



SIDEWALKS' TOY TERRORS.

MECHANICAL IMPS THAT HARASS UNWARY PEDESTRIANS.

The Shopping Streets Now a Stampeding Ground of Hoping, Running, Wriggling Creatures, that Menace the Nervous Shopper's Every Step—Ingenious Mechanical Toys with Which the Fakirs Are Making a Rich Harvest of Frights and Sometimes of Blackmail.

Phantasmagoria miniature now holds possession of the sidewalks of New York. All the shopping thoroughfares are overrun with tiny things that wriggle or crawl or squirm or rotate or jump or turn somersaults or climb or rotate or whirl or wobble or make some sort of motion or progress, with the result that the walking public must look carefully to its footsteps or spread devastation in the toy land rampant beneath its feet.

Other thoroughfares, however, are not so well guarded, and he is an agile person who can dodge all the tiny things which endeavor to menace his every step. One may dodge the charge of a four-inch elephant only to encounter a six-inch mouse, and, having escaped this onrush, leap over a locomotive and evade a grinning skeleton, and finally find himself hopelessly cornered by an alligator of singular open countenance.

Chief among them for distressing uncertainty of progress is the large green beetle, which is a favorite among the fakirs of lower Broadway. One that looms up for straight-forwardness in a bug whose entire powers of locomotion are included in a spoon and an elastic band wound up tight, but somewhere in this simple combination lurks possibilities of diabolical ingenuity.

A few twists of the fakir's fingers and the bug is ready for business. At first he trundles along at a good pace, and the fakir, after having followed his course on circular lines; but let a crusty-looking man or a timid-looking woman draw near and all that is most devilish in the spoon, which passes for the beetle's heart, comes to the surface.

It won't move a step till you hold it. I insisted the woman. "I don't care what it's made of. It chased me." "Take it away," said the fakir, and he held it in his tin creature down the sidewalk while the terrified woman braved the people who crowded, crossing and reaching, the other side of the street.

It's a Great Corner. "Something terrible to look at, isn't it?" said one woman to another, looking back as they reached the sidewalk after crossing Broadway at Fourteenth street. Maybe she didn't actually mean exactly that, and then again perhaps it struck her in just that way.

Hands off, gent! shouted the fakir, who was acting as judge. "Let 'em head on," he said to the crowd. Over the locomotive and the elephant, after trying in vain to trample the prostrate form of his adversary, sought over again.

THE MERRY WAR ON PARK ROW.

Incidents of the Police Campaign Against Offending Push-cart Fakirs.

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PARNELL'S CREDITORS GET ALL.

Nothing for His Mother or His Widow From the \$20,000 He Had Here.

The \$20,000 left by the late Charles Stewart Parnell in this country is to be turned over, under a decision of Surrogate Arnold to Ernest Cooper, who was appointed a receiver in Great Britain, for distribution among the creditors.

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WILLIAM BARRINGTON BAILED. The Boy Who Killed Christopher Lawless While Playing Baseball. William Barrington, the twelve-year-old boy who accidentally killed his classmate, Christopher Lawless, 10 years old, of 130 Huron street, with an old army musket in the yard of A. M. Lum's home at 123 Huron street while they were playing baseball on Friday afternoon, was arraigned in the Essex Street Police Court yesterday on a charge of homicide.

AGED MENSTRUATION IN A MINUTE. CYNTHIANA KAY, Dec. 21.—Uncle Jim Hall celebrated his 101st birthday at his home near here this week. His wife, who is 98 years old, prepared the dinner. Afterward there were old-fashioned dances, including a grand old-fashioned dance, including a grand old-fashioned dance, including a grand old-fashioned dance.

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