

[Victorian handbill (May 24th 1852) advertising 21 year old Madame Fortune of Geneva and her 4 inch long, bushy, black beard, on exhibition at Linwood Gallery, Leicester Square, London.].

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EXTRAORDINARY



AND
**WONDERFUL
PHENOMENON
AND CHILD,**

TO BE SEEN ON
MONDAY, May 24th, 1852
And Following Days,
From 2 o'clock till 10 in the Evening, at the
Linwood Gallery,
LEICESTER SQUARE,
Opposite the Entrance to Mr. Wyld's globe

The Public is most respectfully informed that

Mad^e FORTUNNE

One of the most curious Phenomenons which ever appeared in Europe, has arrived in London, in the person of a Young Woman, 21 years of age, whose face, which is of an extraordinary whiteness, is surrounded by a Beard as Black as Jet, about 4 inches in length. The Beard is as thick and bushy as that of any man. The young lady is a native of Geneva, in Switzerland, and has received a most brilliant education. She speaks French fluently, and will answer all the questions that may be addressed to her. Her Beard, which reaches from one eye to the other, perfectly encircles the face, forming the most surprising contrast, but without impairing its beauty. Her bust is most finely formed, and leaves not the least doubt as to her Sex. She will approach all the persons who may honour her with their presence, and give an account of her origin and birth, and explain the motives which induced her to quit her country. Everybody will also be allowed to touch her Beard, so as to be convinced that it is perfectly natural.

N.B.—This same extraordinary and Wonderful Phenomenon gave birth, on the 26th of May, 1851, to a child of the female sex, and was attended in her confinement by Mr. Henry Thos. Cornelius, M.R.C.S Eng., 71, High Street, Whitechapel.

Fathers and Mothers of Families, and Ladies and Gentlemen who have the direction of Boarding Schools and Academies, are particularly invited to visit her and her Child, with their Pupils and Children, in order to satisfy their curiosity on the subject of this most Wonderful Phenomenon of Nature.

Admittance - ONE SHILLING
CHILDREN - HALF-PRICE.

J. W. PEEL's Steam Machine, 74, New Cut, Lambeth.