Shrouded In Mystery.

I joined Manager Blow at Philadelphia the season of the Centenial Exposition-World's Fair-you recollect? Blow, like some other showmen in other lines of the business, ran away with the mistaken idea that he was going to make an everlasting tortune in the face of the big show.

People 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 | denying it. I got that nervous that I look. long in finding it out, and such as could, moved out in a hurry on to the road, to re-

pair 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. needles. About thirty weeks on the road suits my dimensions petter. 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, you 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.

I tell you business on the road in '76 was bad tor all kinds of shows, and the only 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 Ocleans we will stop for a week, varnish the cages, table iux 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 future, 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

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 manager's plans by the way of a remark:

Potthers, I have come to the conclusion that no one knows the public better than P. T. Barnum. He alone of the circus dering it we could be soot, or hung to a interest in the freaks of human nature and the strange natives of 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

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

'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 enough 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 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 until the bills and litho's can be got up.'

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

Well, if that man was a treak I couldn't see it. On the whole he was a good looking chap and not so much different from any of us ex ept for a few foreign peculiarities.

'Thunder !' said I to myself, 'where does the f. eak come in on this fellow. Has some one over in Europe with a hint from Bridgeport been putting up a job on Blow?

At first thought I was going to take the responsibility of leaving the chap in New York, and returning to the show and returning to the show and reporting to the old man 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 the tickets, and so I do the proper thing and started for the show, re marking to myself wi h 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.

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

"Shrouded in mystery!" For the lite of me all the way I couldn't see anything unusual about him. He constantly wore a silk skull cap; nothing re marka le about that; plenty of people with thin thatches do that.

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 he rigged up the team, and we started with instructions to turn over the ou fit to his son at our destination, he keeping a stable cv. r there, and returni g the rig at the first opportunity that there was a paying patron 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.

At every step the woods grew thicker and the darkness blacker.

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

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

'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 a stop.

I understood now why the landlord advised that we should not travel at night, and I was aware that we were in a mighty tight place.

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

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

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 tall fellow, held the flaming

pine close to our faces, and the other villians put their hands to the weapons. I thought I was about to close my engagement here below and go on to the unknown. 'Take the horse into the woods,' com-

manded the chief of the moonshiners. The horse was led away, and I was wonmanagers has been aware of the people's tree, when, before I could make a statement of our business, and who and what we were, the treak reeled off a lot of his ginberish, and in the midst of it removed bis 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 loose from Tophet!

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

The treak had three eyes, the third one 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 venture.

To the manager's intense disappointment the man with three eyes absolutely refused to fulfill his engagement, and in sisted on returning to Europe by the very first possible steamer. Nothing could reassure him of his safety 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 mystery.

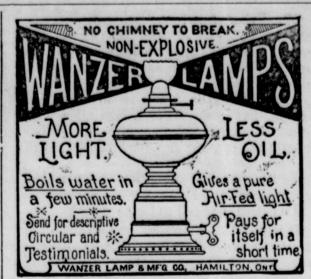
RIGHARD KNEW.

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 to 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 and the name of its master are learned easily and the bird will repeat them so invariably at the right time and place that the crow's vocal accomplishments will naturally seem uncanny to a person who observes them for the first time. All tame crows are surprisingly intelligent creatures, and now and then one will astonish even its friends by ejaculating a new word or an expression entirely unexpected and startlingly

About two years ago Peter Downs, who then lived with his father on the Downs farm near Rose Lake, Pa., captured a newly fledged crow, and it proved to be a 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 morning it greated him with 'Good mornin', pop?' A year ago the son got married and went to live on a farm a mile and a half fram the Downs homestead, taking Richard, the tame crow, with him Tae crow returned to the old place regularly The show was on wheels, and we left the every day for a visit and always announced railroad at the nearest point where it was its coming by the familiar greeting to Farmer Downs, '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', gran'pop!' The crow chuckled and croaked in a most ridiculous manner and repeated at short intervals, with an unction never be fore accompanying its utterance. 'Good mornin, Gran'pop! Gran'pop! Gran'pop' causing the farmer much amusement after his first surpr se and making him wonder 'where in tarnation he picked that up.' An hour or so after the bird came to the farm about the rig as soon as the horse came to 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

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

'Ah, sir, you will miss me before I be gone halt an bour !' 'I shan't mind that,' answered Mr.

else!

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



BORN.

Truro. March 13, to the wife of Mr. F. Calder, a Digby, March 13, to the wife of Joseph E. Snow, a Yarmouth, March 11, to the wife of Chas. Reis, a Alma, March 14, te the wife of Chesley Doucett, a Parker's Cove. March 11, to the wife of Mr. J. Rice Vancouver, March 9, to the wife of F. W. Dowling, Bridgetowu, March 9, to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Perry, Truro, March 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Howard Christie, Halifax, March 14, to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. D. lton, Amherst. March 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Malcom Budd Digby, March 13, to the wife of George Everett, Halifax. March 11, to the wife of J. B. Douglas, a Alma, March 13, to the wife of Samuel Rutland, a Digby, March 10, to the wife of Joseph Rogers, a daugh er.

Richibucto, March 12, to the wife of Mr. Peter Bar-Parrsboro, Mar ch 5, to the wife of Ainsley Welsh, Amherst, March 18, to Mr. and Mrs. John Murray, a daughter Wentworth, Peb. 20, to Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Betts, Truro, March 2, to the wife of Mr. Adam Hartling, Monctor, March 19, to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Guening, a daughter. Pine Ridge, Kent Co., March 8, to the wife of Victoria Beach, March 16, to the wife of Jsmes Ellis, a daughter. Salem. March 14, to Mr. and Mrs. James T. Nick" erson, a daughter. Westworth Station, Feb. 22, to Mr. an 1 Mrs. F. A. Slack, a daughter. Meagher's Grant, Feb. 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Greenough, twins.

Moncton, March 19, to the wife of Mr. W. H. Anderson, a daug ter. Pine Ridge. 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. Port Maitland, March 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Landers, a daughter.

Wentworth, Feb. 21, to Mr. and Mrs. William Johnson, a daughter. New York, March 6, to the wife of Capt. M. J. C. Andrews, a daughter. Truro, March 12 to the wife of Mr. A. Roy Mc-Dougall, a daughter.

Martin Cormier, a son. ay of Islands, Halifax, March 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Levi Hatling, a daughter. Lower Hillsboro, Albort Co., March 10, to the wife of Arcaie Beaumont, a daughter.

Amherst Highlands, March 14, to Mr. and Mrs.

MARRIED.

St. George, N. B., Mar. 9, Mr. James Chase to Miss Helen Dewar. Bridgewater, 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. Danie', Benjamin Sweat to Mary Langille.

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.

Trure, Mar 15, by Rev. T. Cummings, Hugh R. Hale to Miss Fanny Hughes. Truro, Mar. 10, by Rev. Edward Rose, Edward A. Stevenson o Agnes G. Dewar. Darfmouth, Mar. 16, by Rev. Fred Wilkinson, Wi-lis C. Marks to Maggie J. Day.

Mahone Bay, Mar 9, by Rev. F. Friggens, Chas. A. McLean to Lena J. Sesboyer. Hebrop, Mar. 15, by Rev. J. W. Tingley, M. A. Silas K. Crosby to Lois R. Doty. Roxbury, Mass, Dec. 5, by Rev, Mr. Beals, Clem-

Salisbury, Mar. 14, by Rev. J. K. King, C. H. arcrison to Annie A. Thempson. Worcester, Mass, Mar. 9, by Rev. W. A. Nichols, Arthur C. Ha'l to Lena P. Hirtle. Ferrona, Feb. 28, by Rev. W. H. Smith, Joseph Waldo Philips to Bessie McKi lop.

ent b. Patten to Ance E. Potter.

Parker's Cove, Mar. 10, by Rey. H. Achilles, Mr. J. P. maines to Miss Bertha Turner. Lockeport, Mar. 5, by Rev. Douglas Hemmeon, Frank E. Thompson to Annie M. Aikle. Lunenburg, Mar. 5, by Rev. Benjamin Hills, B. D. Deborah Wentzell to Stephen Berringer.

Lynn, Mass, Mar. 1, by Rev. R. T. C. McKenzie, Geo. Doly Killam to Grace Ellen McNutt. Red wood ity, Cal., Feb. 26, by Rev. F. H. Maar, Mr. Chas. McLeod to Miss Susie W. Cann. Surrette's I. land, Feb. 8, by Rev. J. B. C. Dupins, Mr. Moise Bourque to Miss Agnes Bourque. Bridgewater, Mar. 8. 'y Rev. W. E. Gelling, Wm. Kenneth Fisher to Josephine Wynock.

Yarmouth, Mar. 16, by Rev. E. E. Brethwaite, Cept. Arthur W. Hilton to Cora L. Williams. Fredericton Junction, Mar 9, by Rev Horace E. Dibt lee M. A., Sterling Landerds le Alexander to Amanda Fi zallen Miller.

DIED.

Lunenburg, Mar. 6, Norman Silver. Halifax, Mar. 16, James Heffler 58. Trure, Mar. 14, Mary A. Campbell 23. St. John, Mar. 16, John McFaden, 43. Colchester, Mar. 8, Neil McDonald 98. Worcester, Mar. 17, John H. Cratt, 57. Lakeville, Mar. 5, Wentworth Wood 86. Shelburne, Mar. 1, Joseph M. Fisher 87. Malan, cheerfully, 'if I don't miss anything River Philip, Mar. 7. Mrs. H. Young 53. Milltown, Mar. 14, Mrs. Julia Walsh 87. New Glasgow, Mar. 14, George Millar, 90. Sackville, Mar. 13, Mrs. Geo. Wallace, 46. Windsor Road, Chester, Henry Corku n 77. Kemptville, Mar. 12, Mrs. Chas. Bover 38. Kemptville, Mar. 14, Mrs. Charles Bower. Militown, Mar. 12, Mrs. Nancy McLun, 62. Upper Stewiscke, Feb. 25, John 9. Brown 74. Surrey A. Co., Mar. 16, Elias Messenger, 86. Truro, Mar. 10, Sadie wife of John U. Ross 32. Derby, Mar. 9, James T. son of John Doran, 23. Dorchester, Mass., Mar. 6, Elisha D. Bower 36. Portaupique Mountain, Feb. 21, Adam Morrison 65. Trure, Mar. 9, Mary R. wife of Thomas Wallace 38. Halifax, Mar. 17, Mary E. wife of E. J. Delaney 30. Pictou, Mar. 9, Jean H. wife of Alex. McKenzie 85 Halitax, Mar. 16, Sarah A. wife of Archiba d Power

Hunt's Point, Mar. 8 Margaret, widow of Wm. Mc. Bass River, Mar. 13, Rachel, relict of George Mur-Riverdale Mar. 12 Mary A. wife of James Ha? Jordan Ferry, Mar. 6, Elvie, daughter of Uriah Salem, N. S. Mar. 13, Katle, daughter of Louis

Parrationo, Mar. 5, Murray, so of F. Lawson Jenks Tonev River, Mar. 4, Bessie, wife of Thomas Mc-Boston, Mar. 5, Margaret H. widow of the late John Shelburne, Mar. 4, Clara L. daughter of Mrs. Mary

Moncton, Mar. 16, Hannab, willow of the late El-Moncton, Mar. 16, Hannah, widew of the late E !ward F. Sher wood. Sober Island, Mar. 12, Willie K. son of Mr. and

Pt. Wolf. A. Co., Mar. 9, infast child of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waltham. Musquodoboit Harbor, Mar. 1, Susie E wif: of Frederick Campbell 33. Sonora, Guysboro, Feb. 25, Clarence J. son of Mr. and Mrs. James Green 3. Montreal, Mar. 16, Jane, daughter of the late Michael McCulioch, M. D. Main River, Kent Co., Mar. 12, Susan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Clare, 16.

Yarmouth, Mar. 10, Alice L. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Cook 5 months. Robbinston, Mar. 13. Harriet E. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Newman, 1. South Boston, Mar. 6. Alica Vivian, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Small, 5. Moncton, Mar. 14, Percy, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen McDonald, 11 months. Boston Highland, Mar. 14, Sila A. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. Webster, 9.



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