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HUNTING THE RHINOCEROS.

BY JIMMY BROWN.

We ought always to be useful, and do good to everybody. I used to think that we ought always to improve our minds, and I think so some now, though I have got into dreadful difficulties all through improving my mind. But I am not going to be discouraged. I tried to be useful the other day, and do good to the heathen in distant lands, and you wouldn't believe what trouble it made. There are some people who would never do good again if they got into the trouble that I got into; but the proverb says that if at first you don't succeed, cry, cry again; and there was lots of crying, I can tell you, over our rhinoceros, that we thought was going to do so much good.

It all happened because Aunt Eliza was staying at our house. She had a Sunday-school one afternoon, and Tom McGinnis and I were the scholars, and she told us about a boy that got up a panorama about the "Pilgrim's Progress" all by himself, and let people see it for ten cents apiece, and made ten dollars, and sent it to the missionaries, and they took it and educated morn'a hundred little heathens with it, and how nice it would be if you dear boys would go and do likewise and now we'll sing "Hold the Fort."

Well, Tom and I thought about it, and we said we'd get up a menagerie, and we'd take turns playing animals, and we'd let folks see it for ten cents apiece, and make a lot of money, and do ever so much good.

We got a book full of pictures of animals, and we made skins out of cloth to go all over us, so that we'd look just like animals when we had them on. We had a lion's and a tiger's and a bear's and a rhinoceros's skin, besides a whole lot of others. As fast as we got the skins made, we hung them up in a corner of the barn where nobody would see them. The way we made them was to show the pictures to mother and to Aunt Eliza, and they did the cutting out and the sewing, and Sue, she painted the stripes on the tiger, and the fancy touches on the other animals.

Our rhinoceros was the best animal we had. The rhinoceros is a lovely animal when he's alive. He is almost as big as an elephant, and he has a skin that is so thick that you can't shoot a bullet through it unless you hit it in a place that is a little softer than the other places. He has a horn on the end of his nose, and he can toss a tiger with it till the tiger feels sick, and says he won't play any more. The rhinoceros lives in Africa, and he would toss most all the natives if it wasn't that they fasten an India-rubber ball on the end of his horn, so that when he tries to toss anybody, the horn doesn't hurt, and after a while the rhinoceros gets discouraged, and says "Oh, well, what's the good anyhow?" and gets away into the forest. At least this is what Mr Travers says, but I don't believe it; for the rhinoceros wouldn't stand still and let the natives put an India-rubber ball on his horn, and they wouldn't want to waste India-rubber balls that way when they could play lawn tennis with them.

Last Saturday afternoon we had our first grand consolidated exhibition of the greatest menagerie on earth. We had two rows of chairs in the back yard, and all our folks and all Tom's folks came, and we took in a dollar and sixty cents at the door, which was the back gate.

I was a bear, first of all, and growled so natural that everybody said it was really frightful. Then it was Tom's turn to be an animal, and he was to be the raging rhinoceros of Central Africa. I helped to dress him in the barn, and when he was dressed he looked beautiful.

The rhinoceros's skin went all over him, and was tied together so that he couldn't get out of it without help. His horn was made of wood painted white, and his eyes were two agates. Of course he couldn't see through them, but they looked natural, and as I was to lead him, he didn't need to see.

I had just got him outside the barn, and had begun to say, "Ladies and gentlemen, this is the racing rhinoceros," when he gave the most awful yell you ever heard, and got up on his hind legs, and began to rush around as if he was crazy. He rushed against Aunt Eliza and upset her all over the McGinnis girls, and then he banged up against the water-barrel and upset that, and then he fell into the hot-bed, and broke all the glass. You never saw such an awful sight. The rhinoceros kept yelling all the time, only nobody could understand what he said, and pulling at his head with his fore paws, and jumping up and down, and smashing ever, thing in his way, and I went after him just as if I was a Central African hunting a rhinoceros.

I was almost frightened, and as for the folks, they ran into the house, all except Aunt Eliza, who had to be carried in. I kept as close behind the rhinoceros as I could, begging him to be quiet, and tell me what was the matter. After a while he lay down on the ground, and I cut the strings of his skin, so that he could get his head out and talk.

He said he was 'm at dead. The wasps had built a nest in one of his hind legs as it was hanging in the barn, and they had stung him until they got tired. He said he'd never have anything more to do with the menagerie, and went home with his mother, and my mother said I must give him all the money because he had suffered so much.

But, as I said, I won't be discouraged, and will try to do good, and be useful to others the next time I see a fair chance.—*Harper's Young People.*

POETRY.

TO HIS FORECASTER MISTRESS.
By Sir Robert Aglion.
I do not think that I am a poet,
Nor that I have ever been so true.

GENERAL NEWS.

Mr. Edward Miles, solicitor, committed suicide at Leicester on Tuesday by shooting himself.
At 11 o'clock on Tuesday morning, a man named Miles, who had been in the habit of drinking heavily, was seen by a policeman in the street.

WELSH NOTES.

At an informal meeting, on Tuesday, of Carnarvon Town Council, it was unanimously agreed to invite Mr. J. D. Davies to continue in the mayoralty a second year.
It has been published that the borough of Wrexham will be divided into wards.

BORDER NOTES.

Ms. Robertson, of the County Arms Hotel, Birkenhead, has obtained a decree nisi in divorce from her husband, Mr. J. Robertson, on the ground of her husband's cruelty and desertion.
Eight men, employed as sausage-makers at the Weddell Lodge, who had struck work were charged at the Birkenhead Court with intimidating a number of German workmen who had been employed at the Weddell Lodge.

SMILERS.

A NEW SONG.—An Oversey contemporary has discovered a new song by Sullivan. It is called "The Song of the Smilers."
The song is a very good one, and is well known. It is a song of the Smilers, and is a very good one.

Business Announcements.

BEAUTIFULLY FRAGRANT.
SULPHOLINE LOTION.
FOR CLEARING THE SKIN.
IN A FEW DAYS.
SPOTS, BLEMISHES, FRECKLES, DROPPINGS, DISCOLORATIONS, UNDESIRABLE ORIENTATION APPEARANCES, UNCOMFORTABLE SKIN DISPOSITIONS.

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