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THE CIRCUS COMES TO TOWN

What would Christmas be without the Circus - and what would the Circus be without elephants? At Bertram Mills' big show at Olympic this year, the pachyderm contribution is supplied by four babies from Ceylon. Their trainer, Joan, had to teach them English - and they seem to have learned fast!

If these are only babies, how good will they be when they're grown up?

Meet the Gattenbergs, who believe that two can ride as cheaply as one - or as safely - or something - if only they could get the hang of it!

Back-seat driving's all very well - if she'd only stay on one of the back seats!

There are thrills enough in a high-wire act even when you can see what you're up to - but Malikova does it the hard way.

You think it looks dangerous? At least Malikova's on her own up here - would you rather be on the ground with a cageful of big cats, like Lydia here? Beauty and the Beast come to life - only Lydia has five of them, and apparently she doesn't know the meaning of the word "fear".

Remember those baby elephants? Well, you ain't seen nothing yet! Relax, it's not a pink elephant - it's just a member of Malta and Fernando's team of performing dogs - who can do anything elephants or Humans can do.

I dunno - perhaps we are seeing things after all!

Ladies and gentlemen - the clowns! Anything Gooe and his friends don't know about decorating just isn't worth knowing!

All right, so it's the oldest comedy in the world - but has anyone beaten it yet?