

also to get a salary while hanging round the show as bride-to-be during the week. Afterward the midget would have no more interest in me nor I in him, and I would not have to make home-happy for him. So I wheeled the Van Bugg baby down to where the Admiral was posing on a gaudy platform to look him over.

"This is him, Miss Dillpickles—Admiral Atom, your fiancee," said Mr. Kiester. "Admiral, you're going to claim this lady as a blushing bride in a few days." On his part, the dwarf looked me over.

"Kind of undersized, ain't she?" he said. For a little guy he certainly had a huge opinion of himself. "But it's all right," he added with a bored yawn and a wave of the hand. "I'll marry 'em as fast as they come."

So it was settled. I took the Van Bugg baby home, announced that I'd "joined out" with the sideshow, and resigned.

I'd have been fired anyhow.

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DIARY OF FATHER TIME

A number of people believe that the position of the hands on dummy clocks outside of jewelry stores indicates the hour of Lincoln's death. But this is not the case. The hands on dummy clocks almost universally points at 8:17, while Lincoln was shot at 10:20 at night and died at 7:22 the following morning.

I remember in 1865 all dummy clocks were made by one man, he having a complete monopoly of the trade. On the morning of April 15, 1865, he was at work in his shop with his brush, when he got the first news of the tragedy at Washington. Glancing at real clock, he noted that the time was exactly 8:17. He immediately painted the hands of a dummy clock on which he was at work so as to indicate the time at which he had received the news. From that time he continued to paint all hands

on his dummy clocks to indicate 8:17 and thereafter competitors who went into the business copied his sign clocks.

CAPTURES SMART SET WITH PARIS GOWNS



Countess de Bertier

Washington, D. C.—Countess de Bertier, wife of the new French military attache, is attracting the attention of the smart set by wearing the latest creations of the Parisian modistes.