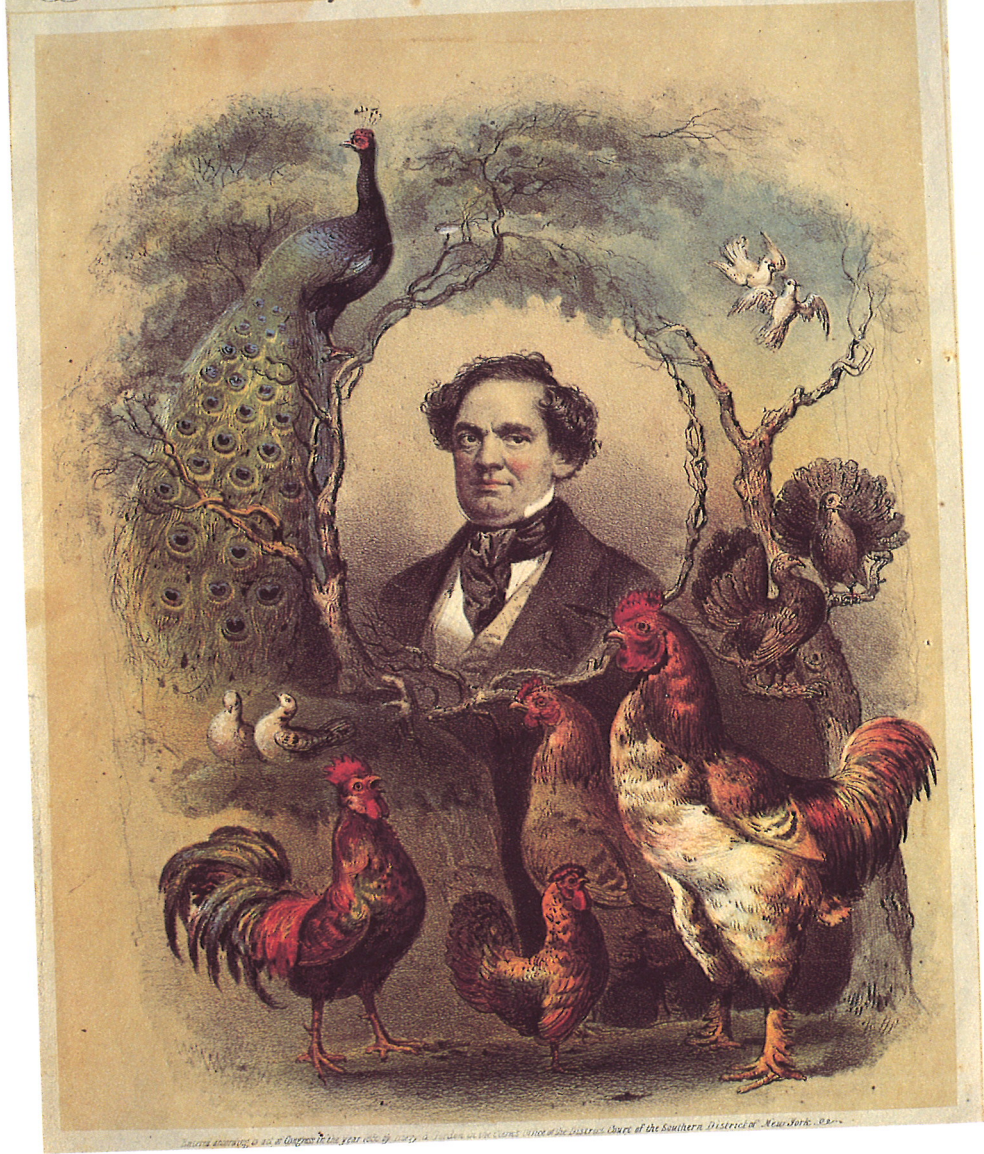


NATIONAL BARNUM'S SHOW POLKA



Barnum and some feathered friends, as depicted on the cover to "Barnum's National Poultry Show Polka," 1850. "Gods! What a crowing!" the showman wrote to a friend in reference to one such exhibition at the American Museum.