

THE SONG OF SONGS.

I'm a man that's fond o' music,
An' w'en folks are not around,
I kin make our old accorfin
Squawk a mighty takin' sound;

THE DOCTOR'S NEPHEW.

BY EMMA A. OFFER.

Cora alighted from Philo Wilson's
high and narrow and somewhat rattly
buggy, and sat down on a log with a
sigh of relief, while Philo hitched his
horse to a tree.

since, if it hadn't been for you, Miss
Gillman, I shouldn't have come here this
summer!" he ended, courageously. "But
I'm in for a month here now."

to be stirring, W... admiro
a coward."
Cora laughed.
"None of your business," said her
father, "you were here last
summer, remember?"

WINTER QUARTERS.

SCENES AT A MENAGERIE DURING
COLD WEATHER.

A Burmese Cow's Affection for a
Young Goat—The Lockjawed
Camel that Lives on
Water, Etc., Etc.

"That is the strangest attachment I
ever saw formed, and I've been around
with circuses, man and boy, for forty-
six years," said Harry Pierce, the veteran
in charge of Grenier's wild beasts, in the
winter quarters of the menagerie at the
corner of Randolph and Ann streets.



THE LOCK-JAWED CAMEL.

The reporter, being somewhat skepti-
cal upon the latter point, drew close
to the little goat and began to tease it.
Well for him was it that Mr. Pierce was
close at hand, else had the horns of the
humped cow tossed him in the air.

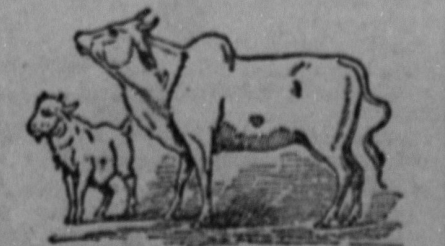
"Strangest, though, of all the sights in
Grenier's collection is a giant camel, a
baetria, which is suffering from lock-
jaw. Its mouth has been shut fast since
October 10, and in all that time it has
not taken any sustenance whatsoever,
except a very small amount of water, say
a quart or so, in each twenty-four hours.



HAULING THE CAGE OUT OF THE MUD.

to his art in vain attempts to open its
mouth in order to give it food. He
finally abandoned his task, declaring the
animal must surely die. But will it do so?
Already it has shamed Tanner. Possessed
of infinite powers of endurance, having
a considerable amount of flesh to draw
upon, is it not possible for it to hold out
until the lock terminates? Mr. Grenier
hopes so, for the animal is a young
beast of great stature, trained to draw
wagons with the docility of an old
draft horse.

There is much of interest attaching
to a circus and menagerie in winter
quarters. Wild beasts on exhibition are
seen usually at some little distance from
the cage. Here, if one be a friend of keeper
or the owner, he can see them as they
are, observe their habits, admire their
beauty, strength or intelligence, and
finally leave, feeling that he has been
brought face to face with the wild
beasts and become acquainted with them.



THE BACTRIAN COW AND PIG KID.

In the same apartment are Prince,
Belle and Ross, three fine lions. Prince
three weeks ago was the proud father
and Ross the loving mother of one of
the prettiest of baby lions. It was three
months old when its voracious appetite
was the cause of its death. It choked to
death over a hunk of meat too large for
its little throat. During the last month
of its life it was passed around to ladies
and children, who delightfully held it in
their arms, fondling and caressing the
felix without thought of its ferocious
should it be spared to adult age.

ther, it may be well to inform the curi-
ous that an elephant when on the road
requires two bushels of oats and 200
pounds of hay daily. His allowance of
water is forty gallons in the same time.
In winter, when resting, he eats 250
pounds of hay and drinks forty to fifty
gallons of water. Grain is denied to him
until he starts out on his spring cam-
paign. Elephants are inordinately fond
of whisky and beer. Keepers, whether



THE SPIRIT MOVES THEM.

feelers themselves or not, are of the
opinion that whisky is a good medicine
for the beasts, and occasionally they give
to each a half-gallon in bottles. No old
topper ever displayed greater zeal in
emptying a glass than do these monsters
in uncorking a bottle and draining its
contents, only to seize another and
another, as fast as handed to them.

"Do they feel it?" said Mr. Pierce.
"Of course they do. They are like men
folks, too, showing by their actions that
in the wise is truth. If a beast is of an
ugly disposition when sober, he will be
meaner than the meanest when drunk.
If of a lively disposition when sober, he'll
be frisky as a lamb and gay as a peacock
in spring time when drunk. I guess they
have headaches afterward, too, like human
beings. They look miserable enough to
have the biggest sort of big heads; but they don't
complain of it to me.



INMATES OF THE LION'S CAGE.

Mr. Pierce, who was one of the earli-
est of lion tamers, laughed at the idea
of going in among them just after they
had eaten. "That is a big mistake,"
said he. "It is strange how many sen-
sible people swallow that yarn. All of the
cat family are uglier and crosser just af-
ter eating than at any other time. We
feed them in the morning about ten
o'clock, and enter their cages say about
three o'clock and again at nine o'clock
in presence of the audiences. We get
control of them by association with
them, and the superiority which man has
over wild beasts. There is no clap net
or lumbag about it. We teach them we
are masters, and they learn to fear and
obey, if not to love us. It is a danger-
ous business, however, for the cats are
all treacherous, and one can avoid attack
only by constant vigilance."

Returning to the animals, in a stall
is a horse twenty-one hands high with a
weight of more than a ton and a quarter,
whose great solid face is marked con-
trast with the chipper, intelligent coun-
tenance of the diminutive Shetland.



A CONTRAST IN SIZE.

A curiosity is a den of five black
wolves which commemorated their first
night with Mr. Grenier by making a
caper off the sixth, the largest of their
number.

The house which the wild animals
with the horses occupy is large and
roomy. The premises are never left un-
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Mr. Pierce's duties end for the day he is
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hazardous. Rather than pay this every
precaution is taken against fire, while
ways of egress are many. There is
something homelike about the place.
One regarding the animals in their
several apartments can scarcely bring
himself to realize that once these beasts
were wild and a terror to man. Now
they are cared for better than many hu-
man beings in this great city. If sick
they are nursed tenderly. Strong at-
tachments grow up between keepers and
the animals in their charge, even where,
as in the cases of the baboon and puma,
they are known to be treacherous, and
love not in return for the many kind-
nesses heaped upon them. — Chicago
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