### Shrouded In Mystery.

I joined Manager Blow at Philadelphis the season of the Centenial Exposition—World's Fair—you recollect? Blow, like some other showmen in other lines of the basiness, ran away with the mistaken idea that he was going to make an overlasting tortune in the tace of the big show. Paople who go to see a world's fair are not looking for a circus. They can see that at home, and we with others, were not long in finding it out, and such as could, moved out in a hurry on to the road, to repair their finances.

Blow said he would get even if he ran all Winter; and he did, and that was a little too much, more than I bargained for. About thirty weeks on the road suits my dumensions cetter. But I had enlisted for the war, and I was bound to stick to it through; that is the kind of people I am. Then, yoù know, if a man wants to engage for next season he must not desert this one. I was booked for 1877, and was O. K. for the present and the immediate future.

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I tell you business on the road in '76
was bad for all kinds of shows, and the only chance that Blow had to pull up was in the

chance that Blow had to pull up was in the South. Says he to me:

'I am going to play Dixie for all its worth. At New Orleans we will stop for a week, varnish the cages, table aux and furbish up all around, and hoist new tents. And right there he ceased to communicate about the next sesson or any of his plans for the litting and that was stronger. plans for the luture, and that was strange and right contrary to his usual way of doing business. Previously the old man had always tooted his horn as to what he was going to do, until he gave you a pain in the ear. Think of windy Blow turning

owl.

Even the advance of the show and the assistant manager and treasurer had no information to give, and as the press agent said. everything was "shrouded in

mystery."

One day I did get a little bit of an inkling of the mana,ter's plans by the way of a

Potthers, I have come to the conclusion 'Potthers, I have come to the conclusion that no one knows the public better than P. T. Barnum. He alone of the circus managers has been aware of the people's interest in the freaks of human nature and the strange natives ot obscure climes.'

The old man was talking like a newspaper puff on a quarter sheet bill, and I agreed with him, at which he resumed further:

agreed with him, at which he resumed further:

'While other managers put freaks in their side show alone, Barnum has 'en in the big show, too—and it pays.'

I substantiated, and right there the conversation ended; but I recalled it when he sent for me weeks later, when he said to

me:

'Potthers, I have got the greatest card for next season that you or anybody else ever heard of'——

'What is it?' said I on the jump.

'Oh, that,' said he, 'must for the present remain shrouded in mystery. What you don't know you can't tell. It is (nough for you to know that the man is the most amizing, appalling and alarming freak of nature ever born. He is due in New York next week and you must go and York next week and you must go and meet him, and he furt er elucidated: 'As there must be time to prepare advertising for him I shall run him in the side show

for him I shall run him in the side show until the bills and litho's can be got up.'

I went to New York and met the freak—that is what I will have to call him, as I can neither spell his name nor pronounce it. In type it looked as it it was set up backwards, and upside down at that. I don't know what language he spoke; it was a gibberish of some kind, but we got along well enough by maxing signs.

Well, it that man was a freak I couldn't see it. On the whole he was a good looking chap and not so much different from any of us except for a few foreign peculiar-

any of us ex ept for a few foreign peculiares.
'Thunder!' said I to myself, 'where does

my orders and the tick-ts, and so I do the proper thing and started for the show, remarking to myself with a big laugh:

"Shrouded in mys ery!"

On the way I tried to study the fellow out, but he was a riddle to me. I couldn't make anything out of him that was extraordinary, and in his way he seemed to be grateful to me for my attentions, but as we could only communicate by signs the trip back to the show was a good deal of a bore.

bore.
Every time I looked at the fellow I wondered what the old man would say, and remarked:

The show was on wheels, and we left the railroad at the nearest point where it was to show the next day. Quite a siz able town off the line. I was in a hurry to make the show, and soon made a dicker with the landlord for a rig to drive across the country, through the North Carolina pines, in the night? Landlord kind of hinted that we had better wait until morning, but didn't give any reason why. But ing, but didn't give any reason why. But he rigged up the team, and we started with he rigged up the team, and we st-rted with instructions to turn over the our fit to his son at our desination, he keeping a stable over there, and returning the right of the first opportunity that there was a paying pattern bound for the tather's town. Clever scheme, eh?

Well, we drove and we drove, and we

drove, but it was easy sailing; the road run right through the blackest, darkest, thickest woods you ever saw. It didn't turn right nor left, nor cries cross, and all you had to do was to set still and let the horse go. Monotonous though! 'Twould have been pleasanter if my side partner had been able to talk United States. As it was, I smoked and rode, and rode and smoked.

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smoked.

At every step the woods grew thicker and the darkness black-r.

I've rode thousands of miles with wagon shows, but that was the only time in my life that I had a sense of fear come over me. All of sudden I got atraid; I did, no denying it. I got that nervou that I looked and listened with all my might—stranded my ears and eyes, but saw or heard nothing unusual.

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Why, it was so still that I could hardly hear the horses hoots on the carpet of pine needles.

'Hold up!'

That was a man's voice, and he said it as if he meant business. The instant he spoke, said I to myself:
'Moonshiners!'

I was right there, and they were right there, a h it dozen of them, who pressed about the rig as soon as the horse came to a stop.

I understood now why the landlord ad-

and I was sware that we were in a mighty tight place.

We were mistaken for government rev-enue officers, and more than one of Uncle Sam's efficers had been murdered in the pine woods and the mountains by the re-vengeful and ignorant illicit distillers.

'Get out!' was a command that we obey-ed. The freak did not understand, but fol-lowed suit. One of the party brought a flaming piece of pine and held it in our faces.

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The freak knew as well as I did that we were in danger; the sight of the armed men and their murderous visages was enough. It gives me a chill to think of it now.

The leader, a tail fillow, held the flaming pine close to our faces, and the other villians put their hands to the weap ins. I thought I was about to close my engagement here below and go on to the unknown.

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Take the horse into the woods, commanded the chief of the moonshiners.

The horse was led away, and I was wondering it we could be sof, or hung to a tree, when, before I could make a statement of our business, and who and what we were, the freak reeled off a lot of his giberish, and in the midst of it removed his hat and skull cap.

At that every mother's son of them took to their legs and ran as if pursued by all the demons let losse from Tophet!

I took in the cause of their fright, and came pretty near joining them mysell.

The freak had three eyes, the third one plumb in the centre of the forehead and

plumb in the centre of the forehead and twice the size of a natural one!

The moonshiners did not recover from their fright; at least we saw or heard no more of them. We took to the team and made on to the town without further ad renture.

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To the manager's intense disappointment the man with three eyes absolutely retused to lulfill his engagement, and in sisted on returning to Europe by the very first possible steamer. Nothing could reassure him of his satety in America after our night's startling acventure, and he was never placed on exhibition here, and what became of him afterwards is shrouded in matterwards. mystery.

A Tame Crow Adds to it. Vocabulary and A-tounds Earmer Downs.

It captured while yet a nestling and properly educated, a crow may be taught to imitate the sounds of the human voice so closely that it will articulate words so distinctly as a parrot, although the crows vocabulary is not apt to be extensive. Such words as 'Good morning.' 'How de do ?' 'Hallo' and similar familar expressions Yarmouth, March 11, to the wife of Chas. Rets, a Thunder I' said I to myself, 'where does the f.eak come in on this fellow. Has some one over in Europe with a his from Bridgeport been putting up a job on Blow? At first thought I was going to take the responsibility of kaving the chap in New York, and returning to the show and returning to the show and returning to the show and record in that he has been done for. On reflection I came to the conclusion that that would be contrary to orders. I had my orders and this tick-ts, and so I do the more will astonish even its friends by ejaculating a new word or an expressions.

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About two years ago Peter Downs, who then lived wih his father on the Downs farm near Rose Lake, Pa., captured a newly fladged crow, and it proved to be a Digby, March 10, to the wife of Joseph Rogers, a daugh er. very apt scholar and became a great pet. It was the wonder of the neighborhood. Early in its career, it began calling the elder Downs 'pop,' and regularly every norning it greated him with 'Good mornand remarked:

"Brounded in mystery!"

For the life of me all the way I couldn't see anything unusual about him. He constantly wore a silk skull cap; nothing remarks ale about that; plenty of people with thin thatches do that.

The show was on wheels, and we left the every day for a visit and always announced every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old place regularly every day for a visit and always announced to the old p its coming by the familiar greeting to Farmer Dawns, 'Good mornin', pop!' The bird usually busied itself about the place until toward noon, when it returned home. One day last week Richard appeared at the Downs farm much earlier in the

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morning than usual and almost knocked Farmer Downs speechless by shouting: "Good mornin, granpop!" The crow chuckled and croaked in a

The crow chuckled and croaked in a short intervals, with an unction never be fore accompanying its utterance. Good mornin, Gran'pop! Gran'pop! Gran'pop! Gran'pop' causing the farmer much amusement after bis first surpr se and making him wooder where in tarnation he picked that up.' An hour or so after the bird came to the farm

to air its enlarged vocabulary Peter Downs drove up, looking pleased.

'Well. pop,' he said, 'there's three of us down there now. Nicest boy you ever seen the third one is and everybody doin'

'Morn', gran'pop!' chuckled the crow.

Then it was all clear; but everyone about that neighborhood is wondering how in the world that crow got on to the new dignity the situation placed on Farmer Downs and then hurried to be the first to tell him of it.

Unappreciated.

Perhaps few experiences of life are harder to bear than when an appeal to another out of the fullness of one's

heart is received with an utter lack of sympathy. Such a situation is portrayed by the biographer of the Rev. S. C. Malan.

A dishonest gardener had received notice of discharge, and after an unsuccessful attempt to vindicate his character by plausible platitudes, said mournfully to the vicar:

'Ah. sir, you will miss me before I be gone half an hour!

gone half an bour!'
'I shau't min's that.' answered Mr.
Malan, cheerfully, 'if I don't miss anything

The most extraordinary plant known as the 'traveling plant,' which has a root formed of kno's, by which it annually advances about an inch from the place where it was first rooted.



#### BORN.

Digby, March 13, to the wife of George Everett, Halifax. March 11, to the wife of J. B. Douglas, a daughter. Alms, March 13, to the wife of Samuel Rutland, a daughter.

R'chiltuclo, March 12, to the wife of Mr. Peter Bar-nart', a son.

Parraboro, Mar ch 5, to the wife of Ainsley Welsh, a daughter.

Amherst, March 18, to Mr. and Mrs. John Murray, a daughter.

atworth, Peb. 20, to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Betts, a daughter. Truro, March 2, to the wife of Mr. Adam Hartling, a daughter.

Monoton, March 19, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Gunning, a daughter.

Pins Ridge, Kent Co., March 8, to the wife of Jas. Beers, ason.

Victoria Beach, March 16, to the wife of James Ellis, a daughter. Salem, March 14, to Mr. and Mrs. James T. Nick-erson, a daughter.

Westworth Station, Feb. 22, to Mr. an l Mrs. F. A. Slack, a daughter. Meagher's Grant, Feb. 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greenough, twins.

Pine Bidge, Kent Co., March 4. to the wife of Mr. James Wilson, a son. Grand Pre, March 5, to Mr. and Mrs. George Harvey, Jr., a daughter.

t Maitland, March 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Landers, a daughter New York, March 6, to the wife of Capt. M. J. C. Andrews, a daughter.

Trum, March 12 to the wife of Mr. A. Roy Mc-Dougall, a daughter.

Amberst Highlands, March 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Martin Cormier, a son. Lay of Islands, vialifax, Murch 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hastling, a daughter. Lower Hillsboro, Albort Co., March 10, to the wife of Arcale Beaumont, a daughter.

MARRIED.

t. George, N. B., Mar. 9, Mr. James Chase to Miss Heien Dewar. dgewater, Mar. 9, by Rev. Mr. Boord, Alden Wile to Maria Hebb. amberst. by Rev. J. Grimes, Joseph A. Lindwille to Lillian M. Rockford.

Newport, Mar. 13, by Rev. A. Daule', Benjamin Sweat to Mary Languile. Weymouth, Mar. 5, by Rev. H. A. Giffin, George Whitehouse to Elia Barr. Kings Co., Mar. 12, by Rev. G. W. Foster, Geo. F. Wood to Minnie L. Briggs.

Wood to afinnie L. Briege.
Trure, Mar 15, by Rev. T. Cummings, Hugh R. Hale to Miss Fanny Hughes.
Trure, Mar. 10, by Rev. Edward Rose, Edward A. Stevenson to Agnes G. Dewar.
Dartmooth, Mar. 16, by Rev. Fred Wilkinsor, Willie C. Marks to Maggie J. Day.
Mahone Bay, Mar 9, by Rev. F. Friggens, Chas.
A. McLean to Lena J. Sebosjer.

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Hebrop, Mar. 15, by Rev. J. W. Tungley, M. A.,
Salas K. Crosby to Loss R. Doty.

Rozbury, Mass, Dec. 5, by Rev. Mr. Balls, Clement b. Patten to Auce E. Potter. ent b. Patien to Alice E. Potter.

Salisbury, Mar. 14, by Rev. J. K. King, C. H.

actrison to Annie A. Incopera.

Worcester, Mass, Mar. 9, by Rev. W. A. Nichols,

Arthur C. Hal' to Lena P. Hirtle.

Ferrons, Feb. 28, by Rev. W. H. Smith, Joseph

Waltq Philips to Bessie McKi lor.

Parker's Cove, Mar. 10, by Rev. H. Achilles, Mr.

J. P. taines to Miss Bertha Turner.

Lockeport, War 5, by R.v. Dourles Hemmeon, Frank E. Thompson to Annie M. Aikle. Frank E. Incompson to Annis M. Alkie. Junenburg, Mar. 5, vp Rev. Benjumin Hills, B. D. Deborah Wentzeit to Stephen Berringer. Jun, Maw, Mar. 1, by Rev. R. T. C. McKenzie, Geo. Doty Killam to Grace Ellem McNut.

d cood ity, (al., Feb. 26, by Rev. F. H. Maar, Mr. Chas. McLeod to Miss Susie W. Cann. rrette's I. land, Feb. 8, by Rev. J. B. C. Dupin Mr. Moise Bourque to Miss Agnes Bourque. Mr. Moss Bourque to Miss Agnes Bourque.
Bridgewarer, Mar. S. - Vy Rev. W. E. Gelling,
Wm. Kenneth Fisher to Josephine Wynock.
Xarmouth, Mar. 10, by Rev. E. E. Brethwaite,
Cept. Arthur W. Hilton to Cora L. Williams.
Fredericton Junction, Mar. 9, by Rev. Horace E.
Dibulem M. A., bietling Landerdale Alexander
to Amanda Fi zalien Milier.

#### DIED.

Lunenburg, Mar. 6, Norman Silver. Halifax, Mar. 16, James Heffler 68. Trure, Mar. 14, Mary A. Campbell 23. St. John. Mar. 16, John McFaden, 43. Colch ster, Mar. 8, Neil McDonald 98.
Worcester, Mar. 17, John H. Craft, 67.
Lukeville, Mar. 5, Wentworth W of 86.
Shelburne, Mar. 14, Joseph M. Fisher 87.
River Philip, Mar. 7, Mrs. H. Young 83.
Miltown, Mar. 14, Mrs. Julia W-14h 87.
New Glasgow, Mar. 14, George Millar, 90.
Sackville, Mar. 13, Mrs. Geo. Wallace, 46.
Windsor Road, Cnester, Henry Corkun 177.
Kemptville, Mar. 12, Mrs. Charles Bower.
Miltown, Mar. 12, Mrs. Charles Bower.
Miltown, Mar. 14, Mrs. Charles Bower.
Miltown, Mar. 18, 24rs. Nancy McLain, 62.
Upper Stewiscke, Feb. 25, John S. Brown 74.
Surrey A. C., Mar. 16, Elias Mcssen er, 86.
Truro, Mar. 10, Sadie wife of John D. Rose 32.
Derby, Mar. 9, James T. son of John Doran, 23.
Dorcester, Mass., Mar. 6, Eliaha D. Bower 36.
Portamp'que Mountain, Feb. 21, Adam Morrison Colchester, Mar. 8, Neil McDonald 98 Portaup'que Muuntaia, Feb. 21, Adam Morrisoc 65. Tuure, Mar. 9, Mary R. wife of Thomas Wallace 38, Halifax, Mar. 17, Mary E. wife of E. J. Delaney 30. Pictor, Mar. 9, Jean H. wife of Alex. McKenzie 85. Halifax, Mar. 16, Sarah A. wife of Archibad Power 30. Hunt's Point, Mar. 8 Margaret, widow of Wm. Mc Ioness. Basa River, Mar. 13, Rachel, relict of George Mur-ray 72.

Riverdale Mar. 12 Mary A. wife of James Har-field 76. Jordan Ferry, Mar. 6, Elvie, daughter of Uriah Firth 16. Sal·m, N. S. Mar. 13, Katle, daughter of Louis Miles 14. Paraboro, Mar. 5, Murray, so of F. Lawson Jonks 8 months. Toney River, Mar. 4, Bessie, wife of Thomas Mc-Kinnon 30

ward F. Sherwoo'.

Moscon, Ma. 16, Hannab, widew of the late E iward F. Sherwood.

Sobr Island, Mar. 12, Willie K. son of Mr. and
Mrs. W. Gidies 29.

Pt. Wolf, A. Co. Mar. 9, infast child of Mr. and
Mrs. Harry Waltham. Musquodoboit Harbor, Mar. 1, Susie E wif: of Frederick Campbeil 33.

meton, Mar. 14, Percy, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen McDonald, 11 months. Boston Highland, Mar. 14, Sila A. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Moward D. Webster, 9.



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