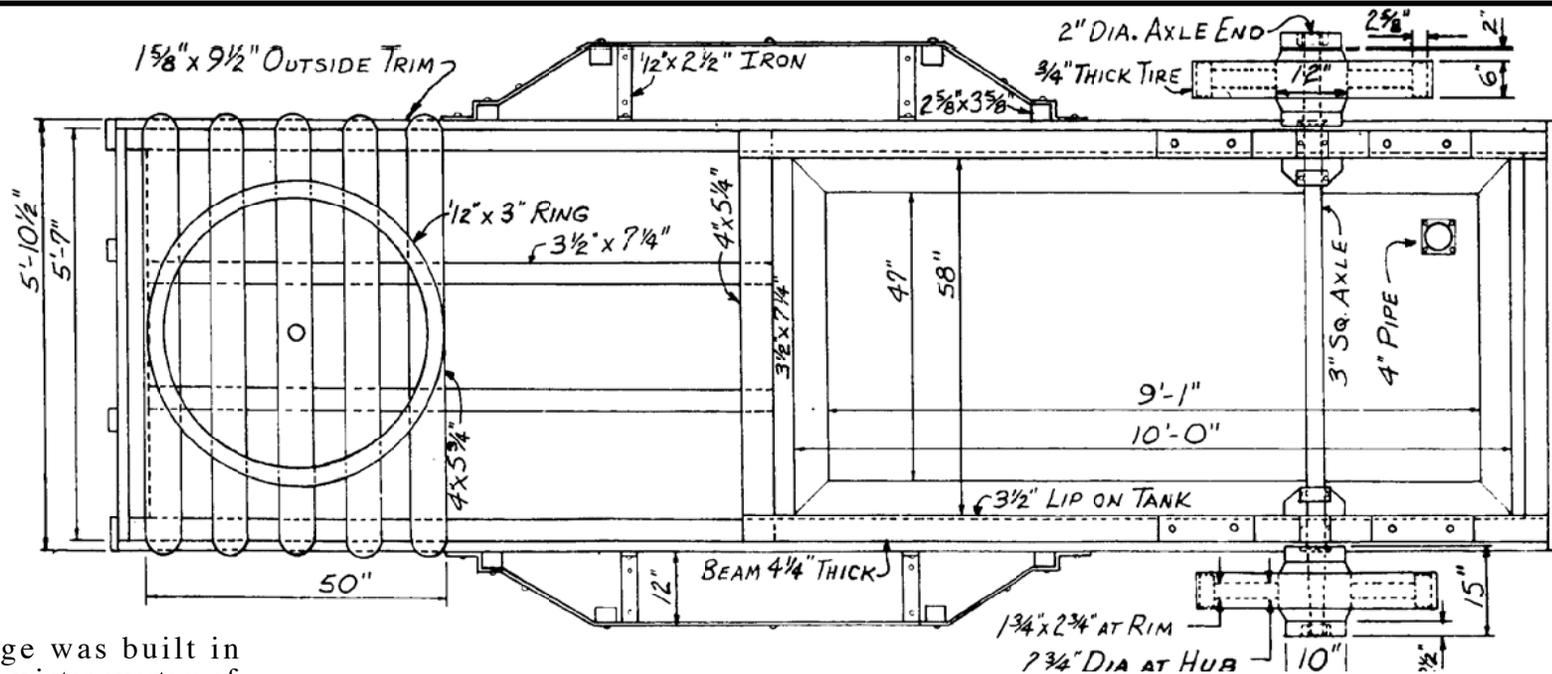


The photo on the left shows the Cole Bros. Circus hippo den in 1936 before it was lengthened by 3'. The bay windows give the hippo room to turn around. [Carver Photo Collection]

Cole Bros. Circus			
Hippo Den Wagon No. 28			
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This hippo cage was built in Granger, Iowa at the winter quarters of the show put out by Fred Buchanan in the early 1920s. While in Granger the show was named World Bros. Circus. Then in 1925 it became the Robbins Bros. Circus through 1932 when it finally folded during the depression.

The wagon was taken off the road in 1927 and stayed retired until it was bought by Adkins and Terrel in 1935 for their new show the Cole Bros. Circus. In 1937, it was enlarged by three feet making it 20 feet long.

So far as is known the colors of the wagon were the same on the Cole show as they were on the Robbins show. It was a red wagon. All decorations were white including the wheels and lettering on the skyboard. Only a couple of scrolls along the bottom of the sides appear to be gold leafed.

The wagon is currently part of the Circus World Museum collection in Baraboo, WI.



These two photo were taken in July of 1996 at the Circus World Museum in Baraboo, WI.
[M. Dreiling Photo]

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