



ANNUAL TOUR OF
Nelsonia's....
Troubadours.



INTRODUCING AMERICA'S MOST REFINED AND VERSATILE ENTERTAINER

••• NELSONIA •••

TIME-TRIED IN EVERY CIVILIZED NOOK AND CORNER OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.

— Aply Assisted by —

••• JUNO ••• AND A COMPANY OF HIGH-CLASS ARTISTS.

— THE MOST NOVEL, REFINED AND TALK-CREATING PERFORMANCE EXTANT. —

Easton Pa., June 27, 1896.

Dear Sir:

The above attraction is now booking time in all the principal towns and cities in New England, and would be pleased to book two (2) nights with you during first week of August. Performance is very refined and is interesting and instructive to all classes particularly so to the intellectual and possesses many features of a talk-creating nature which have a tendency to increase second night's attendance.

Printing etc., wardrobe and general equipments are superb.

Kindly advise me, by return mail, if above dates are available and state your very best sharing or lowest rental terms.

Yours, very respectfully,

F. Nelsonia.

C/- Armstrong's Theatrical Exchange,
 10 Union Square, New York City.

NELSONIA'S LIFE SKETCH.

America's Representative Juggler
Now at the Run—His Great Career.

Nelsonia, who is now filling his second week's engagement at Tumbling Run, was born in London in 1866, and with his parents came to America in 1871. He was educated in Boston, but since his theatrical debut 15 years ago, makes his home in Rochester, N. Y.

Nelsonia, whose real name is Francis Haggarty, is conceded by the profession to be America's representative juggler, but his versatility is amazing. As an example of this, we state that he is equally proficient in shadowgraphy, hat rim manipulation, legerdemain, mind reading, lightning calculations, black art, etc. He had a very valuable troupe of trained dogs for six years, and for four years used a troupe of trained pigeons in conjunction with his juggling act.

He can also play parts, straight or character, and on occasions give illustrated lectures with stereopticon views. He has been identified with many of the stupendous organizations in America such as "The Country Circus," McNish, Johnson & Slavin's Minstrels, Thatcher, Primrose & West's Minstrels, and Sweatnam, Rice & Fagan. Also with Reilly & Wood, Fay Foster and dozens of other. He was in England, France, Spain and Germany during '88 and '89, also in every nook and corner of South America, Central America, West Indies, Mexico, etc., and three times to California. Nelsonia speaks four languages and is credited with being, perhaps, the greatest traveler in the profession. His date books and mileage are evidence of his having covered 223,000 miles, or nearly nine times the circumference of the earth.

As an illustration of his business capacity, aside from his merits as a performer, commencing September 9th, he assumes full ownership of the well-known Fay Foster Extravaganza Company, comprising 28 ladies and gentlemen and involving a weekly expense of \$300.

His performance at Tumbling Run has been highly pleasing to the people of Pottsville and is always sure of a warm reception when he comes this way.