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Scope and Contents

Twelve glass plate slides depicting a cartoon scene of a native African American shooting a spear into the back end of an elephant. Rather than wounding the animal, it provokes it. The following scenes show the elephant holding the native underwater, almost feeding it to a crocodile, and then finally deciding to throw the native onto a prickly bush. The last scene of the cartoon slide shows the elephant walking off and the native covered in thorns. The scenes depict the African American in a less than flattering manner and exaggerate his ethnic features.

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