

# State Fair Ballyhoo

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The jouncer. These are not paying customers in the jouncer this afternoon, worse luck. Trade is scarce for no reason whatever, and Mrs. Mabelle Lover and her little girl Cherie, wife and daughter of the proprietor, are bumping hither and yon to make the place look popular.



"Ella, don't think of leaving the fair grounds without having your fortune told by Mungo, the marvel. Everything she said was true! Told me my feet were hurting me (and they were), and said I was going to lose something and would find it again. Well, not more than five minutes later we lost Junior in the crowd by the grandstand—and found him again."



The Siamese twins. Hazel and Iona, the Siamese twins, are big drawing cards among the strange people. Their mother, Mrs. Hazel Pfuss, chaperones them wherever they go, from carnival to state fair and back again. Mrs. Pfuss is worried to death over the girls. It seems Hazel is in love with a man in Jersey City and wants to settle in Jersey, while Iona is simply crazy over a boy in Portland, Ore., and wants to park out there, which, of course, is not a bit practical. "They're the kind of girls you just can't tell anything to," complains Mrs. Pfuss; "they just have to go ahead and learn by experience. I don't know what'll become of them!"

The wild boy. Bozo, the bull-faced wild boy from Mars, is very taciturn this afternoon, having just learned from "The Billboard" that another act is using his billing. Naturally, he is boiling with rage, although too much of an artist to show it.



THE CHINATOWN TRUNK MURDER  
DOT KING THE BROADWAY

The waxworks. Half the charm of the waxworks tent is due to Mrs. Nellie McMorgue, who lectures elegantly about each and every murder, not forgetting the moral that the wages of sin is death. Nellie is the only exhibitor on the fair grounds who is praying for a little cold weather. Another hot, sunny day and Dot King, the Broadway butterfly, will begin to melt. The last heat wave rendered Ocie Speed, the bathtub corpse, fit for nothing but the junk heap, and Ocie had to be thrown out.



Half man, half girl. Alvanese, the human enigma, who has puzzled scientists on two continents, is throwing a dirty look at two hoodlums who are not taking a great artist seriously. Imagine! Alvanese is beautiful Follies girl on the left side and big, strong man on the right. You can take your choice.



The open air show. The Flying Finnegans are part of the free show they put on in front of the grandstand during the trotting races. Lester and Grace do polite trapeze balancing, while below Bernice sings "Kiss Me Again," standing on her head. High class stuff, all right.



The Congress of Beauty. La Belle Barbasita, favorite nautch girl of the King of Siam, has borrowed a coat from Bennie, the hot trombone at the Congress of Beauty concession, and is off for a nice hamburger and onion sandwich. An artist can't do herself justice on an empty stomach.



Occult stuff from the east. "Someone is asking about a letter—please concentrate on it—a letter. You want to know if you will get a letter. You will get the letter, but not from the person you expect. Next!" Prof. Boohou Hoya is very occult and can read your mind like a book when the stars are propitious. Even when they aren't he will do his best to oblige.