

'Spider Boy,' Once Featured Freak in Barnum & Bailey Circus, Returns to Home Town in a Small Carnival

Hundreds of persons have seen the "Spider Boy" do his act at the carnival in West Haverstraw during the two nights the show has been in progress. But only a comparatively few have known that the man they were watching in action is not only a world-wide celebrity but one of their own fellow-townsmen.

The Spider Boy has the audacity to advertise his name in front of his show. He has been up in the big time. It is not his fault that the depression sent him back from Barnum & Bailey's Circus, the Century of Progress Exposition and the movies to be a "grifter" in a small-time show. It is one of those things that happen regularly in the show business.

The Spider Boy is showing now in the near vicinity of the place where he was born and brought up. But he has none of the reticence of a prophet returning to his own country. He has been around the world three times. He has been featured in newspapers in most of the large American cities as well as foreign sheets. He has been singled out by Robert E. Ripley as one of the famous "Believe-it-or-nots" of the world. He defies anybody in the world to duplicate his performance.

He is a single attraction in a two-by-two show. And why shouldn't he be? After all, he is a big timer. He has been places and seen things during nineteen years in the show business. Only the depression has forced his appearance on the small town, where he must erect his own canvas and use his own efforts to pull trade away from the rest of the midway in a small time show.

Wagon Familiar Sight
Thirty years ago up in Stony Point, Mr. and Mrs. Davis Bulson were the parents of a son. The doctor who brought the boy into the world looked him over and shook his head. The legs were not formed properly. Something—the physician didn't know quite what—was amiss. He didn't say much about it, however.

The boy was named Henry and he began to grow into childhood. The legs seemed to be without bones or muscles. They wavered when he was first put on his feet to walk. They wavered when he was picked up to be carried. The parents were horrified. Surely something could be done about it.

But it seemed that nothing could be done. Doctors said the boy would never walk. So the father improvised a fat, board wagon in which the boy could ride, using his normally developed arms on the rear wheels as a means of locomotion. He became a familiar figure on the streets of Stony Point as he pushed himself about.

Then the family moved to Haverstraw, taking up their residence in Gurnee avenue behind the O'Leary and Bennett Lumber Company's yard. This New York State Orthopedic Hospital had been established at West Haverstraw a few years before. According to talk around the community, some almost miraculous cures had been effected. Henry's parents decided to try the hospital and, after much wire-pulling, they finally had him admitted as a patient.

Eight Operations Failed
For six years he remained at the institution, while the best orthopedic surgeons labored in vain to strengthen the deformed legs. Eight operations were performed but still the legs dangled short and useless. Then the parents, discouraged, took him out of the hospital.

The boy resumed his trips around the town on his little wagon. He was popular with the other youngsters, although he could not join in their play. But he loved to follow them around and, if he fell off his vehicle, there were always willing hands to help him back.

Then came the day when the boy's life. One of the old-time medicine shows was playing in Suffern and his parents took the eleven-year-old boy to see the performance. He was delighted. But the manager of the show was equally delighted. He saw in the youth a chance to enlarge his show and cash in on his deformities.

Arrangements were made with the parents and Henry Bulson of Stony Point became a part of the medicine show company, billed merely as the Spider Boy. He enjoyed rather than loathed the curious and sometimes sympathetic eyes that were turned upon him. Even in his youth, he appreciated the fact that, despite his deformities, he was independent.

His pride in his work led him finally to the goal of every person who works under canvas—Barnum & Bailey's Circus. He was on a mission in that show for many years, during which he learned to do things in addition to exhibiting his physical deformities.

He found that, although his legs were hopeless, the rest of his body was normal or above normal. Most of the strength that had been left out of his legs seemed to have been entered in his jaw. So he began to learn to do things with his teeth.

Slowly, tortuously, came the act that he now exhibits with a small show but which took him three times around the world in the principal countries of the globe. One of the feats which made him famous and which Ripley featured in one of his cartoons was the dragging along the street of more than two tons of material by his teeth while walking on his hands.

Many of the visitors at his show in West Haverstraw greet him in a friendly manner. They knew him "when." And one of the remarkable things about the occurrence is that, despite the fact that he left the community when he was a small child, Bulson remembers many of those who greet him and recalls events of the past in which they were associated.

The remarkable power in his jaws is used now in his act, during which he bites dimes, quarters and half dollars in two. A man of about his own age, who lives in Stony Point, went into his tent Monday night and offered him a quarter to bite. While the Spider Boy was working on the piece, he spoke to the man who had given it to him.

"I remember you, George," he said, "you used to help me back on my wagon."

Except for his legs, Bulson is perfectly formed. He weighs 152 pounds and is married and the father of a four-year-old daughter. His father still lives in Stony Point, while his mother is a resident of Monsey.

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Stay With Mother



The Nevada divorce granted Mrs. Ann Roosevelt Dall gave her custody of the Dall children, "Sittie" and "Buzzie." The youngsters have been living at the White House since their grandpa became President.

Jersey Senate Candidate Backs Lighting Project

Full co-operation with the plans of the North Jersey League of Municipal Officials to establish a joint, generating plant and electric distributing system was promised yesterday by Senator William Harvey J. Ely, Democratic candidate for re-election to the New Jersey State Senate.

"I have already written Mayor John J. Sullivan of Ramsey that I would do anything which will give relief to the people of that community," Senator Ely said. "As soon as the League's legislative committee drafts its bills I will be glad to take them up and push them, if the plan will be of benefit to the people."

The League is asking for legislative authority among the 21 towns now served by the Rockland Electric Company to construct and operate a generating system under municipal ownership. Provisions must be made in the legislation for a referendum election in all the towns involved so that the voters may authorize the necessary bond issues.

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Andrew Bady has secured employment at Bear Mountain. Oscar Babcock, Frank Hoey and Sol Silberman were visitors out of town Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Larkin of Church street entertained guests from out of town Sunday. Kenneth Mackey, Harry Hunt and Robert Bloom spent Sunday with friends out of town.

Oscar Anderson suffered a dislocated shoulder in a fall in his yard Monday.

Postmaster Frank Morisset and family have returned home after a visit with relatives in Brooklyn. Wesley Haight of Beacon was a guest of Charles H. Everett Tuesday.

William Weber and Linwood Bauer have visited in the C. C. C. Mr. and Mrs. A. Gabel entertained visitors from out of town over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Bogani have moved from Brooklyn to Railroad avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Radcliffe of Fall River, Mass., have been visiting at the home of Mr. Radcliffe's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Radcliffe.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Radigan and family have returned to New York City Sunday at the Radigan home in Westside avenue.

Edward Reardon Sr. attended the funeral of his brother, John Reardon, at Little Falls, N. J., Tuesday.

THREE CHILDREN BORN
Daughters were born yesterday (the 29th) to John and Mrs. Arthur Matheson, of Nyack, and Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson McDonald, of Central Nyack. A son was born today to Mr. and Mrs. William Lipinsky, of Spring Valley.

SON BORN TO COHENS
Dr. and Mrs. Max Cohen of Lexington avenue, Suffern, announce the birth of a son yesterday.

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- Roller Skates (Ball Bearing)89



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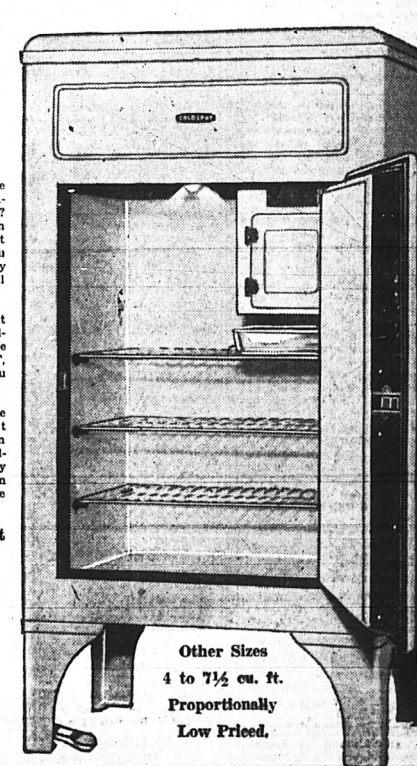
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Socialists to Hold Rally on Nyack Street Corner

Opening its annual series of public street meetings somewhat earlier than usual this year, the Socialist Party in Rockland County announced today a schedule of meetings to be held in the main population centers of the county with the opening meeting in Nyack, at the corner of Park and Main streets on Thursday evening. Mayor Raymond L. Taylor has already given permission for this meeting, which will begin at eight o'clock with Dr. T. W. Davis presiding.

Farley Great Fisherman, Postal Department Says

WASHINGTON, Aug. 1.—Postmaster General James A. Farley is described as "one of the greatest fishermen who ever visited Yellowstone National Park," by the Postoffice Department. It's statement follows: "Advices received today told of the Postmaster General's fishing exploit in Yellowstone Lake. At General in short order caught ten black spotted native trout and would have been fishing yet, but he had caught his limit under park regulations. "Ambrose O'Connell, executive assistant to the Postmaster General, also caught his limit of the spotted beauties."

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Mr. and Mrs. C. Witz have moved from their home in Maple road to Westchester. Edmund McIntyre has returned home after several months' stay in California and Panama. Miss Helen Gabrielson is spending two weeks in New York City, visiting her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Strand. Mrs. Mary Lastousky is spending a few weeks with Miss Mary Hesch.