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Exhibited next door but one to Astley's Theatre. Feb. 1876 North Side

Extraordinary Penny Exhibition.

THE AZTECS!

A newly-discovered Tribe of Human Beings.

THE ONLY AZTECS YET INTRODUCED TO CIVILIZED WHITE PEOPLE.

Patronised by Queen Victoria, the Royal Family, and Court of Great Britain,
On the 4th day of July, 1853, at Buckingham Palace,
And the Emperors, Kings and Reigning Princes of every European Country, for the past 18 Years.



MAXIMO.



BARTOLA.

AZTECS!

The most marvellous of all Human Beings ever seen by White people were discovered in the hitherto unexplored City of IXAMAYA, in Central America, 1849. They are totally unlike anything deemed Human—their Heads being formed like the head of an Eagle—their Hair growing erect on the head, in form and dimensions of a huge grenadier's cap. Their frames are beautifully symmetrical, yet almost Lilliputian in size—eyes black and liquid—silky skin, of a deep olive colour—affectionate—amiable—intelligent—and pleasing in manner. THIS EXTRAORDINARY LIVING MAN and WOMAN constitute, according to the most scientific authority, the

MOST MARVELLOUS EXISTING HUMAN PHENOMENA!

They were formerly used by the Mayaboon Indians as living idols.

As they are shortly to return to America, after Eighteen Years' absence, they desire every one to see them.—They will be exhibited

Daily at this Place, from 10 a.m. till 11 p.m.

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TIMES, January 19th, 1867.

They retain that bird-like expression of face which is more marked in the gentleman than in the lady, and which, after a lapse of 14 years, still renders them perfectly recognizable; they are otherwise perfectly formed, without anything squat in their appearance, while they are protected by the well-turned throat from the application of the word "Cretin." The odd dresses which the Aztecs wore in their childhood are now cast aside and the strange pair are dressed in the adult costume proper to European civilization, the gentleman, who is altogether of a grave, sedate appearance, wearing an intensely respectable suit of black that would do great credit to a missionary tea party. The only way in which the Aztecs seek externally to distinguish themselves from ordinary folk, is a strange method of dressing the hair. This is very long, and instead of hanging down, tands upright, approaching the dimensions of a grenadier's cap, and what is singular enough, instead of being of a wiry texture, it is extremely soft to the touch. They form as curious spectacle, likely to produce discussion.

TELEGRAPH, January 8th, 1867.

They are the quaintest couple of human beings ever seen, and totally unlike any other people to the knowledge of living sight-seers. The facial angle is about equal to that of an eagle. The wedding breakfast yesterday, in Willis's Rooms, followed a ceremony in the Registrar's Office, and the Senor and Senora took their seats as bridegroom and bride. The company included as many ladies as gentlemen. All were seated, and all rose when the interesting couple entered the room, arm-in-arm, and walked with a tolerably firm step to the places reserved for them at the top of the table. The repast was at all points complete—a marriage feast "regardless of expense." No better breakfast ever ushered in the wedded happiness of a pair of young people in high life. The matrimonial outfit of Senora Nunez is stated to have cost £2,000, and even this handsome total must have been exclusive of the ornaments she carried about her person.

MORNING POST, January 8th, 1867.

Yesterday, a civil marriage took place between Senor and Senora Nunez, better known as "The Aztecs," who have recently arrived in this country from Russia. The Registrar-General and family were present. The "little couple," so denominated by their friends, were introduced into the room, and much interest was exhibited by all strangers present. Their simplicity of manner, their diffidence, and the simple moral tone of all their actions, denote them to be the most amiable creatures. As well known to all who remember the Aztecs on their previous visits here, they are supposed to be descended from the aborigines of Central America. The Ethnological Society, who devoted a special meeting to the subject, differed as to the origin of the young couple and by the result of their learned investigations it would seem that Senor Nunez is of a pure race, while the Senora is of a more mixed extraction.

STANDARD, January 8th, 1867.

They are of different, though indeed of cognate tribes. The facial angles of both are hardly so great as that of an eagle, especially in his case; while in both the contour of the nose, ear and forehead resembles very closely that of the bird-headed figure which appears on Egyptian monuments. The bride was married in a Russian costume, presented by the Governor-General of Moscow. Soon after, they were taken to Willis's Rooms where they were received by a numerous company, among whom were Lord William Lennox, Dr. Brewer, the Radical candidate for Colchester, and a large number of the nobility and gentry. The girl, who carried a white bouquet, conducted herself as modestly, and, notwithstanding her olive skin, as blushing as any other bride; and as for the "happy man," he was simply at his wits' end with exultation. The expression of his face, when excited about anything, is sufficiently pleasing; hers is even attractive. Both created a very favourable impression by their general amiability and obvious mutual affection.