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The Largest Zoo in the World

The Fascination of a Journey Through the Modern Noah's Ark

By HARRIET QUIMBY



The Rocky Mountain goat baby, the only one of its species ever born in captivity.



The changing of the alligators from their winter quarters to their outdoor pond, is one of the surest signs of spring in the Zoo.



Musk Ox of amiable disposition and playful nature which is the favorite playfellow of the keeper's daughter.



Although the clumsiest of infants, the baby camel is as beautiful to its mother as the sleek and graceful fawn. The little camel is the shyest of babies.



The largest collection of great apes in the world. These quaint human-like animals eating their luncheon in the open on the promenade forms one of the greatest attractions to visitors.



Enjoying his springtime bath. All thick skinned animals in captivity require a periodical scrubbing with soap and water and a thorough rubbing down with coconut oil to keep their skin pliable and in healthy condition.



A Zoo favorite is the midget donkey. This curious little creature is an Algerian Ass. It is eighteen inches high and as amiable in disposition as its appearance indicates.



Jupiter, the three hundred years old tortoise. His intelligence having grown with his years, he rivals his more brilliant neighbors in active solicitation for dainty mouthfuls of food from visitors.



Two fascinating jungle pets. This little girl, the daughter of one of the keepers, is a fearless playfellow of all of the baby animals in the Zoo, excepting those in the reptile house.

EVERYBODY must have a pet. If you haven't a baby, you must at least own a dog. If it isn't a dog, it may be a cat or a kitten. In other lands it may be a monkey. I have even known of those who have alligators as pets—little ones, of course. Perhaps this explains why, on a single Sunday, forty thousand men, women and children, principally children, will flock into the Zoological Garden, at Bronx Park, in the northern part of New York City. This may explain, too, why, in a single calendar year, nearly one million and a half visitors at the park take time—and do it with pleasure—to visit what is known as the finest zoological exhibit as well as the largest in the world.

There seems to be unending entertainment in observing the peculiarities of our dumb friends. The fact that it is a free show, excepting two days in the week, may have something to do with it; and the children of New York City alone, if we include the suburbs, number over a million and a half. Just imagine what would happen, on a beautiful, bright, summer vacation day, if all these children should make up their minds at the same time to go to the Zoo. Fortunately, New York City has its Aquarium, its Central Park, with its lake and playgrounds, monkey house and manifold other attractions; its Coney Island, its recreation piers and all the other resorts, which all the people know and which visitors from every part of the country so greatly enjoy.

It is on these bright days of spring that the number of visitors to the Bronx Park each day becomes larger and the Zoo in general takes on

additional activity. In May, especially, there is a variety of entertainment, for in this month the animals are changed from their winter quarters into summer ones. The animals which show the greatest pleasure at being released are the elephants. When led out by their keepers, they make straight for the open, where they can find loose turf. This they gather up with their trunks and gleefully toss over their shoulders. Sometimes they emit curious sounds, which to those who understand elephant language mean that they are having the best kind of a time. The alligators, although resisting with all their might the efforts of those who move them out of their quarters in the glass reptile house, seem unusually pleased with themselves and with nature in general when they are once plunged into their outdoor pond, with its sloping banks, on which they can crawl out and sun themselves. There are 5,163 animals altogether in the gardens, and a large variety and number of birds. The playground given over to this collection contains an area of three hundred acres. A great deal of this is preserved in its wild state, and many of the mammals as well as the birds are deceived into believing that they are in their original homes. While this is the best way to secure the happiness of some, there are a few of the animals which seem more contented when closely associated with their human friends. Among these are the primates, particularly the great apes. There are a number of these in the Bronx, and one of the greatest attractions to visitors is the sight of them during their luncheon hour, when they are gathered around a table of boarding-house length and width, eagerly drinking

their cups of egg and milk and eating their nuts and bananas.

Great apes are particularly amenable to training and it takes only a couple of days to indelibly impress upon their minds that the fashionable way of eating their food is with the assistance of a knife, fork and spoon. The great ape, while far more deliberate in his movements than the ordinary monkey, is still controlled by a spirit of mischievousness. Those at the Bronx seem to derive huge enjoyment from secretly taking each other's food. One will sometimes reach a long arm slyly toward his fellow's plate and take one grape from a bunch, meanwhile watching cautiously to see that he is quite safe in doing so. He will continue this in the most droll manner until he is detected. Elwin R. Sanborn, official photographer at Bronx Park, has succeeded in photographing the group of great apes while they were unconscious of the camera—something that photographers will appreciate, since it is pretty well known that primates try to dodge the lens and generally succeed. Mr. Sanborn, while endeavoring to photograph some of the Bronx animals, has become more intimate with them than are the majority of officials. His observations contain much of interest. A department which has attracted a great deal of his attention is that devoted to birds.

"A mallard duck," said Mr. Sanborn, "has great confidence in man. An instance of this is illustrated by one which this year has built her nest in the very door of the elephant house. This door, which leads to the rhinoceros yard, is banked with straw during the winter, and, although this

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He Didn't Want Much.
OF COURSE new congressmen are fairly deluged with requests from constituents. One recently elected Senator had hardly reached his office this session, and was not yet sworn in, when his secretary handed him a postal card from a rural town in the middle West. It read: "Dear Senator—Please send large map of United States at once, free." "Very truly, (Signed) "Silas Atkins."

The Largest Zoo in the World.

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place is anything but quiet, she chose it not because there was no other place, but apparently because it pleased her. There is great activity in the duck quarters just now. Many of the regular residents of the pond have their wings clipped and are unable to fly to any height. Those that can fly do not seem to understand why they cannot get their companions to wing away with them, but, failing in their endeavors to entice them into the air, the flyers themselves decide to stay. Not infrequently a flock of wild ducks will take up their quarters in the park. Canadian geese often come in voluntarily. The Canadian goose is the only member of the goose family that remains year after year faithful to his mate. I have known Canadian geese to stay together for years and they seldom quarrel like other members of their species."

Although turning animals out to graze seems simple enough, the keepers at the Zoo have to be very careful. For instance, the elk, which are kept all winter in dry corrals, are very apt to make themselves sick on green grass if the opportunity is afforded them. Many of the animals at the Zoo are more difficult to care for than human babies are. It takes a great deal of experimentation to find out just what kind of food agrees with each kind of animal, just how much water each one should have and just how long after feeding it is safe to let one drink. It is impossible to find out what they eat while in their wild state, and, if one does know, it is sometimes impossible to furnish their natural food. The musk ox is one of the most difficult animals to rear, not only because his natural food is not available, but because his stomach is particularly sensitive.

It may surprise some of our readers to know that the apparently meek and harmless deer and the gentle and amiable-looking bear are classed by those who know as the two most dangerous animals in the Zoo. The bear, even one raised from infancy and treated as a pet, will suddenly reach out and use his claws with deadly effect. One can never trust him. As even the keepers are afraid of the deer, it is plain to see that one cannot always tell by the looks of an animal just what he is going to do. The elk, particularly, use their antlers and hoofs with great danger to those who venture near them. Mr. Hornaday, director and general curator of the Zoological Park, once received a letter from a man asking if a deer would not be the best animal pet that he could secure as a play-fellow for his little girl. Mr. Hornaday replied, "It would be far safer for you to buy a tiger or panther."

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