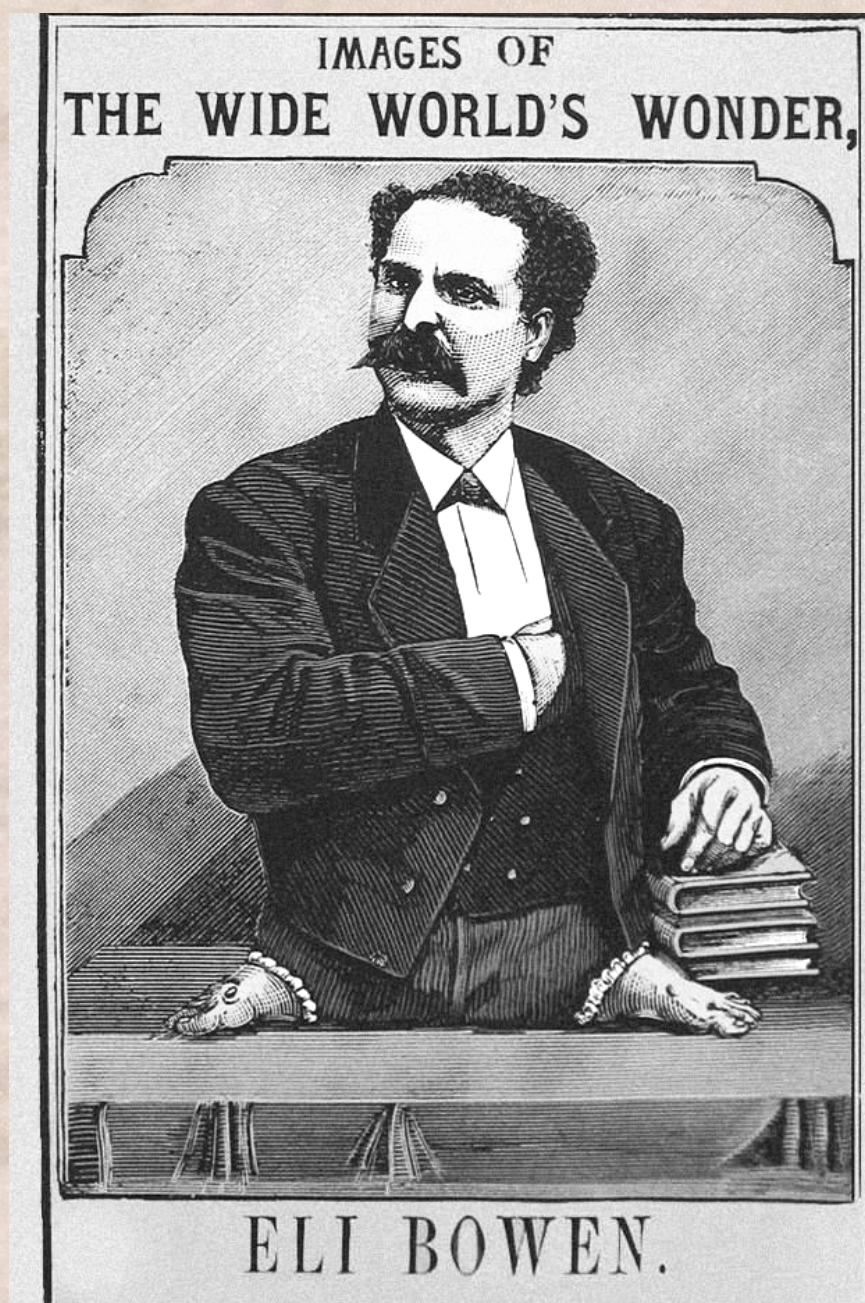


JULIET'S NEWSLETTER

Juliet's newsletter is a weekly magazine featuring a weekly interview with a "special" person, conducted by myself, Juliette CARE. I decided to call it like that because I think it represents me the most. They're usually people who are/were called freaks for some reason, which you'll discover when you read my article. I leave you today with an interview with Eli Bowen.



ELI BOWEN // LEGLESS ACROBAT

JC : Hello Eli, I'm happy to be there to talk with you about your life. First of all, how are you ?

EB : Good morning, I'm fine, thank you for asking. I'm grateful that someone really cares about me.

JC : When I saw you, I knew right away that your story was interesting, I can't wait to find out more. You must have so many things to tell us. To begin with, can you tell us what makes you special ?

EB : Well, as you can see, I don't have legs, my feet are attached directly to my pelvis and have been since I was born.

JC : And do you have siblings ? Do they also have physical characteristics ?

EB : Yes I do, I have 7 siblings but they were normal. Fortunately they have always supported and helped me.

JC : And I suppose that it impacted your life. Can you tell us more?

JULIET CARE



Juliet is a very famous reporter and journalist. She has traveled all around the world. She met a lot of people during the last years and that's why she decided to create her own newspaper : to tell their stories. She's very committed to the cause of bullying and underprivileged children, which is also why she likes to interview out-of-the-ordinary people. She launched her newspaper in 1946.

EB : Yes sure ! So, from a early age,I had to find a way to walk. I started to walk on my hands holding some wooden blocks in my palms, using it as "shoes". When i had enough strength in my torso, I was moving around with acrobatics. We can say that my life start from this moment.

JC : Why are you saying this ?

EB : Because thanks to this, when I was 13, my professional career started. I was in different wagon shows, then I did my shows alone in museums and then I ended up touring in Europe with the circus of Barnum and Bailey.

JC : And do you know what people was thinking about you when they saw you ?

EB : I think they were impressed, it's not common to see a man legless doing some backflips, cartwheels, somersaults...

JC : Did you have a hard time accepting your difference?

EB : Honestly, at the begining of my childhood it was hard. People were looking at me like if I was a monster, they were scared of me, and it broke my heart. But then I realize that I could do things that other people couldn't. Now I see this as an advantage, some people see me as the most handsome man in show business.

JC : Nice, I'm happy to see that you're better now. Another question, tell me if it's intrusive but i've heard that you drew many female fans thanks to your performance, is that true ?

EB : Actually, it's true. Let me explain. When I was 26, I married a 15 years old girl, whose name is Mattie, we get married and we got 4 healthy sons.

JC : And are you feeling good with

your income ?

EB : Of course ! I get paid 100\$ per week. It's enough. I'm known throughout the USA, i'm called "the legless Acrobat" and especially for one thing : my pole routine. This is my favorite performance. I climb along a 13-foot-high pole, and arrived at the top I stand on one hand. Public say that I'm very graceful when I do this and that's also why they like it. To be honest, even if i was not well paid, I would continue to perform. I love it. It's part of my life now, I love to see people 's face when they realize all the things I can do.



ELI BOWEN AND ONE OF HIS SON

JC : What about your favorite memorie ?

EB : I think it was the day when I met the Armless man, it was very funny. There was a photographer and we had to take the pose on a bicycle. Charles B. Tripp understood me, it was like if we were complementing each other. He have legs and I have arms so together we can move on. It was a sort of revenge for all the people who made fun of us or complained to us. We were able to show them that we can also do sport or whatever we want, we just have to persevere.

JC : Your speak is so encouraging and moving ! Do you have a message to convey ?

EB : Obviously ! I would like that all the people with a disability or a difference or something considered as anormal, have to accept it and show to all the world that

they can also be happy, be able to have a normal life ! Their duty it's to prove them that they are wrong ! Just go on without paying attention of the looks and opinions of each others.

JC : Thanks you so much for this very beautiful message and for welcoming me.

EB :It was a pleasure ! I hope this article will be reading by a lot of people. Hope to see you one day and why not at one of my shows.

JC : I hope so too ! Goodbye, see you soon !



THE ARMLESS AND LEGLESS MAN