

He joined the circus as a tent man but it was soon discovered that he was too weak for the job. His small stature, for he was only five feet five, was not heavy enough to pull on the ropes and he would labour with [xxx] lifting some of the heavy props. His efforts were so laborious that during the performance while the strong man act were changing he would evoke gales of laughter [xxx] as he struggled to lift his end of the five hundred pound dumbbell. The foreman would have let him go but for the manager who realised that the man had entertainment value. So he ~~was kept on~~ stayed. They tried him out with a comedy make up [?] but it wasn't as funny

The accidental falls and stumbles became a regular [xxx]
And several bits of business were added and then he became
a part of the show, but as to what part, that was not
clarified.

The clowns never considered him a performer and the tent
man never considered him a worker

This condition [?] drove [?] the man into himself.