

POP WHITTAKER.

The Famous Circus King, Master of the Ring, and his many acrobatic feats.

It has been given to few people to be seen and known of more than to Pop Whittaker, of whom a portrait is given. He has been a circus ring master since the youthful days of our grandfathers, and now he is dead.

Pop Whittaker was made for a minister, so far as appearance went; and sixty years of the wear and tear of circus life only served to confirm the man's looks in that mold. Even in his coffin this was noticeable. The man who was for the first time the clerical looking gentleman, appeared in the circus ring, and he was surprised that he should have been so long in the ring. He was a man of prayer, and his clothing was of the ministerial order. But Pop's broad chest did not belie the man; it covered one of the most beautiful and noble natures of the age.

He died in the place he filled, and he was buried in the same place. He was born in New York in 1818. At the age of 9 he was dropped into the circus ring, and he abandoned it only when seized by mortal sickness a couple of weeks before he died.

During these years he rose from the lowest of circus drudgery to the proud position of expert rider, clown, and master of the circus ring. He reached the pinnacle of promotion in his profession when he was made ring master of Barnum's Hippodrome and Greatest Show on Earth. He was master of ceremonies in the Wild West Show when death overtook him. His coolness in the emergencies that are liable to occur among a great concourse of people, as well as his intimate knowledge of every detail of the business, admirably fitted him for such a position. His stentorian voice was his crowning glory. It is told of him that when he was traveling with itinerant circuses in the days gone by it was the custom, when in a great grazing country, to let the horses and some of the grass eating animals out to pasture. When the time for the performance approached Pop would just outside the tent and call, and the men having the live stock in charge would hear him even if a mile away.

Pop was also famous for his faculty of getting smashed up in accidents. His legs and most of his ribs had been broken in turn. He had been bitten by a tarantula and gored by a buffalo. Railroad accidents came to him regularly. His most serious caution occurred in 1881 in the Bowery, New York, just two blocks from his birthplace. This accident he lost his right arm.

His full name was Francis Warren Whittaker, but he received the name of Pop away back in the days of Rufus Welch's circus in Philadelphia. Here he was called an even-tempered circus king, and he was the teacher and for which he was christened Pop. He adopted a son, now a man of 35. He says he "went with Pop at the age of 9. Pop didn't believe in schools, and he said to me: 'Take your books and see there, and when you find something you don't know, ask me.' That's the way I got my learning, 'twas 'round the world with Pop. He broke me from drink in this way: When I was a young man I dropped down to the barroom of the hotel where we stopped, and called for my drink of ale. Pop came in and said to me: 'He just knocked me senseless, when they brought me to Pop, says, 'My boy, I've never seen you drink again, I never have.' The adopted son concluded by saying that 'Pop was a place as honest as Pop's hand.'"

Mr. Whittaker was a very simple man. His second wife was a lady adopted by his first wife. After her death Pop brought the girl up, had her educated as a physician and married her. They were the most affectionate of couples. She traveled with large shows and doctor and said to be very skillful. Pop was the oldest member of the order of Elks, which he helped to organize out of a society called the Jolly Corks in Philadelphia.

A NAVAL TERROR.

Description of the Proposed New Dynamite Cruiser.

The London Times says that "the most important triumph of American ingenuity" is the dynamite gunboat recently constructed for and now being built by William Cramp, of Philadelphia. Four years ago Lieut. Zimlinsky was detailed by the government to experiment with a pneumatic gun capable of throwing dynamite. His experiments have proved so successful that a vessel armed with such guns is about to be constructed.

SECTION OF DYNAMITE GUNBOAT.

This vessel is to be 240 feet over all length, with a beam of 25 feet and a draught of 7½ feet. She will be built of American steel with a deflecting deck from which ordinary shot will glance off. There will be four boilers driven by the two independent screws. These, with the engines, will be powerful enough to drive the vessel through the water at the rate of twenty knots an hour. The boilers will be placed as far apart as possible with water tight bulkheads between them so that in an engagement the portion of the vessel containing one or two of the boilers be blown away she would float and still have power enough not to be helpless.

The armament will be the unique feature of this craft. It will consist of three steel tubes lined with brass, seventy feet in length and ten and one-half inches in diameter. These are the guns. From these will be thrown by air pressure projectiles containing 250 pounds of nitro-gelatinous case to the distance of a mile and at the rate of one shot in two minutes from each gun. There are to be two screws for the compressed air, from which the air will be let into the tube behind the projectile at a pressure of 5,000 pounds to the square inch. As the gun is fixed in the hull it is immovably fixed in their place, the range will be regulated by the pressure of air allowed to propel the projectile, and the guns can only be fired while the vessel is "head on" to the enemy.

On suggesting to the engineer in charge that the vessel was designed to attack the enemy on the "tullygun" principle only, he said the guns would throw sixty shells, or six tons of the most terrific explosive known, during twenty minutes of the time they are gleaming up to the enemy, and the presumption is that before that time has elapsed there will be no enemy left.

An advantage claimed by this pneumatic gun method of sending a torpedo at the enemy is its economy. The torpedoes which are shored by electric wires from a station on shore cost from \$7,000 to \$15,000 each, and of course are destroyed on being used, and the cost from this dynamite ship containing the same weight of explosive will cost but \$200.

Almost anything will be forgiven sooner than "thinking oneself better than other folks."—H. P. Row.

A purgative medicine should possess tonic and cathartic, as well as cathartic properties. This combination of ingredients may be found in Ayer's Pills. They strengthen and stimulate the bowels, causing natural action.

A Question for Lent.

"Yankee do you like this?" "No." "What are you going to fast on, then?" "Pie and pickles."

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ALL AROUND THE HOUSE.

Up stairs, Down stairs, in kitchen and in the Lady's Parlor.

As regards hanging pictures, no precise rule can be given without knowing all the details of the room. It is a general way to hang pictures in the center of the wall, or at least the lower half, will be opposite the eye, where the whole can be easily viewed without lifting or bending the head. In exhibitions where two or three rows of pictures must be hung to have space for all, usually the best are hung on this line, and those of less consideration in the rank above or below it.

Decorative Novelties.

"Taffeta" silk, which shows an open work stripe, is a novelty in curtain draperies. It comes in extremely delicate and soft shades and is fifty inches wide. Another new curtain silk is known by the name "Dupon." This is forty-five inches wide, is light tan, thick and has a fine texture, and is upholstering with exquisite chintzes.

The employment of terra cotta in both inside and outside decoration has very appreciably increased.

Old time gobelin tapestries, as now produced, are by far the most attractive of the most novel and are brought out in many unique shapes.

A decorative novelty in metal is a standing hat rack of polished brass and oxidized silver, showing a diamond shaped mirror, supported by twisted columns of brass, framed in dead gold and polished and set in the dark silver.

Below the mirror, framed in dead gold and in oxidized finish. On either side of the mirror are two long curving hat hooks, polished brass, and below, crossing the front, a bold bar of twisted brass.

An Attractive Chair.

The present is an excellent time to make convenient articles for the house and grounds. It is really true that many ingenious people almost furnish homes with lounges, chairs, cupboards, tables, and the like of their own handiwork. The subject of our illustration is a plain suggestion in the way of a hoop pole chair, admirably suited for the veranda or a garden seat, as it may be desired. In some respects it is preferable to the ordinary rustic chairs, for one thing being more comfortable.

A HOOP POLE CHAIR.

This chair can be easily made by any one who can command a supply of smooth hickory saplings. The arrangement of the frame is sufficiently shown in the cut. The saplings, when they cross one another, are fastened by nails. The seat is made of small pieces of the same material, the larger portions of the saplings being used for the legs, chair of this kind costs nothing but the materials and the labor.

Chicken, Shrimp and Lobster Salads.

Opinions differ as to the best way to make chicken salad; some good authority saying that the chicken should be cut into small pieces, and others stating with equal decision that the larger the pieces the better the salad, but all agree that it should be cut with a knife and not be chopped. The color, according to a correspondent in Demorest's Monthly, ought to be cut into strips an inch long, in either case. It is the dressing which gives distinction to the salad, and it is a peculiar fact, worthy of thought, that no two persons make the dressing exactly alike, even when following the same directions. Mayonaise dressing, made of the yolks of two raw eggs, stirred with the best olive oil, added drop by drop, is the foundation of the dressing; this is thinned with vinegar, and seasoned with pepper, salt, sugar, mustard, parsley, and, in fact, with any other seasoning within reach of the cook; if it be in accordance with her taste, but the staple component is pleasing to most people, if the fowl is as finely flavored as it ought to be.

A pretty looking dish can be made of shrimp salad. Take some small shrimps, wash them in cold water, and clean them by washing with a soft flannel and lukewarm water or cold. On no account use soap, as water that has, as either would, have a bad effect on the palate. When the shrimps are rubbed with a small portion of a mixture of butter, softened with a minute amount of sugar, being for this purpose a soft furniture polishing brush. The following is also used to make shrimps look well: Wash them once a month with salt milk and water, equal quantities of each; rub them once in three months with boiled flaxseed oil; put on a very little, rub it well in with a wet cloth, and polish with a piece of oil skin.

How to Clean Oilcloth.

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Mr. Grady Asks a Blessing.

Oldenbaugh never to be scrubbed with a brush, but after being swept may be cleaned by washing with a soft flannel and lukewarm water or cold. On no account use soap, as water that has, as either would, have a bad effect on the palate. When the shrimps are rubbed with a small portion of a mixture of butter, softened with a minute amount of sugar, being for this purpose a soft furniture polishing brush. The following is also used to make shrimps look well: Wash them once a month with salt milk and water, equal quantities of each; rub them once in three months with boiled flaxseed oil; put on a very little, rub it well in with a wet cloth, and polish with a piece of oil skin.

With a week face the creator said: "O Lord, make me truly grateful for what I am, and I will be content."—and Mr. Blank—the Lord spat out and both men fell dead in the street.—Washington Gossip in Boston Traveller.

A Dissection by Birch.

"One of my schoolmates," said an old man, "was a rich man's son. I was a poor man. He had more pocket money in a week than I ever handled in my life. He is now a conductor of a street car."

"I'm the driver of the car."—Harper's.

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