We've got_" "But thar's a elephant, Slade!" in-

terrupted the first speaker, with an almost boyish enthusiasm. "Ketched a limpse uv him among the wagons, st as-"s

"Never mind the elephant," broke in old Slade. "We've got other business on hand jest now. Got to ketch a glimpse uv a granger, 'stead of an elepitant, an' sorto-".

"Sorto start a granger procession!" ried another of the broad-hatted

were wakening all about to greet the Impatient at any delay, Scotty sug-

gested a very simple and effective mode of action, but this was rejected by old Sinde. "Yes, 'n' run yer head into some

durned trap!" the latter said, scornfully. "Kain't tell what these grangers Il do. Some uv 'em air pizen!" Then old Slade crept forward to re-

connoiter. The cayuses were withdrawn to one side, almost out of range of the little window of the shack where the night wind had drifted in, fanning the sick child's feverish face. Soon a shaggy head was lifted cautiously above the window-sill, but when the sick child's eyes opened they rested on the bill that fluttered gently upon the wall. Then, as the candle-flame, as if wearied with its spluttering struggle,

expired, thechild tossed uneasily, panting in feeble gasps, and the man in the splint-bottomed chair awoke with an anxious start. He did not see the old cowboy's shaggy pate, for it had been quickly jerked below the sill. a "The ole elephant likes little boys,

don't he, pappy?" the child's voice To the anxious father the weak

voice seemed weaker still, and it was with a face gravely apprehensive, and tones a-tremble, that he told of the old elephant, in obedience to the pip-"Tell me more 'bout the ole ole

phant, pappy.' Presently the sound of the granger's voice had ceased, and after several moments of silence old Slade cautiously raised his head.

Upon the opposite side of the poor bed the granger was kneeling, with his bearded face buried in the quilt beside the sick child, and his frame shaking with soundloss sobs, almost in unison with the child's gasping.

Then, impatient and wondering at old Sinde's delay, the rest of the cowboys, with the exception of one who held the cayuses, hurried, and then crept forward till they were all squatted beneath the window. At first their hands were on the butts of their huge revolvers, but as the granger spoke in trembling tones every hand was withdrawn from its weapon. Then, one by one, they peered cautiously in.

"Prayin'!" Scotty whispered softly to his neighbor. Then the child's feeble voice inter-

rupted the prayer. "Pappy," it moaned, half reproach fully, "I never saw a ole elephant!" "I'm afeard he never will," old

Perhaps none of the cowboys squatting beneath the window were marvels of acumen, but as the prayer-vehement, almost agonizing-went on, they understood most of the story of the struggles of the despised granger. The prayer ceased presently, but the granger still knelt with his head

sounds that made Scotty whisper huskily to his neighbor : "Cryin' !"

ium asserted itself again. "Pappy," the little voice piped

vently, despairingly than before.

"spare him ! Let him live to see the

and each of them savagely insist that ready hand of the elephant-driver, he would not have wondered at the slight

resistance of the latter. When he had recovered from the astonishment into which he had been thrown by the summary proceedings, the few words spoken, and the bankbills old Slade dropped as he hurried past, the old elephant was lumbering rapidly away in the midst of the frightened and flouncing cayuses.

bank-bill that found its way into the

The turtle-dove flew from the piece of a fence as the elephant and his captors harried up to the shack. The grass muffled the footfalls of the animals.

The granger was still on his knees, with his face buried in the guilt of the poor bed, and the morning breeze that fanned the sick child's face and fluttered the pictured bill on the wall ruffled the unruly tufts of his hair till it felt like the touch of baby fingers. The little face was less flushed now, and the gasping feebler. The child's dim thoughts wandered still more, and his dim eyes could hardly see the fluttering bill. "Pappy," the weak voice whispered, "will the ole elephant ever come?"

A great bulk barrod the sunlight from the little window, and the long, snaky trunk glided in, and the fingerlike protuberance at the end very softly clasped the sick child's hand. "Oh, pappy!-pappy! The ole elephant has come!"

fhe bowed head of the granger was raised. The child had started half upright, and the little hands were clasping the caressing trunk of the old elephant.

Then, before the granger could give expression to astonishment, the clinging hands relaxed, and the old elephant's trunk eased the child's weight softly back to the pillow again. -And the turtle-dove that had re-

turned to the piece of a fence uttered her mournful coo.

When the elephant went away, the granger was kneeling beside his dead. and on the pillow near the still face lay the bank bill that had been given to old Nero's driver, and beside it were other bank-bills. .

As the little cavalcade journeyed back towards the place where the section-road wound into the Buzzard crock timber, old Slade said: "I'm agin this runnin'-out business!" of vast assistance to him.

"And me, too!" answered every cowboy of the group, and the subject was dropped.

In the audience as the circus, that afternoon, was a little squad of broadhatted and beweaponed cowboys, who surprised the neighbors by being on their good behavior during the entire performance. Only once did they applaud with any thing like cowboy boisterousness, and that was when the children laughed and clapped their hands as the old elephant Nero came into the ring.-Tom P. Morgan, in Leslie's Newspaper.

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panies when it was common to pre-Phil Armour, the great Chicago pork sent a farce, a comedy and a tragedy packer, is said to have remarked that all in one night, and to change the a good memory is necessary to one bill nightly, a good memory was an who wishes to succeed. This is, perabsolute necessity. No actor can suchaps, a trifle strong and yet there is ceed without it, for it is no uncommon no lack of evidence to support the thing for a play to be put on at a few statement. Armour, himself, is an exnours' notice. ample of what a good memory can do. He is as wonderful in his time as Car-

Lester Wallack, in his recollections of the stage, attributes much of his dinal Mezzofanti was in his. He is success to the fact that he possessed a said to carry the smallest detail of his cemarkable memory. immense business in his head. He E. L. Davenport had a marvelous

of combination, when the same com-

pany plays the same piece for a sea-

can remember the date as well as the degree of retentiveness and Fanny sum of small business transactions. Davenport has inherited the gift. He knows the names of pretty nearly John R. Swift, who, after Forrest, was all of his army of employes. After the the greatest Rolla who ever trod the building of the addition to his great boards, possessed the same faculty; establishment in Chicago he astonso did John Henderson, one of the ished a circle of friends by ratifing offfavorite tragedians of the Old Bowery; hand the number of bricks, car-loads so did William E. Burton, the great of sand, feet of timber, etc., etc., that comedian; and so did John McCullough were used in the construction. Arbefore his memory gave way, and so mour's gift is a natural one. He has did Frank Barry, who is still above, never cultivated it, but the demands but who has fallen out of sight of of his business have unquestionably theater goers. Of the actors still on kept his powers of memory in active the boards, nearly all those who were trained in the old school have carefully trained memories capable of obey-

Chicago wheat manipulator is called. ing any reasonable call upon them. is another man gifted with an extraor-Edwin Booth was known as a "great dinary memory. He needs no books study," but as he now plays the same to carry his transactions in, although, parts continuously he has no need to of course, he uses them. With him, exercise his ability in this direction. too, retentiveness is a natural gift. He His partner, Lawrence Barrett, enjoys the same reputation. So does that remembers every thing that he wants to remember, but says frankly he old-time tragedienne, Mrs. D. P. doesn't know how he does it. He also Bowers; so does that veteran, J. B.

possesses the gift of not remembering Studley, who has played every thing things he does not wish to remember. from Rolla to melodrama; so has Mary Anderson. So have John Gil-In another line of business is John bart, Miles Levick, Mrs. John Hoey, Stetson, the famous theatrical man-J. H. Stoddart, Mrs. John Drew, whose Mrs. Malaprop is even now deager. Many funny stories are told at the expense of the bluff Bostonian. lighting our public. Joe Jefferson was in his day called a "great study" but that he is one of the most success ful mon in his line of business can not by his fellow actors, and Dion Boucibe disputed. He runs a newspaper. ault had a similar reputation. There and always has a few theaters or the are any number of younger actors who strical companies on his hands, and possess the same faculty that was so there is no one who can quicker tell a useful to the older members of their good thing when he sees it, or make profession, but they are not called better use of it than John Stetson. It upon to exercise it, owing to the long is said that if he were to burn his runs of plays, which give them ample books he could carry on his business opportunities to prepare for a new without them. This is too much to be play before they are through with the

lieve, of course, but certainly it is true that pretty nearly every detail of his In almost every walk in life a good business is carried in his memory, and memory is valuable. There is a head that he is able to carry it is sometime waiter in an up-town hotel who can carry a score of complicated orders in The professional memory men say his head at one time, and he has never that among public men and speakers been known to make a mistake in carfor good all-round retentiveness Hen. rying them into execution. There is a James G. Blaine leads all the rest, for laundryman in Brooklyn, a Scotchhe can not only remember dates, man, who does a large business, and figures and authorities when debating. who has never adopted the 'heck sysbut in addition he has a faculty for retem in vogue with Chinese laundrymembering names and faces that is men. He relies entirely upon his little short of marvelous, and many memory, and yet makes no mistakes. are the stories told of his exploits in He claims to have no private mark, and never gives his customers any

In the domain of figures Samuel J. mark. How he does it no one knows. Randall, when well, stood almost pro-He says he doesn't know himself. minent. ' His long service on those Instances of the possession of this committees in Congress that controlled gift might be multiplied. Those cited, the finances of the nation gave him an however, are enough to show that a immense knowledge of such matters, good memory is a good thing to poswhich he retained without an effort. sess.-N. Y. Mail and Express. It was no uncommon thing for him to 1------

The Dog Was Innocent.

notes. He handled figures running at one time into millions of dollars and A sanitary officer who was sent to a then into fractions of a cent without house on Catharine street to see about tripping, as most men, however able, a savage dog who had bitten a neighwould have done. It was the same bor was met by the allegation: faculty that made Gladstone so suc-"Dot dog vhas not so dangerous as cessful a Chancellor of the English

I vhas myself." "But he bit a man." Roscoe Conkling was a man of won-"Of course he did, but dot vhas a How to Repair It Without Disturbing Any Part of the Adjustment

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When any portion of the mechanism fails to respond correctly, it is usually from some very trifling cause, and the first endeavor should be to find out exactly what is the matter. To become a master in the art of repairing sewing machines, it is requisite to understand the principles upon which the stitch is formed and the work fed. Very little manual skill is 'really needed. The breaking of thread or needles and the skipping of stitches are due, nine times out of ten, to tha loosening of some screw, allowing some part to become slightly displaced.

If your machine breaks the thread, first examine the broken end to determine whether it is cut or torn. Then measure the end down from the take-up, and you will discover at what point in the revolution the trouble occurred. Turn the wheel slowly, and watch the thread pass around the shuttle at the point where the accident occurred. Many times a machine can be persuaded to return to good behavior by simply taking out the needle and shuttle and giving it a little cleaning and oiling, without disturbing any part of the adjustment. -Farm and

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bowed, and the cowboys heard some

gaspingly, "tell me more about the ole elephant! I never seed him !" The prayer began again, more fer-

"O God!" the granger prayed,

Slade whispered, softly.

Then the one thought that was always uppermost in the child's delir-

