

A FEATURE WITH SPARK'S CIRCUS

The Man Who Walks Upon His Head.

The old saying, "see our circus and you have seen them all," does not apply to the performance presented by the Sparks Circus this season.

A feature that is entirely new in this country and that stands out as a distinct novelty, is the wonderful performance of Kyo Namba, "the man who walks upon his head."



This wonderful exhibition of skill and daring consists in bounding up and down stairways balanced upon his head, with no support other than the contact of his head with the steps. The fine balance that must be maintained to accomplish this feat can only be appreciated after seeing this wonderful act accomplished.

This novelty will positively be seen at each performance of the Sparks Circus in Clinton, Monday, Nov. 3rd.

Kyo Namba, the head-walking wonder, is a member of the Sassaï Troupe of Japanese Acrobats, recognized by leading newspapers in every large city visited this season, by Sparks Circus, as the most wonderful performers of new acrobatic thrills ever introduced in the circus arena.

The Educated Seals and Sea Lions, including "Frisko", the seal trained by Capt. Tiebor to walk a tight rope while juggling balls, play the National Anthem on musical instruments, and distinctly speak the word "Mamma" is another of the sensational features of the Spark's lengthy programme.

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Human Nature.
Modern thinking, proposing to found morality solely upon the principles of human nature, will have to take account of all there is in human nature. And one of the first things we meet there is the necessity, in order that man may come to his true self, that he is possessed by something, some one beyond himself.—Jonathan Brierley.

Dare to Turn Back.
It often requires courage to turn back when we have taken a wrong step, but it is easier to turn back after the first step than after the second or third, and much safer and pleasanter.

FOR DRESSY WEAR

Flounces Add Charming Effect to Youthful Costume.

Choice of Materials for Evening Especially Wide This Season—Chiffon More Popular Than Ever.

Nothing is more becoming to the slender young figure than the flounce, and flounces are more fashionable than ever. When they are daintily, cleverly scalloped, the effect is even more graceful.

A very lovely evening gown is of the palest rose satin, completely covered in silk tulle of a delicate ivory tint. The edges of the overdress are scalloped and bordered by a small bias of pale pink velvet. Over all this slips a little tunic of ecru lace, draped slightly at each hip to form miniature panniers. The décolleté is pointed at the back and very modestly round in front. Very short sleeves are finished in scallops.

Be sure not to have the neck cut very low. Nothing is such utter poor taste for a young girl as this exposure of chest. The arms, too, should not be totally bare; a sleeve of some kind must always be worn. There should also be no beauty patches or extravagant hair combs or brilliant hair buckles or hair ornaments of any eccentric design.

For informal parties the choice is wide and catholic. Taffeta is still a great favorite, and the shades shown are ravishingly tempting. The rather firm texture of taffeta makes it necessary to cut the gown simply, so that this is indeed an ideal fabric for the age.

Chiffon will never "go out." The girl who likes to look just a bit different will have a graceful model of burnt-orange chiffon, draped over yellow chiffon and toned down with a touch of brown velvet. The bodice is cut very simply. Round of neck and finished with one row of tiny dull gold beads set far apart. A very narrow girde catches up the folds of the chiffon at each side, and is of velvet ribbon. Three deep nun's tucks of graduated width form a front panel.

There is a bouquet of rich autumn foliage with a small tangerine clustered among the leaves at the left side of the girde. This model is to be worn by the dark girl, of course.

The dainty blonde will like a frock of pale green crepe de chine, the skirt made of three flounces of green silk tulle with one great rose at the lower hem, directly in front, rose velvet with palest green leaves, and another under the left arm at the belt. There is a wee gilet of pale green brocade, touched in silver and veiled in pale green chiffon upon the simple draped bodice.

GORGEOUS SET OF BLUE WOLF



Milady will have no fear of the cooler days of late summer and spring if she wears this stunning set of blue wolf.

NOVELTIES IN FALL BLOUSES

One Short in Length and Cut Straight Is Especially Admired—Another in White Crepe.

In selecting blouses for fall no woman can make a mistake by including several over-the-skirt models. Many interesting novelties are being offered. One that is especially smart is barely hip length, is cut quite straight and held in at the hips with a tight band that usually is richly embroidered. Rich, heavy satins and silks, crepes and velvets are used for blouses of this type. One lovely model recently seen in a collection of fall blouses not yet in the shops was made of heavy white crepe, cut with a round neck open a trifle in front so that it would slip easily over the head. It has elbow sleeves and the bottom of the blouse and neck were richly embroidered in gold, rose and black.

Brown Must Be Enlivened.
A good deal has been written this season concerning the brown shades and the use of this color has been extended to evening wear, for which it has sometimes been considered too somber. When so used, it is almost invariably lightened by touches of metal or paillette effects, and the fabrics chosen are of themselves sheer.

CHINESE BECOME SOCIAL PIONEERS

Men and Women Form Good Fellowship Club Together Under Y. W. C. A. Leadership.

The Good Fellowship Club has made its appearance in society in Hangchow, China.

It began with the desire of a progressive young Chinese doctor to give his compatriots, especially the Christians, some healthful form of social intercourse.

Channels for a good, clean, social life among Chinese people are very limited. Until recently becoming a Christian often meant cutting oneself off from one's friends and relatives, also from feast days and festivals. As for joint meetings of men and women—well, such a thing was never heard of in decent society.

The young doctor's plan of having a club where men and their wives might come together to enjoy a good time with each other was discouraged and sniffed at. However, a few people agreed to be pioneers in the cause of social intercourse, and Y. W. C. A. secretaries agreed to help make the club a success.

At first the meetings of the club were laughed at by outsiders and the whole affair considered a joke. However, the members kept on meeting, first at one house and then at another. Soon the men got over the feeling of strangeness at starting out with their wives on Tuesday evening for a friend's home. The women began to enjoy the outing and to take part in the discussions—an intelligent part, too—much to the surprise of their husbands.

The membership grew. The club's fame began to spread. At first the discussions of the club were conducted in English. Soon it became necessary for them to be carried on in Chinese so that more of the women could understand and take part. Many of the scoffers began to apply for admission. The members began indulging in much friendly chaffing and occasionally forgot their dignity to play jokes on one another. Finally it became so large that it had to be divided into two sections, which met separately three Tuesday evenings in the month and on the fourth Tuesday met together for a joint session, with a special program.

Students just returned from American and German colleges, an old Buddhist scholar who is particularly interested in the discussion on Buddhism and Christianity, merchants, railroad and government officials compose the men's side of the room. The women are still a bit shy about talking in front of so many people, but many of them show signs of great executive ability and power of leadership. They are all well poised, clear thinking individuals, who will have a great influence on China's future. They discuss among themselves group meetings in their various churches, the lack of amusements for Chinese women, social service work, subscription lists for the orphanage, cake making, types of stoves, baby diets, the latest engagement and other topics such as one would hear discussed by a group of women gathered together any place in America.

The social part of the evening is given over to games, which at first astound the sober Chinese gentlemen, but which they take up with great zest after the first evening. And their wives enjoy it just as greatly.

Real American picnics are the latest thing which the club has tried, and they are a great success. A Christmas play is being planned now.

ENGLISH IS COMMON TONGUE.

Chinese Girls Learn It to Talk to One Another.

Chinese women students in the Tung Fu College, Peking, China, are obliged to learn English in order to talk with one another because of the different dialects used by the student body.

Girls from the extreme western provinces of China, who attend the school, must remain in Peking during all of the eight years required for their high school and college training, because to return each summer would require six weeks for the trip one way and would cost more than a trip to America and return.

Girls from each of the western provinces speak a different language and they cannot understand one another any more than they can the girls from northern, southern, eastern or central provinces. Hence, they have adopted English as a common tongue.

NEW SCHOOL FOR CHINA.

Y. W. C. A. Secures New Site for Girls' Physical Training School.

A new home has been found for the Physical Training School which the Young Women's Christian Association has opened for native girls in Shanghai, China.

The school, while in the country, is not far distant from the National Headquarters of the Y. W. C. A. in Shanghai—nor far from the local Y. W. C. A. The grounds cover eighteen "mow," which means approximately six acres, and are divided by a private road. A foreign residence already on the grounds will be used by the American teachers, while native buildings on the other side will furnish living quarters and classrooms for the 35 students.

The grounds boast a garden, tennis courts and an athletic field.

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