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**Marseille, the Wrestler.**

The famous wrestler, Marseille, who died recently at Courbevoie, France, was an eccentric and interesting character. He was well known in Paris, and many amusing anecdotes are told about him and his wrestling show, which was always one of the principal centers of attraction at the fairs in the neighborhood. The little flowery speeches he used to make as he walked up and down the platform of his show, describing the Roman wrestling matches to take place inside, were amusing as well as odd. At such times he was clad in tights, with a coat over his shoulder, which did not entirely hide the splendid muscularity of his physique, and no matter how keen the quips which he occasionally threw out the smiling equanimity of his admiring patrons was never disturbed.

Marseille could not let a challenge go by him and was most particular about keeping his professional engagements. It is said that on one occasion, when he had been challenged by a professional wrestler of Brest, he happened to break his arm before the match came off. He insisted, however, in wrestling with his arm in splints and actually threw his adversary.

Since 1888 Marseille had not wrestled, but he still kept up his show, where his three sons and other professional wrestlers displayed their prowess.

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