

suffering. Such a system was expensive, and besides had many disadvantages. The management finally hit upon the plan of having a separate department for sick animals, and a car was built for that purpose. The hospital car is fitted with permanent cages and all the appliances necessary for treating sick and injured animals, and on the road is attached to one of the regular circus trains. Since its introduction the cost of operating the hospital car has been realized many times over by the large decrease in the loss of zoological specimens.

"Of course the temporary arrangements here are not so good as those in the hospital car, but they are effectual, nevertheless. The percentage of sick animals is always greatest in the spring and fall, although serious injuries may be looked for at any time. The removal of the animals from winter quarters, and the change from the tropical temperature to the cold air of the outside world lead to pulmonary troubles, which are difficult and sometimes impossible to successfully treat. In the fall, when the show leaves the warmer climate of the South and makes a long, cold run to winter quarters, severe colds often result. The greatest sufferers from lung troubles are the monkeys. It is seldom that sick monkeys recover, though we treat them with the greatest care. Their lungs are weak and easily affected by cold, and once they are attacked they are pretty sure to cough themselves to death."

#### "MONKEYS GIVEN THEIR MEDICINE.

"The two little monkeys, as if to confirm the statement, indulged in a fit of coughing that fairly racked their frail bodies.

"They'll both be dead before to-morrow," said the head nurse. "They are too far gone to offer any chance to save them. All we can do is to relieve them a little. Here, Dewey," he said, calling one of the monkeys, "come and get your medicine."

"The little simian obediently slipped out of the blanket and came over to the bars. The face of the tiny animal was emaciated, and there was a moist look in his eyes. Cooper reached into a box under the cage and drew forth a bottle and spoon. Some of the contents of the bottle were poured into the spoon and the latter reached between the bars. The monkey eagerly took the spoon into its mouth, and gulped down the medicine. Then the other monkey was called by name and given a spoonful of the liquid.

"Now get under your blankets again," said the nurse. The monkeys obeyed. "Animals are all remarkably docile and obedient when they are sick," said Cooper. "No matter how unpleasant the medicine is they seem to understand that it is for their good, and take it without hesitation. The medicine I have just given the

monkeys is, however, agreeable. It is a compound of tar, rock candy and whisky.

#### "SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT OF BRUIN.

"This bear," continued the nurse, as he led the way over to bruin's cage, "was injured in a fight with his mate, in which he had a leg badly chewed and suffered a fracture of the bone. We thought at first we would have to kill him. The wound was so painful he wouldn't let us touch it, and there was danger of gangrene setting in. Finally, by spraying cocaine on the injured limb, we were able to relieve the pain, and the bear permitted us to reduce the fracture and treat the lacerated flesh. Both are now doing well, and we will have the bear's leg out of the splints in a day or two.

"The dog in the next cage is one of the English whippet hounds used in the hippodrome races," continued Cooper, as they passed on. "He was kicked by a horse on the track the other day and was brought up here with four ribs fractured and one of his hind legs crushed. The injuries to the ribs are coming out all right, but we couldn't save the leg. He won't be any good as a racer, but the owner is attached to the animal and would rather have him alive with three legs than dead with four."

#### "THE LIONESSE IS A GONER.

"What is the matter with the lion?"

"She seems to have a complication of diseases, including a partial paralysis of the limbs. Her stomach is also giving way. We are keeping her alive on beef broth, but it is only a question of time before she will succumb. All we can do is to prolong her life a little and make the end as easy as possible. She has been a faithful animal with the show, is the mother of a dozen or more lions and lionesses, and will be missed by every animal man around the menagerie."

"The head nurse led the way to the hyena cage.

"This is our latest patient," he said. "He was brought to the hospital last evening. The animal men call him Gilhopley, and he is an uncommonly fine specimen of the hyena. He had been acting queerly for several days, and yesterday he began to beat his head against the bars and give other evidences of insanity. We keep this padded cage especially for insane animals, and they can strike their heads against the bars without injury. He slept nicely last night under the influence of a soporific, and will no doubt be all right in a few days. These temporary fits of insanity are quite frequent with many animals, and often need radical treatment; but we seldom lose a patient from this cause. We treat mind and body with equal success in the animal hospital."

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