

[Illustrated handbill advertising an appearance of Christina and Millie McCoy, 'The African Twins' (or Two-Headed Nightingale) at the Egyptian Hall, Piccadilly, London on 17 September 1855 (in bold type). They were conjoined twin girls, born in North Carolina in 1851. Their mother was a slave].

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REMARKABLE HUMAN PHENOMENA!

THE AFRICAN TWINS



(CHRISTINA AND MILLY.)

These extraordinary Children, only Five Years old, and whom Nature has linked by an Indissoluble Band, about 16 inches in circumference, having excited the most intense interest, and created the greatest sensation wherever they have been witnessed, will be ON VIEW, for a brief period only, at the

EGYPTIAN HALL,
PICCADILLY,
On MONDAY, Sept. 12, 1855
AND FOLLOWING DAYS,

FROM 2 TILL 4, AND FROM 6 TILL 8 O'CLOCK.

They were born in Slavery; and their Guardian, appointed by the Orphan Court of Philadelphia, United States, legally apprenticed them to Mr. THOMPSON, of that City, who instantly freed them from their degrading Bondage and determined to appropriate the Receipts arising from their Public Exhibition to the purpose of Emancipating the Parents of the Children, who are at this moment Slaves on a North-American Plantation. The better feelings of Humanity, as well as the strongest impulses of Curiosity, are therefore to be jointly gratified by their inspection. As already stated in the Public Prints, they were feloniously abducted from the Bedford Hotel, Covent Garden, by the man who had charge of them, and recovered in Dundee, Scotland; the Scottish Authorities, as well as the Metropolitan Magistracy, having taken the warmest interest in their situation.

Unlike most of these Eccentricities of Nature that have been heretofore exhibited, these

INTERESTING CHILDREN
have an extremely Plesing and Attractive Appearance, and their Extraordinary Conformation cannot fail to delight as well as to astonish every Visitor. They sing, with wonderful precision, the Native Melodies of their own Country, and thus the unparalleled circumstance of a Duet, arising from Two Voices, but originating in the direction of One Mind, may be said to form the last, greatest, and most startling Novelty **EVER YET RECORDED in the ANNALS of the MARVELLOUS.**

The immediate attention of the Public to this Announcement is earnestly solicited, as they are now en route to the French Capital, where they have received a Special Invitation, and will thence return to Philadelphia to complete their Filial Mission.