

## WESTERN FAIR, LONDON.

In these days of marvelous achievements men have almost ceased to be surprised no matter what strange novelty may appear, and yet we have just learned of a sensational feat of human skill and daring that compels universal wonder and admiration wherever it is seen. It is called the Cycle Dazzle, and was originated by the world-famous king of hazardous exploits. The act is performed on the smallest racing track ever constructed and one built at an angle of 74 degrees. In this strange structure two men and two women on bicycles perform feats so marvelous that they defy description. One can scarcely imagine the terrific speed that must be attained by these daring riders on such a track, to set at naught completely the law of gravitation. We are glad to know that the people of Western Ontario are soon to have the pleasure of seeing this unparalleled sensation. The Directors of the Western Fair Association have fortunately been successful in securing the attraction for the thousands who will visit London from September 12th to 20th, the date of the great exhibition.

But this is not all the programme, for the "Western" of 1902 goes far beyond anything ever attempted in the same line. It has always been the leader in these departments, but this year will surpass itself in the beauty, variety and thrilling magnificence of its programme. A glance at the list suffices to prove that the management have spared neither trouble nor expense to give their friends the most unique, instructive and amusing entertainments ever offered to the people of this province.

Another sensational marvel who has thrilled thousands in the States will be at the Exhibition in the person of Prof. Hutchison, the Human Bomb. He takes a tremendous flight in his immense balloon and makes parachute drop by being projected from a bomb, suspended at the lower portion of the floating gas bag.

Rosa Naynon and her wonderful flock of 63 trained tropical birds should win unstinted admiration from lovers of ornithological study. These birds are mostly Cockatoos and Macaws, and show phenomenal intelligence. The tricks they do are the result of long months of patient training and illustrate in a remarkable way the result of conscientious effort.

The marvelous Monopedes, or one-legged acrobats, Manning and Du Cane, will present their high-class horizontal bar act, which has filled vaudeville houses in all parts of the continent. The feats which these men perform, each with a limb missing, have excited the most enthusiastic praise and wonder.

Among the other acrobatic specialties will be those of the Osnatos, three of the cleverest artists in the athletic world; and the four Bard Bros., famous for the astonishments they have brought to spell-bound audiences, with their backward and forward somersaults, cut-aways, doubles and twisters; and then there will be on hand the four inimitable Olifans, with their amusing eccentricities and novelties. They are unrivaled comedians, singers and dancers, in an act never witnessed by the Canadian public.

The gray Gay and his wife are the most mysterious wonder workers and magicians appearing on any platform. Gay can remove any pair of handcuffs fastened upon him, almost in tantaneously, in a manner entirely inexplicable, but his greatest turn is the wonderful trunk mystery, a trick of magic so bewildering that it stands in a class by itself.

Chrissie Morrison Jones, Canada's greatest lady Cornet Virtuoso, will appear every afternoon and evening in numbers demanding the maximum of technical. The Fireworks display has been planned along lines calculated to produce the greatest luxury of color ever seen in Western Ontario, and is a feature of the show none can afford to miss. Other special attractions are being arranged for and each stands pre-eminent in its class, but those accorded brief mention will initiate intending visitors into some, at least, of the secrets of the Fair's promised success.

Every department of the Exhibition is being strengthened and improved and in each case a distinct advance over previous years has been scored. Altogether the Western Fair of 1902 is confidently expected to exceed its illustrious predecessors in the wealth of exhibits, the excellence of special programmes and consuming interest to visitors from all parts of the province, and indeed to add to the accumulated glory heaped up by this Exhibition during past years.

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### Good News!

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A LARGE quantity of McCormick Binding Twine to be disposed of at the Durham Foundry.

### Observations of John Henry.

"OWN the Line With John Henry" is the title of an amusing little booklet of sketches in up-to-date slang by the pseudonymous writer, Hugh McHugh, who is disputing with George Ade the right to the particular niche left vacant by the death of the entertaining "Billy Baxter." John Henry is a sporty man-about-town, the very antithesis of Richard Harding Davis's refined Van Bibber. From his account of his experiences at the races with his best girl, we quote a few characteristic extracts:

"When we got to the track they were bunching the horses for the first race, so I told Clara Jane I thought I'd crawl down to the ring and plaster two or three thousand around among the ne'er-do-wells."

"Two or three thousand, and me with nothing but a five-spot in my jeans, and the return ticket money in that!" "Sure!" I said; "I've got a pipe!" "Well, I hope you won't smoke it near me. I hate pipes!" she said.

"All right; I'll take my pipe out of the betting ring and smoke it there!" I said, and we parted good friends.

(In front of the band stand he met a number of friends ready to give him tips on the winners.)

Every Breezy Boy I met had a different hunch, and they called me into the wharf and unloaded.

I figured it out that if I had bet five dollars on each good thing they gave me I would have lost four hundred thousand dollars.

Then I ducked under, sopped up a Stein of root beer, and climbed up again to the hurricane deck.

"Did you bet?" enquired Clara Jane.

"Only seven hundred and thirty dollars," I said; "a mere bag o' shells."

I leave a call for 7.30 every morning, and I suppose that's the reason I was so swift with the figures.

"My! what a lot of money!" said the Fair One; "do point out the horse you bet on! I shall be awfully interested in this race!"

John Henry picked out a horse at random, declaring that the only way it could lose "was for some sore-head to get out and turn the track around."

Sure enough, the favorite galloped into port and dropped anchor six hours ahead of the other clams.

I won over two thousand two hundred dollars—conversation money—and Bonny Brighteyes was in a frenzy of delight.

I had a nervous chill for fear she'd declare herself in on the raffle-off.

But she didn't, so I excused myself and backed down the ladder to cash in.

(Still the wary John Henry listened to the tips and refrained from betting.)

When I got back to the stand I had a preoccupied air. The five-spot in my jeans was crawling around and begging for a change of scene.

When Clara Jane asked me how much I had bet on the race just about to start, I could only think of nine hundred dollars.

When she wanted to know which horse I pointed my finger at every toad on the track, and said: "That one, ever there!"

At the end of the third race I was \$19.21 to the good.

Clara Jane had it down in black and white on the back of an envelope, in figures that couldn't lie.

John Henry remarked that when Clara begged him to be content with his winnings and not bet any more, he promised, "but she didn't notice that I had my fingers crossed."

I simply had to have a roll to hash on the way home, so I took my lonely V and went out into the Promised Land after the nuggets Maddy had put me wise to.

(Pretty Boy was his choice, despite the fact that the bookmakers told him he had made a mistake.)

When the horses got away with Pretty Boy in front I started in to stand on my head, but changed my mind and swallowed half the programme.

Pretty Boy at the quarter! Me for Rector's till they put the shutters up!

Pretty Boy at the half! Me down to Tiffany's in the morning dragging tiaras away in a dray!

Pretty Boy at the three-quarter pole! Me doing the free-library gag all over the place!

But just as they came in the stretch Pretty Boy forgot something and went back after it.

The roach quit me cold at the very door of the safety deposit vaults.

(Of course Clara Jane never guessed his flight, for he "pushed down among the ramblers and made a swift touch for the price of a couple of ride home," and on the way back promised Clara Jane that he would be awfully careful of his \$19.21—conversation money.)

### School Humor.

A N English paper gives some further examples of children's unconscious humor in answering examination questions:

Alexander the Great was born in absence of his parents.

The chief clause in Magna Charta was that no free man should be put to death or imprisoned without his own consent.

Where were the kings of England crowned? On their heads.

What were the three most important feudal dues? Friendship, courtship, marriage.

What do you know of Dryden and Buckingham? Dryden and Buckingham were at first friends, but soon became contemporaries.

What is Milton's chief work? Milton wrote a sensible poem called the "Contarby Tails."

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Penelope—Mercy! Why does Mabel ever marry that young Slimkins? He's such a poor excuse of a man! Ann—Well, a poor excuse is better than none.

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### When Victoria Was Crowned.

In the Marquis of Lorne's "Life" of Queen Victoria there is a chapter on the coronation now quite interesting in view of the much-discussed ceremony which is to take place in London in June. The former Governor-General's description of the pageant is too impressionistic to be very effective, but the following account of the ceremony, given by Lady Wilhelmina Stanhope, one of the train-bearers of the Queen, who later became the Duchess of Cleveland, is very amusing. She writes:

The Queen looked very well and was perfectly composed. She wore a circlet of splendid diamonds, and was dressed in gold tissue, over which was fastened a crimson velvet mantle, bordered with gold lace, and lined with ermine, with long ermine cape, which was very ponderous appendage we were to support. . . . We were all dressed alike in white and silver. The effect was not, I think, brilliant enough in so dazzling an assembly, and our little trains were serious annoyances, for it was impossible to avoid treading upon them. We ought never to have had them; and there certainly should have been some previous rehearsal, for we carried the Queen's train very jerkily and badly, never keeping step properly, and it must have been very difficult for her to walk, as she did, evenly and steadily, and with much grace and dignity.

The Abbey itself was a beautiful coup d'oeil, as we marched up amid thunders of applause and handkerchiefs and scarfs waving everywhere. The Queen acknowledged her reception very graciously. I think her heart fluttered a little as we reached the throne; at least, the color mounted to her cheeks, brow, and even neck, and her breath came quickly. However, the slight emotion she showed was very transient, and she stood perfectly motionless while the archbishop, in his undoubted sovereign and lady lacy, pronounced the blessing.

The burst of applause in the Abbey when the crown was placed on her head, and the sight of all the peers and peerses crowning themselves at the same moment, was really most impressive, and in the midst of the cheering Handel's magnificent anthem, "The Queen Shall Rejoice!" thundered in.

After this the Queen was enthroned, and we took up our station on the steps of the throne during the homage, and amused ourselves with watching the discomfited little gentleman had walked nearly a mile before his recovery was completed by a sign, hung over a boot shop, which caught his eye. "Wear Parkinson's Boots," ran the legend.

The little man fairly leaped into the shop.

"Why?" he asked, in mild enquiry.

"Be a pardon, sir," said the assistant who had hurried forward to greet him.

"Why should I wear Parkinson's boots?"

"Because they are the best, sir. We use nothing but the best leather."

"What's the matter with my own?"

The assistant glanced down.

"Upers want mending and heels leveling, sir. Do you a perfect boot for fifteen shillings."

"But supposing Parkinson's don't fit me?"

"We keep all sizes, sir."

"Yes, but I don't know that I care about wearing another man's boots."

"Of course, sir, if you prefer to go on buying boots like those you've got on; but," with a deprecating smile, "we can turn you out a much better article for fifteen shillings."

"But my name is Pettigrew, and I don't think it would be legal for me to wear Parkinson's boots—it looks like robbery."

"Robbery?" said the assistant sharply. "Our prices are as low as they can be for sound wearing qualities. If there's nothing further to-day, sir, holding open the door, "good morning!"

"Some people," said Pettigrew to himself, as he waited for his homework bus, "have no sense of humor. I wonder how Toole managed it?"—"Punch."

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