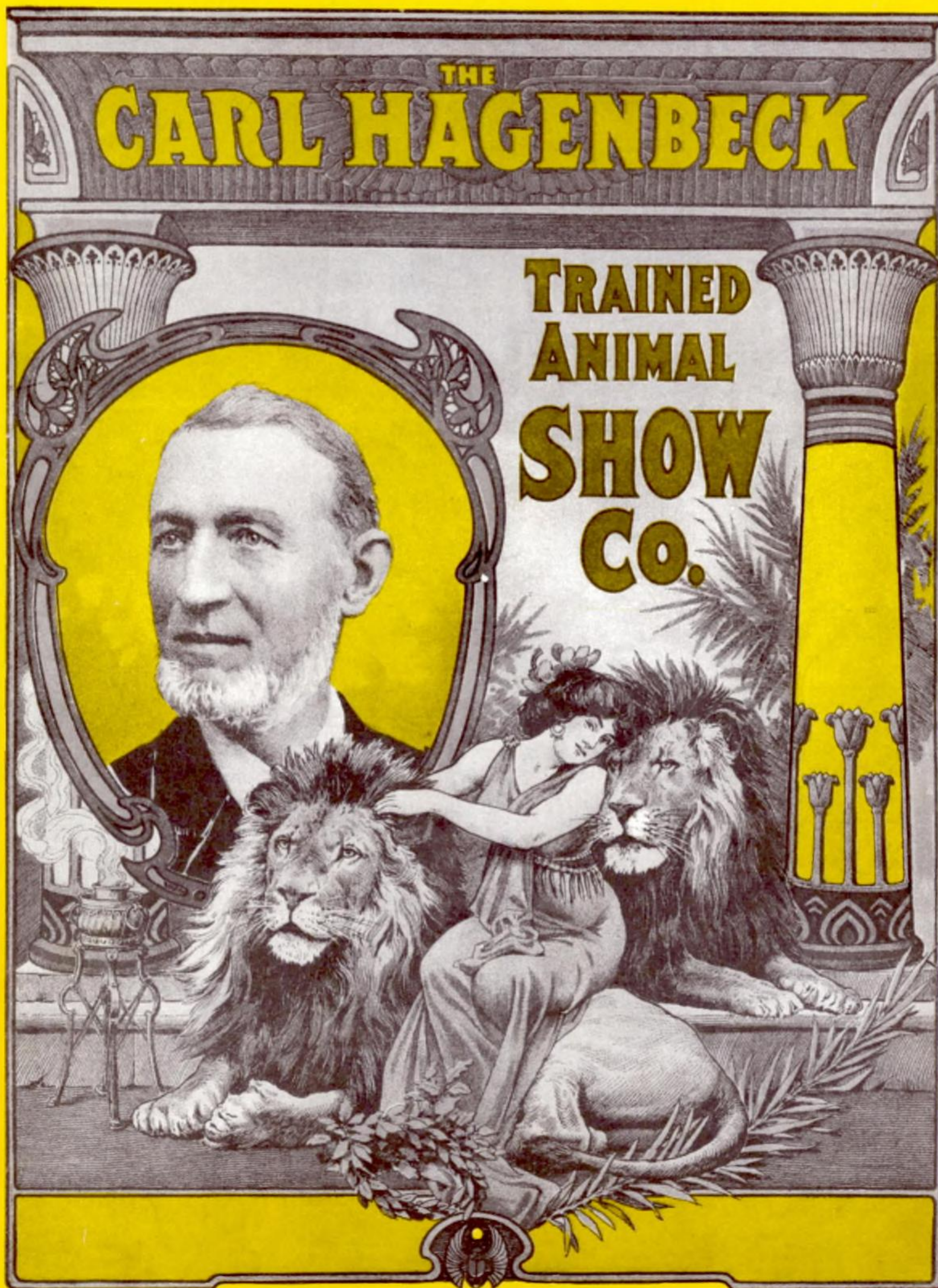


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New and Used Circus Books, Globe Model
Wagons and Horses and Miscellaneous
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I will pay fair prices for circus parade
lithos before 1910 for my private col-
lection, particularly Barnum & Bailey
parade 1892 and 1904.

Also a clean copy of
SHOW LIFE IN AMERICA
William Lambert (Will Delavoye)
East Point, Georgia (1925)
Describe and State Prices

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2170 Westfield S.
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ADAM FOREPAUGH CIRCUS LOANED MANY RARE ANIMALS TO NATIONAL ZOO IN 1893

At the close of the 1893 season, the Adam Forepaugh Circus deposited a large number of animals in the National Zoological Park, Washington, D.C. In June, 1962, Sgt. Marvin L. Jones, of the United States Army, completed a project for the National Zoo which lists every species and sub species of mammal which have been exhibited at the zoo together with the date of arrival of the first example of each. It is significant that of the Forepaugh animals, deposited at the zoo on Nov. 7, 1893, no less than 23 species were the first of their kind to be exhibiter in Washington, as follows:

Rhesus monkey	Bactrian or two-humped camel
Ceylonese toque monkey	Arabian or one-humped camel
Sooty mangabey monkey	Guanaco
Yellow baboon	Alpaca
Guinea baboon	Axis deer
Spotted hyena	Eastern waterbuck
Puma	Beisa oryx antelope
Bengal tiger	Gemsbok antelope
Cape mountain zebra	Tora hartebeest
Sumatran rhinoceros	White tailed gnu
Wart hog	Blackbuck antelope
Common or Nile hippopotamus	

The preponderance of large hoofed mammals, particularly antelopes, illustrates a difference between the circus menagerie of that day and the ones of more recent times.

It is interesting to note the great rarity of some of these animals. The curious, little, hair-covered Sumatran rhino is so scarce that experts estimate its current wild population at no more than 100 examples. It has not been exhibited in this country since World War 1.

The Cape mountain zebra was rather common in captivity at the turn of the century, but today it cannot be seen in any American or European zoo or circus. It has been reduced to a single small herd living in a preserve near the tip of South Africa. The same is true of another South African animal, the white tailed gnu.

The tora hartebeest from the Forepaugh collection is the only example of this particular kind of haretbeest ever shown in America. While not too rare in a wild state, the U. S. Department of Agriculture currently forbids the importation of wart hogs so that they are very rare in captivity.

The Adam Forepaugh show was always noted for its fine menagerie, and the 1893 edition was no exception.

New Year greetings,

Richard J. Reynolds, III