



This 1890s photo is of the legendary "Armless Wonder" Charles B. Tripp of Woodstock, Canada, who was born without arms yet enjoyed a fantastic career in the furniture business. Next to him sits Eli Bowen of Ohio, who if you look closely was born without legs but does enjoy two feet.

In the compassionate late 19th century, being born with a deformity meant joining the circus. So both men toured the world with Barnum and Bailey and eventually married, though it was Bowen who wooed ladies as "the handsomest man in his line of business."

Take *that*, Mr. "Armless Wonder"!



Barely 20 years after the invention of the airplane, [mankind started doing things like this](#). This 1925 photo depicts a male and female daredevil pretending to play tennis on the wing of a biplane.

Based on what we know of the era, we're guessing there is either no one flying the plane, or it's a chimpanzee.



Wait, did we say Teddy Roosevelt was for riding a moose earlier? [In 1920s Louisiana](#), if you weren't standing on an alligator by age 3, you got sent to a special school.



[This picture is real](#), this scene existed, and yes, at one point in our history, you could have actually voted for this man.

We do not know if this was a publicity stunt, a routine hunting incident or seriously how our beloved President Theodore Roosevelt used to ride to work every day. All we know is that it was taken during the 1900 presidential election campaign and as far as we are concerned, virtually guaranteed William McKinley's re-election for as many terms as God gave him.

On that note, President McKinley was dead a year later