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## TINY TOWN

(1911-1913) In 1911 Beaumont Smith purchased a European variety troupe comprising small people. Known as "Tiny Town," and invariably referred to as midgets, the troupe comprised singers, dancers, actors, acrobats, jugglers, strength acts, illusionists etc. After touring Australia, Smith departed for South Africa in mid to late-1912, playing more than 50 towns under canvas. Africa was followed by Europe, Canada, and the USA prior to returning to Australia some 12 months later for a series of brief engagements with a re-organised troupe. In all the company travelled more than 40,000 miles in its return to Sydney.

### Further Reference:

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"In Quest of Midgets: Looking for the Little People - 50,000 Miles in Search." *Evening News* (Sydney) 1 Feb. 1912, 10.

"Midget World: The Facts about Tiny Townsmen." *Sun* (Sydney) 1 Feb. 1912, 6

"*Tiny Town.*" *Daily Herald* (Adelaide) 23 Oct. 1911, 6.

"*Tiny Town: A Capital Show.*" *Advertiser* (Adelaide) 23 Oct. 1911, 11.

"*Tiny Town: The Amazing Midget Village - A Chat with the Director.*" *Table Talk* (Melbourne) 7 Dec. 1911, 33.

"*Troupe of Midgets to Tour Australia.*" *West Australian* (Perth) 24 July 1911, 8.

**EXHIBITION BUILDING.**  
Direction . . . . . The Australian Entertainments Propy. Ltd.  
Managing Director . . . . . Beaumont Smith.  
**COMMENCING THIS (SATURDAY) AFTERNOON**  
Special arrangements having been made with the Orient Company to facilitate the landing of the Circuit Accessories, which arrive by the Otway this morning, the Management is glad to announce

**TWO BIG SHOWS TO-DAY.**  
**THIS AFTERNOON, at 2. TO-NIGHT, at 7.30.**  
The Exhibition Doors will be Opened to show to the full-sized world  
**THE QUIANT AND CURIOUS MIDGET CITY,  
TINY TOWN.**  
Daily at 2 p.m. THIS BIG SHOW. Nightly at 7.30.  
with its Miniature Church, Shops, Post Office, and Residences.  
**A VILLAGE OF LITTLE MEN AND WOMEN 30 INCHES HIGH.**  
The 'Quiant Show on Earth. Something to make the Full-sized World Marvel.  
Direct from Europe, in its Entirety. **ANDREAS ZEYNARD'S**  
**AMAZING MIDGET CIRCUS.**  
Strong Men. Jockeys. Bareback Riders. Jugglers. Wire Walkers. Clowns. Dancers.  
Singers. Globe Runners.  
**12 DAINTY MIDGET PONIES** **HAYATI HASSID,**  
and Miniature Carriages. The Smallest Man in the World.  
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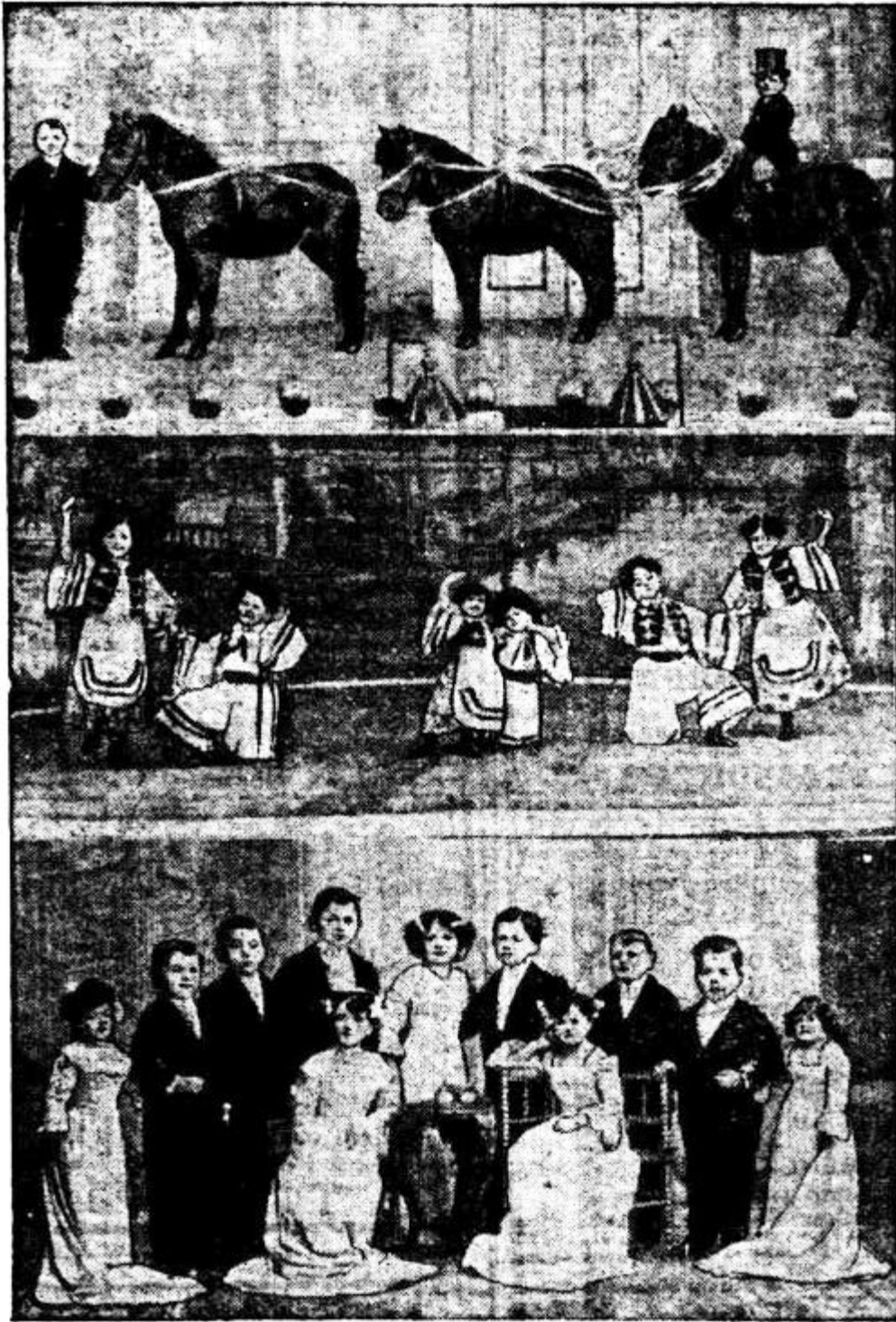


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<sup>1</sup> This same article was republished in other Australian newspapers. See for example: "Beaumont Smith Back: Travels of Tiny Town." *Mail* (Adelaide) 20 Sept. (1913), 13.

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THE MIDGETS SHORTLY TO APPEAR HERE.

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