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It will probably come as no great surprise to the majority of Tit-Bits readers to learn that in no city in the world are such extravagant sums paid to witness grand opera as in New York. In London, it is true, the prices occasionally run high; but it is very seldom that more than twenty to thirty guineas are paid for one night's occupation of a box at Covent Garden. In New York, however, it is different, £400 and over being cheerfully as £200 clear profit.-Tit-Bits. paid to hear Calve or Melba.

In 1893 the old opera house in that city of millionaires was burnt down, and in its place known as the Metropolitan Opera House. In order to help to defray the cost of erection (some £250,000) thirty-five parterre boxes, bordering what is known as the "horseshoe," were sold by public auction. Some went for £2,000, some for £3,000, and a few for as much as £5,000 each.

Today these boxes are valued at £700,000, an average of £20,000 each, and if they were put up for auction tomorrow double that sum would be paid with alacrity by millionairs or speculators.

Though the purchase of a box gives to the owner perpetual right (and compensation must be paid as in the case of house property. For a season of seventeen weeks a sum of £600 must be paid for each box, and should that sum would be demanded.

It would therefore appear that the boxowner pays pretty dearly for the privilege of witnessing grand opera, but, should he desire to do so, he can obtain a good return for had been a true wife and a loving mother, a his initial outlay. An owner, be he ever so rich, seldom visits the opera more than twice gossip. a week, and many only once; while in some cases, from various causes, he is unable to demand for parterre boxes, however, is so great that he has no difficulty whatever in disposing of his box for as many nights as he wishes.

for a sox at the Metropolitan Opera House to be words of love. Again she turned her for one night has been £400, and for mati- eyes, from which the light was fast fading nees half that sum. It will therefore be seen upon the doctor and the nurse, as she said, that if an owner lets his box for five nights faintly:and two matinees he may rake in a weekly sum of £2,400, or over £40,000 for the entire season of seventeen weeks. Even when the opera season is a short one, eleven weeks or less, the box-owner "sits easy," for he still gets a better return for his money than if he put it in a 100 per cent. gold mine.

x-owners are not the only people who indirectly make money out of grand opera in New York. What are known as the "speculators of the side walk" occasionally make big coups by buying up all the best seats in the house and selling them to those individuals who have not taken the precaution, or were unable, to book their seats in advance, and are in consequence informed that the

entire house has been sold. The side-walk speculator knows his business, and so soon as he sees the disappointed ones turning away he comes forward and

offers some excellent seats at double or treble the ordinary prices. He has very little difficulty in making a deal, for, though there is a notice outside the house to the effect that | deeply absorbed in his book. "tickets bought of speculators on the sidewalk will positively be refused at the doors," the purchaser knows perfectly well that the management dare not refuse admittance to the owner of a ticket, whether bought from a speculator or in the ordinary way. One of these men informed the present writer that during a single week he often made as much

Houses Should Not be Built on a Rock.

was erected a magnificent building, now his house upon a rock, and of the other man better keep in school hereafter." who built on the sands, was uttered before the "house with modern improvements" had made its appearance or modern sanitary science had been evolved. A rock foundation is unimpeachable for stability, but it may be very bad when it comes to a matter of drainage, whether it be for the disposal of sewage or of surface or ground water. A cellar excavated in the rock is usually a wet cellar, because the water leeches through the crevices and seams in the rock, and it is both difficult and expensive to trench and drain properly about the walls of a building in a medium so hard to excavate. To be sure, if should the house be destroyed by fire or the rock drops away quickly on a sharp grade, other cause), it must not be supposed that he this difficulty may be altogether a minor one. is immune from all further expenses. Each A good, gravel soil is one of the best to build box is assessed at a fair valuation, and duty upon in respect both to drainage and to the stability of the house; and compact sand, if not subject to the action of running water, is a most excellent foundation and a thoroughly it happen that there is no opera season half | good medium. - From "How to Administer a Household," in the March Cosmopolitan.

The Ruling Passion.

A good woman was dying, a woman who woman with but one weakness-a love for

Although her time on earth was short she was critically watching the attending doctor be present during the entire season. The and the nurse, as they talked in subdued whispers of the result which their united skill had been powerless to avert.

In response to the summons of the dying woman, her husband approached her and During the present season the average rent | bent low to catch the words which he expect-

> "Do you suppose they are engaged?" These words were her last.

Why He Called Her Peggy.

"I thougth your wife's name was Elizabeth?"

"So it is."

"Then why do you call her Peggy?" "Short for Pegasa."

"What has this to do with it?"

"Why, Pegasa is feminine for Pegasus."

"Well, Pegasus is an immortal steed."

"Well?"

"What of that?" "'Sh! Not so loud. She's in the next room. You see, an inmortal steed is an everlasting nag, and there you are."

"Got a talking machine at home?" "Yes."

"What did you pay for it?" "Nothing. Married it

The dangers of excess and the virtue of the golden mean even in good qualities are illustrated in an incident reported from an Irish ball.

One gay young fellow in crossing the room to request Bridget's hand in the next reel stumbled over the outstretched foot of Mr. Terence O'Grady, who promptly arose, and in the politest manner said, "I beg your pardon, sir."

"No offence-no offence, sir, at all," responded the other; "it was my fault."

"I beg your pardon, sir, it was entirely my fault," was the response, accompanied with a graceful wave of the hand.

"No, sir," answered Masther O'Toole, 'yer entirely in the wrong, sir; I tell ye, it was altogether my fault."

Misther ()'Grady; "do yoz mane to say I'd be telling a lie, sir?"

"Bad luck to ye, sir, d'ye mane to say I'd be afther telling a lie, sir, when I tell ye it wasn't your fault?" responded O'Toole, quite

"Bad luck to yer bad brading, ye ignorant polthroon; d'ye think ye'dsbe a getting the betther of me in manners?" shouted Misther O'Grady, as with a tip and a blow, he laid the unfortunate ()'Toole flat as a pancake.

The latter rallied, and a rough-and-tumble ensued, which ended in the expulsion of both gentleman from the ball-room.

The Punishment Was Sufficient.

A very subdued-looking boy of about thirteen years, with a long scratch on his nose and an air of general dejection, came to his teacher in a rural Board school and handed her a note before taking his seat, and became

The note read as follows:-

"Miss B-, -Please excuse James for not being there yesterday. He played trooant, but you don't need to lick him for it, as the boy he played trooant with an' him fell out, an' the boy licked him, an' a man they cheeked caught him an' licked him, and the driver of a van they hung on to licked him allso. Then his father licked him, an' I had to give him another for cheekin' me for telling his father, so you need not lick The parable of the wise man who built his him until next time. I think he feels he'd

Answered.

"Will you allow me to ask you a question?" interrupted a man in the audience.

"Certainly, sir," said the orator. "You have been giving us a lot of figure, about imigration, increase of wealth, the growth of trusts, and all that," said the man. "Let's see what you know about figures yourself. How do you find the greatest common

Slowly and deliberately the orator took a drink of water. Then he pointed his finger straight at the questioner. Lightning flashed from his eyes, and he replied in a voice that made the gas-jets quiver:-"Advertise for it, you ignoramus!"

The audience cheered and yelled and

stamped, and the wretched man who had asked the question sneaked out of the hall, a total wreck.

The late Mr. Augustus Hare lived at Holmhurst, near Hastings, and his house was full of delightful relics of the past. He had many stories to tell to triends and others who visited him. On one occasion, pointing to a striking picture (by Sir T. Lawrence) of his great-aunt, Lady Ravensworth, Mr. Hare said: "This great-aunt of mine was the mother of as many as thirteen children, and one day Lord Ravensworth was walking in Portman Square when he met a nurse with a singularly handsome child. He stopped her, saying, 'Pray forgive my stopping you, but I cannot help asking whose is that remarkably fine child?' 'Yours, my lord!' was the quick unexpected reply.'

In The Matter of The Estate of W. S. and George H. Saunders:

NOTICE is hereby given that W. S. and George H. Saunders of the Town of Woodstock in the County of Carleton and Province of New Brunswick, Merchants, made on the twenty-third day of February instant, an assignment to me the undersigned Sheriff of Carleton County of all their undersigned Sheriff of Carleton County of all their estate, property and effects for the benefit of their creditors, without preference, under the provisions of 58th Victoria, Chapter 6, and amending Acts, of the Province of New Brunswick; and that a meeting of the creditors of the said W. S. and George H. Saunders will be held at my office in the Town of Woodstock, County of Carleton, on Monday the ninth day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, for the appointment of o'clock in the forenoon, for the appointment of Inspectors and giving directions with reference to the disposal of the said estate

All creditors are requested to file their claims, duly proven, with the assignee, within three months of the date of this notice, unless further time be allowed by a Judge of the Supreme or County Court; and that all claims not filed within the time limited, or such further time, if any as may be allowed by any such Judge, shall be wholly barred of any right to share in the proceeds of the estate, and the Assignee shall be at liberty to distribute the proceeds of the estate as if no such claims existed but without prejudice to the liability of the debtor therefor.

Dated at Woodstock in the County of Carleton this 26th day of February, A. D. 1903

this 26th day of February, A. D., 1903.
WILLIAM A. HAYWARD,
Sheriff of Carleton County.

Rivals in Politeness.

Said a young cadet to his Juliet: 'I'm like a ship at sea; Exams. are near, and much I fear That I shall busted be.'

> 'Oh, no.' said she, 'a shore I'll be; Come rest, your journey o'er.' Then silence fell, and all was well; For the ship had hugged the shore. -'Crimson-Grey.'

The Not Available.

Would Be Contributor-You did not read all my article that you rejected. I pasted a few of the pages together, and they weren't

Editor-Do I have to eat a whole egg to know that it is bad?-New York Times.

All wash silk, even the expensive kind, is not washable, one woman has discovered. She was told at the shop that the silk would wash perfectly, and when she took her waist back "I tell ye that it was not, sir," responded to the counter, the bright blue stripe faded to a dingy mauve, the salesman assured her that he had only guaranteed the fabric to wash, saying nothing at all about the colors. It is a good plan to wash a sample of any colored goods before buying. There are ways of set ting dyes which can be used if one knows beforehand that there is danger of fading.

> Robson found Smith engaged in vigorously polishing his shoes. "What are you doing that for?" he asked. "I always thought you

wore patent leather." "These used to be patent leather," replied Smith, painfully bringing his spinal column into its normal position; "but the patent on them has expired.'

Little Girl-If I was a teacher I would make everybody behave. Aunty-How would you accomplish that? Little Girl-Very easy. When girls was bad I'd tell them they didn't look pretty; and when little boys was bad I'd make them sit with the girls, and when big boys was bad I wouldn't let them sit with the girls.

Ambiguous .- My boy says his ambition is to grow up to be a man just like his father." "I wouldn't let that worry me. When I was your boy's age I had a burning desire to



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