

PUNCH MAY 2nd 1841

Queen Victoria's adventures at the first London Exhibition



Queen Victoria opened the Exhibition on 1 May, on schedule. People came in throngs, in their elegant carriages, leaving them at a separate entrance to be valet-parked.

Country men came bearing their best smocks, staring at all the Londoners !
Everything was perfect.

The Queen and her subjects were really happy to be there. The price was not expensive !

It was a perfect day. Everything was perfect but one thing : the crazy sparrows !

In all trees, these ridiculous birds didn't care about Queen Victoria. Queen of India, Queen of the world... But not the Queen of sparrows !!!

In fact, while the Queen Victoria was walking in the alley of the big Exhibition, a sparrow, unable to restrain itself, let loose on the Queen's shoulder. The Queen may master the world but not the sparrows !