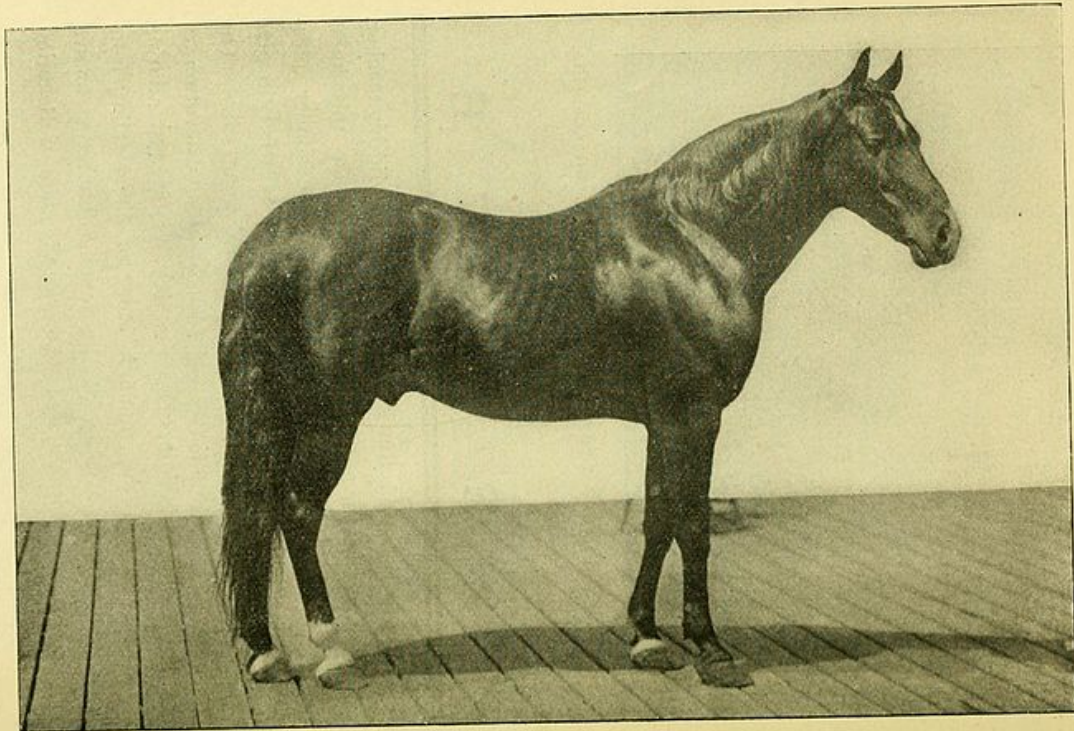
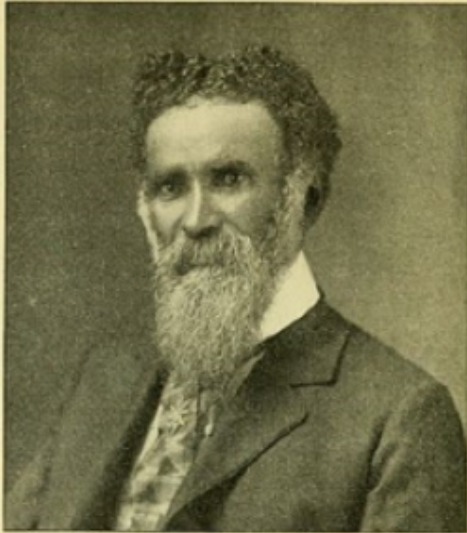


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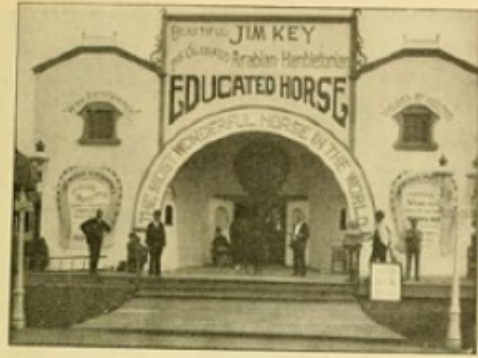
BEAUTIFUL JIM KEY.
The Most Intelligent Horse in the World.



DR. Wm. KEY.

PROGRAM.

- The audience are requested to ask questions. Please speak distinctly to the horse and he will respond promptly. A hint—he enjoys applause.
1. He opens school. Rings the bell for school to open.
 2. Jim picks out any letter, playing card or number asked for.
 3. Jim shows his proficiency in figuring, adding, multiplying, dividing and subtracting in any numbers below thirty.
 4. He spells any ordinary name asked him.
 5. He reads and writes.
 6. He goes to the post-office, gets the mail from any box requested, and files the letter in a regular letter file, under any name asked him.
 7. Jim distinguishes various pieces of money, and goes to a cash register and rings up any amount asked for, bringing the correct change.
 8. Distinguishes colors and flags, and tells the time.
 9. Gives quotations from the Bible, where the horse is mentioned, giving chapter and verse.
 10. Uses the telephone.
 11. Jim takes a silver dollar from the bottom of a glass jar filled with water, without drinking a drop. (Considered one of the greatest feats ever performed by an animal.)
 12. Jim offered for sale. Not wanting to leave, he goes lame. Well again. (One of his most amusing and laughable feats.)



JIM KEY'S BUILDING AT THE EXPORT EXPOSITION, PHILADELPHIA.

P R E F A C E .

How was Beautiful Jim Key taught? How did his teacher, Dr. Key, come to notice the extra intelligence this horse possessed? What breed is he? And a dozen similar questions are asked so often, that the writer has tried to give in the following pages, the answers to them all. The beautiful and touching story is related, of the devotion of the typical old Uncle Tom, "Dr. Wm. Key," to his master during the civil war, and the romantic story of the stealing from Sheik Ahemid, in Arabia, of the famous Laretta, known as the Mother of Horses, and who was the dam of Beautiful Jim Key.

The illustrations cover Beautiful Jim Key's principal acts.

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