

the glorious times we had in old Payne's hotel, where Quebec's renowned dancing mistress, Miss Aspinall, held royal sway, a very exacting queen in her own domain, with an eccentric horror of peppermints. Here we had the assemblies, and well do I recall the handsome couple, Mr. and Mrs. Hart's first appearance after their marriage—she who is now Lady Shea.

In this building were also exhibited the famous Siamese twins, Chang and Eng. In Catherine Crowe's "*Night Side of Nature*," she says, "I never saw them myself;" and, for the benefit of those similarly circumstanced, I quote the following particulars from Dr. Passavant:—

"They were united by a membrane which extended from the breast-bone to the navel; but, in other respects, were not different from their countrymen in general. They were exceedingly alike, only that Eng was the more robust of the two. Their pulsations were not always coincident. They were active and agile and fond of bodily exercises. Their intellects were well developed, and their tones of voice and accent were precisely the same.