

SPARKS CIRCUS FAMOUS FOR ITS TRAINED HORSES

Sixteen Horse Act With Sparks Circus Requires Vast Amount of Patience in the Training.

Patience is the watchword and a daily supply of it must have been very essential in the training of sixteen—or rather seventeen to be exact—"liberty" or "rotation" horses, for horses, let it be known, are just as moody as the most temperamental Prima-Donna and an "understudy" must be carried at all times in case of sickness, accidents—or obstinacy. And right here permit us to say that sixteen is just for horses larger than any similar act in the entire world. When one considers that each animal is individually trained and that months are required in the training process, can you imagine the enormous amount of patience required in the training of sixteen high-strung German thoroughbreds?

When Mgr. Chas. Sparks of the Sparks Circus contracted with John T. Benson, American representative of the famous Hagenbeck Trained Animal Farms of Stellingen, Germany, for a group of sixteen "rotation" horses for the modest sum of fifty thousand perfectly good American dollars—half of the horses were to be chestnuts and the other half greys and none to be over the five year age limit—he little knew what a vast undertaking he had entered into. First of all the horses must be perfectly matched in pairs and of pedigreed stock, for animals with a superior brain prove to be more susceptible to the art of the wily trainer. It required just eight months of difficult scout duty by the Hagenbeck lieutenants before sixteen perfectly matched horses were obtained and even the sacred precincts of the Kaiser's private stables were invaded in the quest. After fourteen months' Post Graduate course in the Training Animal School of Hagenbeck at Stellingen they were proclaimed by the world's most competent horsemen to be trained to the very highest degree of perfection and ready for their American debut with the famous Sparks Circus where they are now presenting a series of astounding evolutions and manoeuvres that are absolutely the most marvelous the world has ever seen and all without the command of man. Sparks Circus is due to invade Timmins on Saturday, August 7th, and an entire mounted section of the mile-long street parade is comprised of this famous battalion of thoroughbreds.

Seats can be secured Circus day at Meyers "Rexall" Drug Store same price as at show grounds.

TWENTY-FOUR MILLION AUTOMOBILES IN WORLD

A reader of The Advance who read the editorial in last week's issue showing that the automobile is not so recent an invention as some think and that it has been in use even in Canada for more than thirty years, came forward with the rather broad question: "How many automobiles are there, anyway, in the world today?" Almost like an answer to his question is a summary recently published of a report by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

This report suggests that the automobile has invaded every nook and corner of the globe, and in such quantity that an owner is to be found for every seventy-first person. On the basis of 1,748,000,000 world population for 1925, this means that more than twenty-four million persons are automobile owners.

These figures announced by the U.S. Commerce Department revealed also that the United States has the greatest number of automobiles and the highest ratio of such vehicles to population, with one to every six persons. Hawaii has one to every eleven, and Canada one to thirteen.

In the lower ratios is found Afghanistan, with one to 1,200,000 persons; Hedjaz, with only four cars, or one for every 225,000; Abyssinia, one to 133,333, and China with one to every 31,871 inhabitants. The Solomon Islands, with 151,000 persons, has only two automobiles, while Liberia has 54, or one for every 54,259.

In 15 of 59 countries surveyed, at least 90 per cent. of the automobiles owned were of American manufacture, while in seven American-made cars constituted at least 80 per cent. South American countries had the greater proportion of American cars, while European countries showed a much lower ratio.

USELESS

And, along that line, take myself. I have a number of responsible friends; I am well received in excellent homes; even my banker pays me a modicum of respect. Yet a little, illiterate Scotsman deems me the world's most useless animal. He is the golf pro at the country club.

A BAND IS ONE OF A TOWN'S MOST VALUABLE ASSETS

Haileybury has no town band, but is living in hopes of having one. The Haileyburian is conducting a clever and earnest publicity campaign to assist in the formation and support of a town band. Quite evidently the band when it is organized will have one good asset to start with—the loyal and intelligent support of the local newspaper. The articles in The Haileyburian referring to the value of a band make good reading. They are of interest to towns that have bands, as well as those the tendency to strengthen public support to the town band idea. In its last issue, The Haileyburian says: "A band—what a vast number of purposes it serves! It is indispensable to any town for fairs, trade excursions, public holidays, garden parties and festivities of every kind. A band draws the public to these gatherings and instills the spirit that is so necessary to make the event a success. It brings the townspeople together and is a powerful factor in unifying the community."

"Of course it boosts the town! As an advertiser it is recognized everywhere that a band is one of the best assets a municipality can have."

"A band is a real character builder for the young men who largely comprise it. The daily practice and frequent, regular rehearsals which make the existence of a band possible, teach them discipline, co-operation and exactness, as well as providing excellent musical training and genuine enjoyment."

"Bandsmen stand out as leading public-spirited citizens. They feel a well-justified pride in their organization and on public occasions are willing to be on hand from early until late heading processions and giving concerts in the hot sun, while others look on and enjoy the merriment."

"Surely such men work towards the best civic interest, and are real 'town builders.' Many of Canada's most successful and prominent men had as a training school the small town band."

"It is a well recognized and accepted fact that performers of Music find their keenest enjoyment and incentive towards greater achievement in ensemble work. The comradeship and friendly rivalry and the feeling of mutual aid and support can only be appreciated by those enjoying such work as can be had in a band."

"If there is a band the young men cease to long to go to the city and are willing to stay at home and work in their own municipal industries. Thus the band does much to stabilize industry."

"Surely a band is one of the most valuable assets a town can have and worth many times the cost of its upkeep."

SURPRISE PARTY GOT A SURPRISE ITSELF

There are often times when "Surprise Parties" really do surprise those visited but a Haileybury Surprise Party the other evening got a genuine surprise itself. From being a Surprise Party the group developed into a Surprise Party. The Haileyburian tells the story as follows:

"What had been planned to be a regular old time surprise party on Saturday evening last turned out to be more of a surprise to the instigators than it was to the hostess-to-be, when the lady of the house learned of the intention turned the key in the door of the house and refused to be disturbed. The party had been organized, refreshments provided and the merry-makers travelled to the outskirts of the town to where the home is located, only to find that there was no latchstring hanging out and no response to their repeated demands for admission. However, they were not down-hearted, even if they had walked over a mile through the mud, and they visited another home where they were made welcome and spent a very jolly evening."

"That's me all over," said the workman as he dropped the dynamite.—Dartmouth Jack o' Lantern.



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ALUMINIUM COMPANY TO START SOON AT SAGUENAY.

Some week ago a reader of The Advance was looking for some information relative to the expected opening of a new aluminium industry somewhere in the Province of Quebec. At the time The Advance was not able to give the desired information, but the following paragraph from the weekly news bulletin sent out by the C.P.R. will no doubt give the information necessary. This paragraph says:—"The Aluminium Company of America will start production at its new Saguenay river plant in this province in September, according to report. The initial output will be from only a few pot rooms, but development eventually will include power facilities, a complete city to house employees and extensive plants for large scale production."

ANTELOPES THRIVE ON CONDENSED MILK AT ZOO

The value of condensed milk as a guardian of health was curiously demonstrated by an item in the London Daily Mail recently, one sentence in the article reading:

"The complete replacement of fresh milk by condensed milk has notably reduced tuberculosis."

The story had to deal with the activities of the London Zoological Society and was reporting on the health of the animals. Many animals, especially those with cloven hooves, were liable to epidemics of bovine tuberculosis. The antelopes seemed to die of nothing else. Yet they lived under very good conditions and were given generous daily draughts of fresh milk. Then the fresh milk was cut off and the tinned variety substituted. A marked improvement followed and tubercle had been stamped out in the antelope paddocks. The Borden Company Limited, who put up Eagle Brand Condensed Milk, have long advocated it as an infant food on the ground of its being absolutely pure as well as uniform. This incident would seem to bear out the statement that, save for mother's milk, there is no milk as safe for the infant as Eagle Brand.

Professor—I will use my hat to represent the planet Mars. Is there any question before I go on?
Student—Yes! Is Mars inhabited?
—Pathfinder.

CANADA HAS ONE AUTO TO EVERY THIRTEEN PEOPLE

Whilst there is one automobile to every 71 persons inhabiting the earth, there is one to every thirteen in Canada, according to the United States Department of Commerce which has conducted a survey of car ownership in 61 nations. Canada ranks third following the United States which has one to every six persons and Hawaii which has one to every eleven.

MUCH SURFACE WORK IN THE RED LAKE DISTRICT

The southern part of the District of Patricia is now enjoying favorable Summer weather, and this is enabling surface prospecting at Red Lake to be carried on to an extent not realized before this year.

Assessment work is being done on a great many groups, and the whole camp is on the quiver for further discoveries. A number of promising outcroppings are being examined and some promising free gold showings have already been uncovered.

The operations of the big mining companies and the large syndicates have so far held the centre of interest, but the smaller operations are coming into their own, and several important deals are under way. Meanwhile, many well known prospectors who have been identified with the development of the Northern Ontario mining fields are playing a lone hand at Red Lake, and are doing real work on their properties before offering them for sale.

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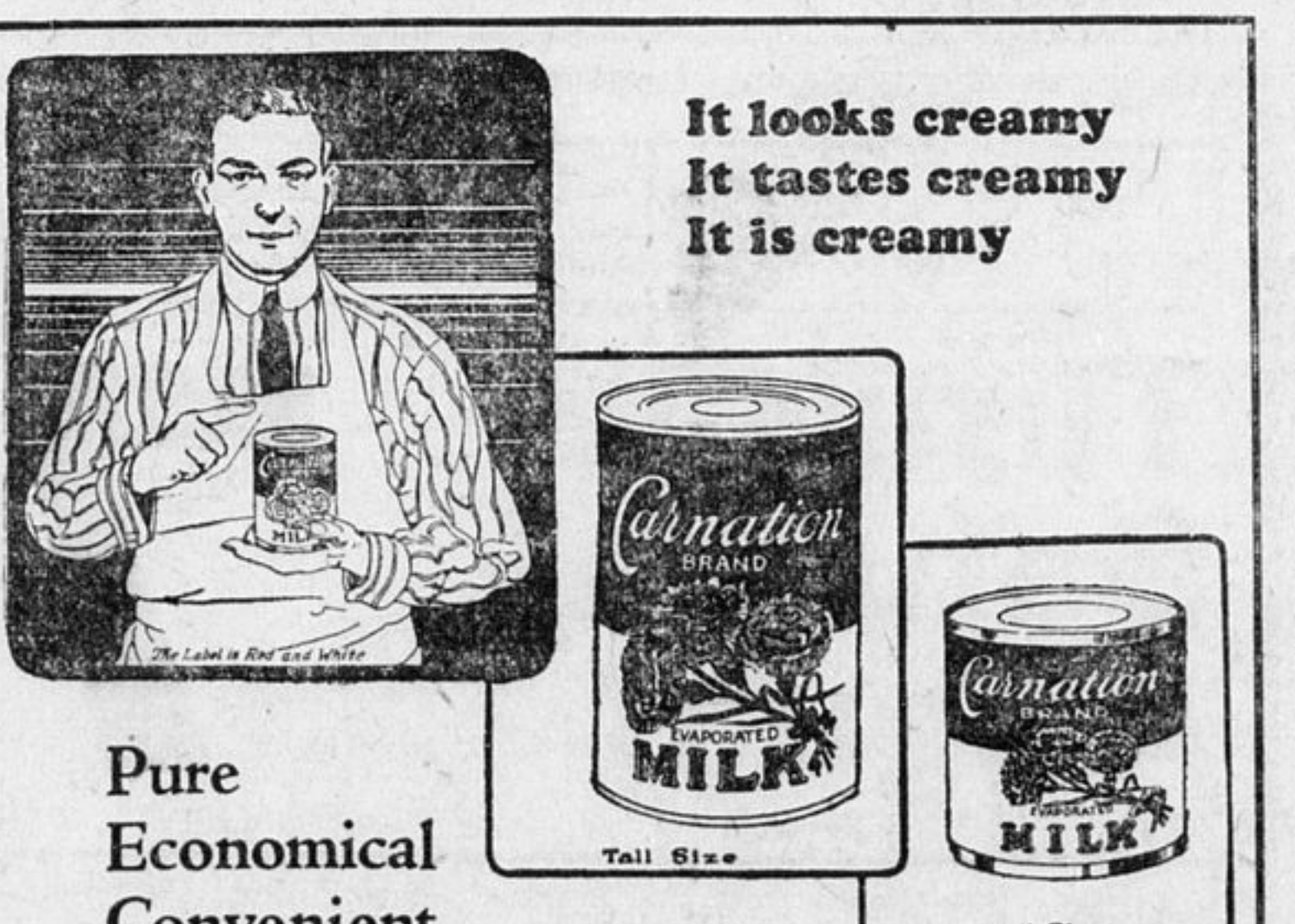
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