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THEATRE, BUXTON.

For **THREE NIGHT'S** Only.

TUESDAY, THURSDAY and SATURDAY,
August 11th, 13th, & 15th, 1846.

THE MANAGER has the gratification of announcing to the Nobility and Gentry visiting BUXTON, and to the Inhabitants generally, that he has entered into an arrangement for the above limited period, with

ENGLAND'S NATIVE WONDER, FIELD MARSHAL **TOM THUMB!!**

The English Tom Thumb has already appeared before the Nobility at the Egyptian Hall, London; and at the Royal Surrey Theatre; at the Theatres-Royal, Bristol, Bath, Brighton, Plymouth, Devonport, and the Royal Amphitheatre, Liverpool; and before numerous assemblages at Tavistock, Dawlish, Teignmouth, Torquay, Taunton, Bridgwater—At Manchester, where he had the honor of being presented to His Highness IBRAHIM PACHA, by whom he was most graciously received, and esteemed the greatest curiosity he had seen in England,—and before the Noblemen and Gentlemen of the Universities at Oxford, by whom he was invested with a Cap and Gown, of M.A., and so unanimous and cheering was the reception which the little Englishman met with from the members of this learned body, that his success in Oxford is pronounced to be the most brilliant ever achieved.

Wherever the English Tom Thumb (who is a native of Kittisford, in Somersetshire, and who is 15 years of Age) has appeared, he has been hailed with the greatest applause. Though diminutive in stature, he is great in intellect—a clever actor—an artistic dancer—and a talented singer. SIR JAMES CLARK and DR. LOCOCK, *Her Majesty's Physicians*, have pronounced him *the most symmetrical Dwarf in the world!* The Public Press, without exception, have spoken in the highest terms of his appearance and performances—a few extracts from which are subjoined.

OPINIONS OF THE PUBLIC PRESS.

Field Marshal TOM THUMB excels in polite and manly accomplishments, and as well as being interestingly diminutive proves himself the intelligent, lively, witty, and conversant man."...*Times*.

"The English Tom Thumb may justly be considered one of the greatest curiosities ever beheld."—*Morning Post*.

"A dwarf, fifty times more genuine, and a hundred times more clever than Tom Thumb, has appeared in London. He is not a stunted child, but a *bona fide* manikin. His singing 'The Fine Old English Gentleman,' is a rich treat."—*English Gentleman*.

"The new dwarf appeals to our national sympathies, for he is of English birth. Unlike most dwarfs, he is not misshaped, but is a handsome symmetrical miniature of the human form."—*Britannia*.

"The English Tom Thumb altogether eclipses his American predecessor in intellectual power."—*Pictorial Times*.

"Field Marshal Tom Thumb, appeared at the Surrey Theatre last night, for a benefit in aid of the Jewish Charity; the house was crowded to the ceiling, and the applause was immense. He is 15 years of age and only 34 inches in height."—*Bell's Life*.

"Field Marshal Tom Thumb entered this city yesterday, in a carriage and four. Any thing more rare could scarcely have been brought from the back settlements."—*Trevelyan's Exeter Flying Post*.

"This lilliputian, who is 15 years of age, is a perfect *waltz* in *parvo*."—*Plymouth and Devonport Journal*.

"The greatest wonder of the age."—*Bath Herald*.

"Field Marshal Tom Thumb appeared during the evening. He is really a very clever little fellow, and sings and dances admirably."—*Bristol Mercury*.

"That amusing *mullum in parvo* soul of a gentleman, Field Marshal Tom Thumb, has, during the present week, fretted away his hours upon

the stage, cased in leather and scarlet, and with a large cheese toaster by his side. He is both clever and interesting, and does all he can to interest those who go to be amused by him."—*Liverpool Mail*.

TOM THUMB—This interesting little gentleman, commenced holding his Farewell Levees on Monday last, under patronage of the Mayor and Mayoress, in the Exchange Rooms, and will continue doing so every day during the week. This English dwarf, who styles himself Field Marshal Tom Thumb, altogether eclipses in intellectual power his American rival. This Tom Thumb is a native of Kittisford, in Somersetshire, and is about 15 years of age. Though diminutive in stature, he is great in intellect—is a clever actor, an artistic dancer, and a talented singer. This surprising prodigy is only 34 inches in height. On Wednesday last, he was presented to our distinguished visitor IBRAHIM PACHA by the Mayor, W. B. WATKINS, Esq., his Highness was greatly delighted with his singing and dancing, and pronounced him the greatest wonder he had ever beheld."—*Manchester Courier*.

That handsome diminutive, Field Marshal Tom Thumb, has this week been delighting thousands, at the Theatre Royal Adelphi, by his various performances. We visited the Theatre last evening, and from the beauty of his form and interesting appearance, especially when attired in full costume as a Highland Chief, were inclined to doubt his age, but MR. MILLER, politely showed us a copy of the Register of his Baptism, proving him to be 15 years of age—He is indeed a wonder."—*Glasgow Herald*.

In the course of the Three Nights, TOM THUMB will represent, in full and splendid Costume, the following CHARACTERS:—

SIR ROGER DE COVERLY, with the Song of "The Old English Gentleman,"

AND ALSO DANCE THE

Minuet, Sir Roger De Coverly, and Polka.

NAPOLEON: and deliver his celebrated Speech to his Army, &c.

SOMERSETSHIRE POACHER, with the Song of 'When I was bound Apprentice,'

SHAW, THE LIFE GUARDSMAN, his Adventures on the Field of Waterloo,

including the Sword Exercise, and the Song of "The Army and Navy for Ever!"

ENGLISH JOCKEY, with the Jockey Dance.

A FOP, with the Song of "I'm quite a Lady's Man."

BRITISH TAR, with a Hornpipe

HIGHLAND CHIEF, with the Song of "Scots wha hae."

THE GRECIAN STATUES, &c., &c., &c.

UPON EACH EVENING, AN ATTRACTIVE

DRAMATIC PERFORMANCE,

When several new Performers will appear.