

GRIEVING GORILLA DEAD AT GARDEN

Chill Airs Too Much for John
Daniel, Pet Member of
Circus Zoo.

RESENTED CAGE QUARTERS

Missed Woman Who Cared for
Him Two Years—Didn't
Like Crowds.

John Daniel, the almost human gorilla that has been the prize attraction in the Ringling Zoo, died of pneumonia yesterday in his room on top of Madison Square Garden where he was moved a few days ago in the hope that the fresh air would help him.

John fell ill two days ago. Doctors were called and worked for hours trying to save his life, but could not help him, for the lungs of his tribe are very susceptible to the chills of our climate.

Miss Edna Cunningham, with whom John Daniel lived in London for two years, sailed for New York on Saturday on the Celtic. She kept John alive and well longer than any one has been able to keep a gorilla in captivity. John showed that he missed Miss Cunningham and seemed humiliated when he was assigned to a cage on his arrival here a few weeks ago.

He refused food and would crouch on his iron bed away from the front of the cage and cover himself with his blanket to hide from the crowds. The last few days he was in his cage he could barely lift himself into bed despite his enormous arms, which ordinarily could crush a man.

Then he was put in a room by himself, and his keepers and Mrs. Flora Rittley, wife of one of the performers in the circus, put a mattress on his bed, gave him hot drinks and applied cloths as hot as John could stand them. Dr. William J. Shields gave him quinine and aspirin, but to no avail.

John will be missed by the circus people, for they had all grown fond of him. John Ringling said that if he could have saved his life by turning him loose in the jungle he would have done so, but there was no jungle near. The body will be presented to the American Museum of Natural History.

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