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" No training of a wild animal is possible by kindness; you have to break its spirit." (See No. 446, Blue Book of the Select Committee on Performing Animals, 1921.)

THE TRADE UNMASKED

BRUTALITIES IN ANIMAL TRAINING.

Lord Auckland, during a debate in House of Lords, on the 13th March, 1930, said:—

" I have listened to trainers boasting of the brutalities they have found it necessary to inflict on the animals they train."

Our Dumb Friends' League's Bill to prohibit the entry of the foreign trained animal and to control and limit training in Great Britain has been read for the first time and is still under consideration in the House of Commons.

NOTHING BUT LEGISLATION WILL END THE ATROCITIES.

WE WANT YOUR HELP

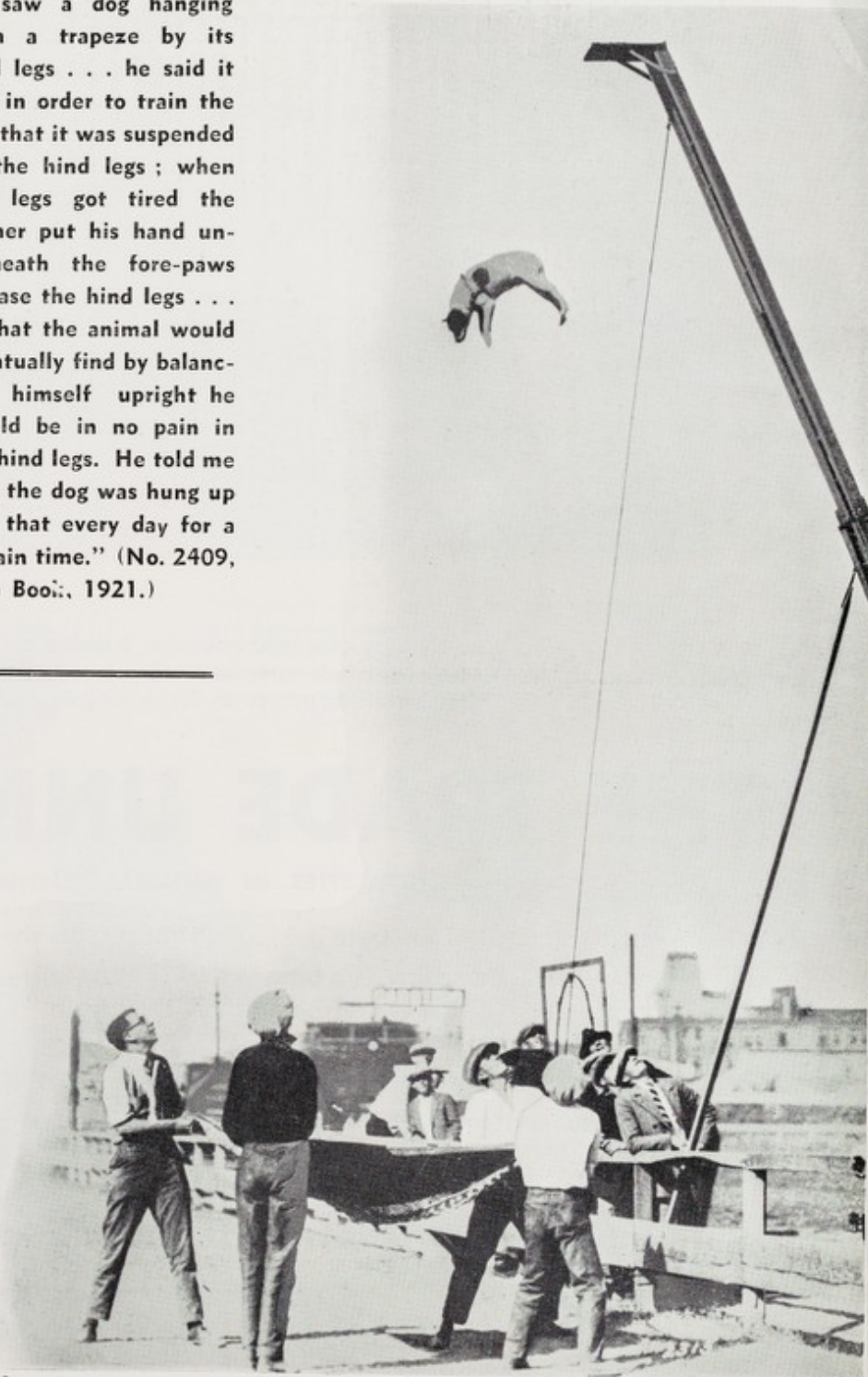
IS IT FAIR PLAY?



"I saw a dog hanging from a trapeze by its hind legs . . . he said it was in order to train the dog that it was suspended by the hind legs ; when the legs got tired the trainer put his hand underneath the fore-paws to ease the hind legs . . . so that the animal would eventually find by balancing himself upright he would be in no pain in the hind legs. He told me that the dog was hung up like that every day for a certain time." (No. 2409, Blue Book, 1921.)

"I saw he had one mite of a dog with a strap round his collar; he had a bar across the stage, and he was pulling the poor little beast backwards with the intention evidently of teaching it to stand on its front legs and turn a back somersault, and when it failed he thrashed it. . . .

"When they are being taught to jump from a height they were almost kicked off and thrashed unmercifully. On the top of a pedestal he was thrashing the dogs absolutely brutally." (See No. 703, Blue Book, 1921.)





FROM JUNGLE TO CIRCUS

"Another witness, a late theatrical manager, saw animals packed in the smallest possible boxes, in which they had to travel sometimes for over 24 hours." (See No. 703, Blue Book, 1921.)

"Another witness saw a lion being kept five days without food or drink between the trainings with trident and whip." (See No. 550, Blue Book, 1921.)

"Yes, he had seven lions . . . I saw nothing but beatings and whippings; sometimes it sounded as if someone were banging empty packing cases with a hammer." (See No. 553/54, Blue Book, 1921.)

"The monkey was compelled to jump from a swinging trapeze to a stationary bar eighteen feet away. It missed the bar three times and fell heavily to the ground, the monkey was unwilling to jump and was made to do so by the defendant jerking the cord which he held and which was attached to the monkey. The monkey was frightened and terrified. They have to be kept up to that pitch by fear. . . . I suppose fear is at the bottom, really, of all this training?" Answer, "Quite so." (See Nos. 273, 625, 626, Blue Book 1921.)



A Refractory Ape.

THE LEAGUE'S CAPTIVE AND PERFORMING ANIMALS BILL

Animal trainers are mostly foreigners and the training, therefore, usually takes place abroad where the laws are not concerned with animals' rights. (See incredible cruelties, Nos. 694, 695, Blue Book, 1921.) The Bill has been designed to prohibit the entry of any animal for training over the age of six months, thus barring the entry of the animal trained abroad. The result of such a measure would be that training would be carried out in Great Britain, and so provision has been made for better control over training conditions and for the free access of authorised persons to such places.

Very many witnesses before the Select Committee admitted that the dog and the monkey were more cruelly treated than any other animal. (See No. 769, Blue Book, 1921.) Being easily obtained and of low price, the trainer, looking only to his pocket, has less regard for their sufferings. The Bill, therefore, aims at the total prohibition of the trained dog and performing monkey.

"A witness said he was horrified at what he saw with regard to the treatment of bears." (See No. 504, Blue Book, 1921.)



"A witness saw a bear . . . shut up in a dark hole, chained by the nose, a part of which had been pulled off. The chain was eight inches long, so that it could not turn or raise its head." (See No. 703, Blue Book, 1922.)

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