

A Canadian Bear-Trainer



Mr. Apdale's two Russian Bears, Bedelia and Dooley.

THE lively little town of Deseronto in Ontario has produced the greatest bear-trainer of the day. His name is Apdale and his headquarters are now in New York. Just how he learned his trade is too long a story for this occasion.

Mr. Apdale prides himself on the training of his animals by humane methods. He never beats an animal. A little patting and numerous lumps of sugar are the only incentives he uses. His sun bear, Jessie, comes from Himalaya where the natives worship these animals. She was six months old when Mr. Apdale secured her and she required three hours teaching each day for a year and a half before she learned all her tricks.

He has two Russian bears, Bedelia and Dooley, which were also quick to

learn, though not quite so intelligent as Jessie. Bedelia is quicker than Dooley, but they work well together. These Mr. Apdale secured when they were three months old, and for the next three months he raised them on the bottle.

A captive bear will live about twenty years, barring accidents. The constant moving about the country, with the consequent change of climate and water is hard on them, but Mr. Apdale has lost only one bear in six years.

Jessie was the first bear to walk on her hands, the first to ride a bicycle unassisted and at the same time play a banjo. She will lie on her back and juggle a ball with a dog on top of it. The accompanying photographs show some of these clever tricks.

A Careful Correspondent

MISS BEATRICE HARRADEN is the recipient of many curious letters from unknown correspondents, a large proportion of whom are men. Shortly after the appearance of the German edition of "Ships that Pass in the Night" she received a letter from a German officer thanking her for the pleasure and stimulus he had derived from reading the book and assuring her that he "prayed for her every night." He further stated that he was forty-six years of age and belonged to a Prussian cavalry regiment. It then appears to have occurred to the gentleman that he was writing to a single lady with whom he had no personal acquaintance, and, seized by the spirit of caution, he added the postscript—"This is not an offer of marriage."

Another Triumph for a Canadian

WORD comes from a great London hospital of a remarkable surgical operation performed by a gentleman bearing a name well known in Ontario. Dr. George Badgerow, whose forebears fought bravely on the right side—you may take your choice—in 1837, has recently succeeded in re-

moving a considerable section of the stomach of a patient suffering from organic disease in that useful member, and the subject is well and will be better. It is gratifying—especially at this time of the year—to know that henceforth, the organ of which we are incessant stokers, eating to live and living to eat, can be abridged, amended or partially excised if it breaks down in the performance of its onerous duties. Since the triumph of Dr. Badgerow those of us who are the victims of a vexed pylorus or are taxed by a tortured duodenum can speedily have the source of trouble expelled from what the late Mr. Montague so neatly called "our corporeal republic." Irresistibly the thought occurs with this simile that if the body is a republic, the operation should be surgically known as "deportment"—a process much in vogue with undesirables in the greatest republic of all.

The Power Vote

THE latest returns from Hamilton and Brantford serve but to emphasize the strength of the cheap power agitation. In Hamilton the figures were: For, 2,496; against, 1,114; majority for, 1,382. In Brantford: For, 2,184; against, 722; majority for, 1,462. Taking the Niagara power district as a whole, therefore, the vote cast by qualified property owners was:—

For the By-Law	15,388
Against	3,991

Majority for 11,397

In addition to this remarkable endorsement, the people of Ottawa by a vote of 7,262 to 1,732 decided to ask the Hydro-Electric Commission to supply 15,000 horse-power for civic purposes from the proposed development on the Ottawa River.

These figures must be held to settle absolutely the public attitude toward the principle of Government supervision of the distribution of electric power throughout Ontario. All that remains to be done is to make careful working plans and prepare contracts for submission to the various municipalities.—Toronto Globe.



The Sun-Bear, Jessie, in one of her star acts



Jessie, the Sun-Bear, from the Himalayas, who can ride a tricycle and play the banjo at the same time.