

News gets round pretty quickly in the circus, but this is something the elephants will never forget.

Under the Big Top at Wirth's Circus in Sydney, Flora, a 12 years old lioness, has just given birth to her fifteenth litter of cubs, and for the first time they're all girls.

She's had seventy babies in all, now, and has never collected a PENNY in child endowment. No wonder she looks sad.

The new arrivals, though, are worth at least fifty pounds each, and seem to know they're a valuable new addition to the circus.

Keeper Jack Hinds has been up all night taking care of the new arrivals, and is glad when Danny, the circus chimp, offered to act as nursemaid. Nurse, please! That's not the way to see if the milk's the right temperature. Under mother lion's watchful eye, the new nurse takes over.

Hm, yes.

Well, a nurse has got to know these things if she's going to do the job properly. And Danny the Chimp's got a new job at the circus, nursemaid to four new lion cubs.

But just how long will it last?