'Life is full of surprises. Consider the fate of this creature’s poor mother; struck down in the fourth month of her maternal condition by an Elephant, a wild Elephant. [...] Ladies and Gentleman: The terrible Elephant Man!' 

'He is English. He is 21 years of age. His name is John Merrick. Gentleman, in the course of my profession I have come upon many lamentable deformities of the face due to injury or disease as well as mutilations or contortions of the body depending on like causes, but at no time have I met with such a perverted or degraded version of the human being as this man.'