

FASCINATION OF FREAKS

How Shows Draw Thousands With Real and False Freaks—Many Ingenious Contrivances

It seems strange that freaks from the legless wonder to the two-headed calf, should possess such a strange fascination for nine persons out of ten; yet this is undoubtedly the case.

There are so many so-called freaks which have no business to be called by such an unpleasant name, for if one argues from a dictionary, a freak is a madman, in the generally accepted sense of the word, is something horrible.

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