

**Wonderland Whitechapel Road (next to St. Mary's Station) ... Easter
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BARNUM'S NEW FREAKS.

The freaks are the most novel attraction of Barnum and Bailey's grandest circus show, and the management are very wise in adding new features to their sensational Nature's department. The greatest of these is perhaps the smallest. The Hibernian description of perhaps the "tallest dwarf that has ever been seen in this country," "Great Peter the Small," is

LETTER FROM.



THE TALLEST BLACK GIANT OF FAITH.

very applicable. He is so small that you would have to search for him in a medium-sized Gladstone bag, while he could make a comfortable evening place of a silk hat. His hands are of such a minute size that you have to look through a magnifying glass for his finger nails—that is, if your eye-sight is not as good as it used to be. He could pierce his-and-ent in his own birth certificate, and it would be difficult to find him. I went down to interview him, but his hands are very delicate, and they would not let him out of his box of cotton-wool, so I had to be content with the Orissa Twins and a black giant. We had some little difficulty in finding the black Ethiopian region. We went to various places, but neither got hold of the powdered lady, the soap-bull-l-ness, soap-walrus, or the What-d'ye-it. But at last we applied to a local restaurateur. "Have you a giant in the premises?" I inquired of the lady that answered the side door. "Not as I know of," answered the fair chef-d'oeuvre of the door. "We have a gentleman that expands and a fire chewer. Let me see." "He's black," said I. "Ah, yes, now I come to remember. Yes, there is a dark gentleman at the top. I didn't know he was a giant. I've only seen him sitting down—thought he was one of the Mohawks. Step this way; you'll find him right at the top of the house." We climbed 7 or 8 flights, and found our Mr. old of Congo very busy playing at dominoes with a lady. His face wore a very good-natured look; but he had to be careful when he rose from his chair to greet us. As it was, his hand met the ceiling with a bang. "Tallest room in the house," said our black giant, showing his white teeth. "Put me up here as in case I 'growed.' I could then shoot through the roof, and disturb some of the other lodgers. I was born in the Congo Free State. My mother and father are still alive. Yes, I had it awkward if I want to take a constitutional, have to get up very early in the morning, stranger. My favorite amusements are reading, poker, and dominoes. I like marbles, but it makes my back ache stepping. Nothin' more I can tell you. Well, good day," and with that I left him with the delectable to pierce out of his hand.

The next pair we visited—and a very interesting pair they are—were the Orissa Twins. She is—I mean, they are—a very nice young girl, divided, set joined, six age is 12. They were born at Orissa, in India. They played fun at me, and suffer from the best



THE ORISSA TWINS.

of spirits. They say they will never leave each other. They can't so long as that liquid joins their sides together. They speak excellent English, and dance together in a very engaging fashion. Most of last year's freaks are still with the "greatest show on earth." There is also a wonderfully clever gentleman described as "the Paper King." He tears with his fingers, in a most rapid fashion, intricate and delicate designs out of plain paper, without any preparation. Truly the freaks are freaks. And nobody can wonder why it is so difficult to startle the denizens of West Kensington—they are used to seeing strange things since the mammoth circus settled in their midst.

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