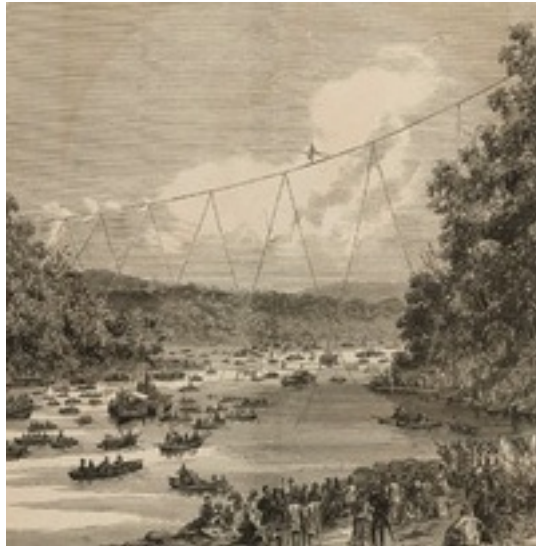




Presents

HENRI L'ESTRANGE: THE AUSTRALIAN BLONDIN

by Mark Dunn



L'Estrange, the Australian Blondin, crossing Middle Harbour, *Illustrated Sydney News*, 28 April 1877.

Mark Dunn is a professional historian who has worked in Sydney's heritage industry for over 15 years. He discusses the well-known Sydney entertainer Henri L'Estrange, a tight rope-walker and aeronautical balloonist. Modelling himself on the French wire-walker Charles Blondin, L'Estrange performed a number of wire-walks in the 1870s, culminating in three walks across Middle Harbour in 1877. He was also an early balloonist, making a series of flights over Sydney in the early 1880s, not all of which ended well.

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