

HUMAN PINCUSHION QUITS THE SHOW

The "Only and Original" Tells
of How He Helped to
Hoodwink Doctors.

Grand Rapids, Mich., May 31.—Human pincushion, receptacle for needles, pins and even knives, Paul Hutchins, of this city, is a man who can boast that he is without nerves, and he might say, without blood.

Penetrations of his flesh bring no pain and no blood, not even when his ears are sewed to his neck.

Known by many names during the course of his twelve years experience as a sideshow freak, but always as the "human pincushion," Hutchins six years ago resumed the name by which he was known when he was a barefoot boy at Charlotte, quit the show business, married and settled down at Grand Rapids. Matrimony has robbed the public of many opportunities to gratify its love for the abnormal.

The only time Hutchins ever faked was when he pretended to be a hypnotic subject, going into a trance before permitting doctors to work on him and jab pins into him in an effort to determine just what hypnotism was.

How He Was Discovered.

Hutchins had no idea of his earning capacity when he was a boy in Charlotte until a man came along one day and saw him serenely jabbing the point of a penknife into his leg, and between his fingers, and then through his cheek, and withdrawing it with apparent unconcern.

This man saw the possibilities of the freak, "Boy," he said, "I am going to take out a novelty company next year, and I am going to take you with me." Hutchins forgot all about the conversation until the showman turned up in the spring and showed him a "three-sheet" with his name in big letters on it. Then he was crazy to go.

"What wages do you want?" asked the manager.

"Give me my board and pay my car fare and I'll go for \$5 a week," said the boy.

"Done," said the manager. "I thought that was a lot of money then," said Hutchins, "and I was all the time afraid he would send me home because I drew so much pay, until I met Prof. Markel, an old-time showman, and told him what I was getting. He told me I was a fool, that I ought to be drawing \$25 a week. He had hard work to make me believe it, but when I did I struck the raise and got it. I was with Markel after that for several years."

Hutchins had been on the road but a short time when he was booked for the London Museum in Chicago. The wife of the booking manager, Robinson, was posing as a hypnotist. Hypnotism was a new thing then and physicians were deeply interested in the subject.

When Hutchins reached Chicago Robinson arranged with him to cancel the booking at the museum, giving him the full week's pay to give a one-night test before a party of physicians and newspaper men as the subject of Mrs. Robinson's hypnotic power. Mrs. Robinson made the stereotyped passes and Hutchins promptly went into a hypnotic sleep.

The physicians then began their workout and jabbed pins and penknives and horseshoe nails into him for several hours. He never flinched and they went away convinced that the possibilities of hypnotism in the realms of surgery were boundless.

Hutchins was with Ringling's and other big shows and a dozen smaller ones during his career as a freak. He crossed the ocean and toured England and Ireland with Prof. Markel as the man without nerves or blood.

As a matter of fact that is just what he is so far as his skin is concerned. Physicians who have examined him carefully decided that he has no nerves in the cuts and none of the smaller blood vessels that accompany the nerves, hence a pin jabbed into the cuts in almost any part of his body fails to draw or inflict injury, and the opening made will immediately close.

Hat Pin Makes Him Tremble.

The toughest proposition the "pincushion man" ever came up against was in Terry's Museum in Fort Wayne, Ind. He was booked for a week there and the public was invited to bring their own implements of torture and prove to their own satisfaction that he had no nerves. They came with pins and needles and hatpins.

One woman, armed with a ten-inch hatpin, when the opportunity came, made a drive straight for the stomach of the nerveless man. That was getting too near the heart, and he rose and he had to tell her to take it away.

"She would have run the thing clear through me if I had let her," said Hutchins.

While he was exhibiting in Fort Wayne the humane society stepped the tests on the second day, doubtless as a result of the hatpin incident. The manager promptly booked Hutchins for another week and advertised bigger than ever and Hutchins, sitting on the freak stand with nothing to do, was a bigger card than ever.

Hutchins went once to Chicago with a show and the Barker gave a spiel of how he came from Australia and spoke seven languages, but never a word of English, while the freak's relatives were standing about the country, his brothers and his cousins, his uncles and his aunts, staring in astonishment.

After the performance Hutchins said to the speaker:

"What did you tell those lies for? I used to be in this town, was born here and all my relatives were out there in front tonight and you told them I was born in Australia."

"You fool, why didn't you tell me," said the speaker.

Hutchins is modest about his peculiarities of anatomy and he looks like any other man so there are few of the frequenters of Cody Hotel or bar that know that the porter there was one time one of the greatest freaks in the country, and that he helped to hoodwink some of its leading physicians.

DRIFTED MILES FROM THE WRECK

Captain Sullivan and Three of
Erin's Crew Turn Up Safe
and Sound.

Sarnia, May 31.—The latest inquiries show that five persons, as first stated, perished in the collision off Courtright, between the Erin and the Cowles. The drowned are:

Patrick Queen, chief engineer, Port Dalhousie.

Dan Hill, fireman, St. Catharines.

Mrs. Mary Reed, cook, Spanish River.

Thos. Lyon, Pluversville, N. Y.

A watchman from Amherstburg who shipped from Detroit yesterday.

The rest of the crew, who were rescued at St. Clair and Marine City, are:

Capt. Sullivan, St. Catharines.

Jack Peterson, mate, Port Dalhousie.

James Gagen.

Grove Shook, Windsor.

Thos. Lyon, Pluversville, N. Y.

Geo. Sanshaw, Pluversville, N. Y.

A 14-year-old son of Mrs. Reed.

Ed Hemphill, Collingwood.

Martin Mahony, Hamilton.

Capt. Sullivan, Ed Hemphill and Martin Mahony, deckhand, drifted down a mile below Marine City and were picked up at an early hour this morning by a couple of boys out fishing. Capt. Sullivan was badly hurt in the head and hands, and the three were almost exhausted. Mrs. Reed's body was picked up at this point.

Capt. Sullivan's account of the accident says: "We were going up the river behind a big steel freighter. The usual signals were given with the Cowles, which appeared to be heading straight at the steel steamer in front of us. The Cowles veered off, and as we were rounding the bend in the river at this point, struck us amidships, and the Erin scuttled instantly."

The escape of Mrs. Reed's son is unaccountable. The boy was sleeping in the same berth with his mother, and while she was drowned, he escaped. The river at the point of the accident is about three-quarters of a mile wide.

The accident occurred at the American side, and immediately afterwards the small ferry and numerous other craft set out to rescue the crew. It was not until 10 o'clock that the bodies of the drowned were all found or not.

At the time of the accident, the night was clear, though a slight fog overspread the river later in the morning.

The Erin is owned by J. T. Conlon, St. Catharines. She was built in 1881, of 651 tons, classed A1½, and valued at \$16,000. The Erin was bound from Cleveland to Algoma Mills.

CHATHAM TAKES A VOTE

Bylaw to Loan the Keystone Sugar Company Is Defeated.

Chatham, May 31.—After one of the hottest campaigns in the history of the city, the bylaw to loan \$75,000 to the Keystone Sugar Company of Toronto, was defeated by a vote of 511 to 454.

It was really defeated by about 130, as it had to have one-third of the total vote of the city (about 1,390), and a majority of those polled as well.

Supporters claim that the persistent circulation of erroneous rumors, the confusion of the company with that which owned the Warton factory, the general misunderstanding by ratepayers as to the real value of the proposition, and the quiet antagonism of the Wallaceburg sugar people, helped to defeat it. Its opponents are jubilant.

There was not nearly so heavy a vote registered as was expected.

GUATEMALA'S TROUBLE

Rebels Still Massing Troops Close to the Mexican Border.

Washington, D. C., May 31.—Mr. Core, the Nicaraguan minister, called at the state department today to deliver a message from the President of Nicaragua, stating that neither Nicaragua nor any of the other Central American republics is involved in the internal trouble in Guatemala.

"The reports that a Nicaraguan gunboat has gone to the Guatemalan coast are unfounded," said Mr. Core, "as I have been advised that the only gunboat we have on the Atlantic side has just left New Orleans, where it went for repairs. Consequently it cannot be at Puerto Barrios, Guatemala."

Dispatches received by the state department today from Mr. Combs, the United States minister of Guatemala and Honduras, indicate that revolutionists are still massing near the Mexican border and are continuing the movement against President Cabrera. It is also stated in one of the dispatches that a filibustering expedition has left a Mexican port headed for one of the Guatemalan ports.

It is not quite clear in the dispatches where Ocos is still in the hands of revolutionists or has been retaken by Government forces.

WOULD JOIN WITH BAPTISTS.

Owen Sound, May 31.—The annual provincial convention of the Disciples' Church is being held here this week, and the first session is to be held this afternoon. Some 90 or 100 delegates from all parts of the province will arrive in town today, and a considerable number have already arrived.

The correspondent inquired of several prominent ministers and laymen of the church as to what measures would be taken with reference to the proposed union with the Baptist Church. The invariable reply was that the Disciples' Church had always been strongly in favor of union, and would certainly unite with the Baptists upon the one condition, that the united church be unsectarian and have as its only creed the New Testament.

Koenig Invented the steam printing press. His partner, Bensley, cheated him. Koenig, to support life, had to sell his patents. He died a poor man, chafing, working for about \$3 a week.

JUMBO FROLICS AT VANDERBILT'S

Millionaires Play Leap Frog,
Circus, Skip the Rope—Belmont as Elephant.

New York, May 30.—"The elephant now goes round, the band begins to play," sang Ray Cox, a vaudeville favorite, and ex-Congressman Oliver H. P. Belmont, on hands and knees, his arms plunged into rubber boots and a pink ribbon in his teeth went through the motions of a trained Jumbo.

This was only one of the scenes of a week-end party given at W. K. Vanderbilt's (junior), Idle Hour last Saturday night.

"Waiting at the Church," was another of Miss Cox's songs, and before it was finished Messrs. Vanderbilt and Belmont joined hands with her and danced a "ring-around-the-rosy" while the other guests laughed.

There were ten guests including Mr. and Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Mr. Barnes, Miss Martin, of San Francisco, and a supreme court judge. Among the entertainers brought from the city were Miss Hertz, a singer; Ray Cox, Greg Patti, a diminutive comedian, and an orchestra of five pieces. The spacious drawing-room was the ring of the society circus.

Miss Cox carried the party with her own shooting and when Mr. Belmont turned himself into an elephant she led the intelligent animal around the room. He was so docile that he would lie down and sit up at command and even offered to eat out of her hand.

Greg Patti, who is no bigger than a tennis racket, appeared in blackface and kept the audience in roars of laughter. At the finish of his "turn" Mr. Barnes shook hands with him warmly and said:

"You've relieved me of four days' blues and made a new man of me."

"Mr. Vanderbilt opened the ball by donning an automobile costume of his wife's, and with a carving knife making the rounds of the room threatening each guest with guillotine unless he "cut loose and enjoyed himself."

His orders were obeyed and the fun and frolic lasted for several hours.

The three ladies, Mrs. Vanderbilt, Mrs. Belmont and Miss Martin, a champion swimmer, were not behind the men in entering into the spirit of the frolic.

Mr. Belmont's animal impersonations were the hits of the night. He not only played elephant, but as a bear, he climbed chairs, danced and tried to hug some of the guests. When Mr. Vanderbilt stepped on his paw he growled and tried to bite his tormentor. A few pats on the back from his trainer mollified him and he consented to roll over and jump through a hoop.

When the diminutive Patti sang "Traveling," Mr. Vanderbilt and Mr. Barnes joined in the chorus, and lifted the singer and swung him around their shoulders. Another of the singing hits of the night was a quartet composed of Messrs. Vanderbilt, Belmont, Barnes and the supreme court justice. It was said by Miss Cox that nothing like the combination of discords this quartet gave in singing.

Before the party broke up a tennis net was brought in and Mrs. Belmont and Mr. Vanderbilt turned the rope while all the party, professionals and guests, skipped the rope except Mrs. Belmont, but she joined in leap-frog, when Mr. Vanderbilt became the frog. Each one in passing over him managed to slyly kick or push him, and when he finally straightened up he said he felt as if he'd been riding a buck.

Miss Cox said last night that she had participated in several of these society frolics, some of which were "swift," to use her language.

"But for pure and wholesome fun and frolic," added the singer, "there never was such a night as we put in at Idle Hour. There was very little champagne drunk. Only one bottle was spilled on the piano, and Mr. Vanderbilt wiped it off with one of the lace curtains."

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