

Sagacity of Elephants

Sagacity seems a strong word to apply to an elephant, but certainly the tales of those who best know the beast would justify the term. It is said that the elephants in India will besmear themselves with mud as a protection against insects, and that they will break branches from the trees and use them to brush away the flies. If this is true it shows something beyond instinct in the elephant—it shows reflection.

It is surprising how simple is the training of a newly-captured elephant and how soon the animal can be taught to work. For the first three days, which is usually the time before they will eat freely, the elephant is left quiet with perhaps a tame animal near him to give him confidence in his surroundings. If there be many to be tamed at the same time each captive is stalled between the tamed ones as soon as he eats his food naturally. When this stage of training is reached the tamer and his assistant station themselves one on each side with long-pointed sticks in their hands. A tame elephant also assists in case he is needed. The men at the sides rub the animal's back, soothing him with such epithets as 'Ho, my son,' 'Ho, my father,' 'Ho, my mother,' which seem to have a calming effect. The next step is to take the animal to the tank to bathe, which is accomplished at first with the aid of tame elephants. After a time he can be taken alone, but as the process of taming depends upon the individual disposition of the beast, the time of preliminary training differs.

A newly-tamed elephant is first put at the task of treading clay in a brickfield or drawing a wagon in double harness with a tamed elephant. But the place where it shows the greatest amount of sagacity is in moving heavy weights. For, unlike the horse, it seems to comprehend the purpose and object of its work, and executes various details without the supervision of its master.

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Don't Care for Catholic Reading

Some excuse themselves for not subscribing to their Catholic weekly (says the 'Providence Visitor') because it does not measure up to their standard of merit; others declare it is not 'newsy' enough; that they have no time to read it; others that they do not need it. If the question were sifted out, however, it would be found that in all cases the reason why such Catholics do not subscribe for a Catholic paper is that they do not care for Catholic reading. They have been weaned away from a deep love of their faith by Godless education, or by non-Catholic surroundings, or corrupted in their tastes by the sensational accounts of murders and scandals, which are served up to them day after day by the secular newspapers.

It is understood that the Sisters of St. Joseph, North Sydney, have purchased for the sum of £3000 the magnificent residence of Mr. Hugh M'Ardie, Gladesville-road, Hunter's Hill, for the purpose of a convent school for girls. It is a fine, commodious building, and stands upon three acres of land most charmingly situated.

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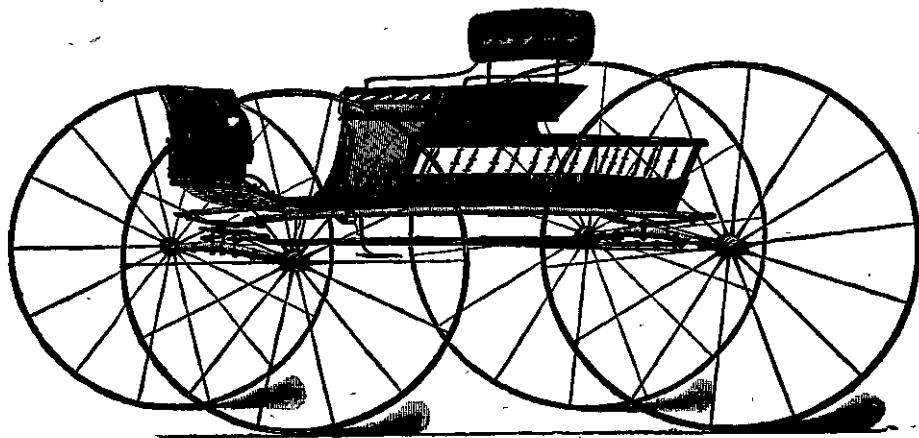
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