

PLAYS AND PLAYERS.

Munday Knight Soliloquizes Over Stage Logic and Other Things.

THE MELODRAMA.

Wilton Lackaye's Defence of This Class of Play-- The Managers and the Critic-- The Duchess of Dantzig-- General Notes of the Players.

The things that happen in a play seem odd to me, I'll swear; The beggar maiden always finds her dad's a millionaire!

I clipped the foregoing verses out of a paper that came under my notice this week. They are beyond a doubt somewhat exaggerated but still they seem to fill the case.

Those who have read Paul Armstrong's new comedy, "The Heir to the Mariah," which will be produced in March, say that it partakes much more strongly of the Bret Harte atmosphere than either of "Arizona" or "The Virginian."

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HALF SICK PEOPLE

Just sick enough to feel heavy-headed, lazy and listless; to have no appetite, to sleep badly, tossing and tumbling about sometimes until 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning from one side to the other; restless and nervous, and to have what you call feel like lead in your stomach; not sick enough to take to bed or call a doctor, but just sick enough to not know what to do.

Ninety-nine times out of one hundred these symptoms are all caused by the stomach, bowels, liver and digestive organs. Just think for a moment what habitual neglect of the stomach, bowels and liver means; sickness instead of health, nervous and watery instead of restful and cheerful.

Anyone suffering from chronic constipation, biliousness, sick headache or liver complaint can tone up the entire system, elevate the spirits and again make life really well worth living by a single week's use of Smith's Pileopile and Bileopile Pills.

HAPPY AND HEALTHY.

A Beautiful Canadian Girl Saved From Catarrh of the Lungs by Pe-ru-na.



MISS FLORENCE KENAH.

Miss Florence E. Kenah, 431 Maria street, Ottawa, Ont., writes: "A few months ago I caught a severe cold, which settled on my lungs and remained there so persistently that I became alarmed. I took medicine without benefit, until my digestive organs became upset, and my head and back began to ache severely and frequently."

"I was advised to try Peruna, and although I had little faith I felt so sick that I was ready to try anything. It brought me blessed relief at once, and I felt that I had the right medicine at last. Within three weeks I was completely restored and have enjoyed perfect health since."

WOMEN should beware of contracting catarrh. The cold wind and rain, sleet and mud of winter are especially conducive to catarrhal derangements. Few women escape. Upon the first symptoms of catching cold Peruna should be taken. It fortifies the system against colds and catarrh.

The following letter gives one young woman's experience with Peruna: Miss Rose Gerding is a popular society woman of Crown Point, Ind., and she writes the following:

"Recently I took a long drive in the country, and being too thinly clad I caught a bad cold which settled on my lungs, and which I could not seem to shake off. I had heard a great deal of Peruna for colds and catarrh and I

its time you were dead," and Eva probably replies, "Get out you old lobster, if all bad actors were dead actors, you'd have died in infancy." Now that is only a little thing, but it is about it. Don't forget it next time you go to the theatre.

George Edwardes' original London company has made a very marked success in Henry Hamilton and Ivan Caryll's romantic opera, "The Duchess of Dantzig," at Daly's Theatre, New York.

The Fiske stock company well known in St. John will open an engagement in Bangor on Monday next. Miss Grace Hamilton and Mr. Edward M. Trevers are at the head of the company which has its own band and orchestra and a strong vaudeville list.

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The people of Perth had the pleasure of witnessing for the first time, the performance of Prof. G. F. Claremont, a pupil of the great Prescello. This young man has already demonstrated that he is master of his profession and the large audience that gathered in C. C. Rogers's Hall was fully satisfied with his performance.

Prof. Claremont has been practising hypnotism professionally for six months but has been most successful in his demonstrations and tests.

Forbes Robertson, who recently opened his second American tour under the direction of Klaw & Erlanger, in Toronto, has made a great success of the role of "Gerald Wagoneur," M. P., in Henry V. Esmond's new play, "Love and the Man." In both Toronto and Montreal the critics praised Mr. Robertson's acting and highly commended his supporting company, which includes Ian Robertson, Leon Quartermain, Frank Gillmore, Ernest Cosham, Eric Maturing, Kate Korke, Madge McIntosh, H. M. Frazer and Dora Harker.

Miss Greene made her stage debut as a dancer at the age of 14 years and at 17 was a provincial star in England. Five years ago she made her first appearance in London in the romantic opera, "L'Amour Mouille" in which she played the boy's role. Her next part in London was Dolores in the original production of "Florodora." It is not generally

known that this piece was written for her.

After the success of "Florodora" she entered into a contract with Mr. George Edwardes and has since played under his management in the title role of "Kitty Grey," Nan in "The Country Girl," with a Devonshire dialect that caught the fancy of London, and in "The Duchess of Dantzig." When she was selected for the latter role, it was thought it would "overweight" her because of her youth. London had given her credit for a very sweet and powerful singing voice, but not for the dramatic ability she possessed. The result was a great surprise and a wonderful success in support of Mr. Edwardes' judgment.

Mr. Blinn is a San Franciscan, who was rather caustically commented on by the New York critics when he was last seen here about six years ago in "The Little Christina." He is a success as Napoleon and his impersonation of the Corsican is praised by every critic of "The Duchess of Dantzig." In personality he is the ideal of this character and presents in his make-up the trust stage counterfeit presentment of an historic personage one can possibly imagine. Mr. Blinn has evidently given deep study to this part, for he shows in its interpretation all the mannerisms in walk, gesture and speech referred to by historical commentators on the career of Napoleon.

Paul West, the author of the book of Klaw & Erlanger's next big spectacle, "The Pearl and the Pumpkin," may justly lay claim to a degree of versatility that few possess. He has written a successful book, any number of successful and popular songs, both words and music, illustrated for many of the leading periodicals, managed theatrical attractions and worked in every branch of the newspaper business. John W. Bratton, the author of more popular musical compositions than any living American, has given "The Pearl and the Pumpkin" an elaborate musical setting, and W. W. Denslow, the creator of "The Wizard of Oz," is designing the scenic and costume part of the production.

HE WILL COME TO ST. JOHN.

Churchmen throughout Canada, particularly those of the moderate evangelical type, will learn with pleasure that Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, Master of Selwyn, has decided to visit St. John, N. B., and that a number of the leading cities of the Dominion have been included in his itinerary. He is expected to arrive at Halifax about the 25th of March, where he will preach at the pro-Cathedral and deliver a course of lectures. He then proceeds to St. John, N. B., where two lectures are to be given. At Quebec he will preach in the Cathedral and lecture both in the "Ancient Capital" and at Bishops' College, Lennoxville. Thence he goes to Kingston, where he will preach in St. George's Cathedral, and will lecture at Queen's University. On Sunday, April 6th, he will deliver the university sermon of Toronto University, and will occupy the pulpit at St. James' Cathedral in the evening. During the week he will give a course of lectures in Wycliffe College on the "Theology of the Psalter." Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick is Lady Margaret Professor of Theology in Cambridge University, and occupies a most conspicuous position in the English ecclesiastical and academic world. He belongs to the School of Biblical Scholarship, represented by his former teachers, Bishops Lightfoot and Westcott. He was recently appointed Examining Chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury. Rev. Dr. De Soyres, rector of St. John's church, St. John, N. B., has been chiefly instrumental in arranging for Dr. Kirkpatrick's visit.

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It absorbs the injurious gases which collect in the stomach and bowels; it disintoxicates the mouth and throat from the poison of catarrh.

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A Buffalo physician in speaking of the benefits of charcoal, says: "I advise Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges to stomach and bowels, and to clear the complexion and purify the breath, mouth and throat; I also believe the liver is greatly benefited by the daily use of them; they cost but twenty-five cents a box at drug stores, and although in some sense a patent preparation, yet I believe I get more and better charcoal in Stuart's Charcoal Lozenges than in any of the ordinary charcoal tablets."

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