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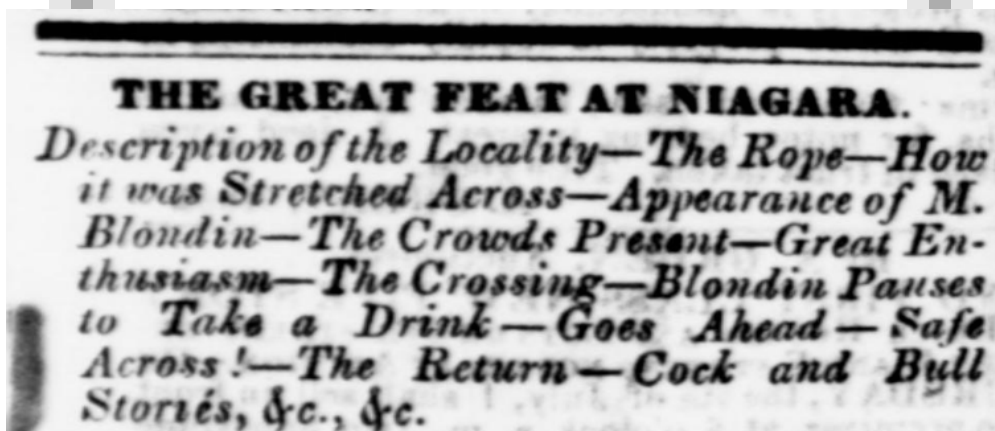
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ALBUM PRIMARY SOURCES AND PICTURE BOOKS: CROSSING NIAGRA: THE DEATH-DEFYING TIGHTROPE ADVENTURE OF THE GREAT BLONDIN BY MATT TAVARES

Album Description

Account of the 1859-1860 crossings of Niagra Falls by tightrope by Charles Blondin. His feats became so well known, they were referenced in political cartoons of the time.

EVENING STAR., JULY 06, 1859



Teaching Notes:

Detailed News account of the first or second crossing.

Reference Link:

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NASHVILLE UNION AND AMERICAN., JUNE 14, 1859

MOIS. BLONDIN'S WONDERFUL FEATS. — We are informed by a gentleman from Niagara Falls that M. Blondin, the great rope walker, has been performing some wonderful feats at the Suspension Bridge. He walked on Wednesday from the shore to the bridge upon one of the wire stays which steady the great structure. All who have seen the bridge have noticed the stays running from the cables to the bank, on either side, and they will readily understand that it is a great feat to traverse one of them. M. Blondin not only did this, but actually suspended himself by his feet from the wire over the river rushing through the great chasm below. The people who saw this expressed the belief that he could walk across the river on a tight rope without difficulty. — *Rochester Union.*

Teaching Notes:

Front page article about Blondin's preparation for his first crossing.

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THE DAILY PRESS., MAY 03, 1859

Wood's Theater

CORNER SIXTH & VINE STS., CINCINNATI.

GEORGE WOOD, Manager; O. C. BRYANT, Stage Manager; P. B. UMSTED, Treasurer.

NOTICE—TIME CHANGED.—Doors open at 6½ o'clock; Performance commences at 7½ o'clock.

PRICE OF ADMISSION.—Dress Circle and Parquette, 50 cents; Family Circle, 25 cents.

Seats can be secured at the Box Office from 10 A. M. until 4 P. M.

SECOND APPEARANCE OF THE CELEBRATED

Martinetti and Blondin Troupe,

Who are engaged for six nights only.

Teaching Notes:

Front page advertisement two months prior to Blondin's crossing

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**BLONDIN CARRYING HARRY COLCORD ACROSS NIAGARA FALLS. FROM "BLONDIN:
HIS LIFE AND PERFORMANCES."**

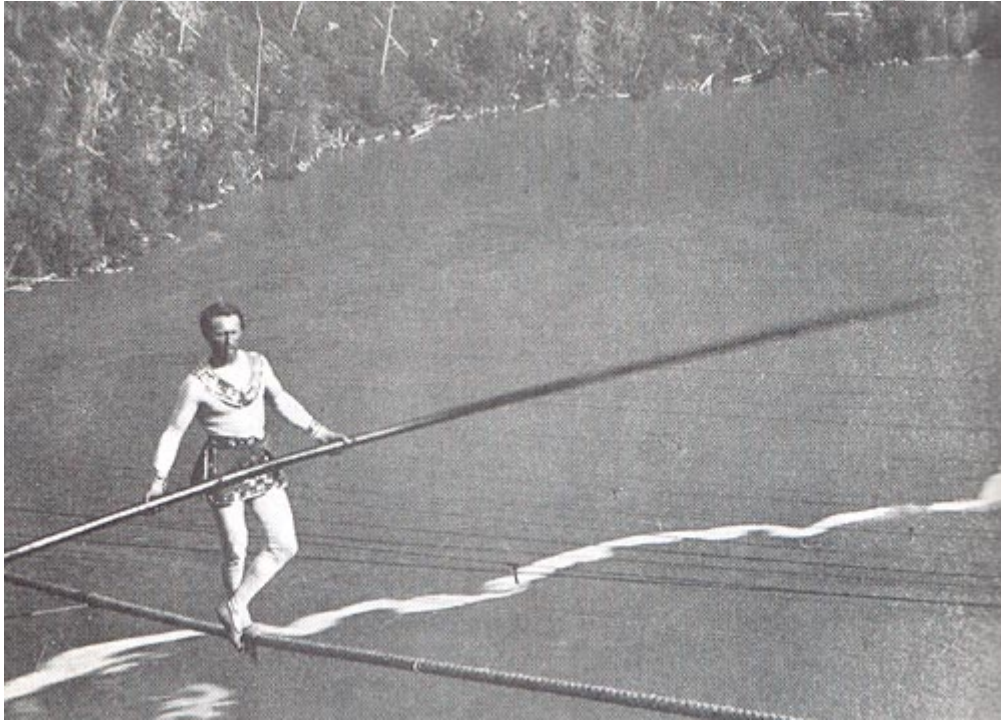


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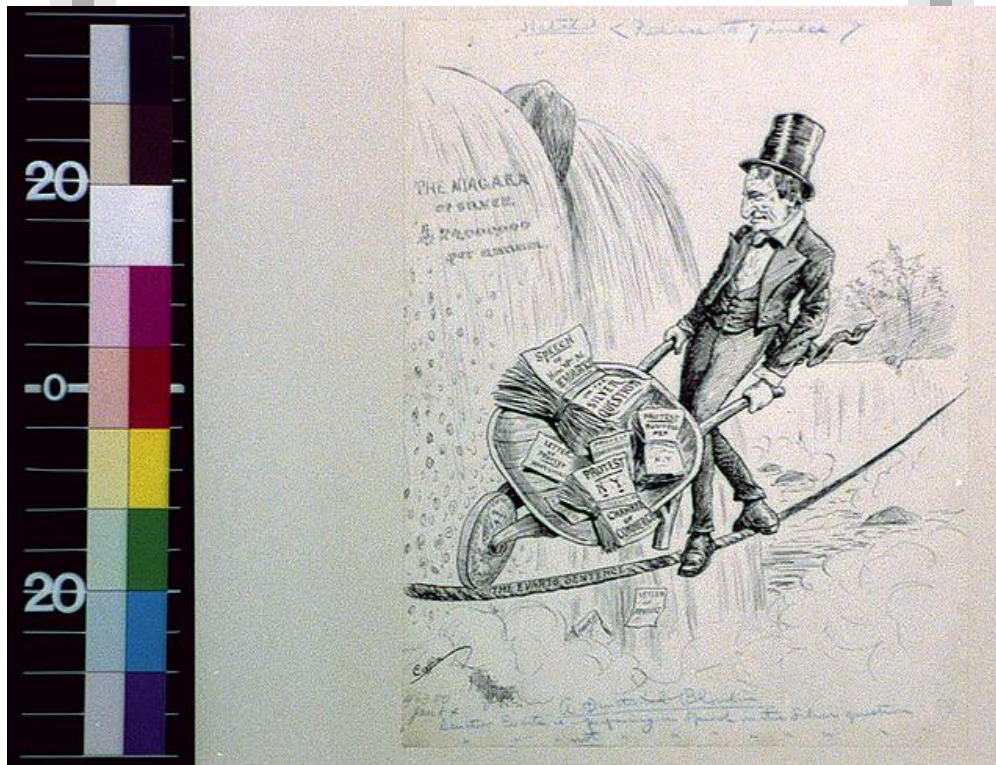
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BLONDIN WITH HIS BALANCING POLE. FROM "BLONDIN: HIS LIFE AND PERFORMANCES."



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A SENATORIAL BLONDIN



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Created / Published: [between 1880 and 1900]

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- Aerialists

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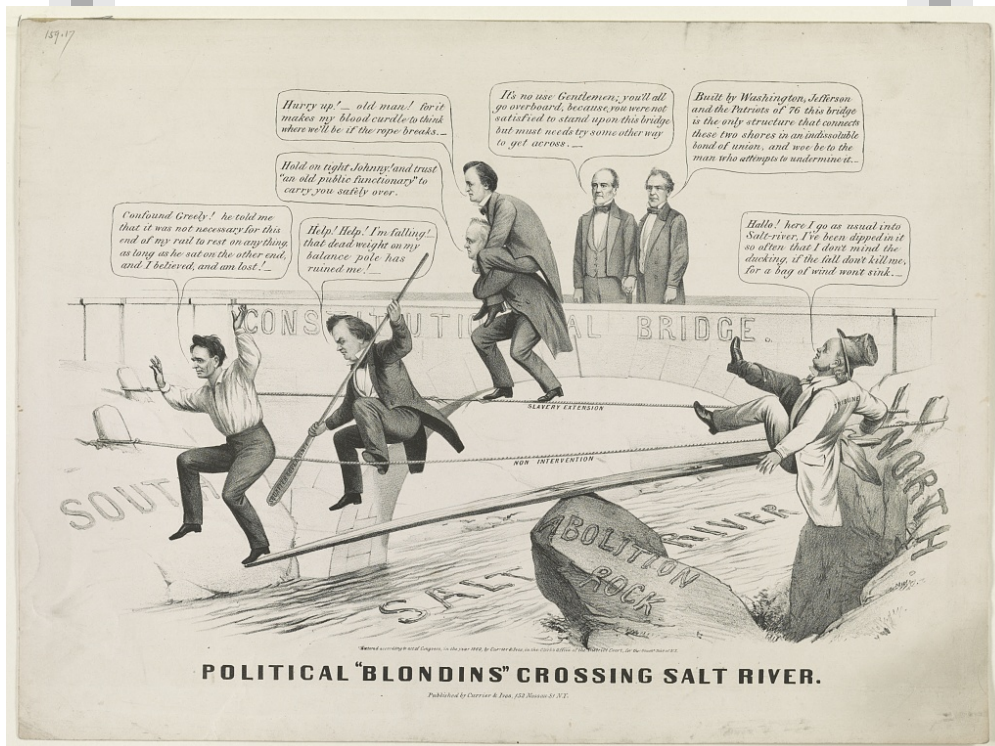
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POLITICAL "BLONDINS" CROSSING SALT RIVER



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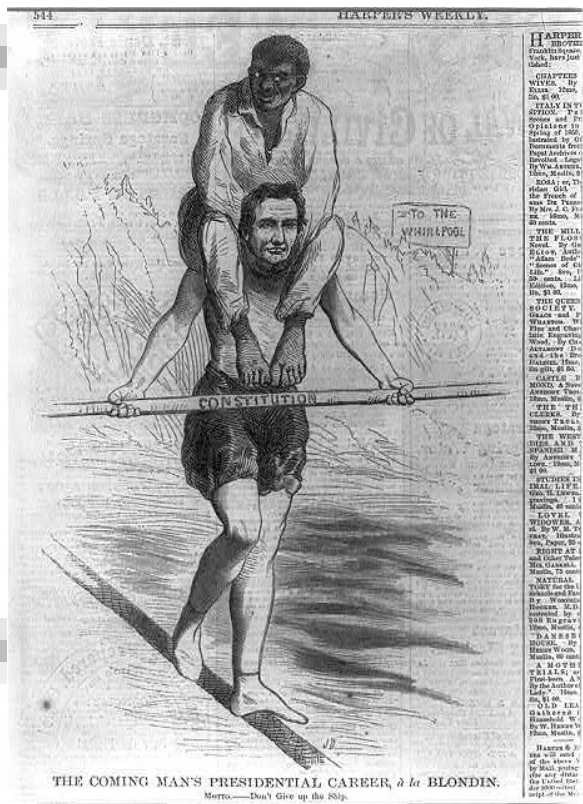
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THE COMING MAN'S PRESIDENTIAL CAREER, A LA BLONDIN [CARTOON OF LINCOLN DRESSED AS THE FAMOUS TIGHT-ROPE WALKER BLONDIN, CROSSING NIAGARA FALLS CARRYING BLACK MAN ON HIS SHOULDERS AND



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Created / Published: 1860.

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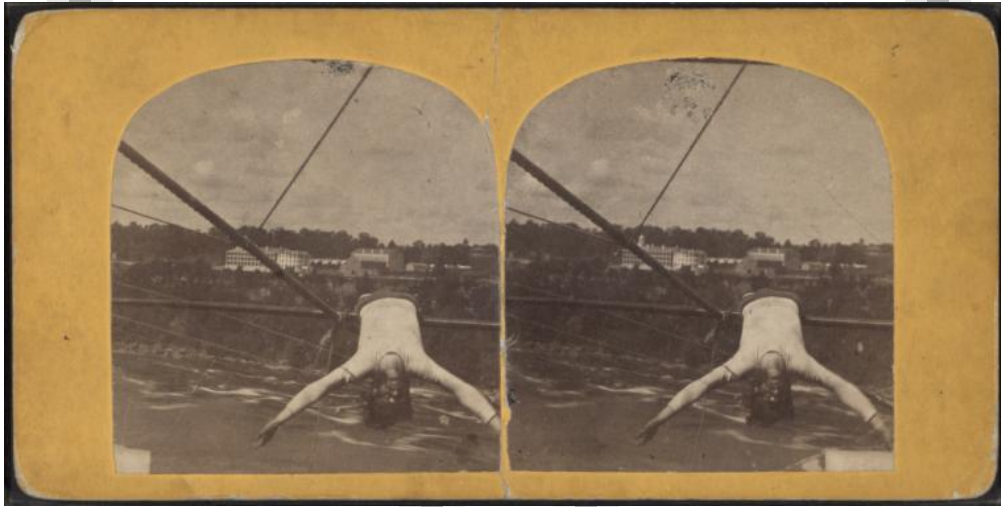
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BLONDIN. [TIGHTROPE WALKER DANGLING FROM A WIRE OVER THE NIAGARA.]



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BLONDIN READING A PAPER ON A ROPE OVER RAPIDS



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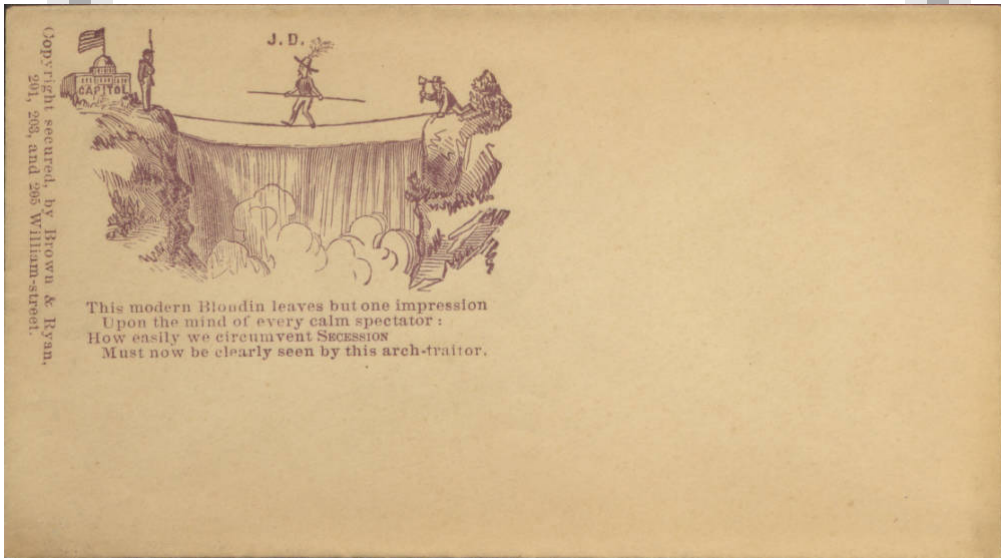
BLONDIN CARRYING HARRY M. COLCORD OVER THE WHIRLPOOL RAPIDS



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THIS MODERN BLONDIN LEAVES BUT ONE IMPRESSION



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BLONDIN 1860. [TIGHTROPE ARTIST 'BLONDIN' CROSSES OVER THE RIVER.]



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