

## “The Nubians in Berlin’s Zoological Garden” (1878)

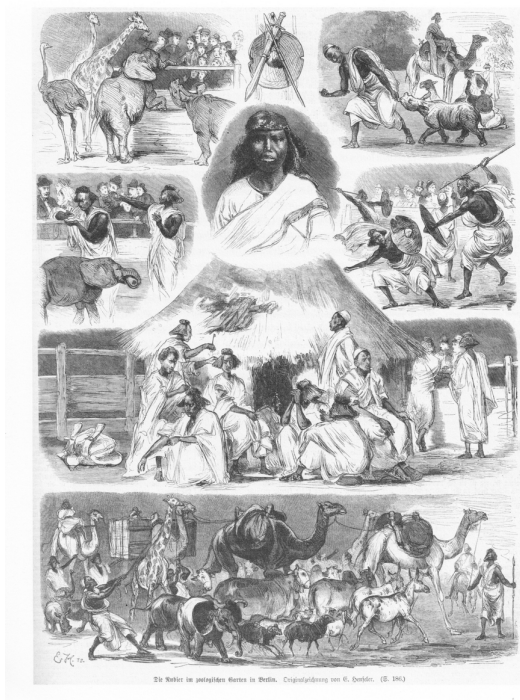
### Abstract

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Between 1876 and 1879, Carl Hagenbeck, an animal trader and zoo operator who had branched out into presenting ethnographic exhibits of non-white (or “exotic”) peoples (so-called *Völkerschauen*) to European audiences, organized three shows of Nubians—peoples from the African region now part of Egypt and Sudan. They were extremely popular in Germany and other European countries. This illustration of the 1878 troupe is interesting in that respect because it depicts social interaction between performers and members of the audience across the boundaries of the display. Drawing by Ernst Henseler.

### Source

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