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ST. JAMES'S GREAT HALL PICCADILLY.

For a Short Time only,
COMMENCING
MONDAY, JULY 17th.

THE WONDERFUL TWO-HEADED NIGHTINGALE COMPANY.

Three Times (by Command) before the Royal Family.

Nineteen Years Old.



In Perfect Health.

This remarkable Girl is now 19 years of age, born a Slave in Columbus County, North Carolina, of a bright Mulatto complexion, with

**TWO SEPARATE AND WELL DEVELOPED HEADS,
TWO SEPARATE AND DISTINCT SETS OF ARMS
AND SHOULDERS, all of which blend into**

ONE BODY

And actually forms but one person, physically speaking. She Talks, Sings, Eats and Drinks with either Head. Has Four Feet, and walks upon all of them, or upon two with ease. Converses with two persons on different subjects at the same time. Sings very beautifully two parts of an air at once. Has an excellent education, is very intelligent, interesting and pleasing in conversation, and has a fine, happy disposition. She has been critically examined by the leading doctors of London, and of Jefferson Medical College at Philadelphia, who unhesitatingly pronounce her the

**Most Astonishing, Remarkable and Interesting
FREAK OF NATURE**

EVER SEEN ON EARTH.
No person should fail to avail themselves of witnessing this, Nature's
Greatest Wonder. Also MISS



ANNA SWAN THE FAMOUS NOVA-SCOTIAN GIANTESS!

The Tallest Person on Earth of
whom we have any record.

Miss Swan (now Mrs. Captain Bates) is one of her Majesty's subjects, and unquestionably her largest one. She was born in the province of Nova Scotia, in the year 1818, and, to convey some faint idea of her immense proportions, will state the fact, that a man standing six feet can walk under her outstretched arms with perfect ease. She is symmetrically formed, graceful, agreeable and accomplished.

Every Lady should see the largest and most perfect of her sex.
IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ABOVE, IS

CAPT. M. V. BATES THE GREAT KENTUCKY GIANT

Who is 23 years of age, stands about 8 feet high, and weighs over 478 pounds. He is, without doubt, the largest, finest looking and most symmetrically formed man that has ever appeared upon this Continent.

In the late great civil war in America, he took a very conspicuous part, serving as Captain in the Confederate cavalry up to the time of Lee's surrender.



This extraordinary couple were married on the 17th day of June last, at St. Martin's Church, and 30,000 people were estimated to have been turned away for want of room to accommodate them.

Admission—Half-a-Crown, and One Shilling.
RECEPTIONS DAILY FROM 2 TO 5, AND FROM 7.30 TO 10. The Parties
will appear at half-past Two and Eight precisely.

J. W. LEST & Co., Printers, Duke Street, Derby Lane.

READ

Opinions of the Press.

Three times (by command) before the ROYAL FAMILY.

A ROYAL GUEST.—By royal command, Miss Christine Mills, the marvellous "Two-headed Nightingale," visited Her Majesty the Queen at Buckingham Palace, Saturday morning.—*London Times*, June 24th, 1871.

Miss Christine Mills, the famous "Two-headed Nightingale," had the honour of appearing last evening (by command) before H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, at Marlborough House.—*Post and Mail*, June 24th, 1871.

His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, accompanied by Prince John of Gloucester and Mr. Paget, and attended by Colonel Knytel, and His Imperial Highness the Grand Duke of Baden, and suite, attended by Colonel Knytel, paid a visit on Tuesday to the exhibition of the Two-headed Nightingale and other natural wonders at Willis's Rooms.—*Morning Post*, June 26th, 1871.

Amongst those who availed themselves of the invitation to attend the "Reception" given yesterday at Willis's Rooms to the Press and Medical Profession, were: Charles Lumsden, M.D., Sir G. Erasmus Wilson, M.D., Dr. Latham, M.D., Dr. Owen, Dr. Bennett, Dr. Guy, Dr. Priestly, Dr. Basham, Dr. Stollard, Dr. Macpherson, Dr. Alex. Price, Dr. Twiss, Dr. Kidd, Dr. Professor Smith, Dr. Stanley, Dr. W. H. Wells, Dr. Cross, Dr. Little, Messrs. Henry Woodhouse, (British Museum), Messrs. Lee, F.R.S., Tom Ross, D. Sturgeson, &c. The exhibition was one of natural wonders, and such wonders as have not very often been looked upon before.—*Reception* from *London Daily Standard* report, May 22nd, 1871.

They have been well educated and appear very happy, lively, and good tempered. They sing, dance and behave gracefully, the four legs moving together with perfect rhythm, and they talk with much intelligence, each head asserting its own individuality, and saying, "I" rather than "We."—*London Times*, June 1st, 1871.

With an American accent not stronger than that of the most charming of New York belles, and, as we have already intimated, with voices of melodious quality, the "two-headed Nightingale" sings some popular duets very sweetly and clearly. Accompanying the "Nightingale" are a giant and a giantess, the latter already known to the London public. Miss Anna Swan, a Nova-Scotian lady of the astounding height of eight feet, is very graceful in her deportment and pleasing in her address. The young giant on whose arm she leans, and who, though possibly the tallest man in England, does not exceed her in height, is Capt. Martin Van Buren Bates, son of a Kentucky planter.—*Extract from London Daily Telegraph*, May 24th, 1871.

She sings duets very well, and dances with remarkable grace. She is very cheerful and intelligent, and her name will, no doubt, be regarded with great interest.—*Extract from London Daily News* report, May 22nd, 1871.

Each face has a decided individuality in its aspect, and each utters a cheerful and happy disposition. She obliges the company by singing and dancing, showing clearly that there was no want of full powers either in her limbs or her voice.—*Extract from London Daily Post*, May 22nd, 1871.

They are very musical, and sing exceedingly well together—their instruments are executed in perfect harmony, and they dance without embarrassment; indeed, both the young ladies thus curiously united have bright dark skins, fairly developed persons, handsome countenances, and intelligent and pleasing conversation.—*London Daily News* report, May 24th, 1871.

We can testify that no person of ordinary intelligence can be in her company without yielding to the charms of her manner and the fascination of her looks. Two distinct voices are uttered at you, by two pairs of sparkling and rosy lips, and thence at you through two different sets of the purest ivory that ever adorned the mouth of an Indian sultana.—*Liverpool Leader*.

The two mouths will at the same time, converse with different persons upon topics of a widely different nature, and will join in singing a duet, one taking the soprano and the other the contralto part. All the intelligent men who saw her at the Washington Hotel the other day had been witness to the marvellous intelligence which predominates in both brains.—*Liverpool Mercury*.

All who met Miss Christine yesterday must have felt interested in her features, and well disposed to meet her again.—*Liverpool Daily Post*.

She has you on both sides if you remove your head from one position, you are immediately the victim of another pair of eyes, which fix you, and, in fact, trouble you.—*Liverpool Courier*.

Everyone is vying to see the double-headed girl. She is, without doubt, the wonder of the age, and we are not surprised to find such a feeling of anxiety to see this living curiosity.—*Foreign Philadelphian Press*.

This wonderful exhibition is of the most charming character, and we can safely recommend it to fathers, mothers, sons, and daughters.—*Boston Transcript*.

As for Miss Christy, the two-headed girl, she is a perfect little gem or gem, or a gem and a half, we don't know which. She sings with one or two voices very sweetly, and in dancing we never saw any one more graceful. We expected to see a monstrosity, but were agreeably disappointed; in the contrary, we found her pleasing in appearance, agreeable in her manner, and endowed with good conversational powers. Great care and attention must have been bestowed upon her education.—*New York Times*.

These afternoon lectures are the fashionable resort of the elite of the city.—*New York Herald*.

Their reception at the Masonic Temple has been attended by thousands of our best citizens.—*Baltimore American*.

Take the children and go to Oldfield's Hall, and see the wonderful "Two-headed Nightingale Combination," while you have an opportunity, and you will thank us for the advice.—*Washington Republic*.

There are a lot of people in England, as elsewhere, always ready to strain at the collar, and to consider the biggest camel, who will sometimes put this young lady down as outside the pale of ordinary humanity; if this prejudice should carry any one so far as to lead them to avoid her, they shall well be the losers.—*Liverpool Leader*.