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**THE SATIRIST,**  
OR  
**MONTHLY METEOR.**

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*Only Half a Crown a piece!—Worth double the money!*  
*Walk in! Walk in!*

(1) ANTI-ROYAL MENAGERIE,

(2) ANY-CHANGE—WESTMINSTER.

SIGNOR Double-Tete (3) and Signor Pun Sun Buy (4) invite the Public to view their newly revived and im-

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NOTES—NATURAL, BIOGRAPHICAL, &c.

1. As it is better at once, in *authors*, to confess their Plagiarisms, the Signors D. T. and P. S. B. acknowledge that they have borrowed some of their language from their rival *Signor Polito*; but they trust this will not detract from their literary merit, as it was utterly impossible to be altogether dissimilar from a person who had so completely pre-occupied the literary field. As a proof of their fairness, they subjoin the passages from *Signor Polito's* publication, most nearly parallel to their own—

ROYAL MENAGERIE, EXETER 'CHANGE.—POLITO!

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proved Exhibition—The first emporium of LIVING CURIOSITIES in the known World (5).

It is now classically divided into two different apartments (6); the third, containing the MOST MAJESTIC ROYAL LION (7), being shut up; which is the sole instance in which the exhibition of Signors Double-Tete and Pun Sun Buy is inferior to that of Signor Polito of Exeter Change, which they surpass in every other respect, having not only a greater variety of wild and tame beasts and birds, but also more perfect specimens

2. "Any-Change."—Dropping the elision (') has here a fine effect, and conveys more meaning than in the original.—Thus we may say the sense gains by the loss.

3. It may be observed, that one of the showmen is himself an *immensus lusus naturæ* and great *natural curiosity*, *bodies with two heads* being by no means common in this country. Signor Double-Tete is a native of that land where our mistaken ancestors imagined

—————"Men's heads

Did grow beneath their shoulders."

This misconception it is now ascertained arose from their brains being misplaced, and not their heads.

4. Pun Sun Buy is a *Foreigner* of some distinction. From his acquaintance with the laws of nature, in China, he has strong pretensions to be the first exhibitor of Natural Curiosities in Britain.

5. Parallel passage in Polito's publication :

*Revised and IMPROVED by S. POLITO,*

The first Emporium of LIVING CURIOSITIES in the known World.

6. Parallel passage—

*Is now classically divided into three different Apartments —POLITO.*

7. Signors D. T. and P. S. B. regret that they cannot, at present, gratify the public with the exhibition of a Royal Lion. They used all their arts, and set a number of toils with the hope of ensnaring the noble animal, and flattered themselves, at one time, that they had caught one in their snares; but he bounded over their nets, and, with a terrific roar, regained his freedom. They have a *young Cub*, however, in *Sussex*, and another in *Gloucester* (though not of the finest breed), which may in time be worth looking at!!

of such as are the most strange, rare, wonderful, and exotic (8).

They are exposed in a most substantial, clean, and beautiful order (9).

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(10) First Apartment. Admittance an Eighteen Penny Token, which, in the degenerated state of the currency, is only equal to One Shilling. Or, to the two Apartments *Half a Crown*, which is as much as Signors D.T. and P.S.B. think ought to be allowed to *any person* in this free country.

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(11) Just arrived (first Apartment), among the great *Natural Curiosities* of this room, one of the most splendid animals ever created,

THE STUPENDOUS  
R H I N O C E R O S,  
OR REAL UNICORN,

From the Coast of *new HOLLAND*. It is the most *singular* of animals, and the only large quadruped that

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8. Exotic, i. e. of foreign tastes and habits.

9. Parallel passage—

In a most substantial, clean, and beautiful order.—POLITO.

10. Third Apartment. Admittance, 1s. each—Or the Three, 2s. 6d.—POLITO.

11. THE STUPENDOUS  
R H I N O C E R O S,  
OR REAL UNICORN,

Is the most formidable of all terrestrial animals, and the only large quadruped that is armed with a single Horn (UNICORN). He is covered with a Coat of Mail or Armour, capable of resisting the force of a Musket Ball. His Size is immense, and the prodigious manner in which he has grown, since his arrival in July 1810, is hardly credible, but so perfectly gentle that even a Child may approach him with great safety.—POLITO.

is armed with a *single Horn* (UNICORN). He is covered with a coat capable of resisting the force of argument and loyal affection. It is astonishing, that though so gentle that a child may approach him, he has displayed a rooted antipathy to the person to whom he was formerly most attached, and, indeed, it may be said of him, that he has deserted his EARLY FRIEND—for he was once quite neighbourly with the Royal Lion in the other apartment.

(12) The Hen, seated on his shoulders and pecking him, is an English *Fowl*, to which he formed a strong attachment. It belonged to a gentleman, who, however, very good-naturedly gave it up when apprized of the remarkable intimacy that had arisen between it and the Rhinoceros. It is wonderful to behold the ascendancy obtained by so insignificant a creature over a beast of such powers, so great as to offer to the contemplation of the curious a perfect

## LUSUS NATURE.

(13) THE GREAT EGYPTIAN CAMEL,  
*The only One in England.*

This animal is remarkable for its capacity to sustain itself long on the *Desert*, and was brought over by Lord *Hutchinson* (14).

(15) A MOST WONDERFUL MILCHE COW;

12. This singular Story is somewhat similar to that of the Dog and the Lion, well known to the lovers of natural history.

(13) *The great Egyptian CAMEL,*

*The only One in England.*—POLTRO.

(14) It is remarkable that this great animal can support itself for a length of time upon *barren Deserts*. It has a *bye stomach*; and when at a loss for present food, it draws again upon the old and oft digested store contained in this repository.

15. Few animals are more useful to their proprietors than *Milche Cows*.

bred by the *Duke of Bedford*. It is without horns, and, though a powerful, is a silly harmless animal. Its remarkable property is centered in the milk it yields, which is of so balsamic a nature as to surpass even that of asses. Hedgehogs and other Reptiles suck it greedily, and become thereby so strong as to be able to contend with greater brutes, whom they often oust from their *Burrows*.

#### A KANGAROO

With an astonishing *POUCH*, in which it is capable of containing a *vast provision* (16).

#### AN OURANG OUTANG, *Amazingly like a human Creature.*

It has been *exposed* at Paris, where, however, its manners were too gross for the purity of the Imperial Court (17).

#### (18) A CURIOUS DANCING DOG.

#### THE GOLDEN VULTURE, *From the Coast of Guinea* (19).

This animal is of a fine breed. Junius notices their *excellent qualities* in his Natural History, and they have rather improved than fallen off since that period.

16. This beast is of a very wonderful nature. Its *pouch* will hold as much as would maintain many animals of the same size. It is peculiarly partial to *large stakes*, about which it plays very prettily with its pouch well crammed with all kind of good things. It may be called a *sinecuse stomach*.

17. It was also exhibited in Edinburgh, but bore so strong a family resemblance to a noble Jacobinical Earl in *Lauderdale*, that he procured its banishment, lest any mistake might arise as to *which* was the rightful owner of *Th—ne Castle*.

18. It studied under Lord *Henry Petty* when he was Chaucellor of the Exchequer, and does honour to its high tuition.

19. This remarkable bird well merits the regard of the curious from its strength and unnatural appetites. Lord Stanhope, who is well known to be an adept in mechanics, invented a cage to prevent its doing mischief. It would fain be a *king* among birds of prey.

THE SILVER VULTURE, from the Coast of Guinea.—POLITA.

**A HUGE CROSS-BILL (20).**

**A SWALLOW, LARGER THAN AN OWL (21).**

*The wonderful Bird of Ancient Fame,*

**THE PELICAN OF THE WILDERNESS (22).**

**THE LEARNED PIG (23).**

**THE ASTONISHING BEAR (24).**

AND

**THE PIE-BALLED ASS (25).**

**SECOND APARTMENT.—Admittance (20) an Eighteen Penny Token each.**

**THE MOST SCIENTIFIC MALE**

**DRAY HORSE,**

The only one in England that is adorned with a French tongue; the same that performed many nights at THE THEATRE ROYAL, DRURY LANE, and now exhibited

20. Was known to the ancients by the name of the *Catholic Diver*. In the days of St. Patrick, a Catholic Meeting was held upon it, and it was resolved, unanimously, to have lost the confidence of that enlightened and peaceable body. It is a foolish fowl, which occasionally emits long cries—it can *Do-no-more*.

21. Presented by *Lord Grosvenor*—it builds extensive nests.

22. *Childe Harold* bought this curiosity when abroad. It has a low melancholy note, and, though in some respects disagreeable, is yet a "*rara avis*," and possesses very uncommon qualities.

That Wonderful Bird of Ancient Fame, the  
**PELICAN OF THE WILDERNESS.—POLITO.**

23. From *Derbyshire*.

24. Tamed and taught to dance. It was sent from certain literati in Iceland, to *Lord Darnley*, as a tribute of their gratitude for his eloquent and patriotic labours in the cause of universal liberty and science.

25. *Earl Stanhope*, though he invented a cage for the Vulture, has never been able to think of any means for restraining the michievous follies of this brute. It has a rooted antipathy to lawyers, at whom it always kicks in passing along.

26. **SECOND APARTMENT.—Admittance, 1s. each.—POLITO.**

in his natural purity, in which he appears so far different as hardly to be known for the same animal (27).

(JUST ARRIVED), THE  
TAPIIR, OR HIPPOPOTAMUS  
Of the Fool's Paradise (28).

27. THE MOST SCIENTIFIC MALE  
ELEPHANT,

The only one in England that is adorned with fine large Ivory Tusks, the same that performed Forty Nights at the Theatre Royal, Covent Garden, and now exhibited in his natural purity, in which he appears so far superior as hardly to be known for the same animal.—POLITO.

The Drury Lane Managers, not being able to enroll an Elephant among their company, engaged this celebrated Dray Horse, which was bred by Whitbread, the father of Sam. It draws great horses, and fills the first-rate characters.

This stupendous brute is exhibited, yoked, in the showman's caravan, which, however; as it has stuck in the mud, it cannot bring in—a great loss to the exhibitors, as the cages contain a Laughing Hyæna from America, landed at Liverpool, perfectly tame, and fed upon Broom.

A LAUGHING HYÆNA,

From the CAPE of GOOD HOPE, perfectly tame.—POLITO.

A Blue Fox, caught on the extensive domains of Mr. Tierney! A Wolf, Hunted at Bristol. A Mad-Dog, cured of the Hydrophobia in Bark-shire. A Porcupine.—A Green-Goose, some time shown in Southwark, but last in Surrey. A Wood-pecker and Tumbling Magpie, from the City of London. Two odd little birds and full of strange tricks.—A Viper, caught at Okehampton, the venom extracted and taught to dance—and a great variety of Screech Owls, Emews, Cormorants, Bats; together with a complete collection of the Serpent and Reptile species.

28. (JUST ARRIVED), THE  
TAPIIR, OR HIPPOPOTAMUS,  
Of the New World.—POLITO.

It was found entangled in some fishermen's nets on the Westminster side of the Thames, and, though out of its element, cuts a conspicuous figure in this collection, from the extreme clumsiness of its motions upon dry ground.

A BEAUTIFUL MULE, from FOLKSTONE (29).

A most singular animal lately discovered in the interior  
of a Ream of Paper, called

THE URSINE SLOTH,

Particularly described in Sir James Shaw's Fo-ology (30).

A WYNNY WELCH GOAT,

Called the *Squeaker*—A great rarity in this country.

THE JACKALL, OF A NEW SPECIES (31).

AN UNCOMMON BADGER,

Brought over in the Creevey Indianman.

A SINGULAR WEAZEL,

From *New-port* in Ireland.

THE REAL SEA-GULL (32),

Which never ceases screaming.

THE YORKSHIRE MACAW (33),

*Of a distinct Breed.*

29. A beautiful TYGER CAT, from *Amboyna*.—POLITO.

Feeds on *Strawberries*, and is remarkable for the antipathy it bears the Royal Lion Race.

30. A Pair of those most singular animals, lately discovered in the  
interior of India, called

THE URSINE SLOTHS,

Particularly described in Dr. Shaw's Zoology.—POLITO.

31. This variety is distinguished from the common Jackall, which is a Purveyor for the Lion, by performing the same offices for other and very inferior beasts. A Mr. Abercombe sold it to the show-folks, after keeping it some time in *St. Albans' Street*.

32. The Real Sea-Gull. This Bird was kept for some time in the Tower among his Majesty's collection; but was at last disposed of, being more fit for a *Show* than a *Royal Menagerie*. It evinces a strong affection for the *Imperial Crown*—Cranes) in an adjoining place.

33. It tries to speak like a Parrot, but cannot acquire so much perfection in imitating the human voice, and its noisy clack more resembles a *Mill-tone*.



**A CURIOUS MOCKBIRD (34),**

Which imitates the notes of other Birds, and may be taught to repeat any thing.

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