

LOVE IN THE CIRCUS.

TWO ROMANCES WHICH TERMINATED ON THE TRAPEZE.

How Sam Myers Proposed and Was Accepted by His Annie—The Tragedy Which Grew Out of the Love of the Howland Brothers For Jennie Dunbar.

"Ah!"
"Oh!"
All the spectators of the giant leap for life in the circus tent held their breaths with terror while the lithe acrobat plunged forward, released his hold and shot through space, to be securely caught in the firm grasp of his partner, who hung from his toes from another treacherous trapeze.

Twelve thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight persons caught their breaths again as the feat was accomplished. The two remaining persons of the 13,000—a big circus tent always holds 13,000 persons, you know—watched the proceedings with an air of perfect nonchalance, as if a swing for life was no more serious matter than signaling an electric car.

Well might they be calm, for they were retired circus performers, and the perils of the tents were old stories to them, and then, as the show went on, they began exchanging reminiscences, while the listening Journal man forgot all about what was before him in his interest in these yarns.

"That jump reminds me of the way Sam Myers proposed to Annie Johnson ten years ago."

The Journal man noticed that the veteran circus man omitted the "Signor" and "Ma'am" from his conversation, so that Sam Myers and Annie Johnson did not bear in private life the names which adorned the circus programme and the partitioned lithographs which inflame the circus going propensities of Young America.

"You see, Sam Myers and Pete Wilson and Annie Johnson were albinos that season and did a great act on the flying trapeze, in which Annie made ever so many jumps across the tent and was caught by Sam, while Pete was performing on a third bar way up above them. One jump after another was made all right by her, and suddenly everybody was surprised to see Sam lift Annie in the air as he caught her and kiss her before she turned to make the leap back to her own trapeze. Everybody wondered what it all meant, and after the act was over they soon found out.

"It seems that Sam and Pete had both fallen in love with Annie, and just before the act Pete confided to his chum his intentions of proposing to the pretty partner. Sam made up his mind that he would not be left in a case like this, but he had no chance to speak for himself until they began.

"When Annie made her first jump, he started to pop the question, and the proposal continued with interruptions as the young lady would swing back and forth and jump to and fro in the regular custom of her performance. Finally the question was asked just as she swung. Sam, hanging by his toes, waited until she made the next leap and as he heard her say 'Yes' he lifted her up and kissed her with such a smack that it could be heard all over the big tent.

"Everybody congratulated the pair but Pete. Somehow he had the impression that he had not been treated squarely in this proposal, and the firm broke up then and there."

"That reminds me of another team which was with a circus that I was performing in a dozen years ago. The Howland brothers were doing a double trapeze act, with all sorts of daring jumps, much the same sort as the one we just saw. In the same circus the leading rider was Jennie Dunbar, who was the cleverest little woman who ever jumped through a hoop, and both the boys fell in love with her.

"She was really fond of both of them, but when they proposed she accepted Will and told Fred that she could only be a sister to him. When Fred proposed, we were performing up in Canada, and the proposal was made just before the afternoon performances. When the boys came up for their turn, we all noticed that Fred was pale and nervous, while Will was just the reverse. Their act went on just the same as usual, and finally came their last jump, which was the most daring of all. Fred hung by his toes, and Will made the swing clear across the tent. We never knew how it happened, whether Fred was so nervous that he lost his grip or whether he did it deliberately, but just as Will came flying through the air Fred trembled and dropped from his hold down into the net, while Will shot through the air and fell in the ring clear beyond the edge of the net. When they ran to him, he was dead. Jennie was almost crazy with grief, and Fred had an attack of brain fever, from which he did not recover for months.

"No one could tell whether he deliberately dropped to get rid of his rival or whether he was so sick that he could not hold himself longer. At any rate, as soon as he got well he proposed to Jennie again and was accepted. They are married now and retired from the business."—Boston Journal.

A Novel Advertising Scheme.

An ingenious German bicycle manufacturer has invented the following device as an advertising scheme: He has published a notice in the daily press, according to which he promises to give a high grade machine and a bicycling suit to any one who pays 1 cent spot cash; but, according to the agreement, the purchaser must pay for two weeks the double of the amount that had been paid the preceding day. It is but a simple problem in arithmetic to discover that at the end of two weeks the bicycle and suit will have cost something over \$160.

Ingenuous advertisements, as will be seen, are not confined exclusively to the United States.—Exchange.

SPLITTING LEGAL HAIRS.

Tale by a Philadelphia Lawyer Which Would Puzzle One to Decide.

This is an after dinner story told by a well known lawyer the other evening, illustrative of legal difficulties that may arise even in the carrying out of the most amicable contracts:

There were once four brothers, who had inherited a storage warehouse from their father and who equally divided the property among them. Among the appurtenances thereto was a cat, a fine animal, excellent for mousing, and this, too, was divided, the elder brother owning the right front quarter, the second brother the left front quarter and the younger brothers the two hind quarters. Now, unfortunately, the cat in one of its nocturnal prowls injured the right front paw, and the elder brother attended to that portion of his property by binding the injured member with a greased rag. The cat, thankful for this relief to its suffering, went to sleep contentedly before the fire, but in the midst of its slumbers a falling coal ignited the rag, and the animal, howling with agony, dashed through the warehouse, and, coming in contact with some combustibles, set the building on fire.

When the loss came to be figured out, the three younger brothers wished to throw it all upon the elder, upon the ground that had he not tied up his part of the cat with the inflammable rag the building would not have been destroyed. He, on the contrary, contended that had the cat only been possessed of the front right paw—his property—it would have stood still and burned to death. It was the three other paws that caused the damage. The brothers argued the case until they died, but could never reach an agreement.—Philadelphia Record.

THE OLDEST KNOWN BIRD.

It Had Teeth In Its Jaws and Was Otherwise Elegant.

"The Solenhofen slate of Bavaria," writes Professor H. G. Seeley in his recent little volume, "The Story of the Earth In Past Ages," "makes known numerous insects and other forms of terrestrial life of this period, including the oldest known bird. A bird is known by its feathers, though there is a reason why the covering to the skin should not be as variable in this group of animals as among reptiles or mammals. It is, therefore, remarkable that the oldest known bird, the archæopteryx, has feathers as well developed as in the existing representatives of the class and similarly arranged.

The animal is an elegant, slender bird, which is chiefly remarkable for showing teeth in the jaws. About 12, short and conical, occur on each side of the upper jaw. The bird was larger than the robin in its body and had a tail of which there was a bony core some six inches in length. The wings were quite as well developed as the legs, and there are some evidences that the former could be applied to the ground, as are the fore legs of quadrupeds, although the feathers show the wings to have been constructed on the same plan as the birds of today. The Solenhofen stone, in which so many of the remains of fishes, reptiles and insects are found, is the same as that used for lithographic purposes, being of exceeding close texture and of remarkable smoothness when prepared for its work."

When His Nerve Failed.

The cruelties of the French revolution lose nothing by the manner in which Baron Ferdinand Rothschild has described them in his book:

"By far the most wantonly savage of the Republican commissioners was Lebon, who exercised the powers of a consul at Arras. The Marquis de Vielfort was lying bound under the knife of the guillotine when Lebon, who was looking on from the balcony of a neighboring house, made a sign to suspend the execution. The mob, fancying he meant to pardon the condemned man, were greatly surprised at such unwonted clemency on his part. Lebon, however, took a newspaper from his pocket, read out a long account of a victory the Republican army had just gained and ended by shouting to the marquis, 'Vilain, go and inform your friends of the news of our victories.'

"Michelet relates that a man known for his colossal strength and iron nerve betted that he would stand by and see the executions from first to last without faltering. For some time he unflinchingly bore the sight, but when a young girl named Nichole, a mere child, stepped forward, lay down on the plank and gently asked the executioner, 'Am I right this way?' his brain reeled and he dropped in a dead faint."

Wonderful Figures on Sunlight.

From a comparison of the relative intensity of solar, lunar and artificial light, as determined by Professors Euler and Wollaston, it appears that the rays of the sun have an illuminating power that is wonderful in the extreme. According to their deductions, the illuminating power of the "great day star" is equal to that of 14,000 candles at a distance of one foot, or of 8,500,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 candles at a distance of 95,000,000 miles. From the above figures it follows that the amount of light which flows from the solar orb could not be produced by the daily burning of 300 globes of tallow, equal to the earth in magnitude.—St. Louis Republic.

Criticism.

"I'm told you were at the theater last evening. How did you like it?"

"No good."

"Well, what did you see anyhow?"

"Oh, I saw a dozen imbeciles on the stage who were trying to amuse the audience, which consisted of a dozen idiots."—Figaro.

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