Selling Out a Circus.

Operations in Ring-tailed Monkeys and Miniature Horses.

From the San Francisco Chronicle.

For a week or two past display advertisements in the newspapers and posters upon the dead-walls have flamingly informed the public that at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, February 15, the animals and properties of Chiarini's Royal Italian Circus would be sold at auction. The place selected was the street in front of Wilson's Palace Amphitheater, corner of New Montgomery and Missions streets. Accordingly a great crowd gathered yesterday.

So numerous were the curious and covetous, indeed, that the street was quite impassable for fully half an hour before the time for commencing the sale. As was to be expected, the assemblage had a very horsey cast. There were a great many gentlemen in sulkies sporting diamond pins and purple black tufts at their chins. Raw, red faces and variegated trowsers, belonging to gentlemen with hoarse voices, were to be seen in profusion. But the majority were mere

SLAVES OF CURIOSITY.

It isn't every day that one gets a chance to see a circus sold at action. By 12 o'clock the crowd had grown so unmanageably large that John C. Bell, the auctioneer, flatly refused to mount the hogshead prepared for him. With one arm around the neck of the guanaco, and a monkey sitting on the other, Mr. Bell said that with all due respect for Mr. Chiarini he'd see him hanged before he would bawl for several hours to such an unruly and probably hard-up multitude. At this critical juncture John Wilson mounted the breach and offered the use of his amphitheater. In a few moments that commodious building was crammed and the auctioneer upon a table at the side of the ring was airing his powerful voice on the astonishing merits of the Batavia pony, "Tom Thumb," a black little beast the size of a stunted Newfoundland. In a tone of almost tearful reproach, Mr. Bell knocked him down to James Robinson, the circus rider, for $100. "Mandarin," a Chinese piebald pony, next scampered out and kicked up the sawdust at a tremendous rate.

"How much am I offered for this charming little fellow?" cried Mr. Bell.

"Fifty dollars!"

"What! You don't know much about ponies, sir, whoever you are. Why, look at 'im. He ain't got spot nor blemish, and, on my word as a gentleman, is the finest animal on four feet upon the globe to-day; $75? Thank you, sir. Come, raise it, gentlemen. He's as gentle as a dog (at this moment the Mandarin, imagining that it was a regular performance, laid down and rolled over). A fine riding pony for children, gentlemen. $80? Thanks for small favors. No wonder

MR. CHIARINI SHEDS TEARS.

"For heaven's sake, Mr. Badger, where are you to-day? Mr. Tetlow, in God's name don't sit there and see this slaughter. I was offered $2,000 for this beautiful animal at private sale, gentlemen. Did you say a hundred, Mr. Robinson? Thank you. Mars and lightning, this will never do! Why you don't offer ten cents on the dollar, gentlemen. Look at him! He's got a breast like the side of a house, smooth as a smelt, and a coat like satin." Mandarin was finally sold for $170, and seven other miniature horses went for smaller amounts. The horses, a number of them really beautiful animals, brought fair prices. Abdel-Kader, a pure Arabian stallion, hardly needed the eloquence of the auctioneer, and as the handsome fellow went waltzing, pacing and trotting round the ring under the erroneous impression that a regular performance was in progress, the house broke into a hearty applause.

"Look at him, gentlemen! Mr. Montgomery Queen, good morning. I made you a present of them two ponies, now help me out. Going at $80! Oh, heavens, gentlemen! Why look at the tears streaming down the aged cheeks of Mr. Chiarini. Young, gentle, sound and kind. His skin is worth $80. Colonel Thompson, can you stand this? Mr. Daniels! Jack Wilson! Aint you ashamed of yourselves to be sitting there and seeing a horse like this going up $5 at a lick. Mr. Austin, Mr. Donahue, don't sit there like dumb images." Abdel-Kader was bought by Mr. Wilson for $385, General Grant was knocked down to O. A. Hickox for $690, the highest price paid for any of the nineteen horses sold.

THE MARKET PRICE OF MONKEYS.

People in want of trained monkeys will not be pleased to learn that a hideous little monster named Jinnie fetched $130. Another dissipated-looking wretch of the same genus permitted himself to be sacrificed at $21. Guanacos are costly beasts, too. Mr. Robinson paid $110 for one, but then the beast, which is a compound of camel and deer, can jump ten feet high, and has large, tender black eyes.

A great quantity of harness, saddles, etc., was sold at rather poor prices for such gorgeous trumpery. The bidders for this sort of property were all circus or stable men. John Wilson and Montgomery Queen bought vast quantities of crimson leather, yellow silk, snapping-whips, etc. It was nearly 6 o'clock when what was left of the auctioneer was lifted from the table. Although Chiarini took in between $20,000 and $30,000 he did not seem happy, and it was rather pitiful to see the saddened king of the arena retiring into the stalls and giving his pets a farewell pat or two.

Old Plows.

A plow used by the Emperor Joseph II. of Austria, in 1769, was placed beside a modern plow in a portion of the Austrian department of the Vienna exposition of the old plows of various nations. No better proof could be given of the great advance in the improvement of plows which has marked the 100 years which have elasped since his imperial majesty worried himself and mother earth with that plow. This venerable plow was composed of the root of a tree, with the stem for a beam, resting on an axle with wheels underneath it of about two and a half feet in diameter; the handles were secured to the knee by holes bored into it, into which the handles were secured; the share was a piece of iron about nine inches long secured to the point by the knee, and then a strip of board about six inches wide was secured near the share. This last contrivance was designed to answer the purpose of a mold-board. The old English plows, though much in advance of this Austrian one, were very awkward and weighty affairs, such as now would not be accepted as a gift by farmers in any civilized country. Spain exhibited an old plow with shafts, and a wooden share. South France, a plow constructed with wood, with the exception of the share, with wooden mold-boards five inches wide; this plow was about 500 years old.

Do Not Eat Raw Eggs.

One of the most common prejudices of housewives and mothers is that hard eggs are difficult to digest, especially the white, and that the less they are boiled the better they are for weak and dyspeptic stomachs. The reverse is the case, as there is more danger of raw and soft white of an egg passing through the digestive apparatus without being really digested, than when thoroughly boiled and hard; in fact, then it constitutes a most excellent food for dyspeptics, as experience is proving. A writer in a medical journal says: "We have seen dyspeptics who suffered untold torments with almost every kind of food. No liquid could be taken without suffering; bread became a burning acid; meat and milk were solid and liquid fires. We have seen the same sufferers trying to avoid food and drink, and even going to the enema syringe for sustenance. And we have seen their torments pass away and their hunger relieved by living upon white of eggs which had been boiled in bubbling water for thirty minutes. At the end of a week, we have given the hard yolk of the egg with the white, and upon this diet alone, without fluid of any kind, we have seen them begin to gain flesh and strength and refreshing sleep. After weeks of this treatment they have been able to begin upon other food." And all this, the writer adds, without taking medicine. He says, what we have always manifested, that hard-boiled eggs are not half so bad as soft-boiled ones, and ten times as easy to digest as raw eggs; and we have no doubt that an animal may be starved to death by eating only raw whites of eggs, for the same reason that dogs have been starved by eating gelatin alone. Only toothless babies can digest soft food, such as milk.

English Literateurs Refusing Royal Patronage.

M. D. Conway writes to the Cincinnati Commercial: It is probable that some people in high places may presently begin to realize that there is such a thing as "the Republic of Letters." A little time ago Mr. Ruskin refused to receive from her majesty's hands a gold medal, offered for his service to English architecture; and now we have Thomas Carlyle declining the Grand Cross of the Bath, and Alfred Tennyson a baronetcy, both in one day. The queen was indignant at Ruskin's refusal of the medal, but what will she say to Carlyle, whom she once asked to see and did see, or to her Laureate? She will feel particularly sore about Carlyle, I suspect, because he accepted the order of civil merit from the King of Prussia, but now refuses a decoration from his own sovereign. It is very probable, indeed, that the Bath Cross was offered to Carlyle by the queen because she felt uneasy that her German friends should think she could not recognize the ability they had honored. If so, the matter stands worse than it did before. The fact is, it was not an easy matter to obtain Carlyle's consent to the German decoration, though that was not a sham. It was an order founded by Frederic the Great. But the Grand Cross of the Bath belongs to those who regard the sovereign as the "fountain of honor," which Carlyle does not; it is the decoration of a "sham aristocracy" with the symbols of the great. The Laureate's refusal of further royal patronage is more unexpected, but will not be the less welcome to his truest friends.

Whatever may be said of the particular opinions of the veteran Carlyle, none can fail to recognize that he has shamed out of existence the ancient snobbery and servility of literary men.

Cattle in Central Africa.—The Baris of Central Africa own immense herds of cattle, but will suffer prolonged abstinence from meat rather than sacrifice one of their animals for the sake of its flesh. The sustenance which they derive from their herds is limited to milk from the cows, blood from the bullocks, and steaks cut from the hump and hind-quarters of living cattle. Both cows and oxen are bled periodically, and the blood thus obtained is made into a dish resembling the black-pudding eaten throughout Europe. Bruce describes, in his African travels, a cruel operation which he once witnessed, by which a steak was cut from the hind-quarters of a cow driven by the natives. The Baris are in the habit of practicing vivisection upon their cattle, removing the lump which grows upon their backs, and which is the most delicate portion of the beeve. After each removal a new lump grows again. Thus the operation may be several times repeated upon the same creature, and thereby its owner enjoys an occasional feast of juicy steak, and still retain a living spring to draw from.

The official report of the Austrian government respecting musical instruments at the Vienna exposition, declares the Mason & Hamlin Cabinet Organs to be "the most distinguished and praiseworthy instruments" of their class; praising in detail their power and resonance of tone, variety of combination and solo effects; fine power of expression; smooth, even and sympathetic tones, and thorough workmanship. They were awarded the first and highest medal. Other American organs in competition were declared to be far less meritorious, the tones and workmanship being both inferior. In comparison, it was said: "Judged leniently, they do not rise above a respectable mediocrity." This was undoubtedly the most extensive, thorough and competent comparison of such instruments ever made.

—Anna Dickinson describes the new society bow, as executed by Washington ladies. She says that to bend the head, except to acknowledge superiors, is out of fashion. The lady looks you coolly in the face, smiles as sweetly as she can, and gently inclines her head toward the right shoulder, with a little backward movement at the same time. A slight, French shrug heightens the effect.

American Women.—It is a melancholy fact, that American women have degenerated in point of health and physique, until they have become literally a race of invalids. How sad it is to look around us and compare the frail and effeminate looking lady of to-day with the hale, hearty and buxom ladies of days gone by. To all such the late discovery of Dr. Walker, of California, which is known as Vinegar Bitters, is a priceless boon indeed. For this class of diseases it is certain and safe, and any lady, old or young, can take it with entire confidence in the result, and thus avoid what to thousands is a stumbling block never overcome, viz.—a consultation with a family physician. 'Tis true there may be cases of years standing, that will necessitate more powerful treatment, but in nine cases out of ten this remedy will reach the disease, and after a little time effect a cure. The number of ladies cured by it are numbered by thousands, and are scattered through every state in the union.

A Few Words to Feeble and Delicate Women.

By R. V. Pierce, M. D., of the World's Dispensary, Buffalo, New York.

Knowing that you are subject to a great amount of suffering, that delicacy on your part has a strong tendency to prolong, and the longer it is neglected the more you have to endure and the more difficult of cure your case becomes, I, as a physician, who is daily consulted by scores of your sex, desire to say to you, that I am constantly meeting with those who have been treated for their ailments for months without being benefited in the least, until they have become perfectly discouraged and have almost made up their minds never to take another dose of medicine, nor to be tortured by any further treatment. They had rather die and have their sufferings ended than to live and suffer as they have. They say they are worn out by suffering and are only made worse by treatment. Of anything more discouraging, we certainly cannot conceive, and were there no more successful mode of treating such difficulties than that, the principles of which teach the reducing and depleting of the vital forces of the system, when the indications dictate a treatment directly the reverse of the one adopted for them, their cases would be deplorable indeed. But, lady sufferers, there is a better and far more successful plan of treatment for you; one more in harmony with the laws and requirements of your system. A harsh irritating caustic treatment and strong medicines will never cure you. If you would use rational means, such as common-sense should dictate to every intelligent lady, take such medicines as embody the very best invigorating tonics and nervines, compounded with special reference to your delicate system. Such a happy combination you will find in my Favorite Prescription which has received the loudest praise from thousands of your sex. Those languid tiresome sensations causing you to feel scarcely able to be on your feet or ascend a flight of stairs; that continual drain that is sapping from your systems all your former elasticity, and driving the bloom from your cheeks; that continual strain upon your vital forces that renders you irritable and fretful, may all be overcome and subdued by a persevering use of that marvelous remedy. Irregularities and obstructions to the proper workings of your systems are relieved by this mild and safe means, while periodical [illegible] the existence of which is a sure indica[illegible] of serious disease that should not be neg[lec]ted, readily yield to it, and if its use is kept up for a reasonable length of time the special cause of these pains is permanently removed. Further light on these subjects may be obtained from my pamphlet on diseases peculiar to your sex, sent on receipt of two stamps. My Favorite Prescription is sold by druggists.

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BACON—Clear Sides	11	@	[illegible]
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LARD	16	@	16½
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GINSENG	1 25	@	1 30
WOOL—Unwashed	22	@	20
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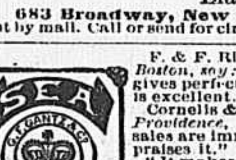

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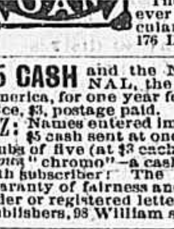

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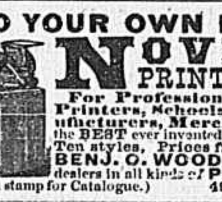

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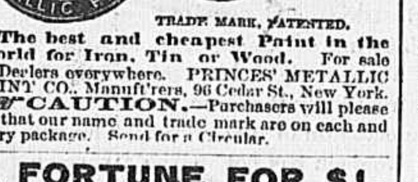

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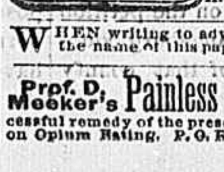

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