

The Oft Fickle World



Everybody said that Nettie, Betty, and Hettie – the Dinklaker Triplets – were ideally suited to careers in the entertainment industry. They could juggle, dance the Watusi, and sing in harmony, all at the same time. That all changed when Hettie went to a party and sampled half a dozen psychedelic mushrooms (probably *Psilocybe cubensis*). Within an hour, her skin had lost its pearl white luster, her speech deteriorated into guttural snorts, and she began to put on weight. A lot of weight. Soon the oft fickle World of Show Business lost interest in the trio. More than a year of frustrating employment rejections later, the sisters glumly agreed to perform with a circus sideshow – a demeaning act that played up the sometimes off-putting interspecific relationship among the three.