

LONGEST PLAYING RECORD.

Syncopating Sandy Strickland was very nearly a Perpetual Pianist. He was almost all in, but he went on pounding away, while the crowds flocked to St. James's Theatre. Harrogate folks were racked with suspense; could Sandy play non-stop long enough to set a new world record? He'd have to sit at the ivories for five days and nights plus fourteen hours to equal the 134 hours set by the German Heinz Arnz.

They bandaged his swollen wrists. And this was only the third day. But sheer will power kept him glued to the music. That, and the thought of 25% of the takings.

When he was eating, his right hand didn't know what his left was playing. But the goal was in sight. Another seven hours and - but could he last out? Eggs, tea, glucose, brandy, 100 cigarettes a day. They tested his heart, lungs, blood pressure - he passed the lot. And then he made it; 134 hours; Sandy'd beaten the record.....