

TALENTED LILLIAN LEITZEL "MINIATURE MARVEL OF AIR"

Bohemian Girl Who Is Thrilling Circus Crowds Also Plays Piano, Composes Music and Sews

Dainty Trapeze Artist Admits to Fear Sometimes, but "Swings It Away" in Big Top



Mlle. Lillian Leitzel. Who is the "miniature marvel of midair" in the circus now in town

WHEN Mrs. George Hartzel, the "little mother of the circus," left his standing in the cozy tent of Mademoiselle Lillian Leitzel, who is the "miniature marvel of midair" in the combined circus of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey, she said: "See her? There she is, no bigger than a minute, and just as kind and sweet as she can be. And talented? My! There's the girl that does the unusual things—"

"Yes, Mamma Hartzel, for just now I swore a word—oh, so naughty! But would you dare to say that it is not unusual for me to sweat, Mamma Hartzel? Oh, ho! I am just joking with you."

And she motioned us, who were twirling our hat nervously, to a little camp chair. "Please to sit down, and be comfortable. Do not think that I swear often—oh! only a little word now and then. Like—but I will not say it. Sometimes, however, when the attendants make me angry, I lose myself—um! and then I bite! But not for long. One cannot afford to be angry for long, else where would pleasure go?"

Mademoiselle Leitzel had just run from the arena, where high in the air she had floated about her trapeze like "something," says she, "that it is easier for me to do than to describe." The flush of pleasure from the plaudits of the thousands of spectators was still in her cheeks. And, of course, she had not yet had time to change into street clothes. Her maid, Meemi, sat quietly waiting out in the fly.

Feels Call of the Circus As the dainty queer of aerial gymnasts sat breathing a little heavily, a head of perspiration rolled from under her golden hair and down her forehead. "Oh!" she cried, and brushed the drop away. "You see how hard I work? I shall sit here and rest and chatter away for a while! And she drew her pale blue shawl closer about her pink shoulders.

"You like my tent, too? My little flowered curtains and the two little dressing tables with my rouge and my creams, and the sunshine coming in under the fly—they are all very dear to me. Only last week I was still on the theatre stage—there is where I go in the wintertime. But only last week in New York I saw the circus again, and the peanuts and the barbers and the merry children, and the smell of the sawdust and the free open air came to me, and I said: 'Alitza—that is my right name and it is Bohemian—Alitza, you must go back with the circus.' And here I am.

"You think it is the gypsy in me? I should not mind if you thought so. My home is in Bohemia and my people are there. And there I first learned my tricks. And there I first learned to love

the out-of-doors, and the witchery of the roving, clean, free life. And when summer comes I must go with the circus.

"My brother is in America with me, and I have been sending him to college. 'I have, too, my papers which make me a citizen of this great country. And I pride them above most everything.' 'When I am off the arena, I lie in my hammock and I read and sew. I make my own costumes, you know. There is not so very much to them, is there?—but they must be just so, or they hang like a dead weight when I am swinging. I play the piano, too. I learned to play—where? Shall I say? But, oh, please to tell it not in (tath). I learn in—I shall not tell you? It was in Germany," she whispered. "Please forgive that. And I write my own little songs. But not for other people to hear. I sing them to myself—to me they sound sweetly. Were I to sing them to others—how might they not sound?"

Swings Her Fears Away "Fear? When I am up so high? I am afraid, sometimes. But I tell myself I am not afraid. And then I swing. And I swing my fear away." We left—though we were very reluctant to leave—eventually, and walked down "Broadway," which is where the aristocracy of circeland—the aerialists and equestrians—have their tents, to thank "Mamma" Hartzel for introducing this ninety-nine pounds of clean, sparkling joy to suffering humanity.

How to Reach Men Left in France "Man remaining in France, please forward." This notation attached to a soldier's overseas mail will insure its delivery, even if he has been left behind when his unit returned. This announcement has been made by the home service section of the Red Cross to cover the cases of men detached from their commands and held in France to settle accounts or do other clerical work.

BIG CONTRACTS GIVEN FOR STREET REPAIRS

Director Datesman Makes Awards for \$300,000 Worth of Additional Work

Additional contracts for improving city streets, involving an expenditure of nearly \$300,000, have been awarded in the last two days by Director Datesman, of the Department of Public Works. The principal awards were as follows: Paving with asphalt Dexter street from Walnut lane to Marble street, to the Barber Asphalt Company, for \$118,000. Paving with vitrified brick—Haworth street, between Cottages and Jackson streets, Mack Paving Company, \$22,000. Lathrop street, from High street eastward, Prospect Paving and Construction Company, \$20,000. Pratt street, from Duffield street to Frankfort avenue, Mack Paving Company, \$20,000. Surfacing with penetrative macadam—Fairhill street, between Sprucefield and Sixteenth avenues, John J. Henderson, \$18,000. Ninth street, that lane to Sixty-ninth avenue, A. J. Henderson, \$12,000.

Ask North Philadelphia Playground Resolutions Urging Councils to Make a Public Playground out of the Old Haymarket Property, at Twelfth and Cambria Streets, were passed last night by the Central North Philadelphia Business Association at a meeting in Batley Hall, Germantown avenue and Somerset street. The members were guests at a smoker given by the St. Edward's Catholic Club.

Six Escape Lombard Street Fire Fire caused slight damage in the home of Mrs. Margaret Holland, 2441 Lombard street, this morning. The flames were confined to the first-story front room. Six persons were in the house at the time. All escaped injury. Mrs. Holland was treated at the Poly-clinic Hospital for nervousness.

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May Brings Out the Fresh Tub Skirts

Advertisement for Pique Skirts and Lustrous White Venetian Skirts. Includes illustrations of skirts and pricing information.

Men are most enthusiastic about these suits with an extra pair of trousers. Mixed cheviots in Spring patterns are used in them and every inch of material is pure wool. The extra pair of trousers means much longer wear and is a real economy. \$32.50. (Gallery—Market)

A Sale of Men's Pajamas, \$2.85 A clearing out of a number of different lots of excellent pajamas from our own stocks. Soisette pajamas in pink, blue or white trimmed with white silk frogs; silk-and-cotton figured materials in pink, blue, white and maize, trimmed with frogs, and a few fine white madras pajamas. Such is the collection. Sizes are broken, hence the reduced price of \$2.85, which is low for such fine pajamas. (The Gallery, Market)

If You Have an Eye for Sensible Economy

you'll be interested in the reductions on women's suits. Scores of pretty suits, of which we have but a few of a kind, have had their prices lowered from \$5 to \$10. This includes sports suits of tweed and checked velour and tailored suits of poplin and serge. The new fashion ideas of the season are all represented and the suits can be worn well into the Fall, as well as right now. New prices range from \$11.75 to \$35. (Market)

96 Capes and Dolmans Reduced to \$14

The capes are of serge and poplin in navy or bright colors and are partly or fully lined with silk. Originally these were \$1.75 to \$8.50 more. The dolmans are all in one model in navy or black serge, lined throughout with striped silk. Originally \$11 more. As the quantity is small we urge early choosing. (Market)

Radium for Graduation Frocks

A number of pieces of beautiful white radium have just been unwrapped. This silk makes delightful graduation frocks. It is \$1.50 a yard and 36 inches wide. Taffeta at \$1.65 a yard is in good street colors—navy, Copenhagen and Belgian blue, taupe, brown and black—and is 36 inches wide. Soft satin in brown, navy, myrtle, Belgian blue and black is \$2.25 a yard and 36 inches wide. Crepe meteor, 40 inches wide, at \$2.25 a yard, also in an excellent assortment of colors, lends itself to graceful tunics and draped effects. (Central)

Corsets Suited to Heavy Figures

They are of pink or white coutil of firm texture. There are models with low bust and long skirt or with medium bust and long skirt, all well and heavily boned. One has eyelets below the clasps to keep the corset well down over the hips and others have gorges inserted at the top giving comfort in sitting. Our experienced attendants will gladly give you a fitting. \$2.50 to \$4. H. & W. Brassieres 75c Attractive models with V necks trimmed with wide imitation Cluny lace top and bottom. (Central)

Women's Vests 30c

Fine white ribbed cotton Summer vests, with narrow shoulder straps, are in regular and extra sizes. (Central)

Longcloth Special at \$1.90 a Piece

36 inches wide and 10 yards to the piece, this is an exceptional quality and one that has sold for a much higher price. White Lawn in fancy checks or stripes, 27 inches wide, is 19c and 25c a yard. This will make excellent aprons or summer curtains. (Central)

All Ready for Housecleaning —A Sale of House Dresses

A big collection of fresh new house dresses of chambray, gingham and percale has just arrived. They are in stripes, checks and plain colors and are trimmed with contrasting material or with white pique. There are all sizes from 36 to 44 and the price is \$3. Special at \$1.75 A blue chambray house dress is made with a collar and pocket tops of white pique. The dress is belted and is well made throughout. Also plenty of aprons in all sizes from small ones for housemaids to big, all-enveloping affairs that might serve as house dresses. (Central)

To Help You Get Ready for The Summer

Striped linene couch covers, cool looking and fringed all round, are \$2 each. Crash couch covers, stenciled in fast colors, are \$5 each. Hemstitched marquisette in white, cream or ecru, 36 inches wide, 35c a yard. Plain marquisette, 36 inches wide, in white, cream or ecru, is 25c a yard. And there are still more of those handy cretonne-covered cushions that make a porch chair comfortable or give a touch of needed color and comfort on the couch, 75c. (Chestnut)

The Rug Sale Keeps Up a Good Front

Wool-and-fiber rugs in good colors, firmly woven, are in several attractive patterns and will give double service because they are reversible. 6x9 feet, \$7.50 8x10.6 feet, \$10.50 9x12 feet, \$11.50 Heavy seamless Axminster rugs, 7.6x9 feet, \$25. (Chestnut)



The Rainbow Division

seems to have taken up quarters in the Down Stairs Millinery Salons, for the sports hats have arrived. The colorings form a rainbow division of their own, so varied are they: Shell pink, Pelkin, Gray; Rose, Green, White; Orchid, Orange, Black; Navy, Lemon, Sand; French blue, Lured Straw, Salmon—such is the variety. Some of the hats have contrasting facings, like the Jap straw top of rose and an underbrim of French blue hemp. Special \$3.85. Another pretty idea is a leghorn hat faced with colored hemp and banded with soft satin ribbon to match the facing. These hats are very lovely for wearing with frocks of voile, organdie or Georgette crepe. \$8. Small hats of hemp are to be had in all the sweeter colors. They are trimmed with bands of bows of satin or grosgrain ribbon. \$6. The prices on all these hats are very low. (Market)

Good White Net—65c a yard, Special

It is a good quality, 72 inches wide, and is just right for frocks, for foundations and for linings. (Central)

Regulation Dresses Silk Gloves 85c for Juniors

Regulation dresses of white linens are trimmed with blue braid and have the chevron on the sleeve. Another has blue collar and sleeve trimming. A very smart one has a skirt that buttons on and can be worn separately. Also there are plain white dresses for those who prefer them. Prices are \$4.50 and \$3.75 and the sizes 6 to 14 years. (Central) This is a new shipment of cool summer gloves in pongee, gray, black and white. The gloves have three rows of self-embroidery on the backs and two clasps at the wrist. The silk is of a heavy texture and the price quite low. (Central)

Wash Laces 5c to 28c a Yard Rompers and Creepers

Imitation cluny laces in insertions and edges from 2 1/2 to 4 1/2 inches wide. Many women want these laces for centerpieces, scarfs, curtains and the like. Imitation crochet insertions and edges 1 1/2 to 4 1/2 inches wide are 15c to 38c a yard. (Central) For \$1—white seersucker rompers or creepers with a touch of colored embroidery on the yoke will make serviceable play clothes. For \$1.50—white poplin rompers have colored smocking on the front and a pocket, also stitched with color. Both styles are in 2 to 6 year sizes. (Central)

Special Lingerie Notes

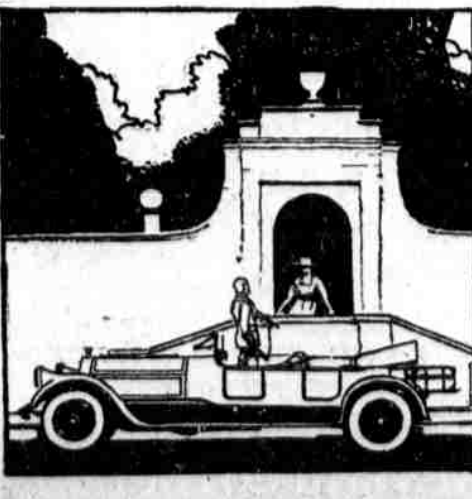
At \$1—A pretty nightgown of white nainsook is in slip-over style with pink stitching and embroidery. A soft nainsook envelope chemise has a top formed entirely of Valenciennes lace, both front and back. Hand-Embroidered Nightgowns of soft white batiste in slip-over style, with delicate sprays of flowers on the fronts are \$2.50. Pink Bloomers At 50c—Nainsook bloomers with elastic at waist and knee. At 85c—crepe batiste bloomers with tiny ruffle at knee. At \$1.25—fine crepe bloomers with ruffles at the knee. At \$1.50—self-figured silk muslin bloomers are trimmed with lace. At \$3—Two dainty step-in bloomers, one of satin the other of crepe de chine, are both trimmed with lace. (Central)

Trim White Oxfords to Wear With Summer Frocks

They are of white leather which resembles buck very closely, and their lines are excellent. They have imitation straight tips, turned soles and high, covered heels, \$5.75. (Sketched.) Women's walking oxfords, with medium heels and welted soles, are in dark tan or black calfskin at \$5.40. Comfortable Oxford Ties for Children have toes that are sensibly wide for growing feet and welted soles that will stand hard wear. They are of Black calfskin Patent leather Tan calfskin White leather For little girls wearing sizes 8 1/2 to 2 and older sisters wearing 2 1/2 to 7. Prices range from \$3.75 to \$5.50, according to size. (Chestnut)

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