

How the Largest Stage Army in the World is Managed.

To feed, lodge, and generally maintain a body of 800 men of mixed nationalities and, furthermore, exhibit them before the public twice a day in special performances, constitutes a task of some magnitude. But when, in addition, matters are so admirably arranged that the whole of the men, together with the entire paraphernalia of the show, which includes about 600 horses and numberless weapons, can migrate from one town to another in a single night, if necessary, it becomes a most remarkable feat.

But to Colonel W. F. Cody, or "Buffalo Bill," as he is better known throughout the world, and the managing staff of his wonderful Congress of Rough Riders of the World, now stationed at Olympia, London, the task presents no difficulties whatever.

"Everything works as smoothly as if we were only a small theatrical touring company. This is owing to the fact that every department, no matter how small, has its own head, who troubles himself about nothing but his own particular work. The consequence is that when on tour

EVERY MAN KNOWS WHAT TO DO, and does it without bustle or confusion. It is the same with the riders or artists themselves. The Indians are under their chiefs, and obey them exactly as they would if living in the Wild West. The Cossacks, Mexicans, and Arabs are also under their separate chiefs, and each body of men carries out its various evolutions and feats under their direction, with, of course, Colonel Cody in supreme command.

"Do we carry everything with us? Certainly. We possess sixty cars and coaches for travelling, all of which have been specially constructed for our purpose. The cars, for instance, which often constitute the homes of the show company for six months of the year, are about 60ft. in length, and fitted up as living compartments, with bunks, etc., for sleeping. Our horse-coaches hold as many as thirty horses each, whereas those in use in England will only contain seven or eight.

"Then we carry a canvas arena in which can be seated 20,000 people, and which is used when a building cannot be found in a town large enough for the show. Canvas stable for 600 horses are also carried, in addition to a dining tent in which meals for the 800 people engaged in the show are served three times a day by our own commissariat department.

The latter is also provided with a specially constructed cooking-range on wheels, which always travels with us. A number of men are employed as cooks, etc., and it is their duty to prepare the food for everyone engaged in the show. When on tour the commissariat department precedes the other part of the show, generally arriving at each destination about an hour beforehand. Consequently, when the rough riders arrive, after having, perhaps, travelled all night, the dining tent is up and there is a good breakfast waiting for them. And it has to be a good one," added the representative, laughingly, "for they are men whose appetites are simply enormous.

"While in London, however, a well-known catering firm provides the necessary food, the men being lodged in various hotels. But the Indians and their squaws.

ALWAYS PREFER THEIR NATIVE WIGWAMS to any modern dwellings, and consequently, whenever possible, they are put up."

It is an interesting fact, by-the-by, that Colonel Cody is the first man who has ever brought a body of Indians out of America. The Indian reservation laws which exist in the States practically forbid Indians leaving their native country. But after the final Indian uprising in 1891 Buffalo Bill obtained the permission of the United States Government to bring twenty-eight of the war prisoners to this country with his Wild West Show. Since then the number of Colonel Cody's Indian rough riders has increased to 169, including squaws and papooses. Troops of Cossacks, South American Gauchos, Mexicans, cowboys, Arabs, as well as British and United States cavalymen and Roosevelt's Rough Riders, have also been added to this interesting combination of horsemen, who have rightly won the title of the "Rough Riders of the World."

"All the rough riders were collected by Colonel Cody's agents in different parts of the world," the T.-B. man was informed, on asking for information as to how they were found. "We never have the slightest trouble with any of them. In fact, we are a very happy family, although a large one. The Indians look upon Buffalo Bill as their good father on account of what he has done for them at various times and consequently he has

NO DIFFICULTY WHATEVER IN MANAGING THEM, and the other bodies of men are equally tractable.

"The horses are at times far more troublesome than the men. The animals that go into the arena are quite untrained, otherwise they would be no good for our purpose. For once a horse is trained it becomes docile and quiet, whereas we need wild animals in order to give a true representation of rough riding. Many of our horses are brought straight from

the prairies, the real home of the Indian and cowboy.

"Yes the horses, too, have enormous appetites," said the Wild West man, when the writer ventured to express the opinion that the fodder bill must be of good proportions. "Six tons of hay and two hundred bushels of oats are consumed on an average each day, while five or six tons of straw are used up. In addition to this, twelve or fifteen hundred pounds of bran are given to the horses two or three times a week in order to keep them in good condition. Altogether our total expenses amount to over £1,000 a day, so that one needs a little capital before he can run a show like Buffalo Bill's Wild West."

The Farmers' Friends.

Like all ardent protectionists, Mr. Tarte is especially solicitous regarding the farmers, and is eager to show them how much they can gain by excluding foreign goods or heavily taxing the purchasers of them. He is also, like his fellow-theorists, anxious to regard the farmer exclusively as a seller and not as a buyer. La Patrie, Mr. Tarte's paper, declares that President Roosevelt's farmers sell in Canada products to the value of \$25,000,000 to \$30,000,000, while Canadian farmers are content to merely look over the wall built to keep them out of the United States. All who have been equally reckless with figures have not been equally indefinite, so it may be profitable to analyze the returns of Canadian agricultural imports. Close on a million dollars during the fiscal year 1901-2 were made up of such articles as rice, arrow-root, macaroni, etc., which Canadian farmers do not produce. The grain imports for the same year were \$10,405,000, of which the only important items were Indian corn, \$2,902,000, and wheat, \$7,217,777. About half the Indian corn imported was again exported, the balance being needed for distilling and for fattening.

The wheat imports which figure so largely merely pass through Canada. Of the seven million dollars' worth imported, only \$89,000 worth was entered for home consumption. Of a fruit import of \$2,594,000, the bulk is made up of tropical products such as are not produced in Canada. Apples imported were valued at \$8,570, while exports aggregated \$1,567,000. In these products, as in wheat and other grain, our market is abroad. Under the head of seeds and bulbous roots we have an import of \$2,399,000 most of which was purchased by farmers, and an export of \$2,337,000. Our vegetable exports are valued at slightly more than a million, and our imports at less than half that amount. So much for our heavy agricultural imports. So far as the Canadian market is concerned, the interest of the farmer is that of a buyer rather than that of a seller. He loses directly by every obstruction on imports, and every pretence to the contrary can be easily exposed.

Putting it Plainly.

A well-known naval dignitary has a beautiful daughter. A young ensign, with no resources but his salary, fell in love with her and asked the old gentleman for her hand. The father at once taxed him with the fact that he had only his salary—hardly enough to keep him in white gloves and to burnish his brass buttons.

"Well, Mr. Admiral, what you say is true. But when you married you were only a midshipman, with even a smaller salary than mine. How did you get along?" asked the ensign, who believed he had made the most diplomatic of defences.

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The Limit of Big Ships.

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In a Montana hotel there is a notice which reads:—
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SIGNS OF SPRING.

It is a Season When Most People Feel Miserable, Easily Tired and Fagged Out.

The spring seasons affects the health of almost everyone—of course in different ways. With some it is a feeling of weariness after slight exertion; others are afflicted with pimples and skin eruptions. Fickle appetite, sallow cheeks and lack-lustre eyes are other signs that the blood is clogged with impurities and must have assistance to regain its health-giving properties.

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A Serious Charge.

On the opening of the Ontario Legislature last week, after the address in reply to the speech from the throne had been moved and seconded, Mr. Gamey, the member for Manitoulin rose in his place and charged that he had been paid the sum of \$3000. to support the Ross Government. He said that the negotiations had been carried on with him through one "Cap" Sullivan who acted for the Hon. J. R. Stratton, Provincial Secretary in the Ross administration. The terms of the agreement according to Mr. Gamey were that he was to receive \$3000. at the beginning of the session and \$2000. at the close of the session.

Premier Ross at once asked for an adjournment of the house for three weeks and for a commission to investigate the charges.

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BORN.

BROWN.—At St. Stephen on Saturday the 14th inst., to the wife of J. Rankin Brown, a son.

DIED.

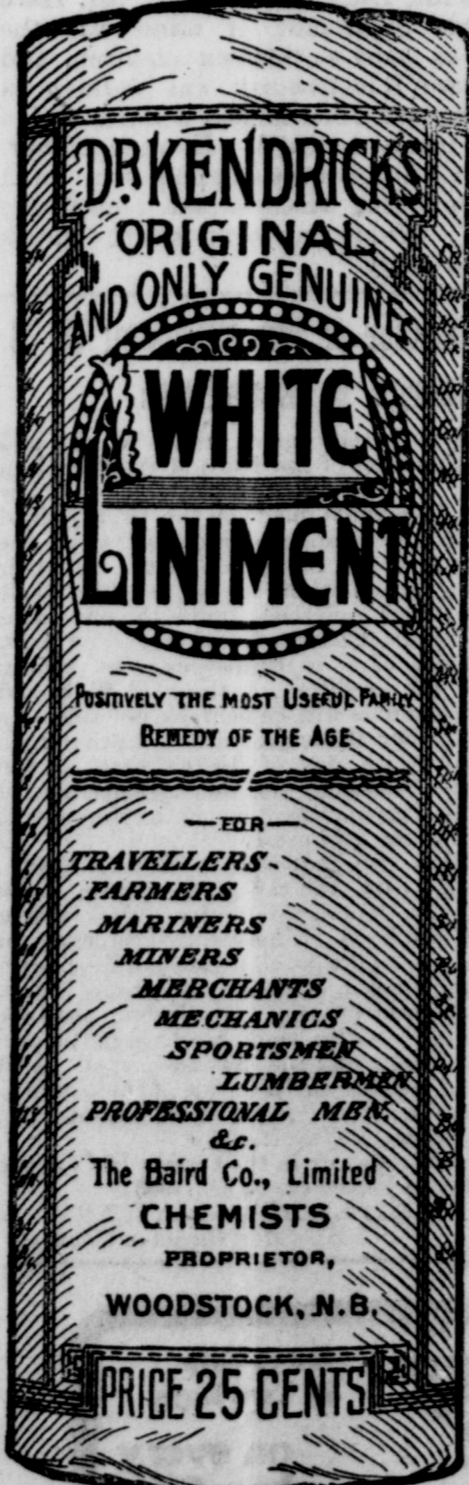
ANDERSON.—At Forest Glen, March 6th, Archibald Peter, aged 13 months, youngest child of Peter and Edna Anderson.

CURRIE.—At Andover, March 12th, Isabella, relict of the late David Currie, aged 80 years. She leaves one brother, James Patterson, of Salisbury, and also three sons.

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