A Sketch of the Opera which has Created

such a furor. The Pittsburgh (Pa.) Leader gives sketch of the opera under the above name, written by W. S. Gilbert, an English dramatist, and the music furnished by Arthur Sullivan, an English composer. First brought out in this country which is the oasis of respectable houses in Boston, it at once became very popular there, and when taken to New York it was performed in half a dozen theaters at the same time, while it is being sung by traveling operatic troupes all

over the country. The Leader says: The object of this comical, nautical operatic trifle, on a subject of such ponderositee as the queen's navee, is to show the hollowness of official pretensions and the bombast that bolsters up and whisky saloons, the uncarted ash rank and station; and to laugh down ignorance and stupidity in high places. halls and labyrinthian system of garrets was chosen when there were no strangbattle-ground of a comical engagement between hard-fisted saitors' service and official bombast and emptiness. The action on board is brisk, and is continually interrupted with the bursting bombshells of laughter. The farcical element is always present in a variety of guises and happy surprises. It stalks about on deck in the lord high admiral-always accompanied by his sisters, and his cousins, and his aunts, and the whole twenty blocks on Second avenue, and surprise and curiosity at the upraised, a stickler for naval etiquette, "if you please;" tells how he rose to be "the ruler of the queen's navee," and presents the crew with a song of instruction, setting or singing forth that "the British tar is a soaring soul" whose "energetic fist should be ready to resist a dictatorial word." He loves the captain's daughter and she loves a common sailor. To win the girl he tells her that love levels all ranks and stations. She takes him at his official word, offically ex pressed, and instead of soaring up to him she flops down into the arms of the sailor, whom she has previously rejected because of incompatibility of rank and station—a result of the admiral's official blunder. Official "pomp and circumstance," and rank and station are crossing the Brooklyn and Jersey fer- liberately up to it and smelled it. As a dry, eating sore, which comes generated the company of the company of the company of the comes generated the company of the comes generated the company of the comes generated the company of the company door. Baby-farming Buttercup makes a regular social revolution on board the Pinafore, when she sings: "Two tender babes I nursed.

One was of low condition. The other upper crust, A regular pa rician, A many years ago. Oh, bitter is my cup! However could I do it? I mixed those children up. And not a creature knew it.

Well, the up-shot of the mixing was that the patrician became the sailor and the babe of low condition the captainstartling. Then the admiral decides that the sailor is really the captain, and the captain is the sailor, and so changes their places on board according to birth -more startling. The admiral declines to marry the deposed captain's daughter because of her low degree, and officially gives her to the sailor now elevated to the captaincy. The ex-captain now turns to Buttercup, who had farmed him as a baby and got him mixed, and being a widower, he tells her:

"I shall marry a wife In my humble rank of life, And you, my own are she -I must wander to and fro. But wherever I may go I shall never be untrue to thee.

All: What never? Captain: No, never! All: What, never? Captain: Hardly ever! All: Hardly ever be untrue to thee."

And that's where an oft-repeated joke hits hardest.

"I am an Englishman; behold me!" Then others chime in: "He is an Englishman.

For he himself has said it. And it's greatly to his credit That he is an Englishman: For he might have been a Roosian. A French or Turk or Proosian, Or, perhaps, an Itali-an; But in spite of all temptations To belong to other nations. He remains an Englishman-

Hurrah for the true-born Englishman! That's something to be proud of, even in the shackels of his low estate. When the admiral comes on board with his retinue of female relations, the humor of the situation flows in song as follows:

"Admiral: I am the monarch of the sea, The ruler of the queen's navee. chants. Cousin Hebe: And we are his sisters and his

cousins and his aunts. Chorus: And we are his sisters and his cousins and his aunts.

Admiral: When at anchor here I ride My bosom swells with pride, And I snap my fingers at a foeman's as I go up." Cousin Hebe: And so do his sisters and hi cousing and his aunts. Chorus: And so do his sisters and his cousins

and his aunts. Admiral: But when the breezes blow. I generally go below And seek the seclusion that a cabin

Cousin Hebe: And so do his sisters and his cousins and his aunts. Chorus: And so do his sisters and his cousins and his aunts.

His sisters and his cousins, Whom he reckons up by dozens, And his aunts.

After the admiral has officially fooled himself out of the ex-captain's daughter, and he has officially disposed of the sailor and his love, and the captain and Buttercup, he turns to Hebe: Admiral: I'm the monarch of the sea.

And when I've married thee, I'll be true to the devotion that my love implants. Hebe: Then good-bye to his sisters and his cousins and his aunts; Especially his cousins.

Whom he reckons by the dozens-His sisters and his cousins and his aunts.

Chorus: For he is an Englishman, And he himself hath said it. And it's greatly to his credit, That he is an Englishman.

These extracts will give some idea of the tyle and purposes of the opera and the comic character of the doings on Her Majesty's Ship Pinafore.

clock sent to Charlemange in the year posed that he had formerly been rich, dye running through the entire sub-807, by the famous eastern caliph, Ha- but had lost everything at the gaming- stance, and being, therefore, ineffacearound al Raschid, which was evidently tables. He would pace to and fro in and ble. furni hed with some kind of wheelwork, around the great building at Badenalthough the moving power appears to Baden, and more than once during the has made great inroads in the business have been produced by the fall of water. day some player who had made a lucky of the ivory manufacturers. Its makers This clock was a rather wonderful affair, stroke of business would sympathetiand excited a great deal of attention at cally press a piece of gold upon the old perior to ivory, as it sustains hard the French court. In the dial of it were man's acceptance. He is said to have knocks without injury, and it is not distwelve small doors forming the divisions driven this profitable trade for thirty colored by age or use. Great quantities for the hours; each door opened at the seasons. hour marked by the index and let out small brass balls, which falling on a bell struck the hours—a great novelty ernment has purchased machinery and Celluloid can be mottled so as to imiat that time. The doors continued engaged experienced engineers and tate the finest tortoise-shell, and its open until the hour of twelve, when spinners in Germany to establish cotton elasticity renders it less liable to break - ing from Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Sore twelve figures representing knights on horseback come out and pareded around the figures representing knights on horseback come out and pareded around the figures representing knights on mills in China, so as to free that country age. In this form it is used like imitation of the figures representing knights on mills in China, so as to free that country age. In this form it is used like imitation of the figures representing knights on mills in China, so as to free that country age. In this form it is used like imitation of the figures representing knights on mills in China, so as to free that country age. In this form it is used like imitation of the figures representing knights on mills in China, so as to free that country age.

The Danger of New York.

cursion in New York and regard its vast extent of five and six-storied tenemental squalor. The route may be as follows: Study the entire range of the city occupied by dwelling-houses below Eighth about Waverly place and Washington B. Remark here miles of grime, narwhole of Third to Harlem. Survey mile | be killed and swallowed. after mile of five and six-storied brick on garrets above. Jump over to Sixth, ers in the aquarium, and the dinner was Now survey the limited area from Four- its companion was simply a harmless big ing Fourth, Fifth, Madison and Lexing- the outlying sections of the snake, ton avenues, the nucleus of New York's wealthiest class. Add to this, say thing to eat, and stared with innocent as they do the ground from the Battery ing with malignant ferocity. At last it to Fourteenth street, and all along the struck at the rat—and missed. The rat miles on miles of Avenues A and B, the sum total of social standing in each, his victim. The flat, broad head was cicatrix is just skin deep; and the spot subtract these amounts from each other more of the best of our people to seek ing, but simply following with watchful theaters and an opera house worthy of wild terror, then dragged itself around of Long island, and New York may be- elasped from the time it was bitten until come the suburb and be given over it was dead. entirely to factory, warehouse and tenement. The fashionable promenade of 1900 may be nearer Manhattan beach. Taere are great possibilities for Brooklyn when its people make their teal stronger and wake up to their chances. New York Graphic.

" mportant Business."

his waist and a whip in his hand called other section forward a little and take a pean physicians, who went to the city to The whole business is a setting up at the postoffice for a letter yesterday, fresh hold with his teeth. Then the investigate the matter, were themselves and knocking down of rank and station, and for reasons which no human being first that made fast would let go, come attacked within a fortnight after their and laughing at the wreck. The poor | may ever understand he suddenly decided sailor who loves above his station, while to have his boots blacked, and not to In that way, by alternate advances of the precaution of having their drinking he bewails his low condition, is proud of pay more than five cents for the job, the right and left sections of his upper water brought from a distant place, either. The first boy invited to begin work took a cool survey of the boots, But it took him twenty minutes to do it. Another suspected cause is a supposed

"I'd like the job, mister, but you see I haven't time. The secretary of the treasury has made another call for out- acteristics were variously displayed. fective sanitation of the town which standing five-twenties, and I've got to None was as unconscious of danger and predisposes to the attack.

dimensions of the boots before him, and sprang at the snake to make fight. The brought into exercise. The irritation

take charge of a sawmill up the river for he reached the reptile's neck his limbs rise to a great deal of suffering. The a man who is going away, and I must be stiffened, his jaws became set, and he general health is little, if at all, disat his office to give \$20,000 bonds in just rolled over on his back, weakly kicking turbed in ordinary cases. The children

Whose praise Great Britain loudly | be polished off for a nickel, he confidentially whispered:

"Don't feel disappointed, but you see I was 'pinted assignee of a big firm up explains that as soon as a rattlesnake Turkey." the street this morning, and I'm only has eaten in captivity, the quantity and here to buy ten thousand postage stamps activity of its poison increases, quickly

"No he won't," was the blunt reply at least, to become very short indeed. of the man as he got out doors. "I see But if fed too often the reptile's venom the game now, but I can beat it! They're loses in activity, so that sometimes sevplanning to get some fellow whose time is worth about twenty dollars an hour, to put in forty minits on these boots. and then shake me for my load of wood. but they can't come it!"-Detroit Free

A Wealthy Beggar.

A professional beggar has recently An investigation of the subject almost died, in Berlin, leaving a fortune of tends to persuade one that this statemore than a million and a half marks to ment is scarcely exaggerated. Although his heirs. He had many children and celluloid was invented nine or ten years grandchildren, and lived in splendid ago (by two brothers named Hyatt), its Bitters is successful in so many cases with style, giving sumptuous entertainments. perfected manufacture has been regu-The soirees were only attended by mid- larly in progress for only about five dle-class society, and were held only years, and it is considered to be still in during the winter. In summer the its infancy; yet immense quantities of the jovial old gentleman invariably left his substance are produced, it is converted house for four or five months. It is into a wonderful variety of forms, and now known that he has regularly fre- new modes of applying it are discovered quently, at least until a few years ago, almost daily. the principal bathing-places of Germany, and that he gathered his immense | sue paper and camphor, treated with

It is reported that the "Chinese gov- is devoted.

A RATTLESNAKE'S DINNER.

Those interested in tenement-house The Monthly Meal Prepared for the Interimprovement are advised to make an exesting Reptiles at the New York Aqua-

A New York paper says: Poisonous snakes very seldom take food in captivity. Of some species, no specimen has ever been found that would do so. As street, the only relieving feature of a rule, they obstinately starve themselves; sometimes living for nine or even twelve months without eating, square. Then explore Avenues A and growing gradually weaker, day by day, until they finally die. The rattlesnake row halls, curb-stone ash-heaps, five- is not that sort of a snake. He is praccent whisky-shops below and misery's tical, ready in adapting himself to cirgarret above. Travel up First avenue, cumstances, and if he is hungry, is so the upper portion of Second, and the because nothing digestible is at hand to

Mr. Bergh objects to snakes being boxes. Remark the constant lager beer | fed with living animals. So when the rattlesnakes' monthly meal time comes heap, the dead cat below and the narrow he is never an invited guest. An hour Seventh, Eighth, Ninth and Tenth served. A large, fat rat was put in the avenues, and study the proportion of cage of a rattlesnake about three feet comfortable homes to the stratifications long. The rat manifested a cheerful inof humanity piled on each other in lay- difference to the situation, that was no ers from three to seven stories deep. doubt based on the happy delusion that teenth street to Central Park, embrac- worm. It trotted unconcernedly over peered down among the coils for somepossibly twenty-five on the west side of | loudly-rattling tail. Its nonchalance Broadway, above Tenth street, and be- actually seemed to astonish the snake, tween Broadway and Tenth avenue, and and caused him to hesitate about openwith a few trifling exceptions, you have ing hostilities against such a cool custhe comparatively limited area of New tomer. That situation was maintained York's comfortable homes. Remark its for five minutes. All that time the ratsmall space as compared with that occu- tlesnake's warning notes were sounding, pied by the swarms who do not move in and it lay coiled with its neck curved first or second society circles, covering ready to strike, and its eyes fairly blazseemed to think nothing more of the oc-First, Second, Third, Sixth, Seventh, currence than that the worm wanted to Eighth. Ninth and Tenth. Note the change its position and was somewhat beer saloon, the bakery and corner in a hurry about it. There was no ap grocery already creep into Fifth avenue parent alarm, but only an access of curiand are driving fashion into Westchester osity in the mind of the frisky rodent tion of the Bagdad "date mark," a county. Note the dress, bearing and about the quivering, whizzing tail, to mysterious malady which affects everyhomes, and contrast them with the gen- that time caught his victim's left hind then goes away forever, leaving an indeleral average found on the New York leg. A horrible thing the rattlesnake lible mark about the size and shape of a street car. Add up both columns, find was in that moment of pouncing upon date, as evidence of the visitation. The opened into an enormous mouth; in the appears as if the surface had been searand keep the balance to yourself. Re- widely distended jaws the large, hook- ed away with caustic or a hot iron, and member, also, that this is a world and ed, venomous fangs were erected; the it by no means enhances the beauty of city of changes; that the nucleus of New eyes glowed with fury. Quicker than the victim. The sore generally comes York life has in less than twenty-five sight could follow the motion, the dead- in childhood, and then it commonly setyears changed from the city hall to ly blow was inflicted. One instant the tles upon the face. The cheek of nearly oats Madison square; that the nucleus of snake was motionless, the next its fangs every man or woman brought up in Bagfashionable homes has in thirty years were fastened in the leg of the strug- dad shows the unmistakable mark. moved from the now tenement-tenanted gling, squeaking, and now thoroughly Bleecker street to Murray hill. What alarmed rat, and the next it had returnnext? Send a hundred or two thousand ed to its former attitude, still threatenocean-steamer landings to the Brooklyn frightened rat lost instantly the use of side; erect there a few Fifth avenue and the leg that had been struck. On its Windsor hotels, build a few first-class other three legs it sprang about as if in

Almost immediately the snake proceeded to the swallowing process. There was no preparatory moistening, coiling upon and pressing of the body. The snake simply seized the rat's head in his mouth, and commenced operations. His upper jaw is built in two be avoided. sections, right and left, and he can move them separately, backward or forward. Hooking the teeth of one section | dad, the favorite theory is that water is A man with a comforter tied around into the rat's hide, he would slide the the cause of the evil. But two Euroto the front, and rig a new purchase. arrival in the town, though they took jaw, he slowly pushed his dinner down. where its quality was above suspicion.

ingly dead in less than a minute. much about snakes as if had made them, to begin work on. I'll send you a boy causing the interval between the bite and its fatal result, upon small animals. eral bites are insufficient to kill.

Celluloid.

"It seems to me," remarked a gentleman in New York the other day. "that about everything we have now, except what we eat, is made out of celluloid."

Celluloid is a composition of fine tisplunder by begging. In wretched dress, chemicals by a patented process. A with an invalid's cap, blue spectacles, rather common impression that it conlong snow-white hair, and apparently tains gun-cotton is a mistake, which palsied limbs, he used to shamble slow- arises from confounding it with colloly along the promenades. He never di- dion. Celluloid, it is said, is entirely his youth. And somebody's mother is thinking rectly asked for anything, but used to non explosive, and burns only when in receive voluntary offerings from the direct contact with flame. When crude visitors, and these amounted to a large it looks like a transparent gum, and its sum, which was regularly dispatched to color it a light yellow-brown. It can be Berlin every week. His biggest har- made as hard as ivory, but it is elastic, vests were collected in the great gam- and can be readily molded into every bling towns, when those were in full conceivable form. With equal ease it The French historians describe a bloom of their prosperity. It was sup- can be colored in any tint desired, the

> As a close imitation of ivory, celluloid assert that in durability it is much su-

horseback came out and paraded around from dependence upon English and tion ivory, for combs, card-cases, cigar-the dial plate.

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kin rings, jewelry and all sorts of fancy articles. The substance is employed for similar purposes as a good imitation of malachite and also of amber. It to please everybody, the hotel is now kept on is made into mouthpieces for pipes,

cigar-holders and musical instruments. and is used as the material of flutes, flageolets and drumsticks. For drumheads it is said to be superior to parchment, and it is not affected by moisture in the atmosphere.

As a substitute of porcelain, celluloid is used for the heads of dolls, which can be hammered against a hard floor without danger of fracture. Beautiful jewelry is made of it in imitation of the most elaborately carved coral, reproducing all the shades of the genuine article. Most of the coral tints are bright or dark red, however, as the makers, strange to say, have found that excellent copies of the costly pink coral are not in popular demand

Within the last year and a half another branch of the celluloid manufacture has been developed which promises to reach enormous proportions. This is the use of celluloid as a substitute for linen or paper in the making of shirtcuffs, collars, etc. It has the appearance of well-starched linen, is sufficiently light and flexible, does not wrinkle, is not affected by perspiration and can be worn for months without injury. It becomes soiled much less readily than linen, and when dirty is quickly cleaned by the application of a little soap and Fish: water with a sponge or rag. For travelers and for wear in hot weather the celluloid linen is especially convenient. It has lately been much improved by the introduction of real linen between two thicknesses of celluloid. Shirt fronts have been made of it, as well as cuffs and collars, and it is believed that these will prove equally desirable.

Bagdad's "Date Mark" Malady. No account of Bagdad would be com-

Sometimes it settles on the nose, and then the disfigurement is considerable, sometimes on the eyelid, and blindness is generally the result. Strangers are comfortable homes in Brooklyn, where eyes the movements of its victim, witn-attacked even after a brief residence; there is room to spread; change a few out essaying any further attack. The but if they be adults, they get the sore on the arm or wrist. It is more painful there than on the cheek, but of course there is no disfigurement. In every case the attack runs its conrse for a year; no the name, and possibly fashion may the cage more and more slowly; at length treatment, no ointment or medicine has shift its center of gravity from Manhat- it crawled among the coils of the snake the slightest effect upon it. Once the tan to the long and spacious boulevards and there expired. Thirteen minutes sore makes its appearance, the sufferer knows what to expect, and as he may as well resign himself philosophically to all it involves. The Arabs say that every one that goes to Bagdad must get the "date mark;" if he does not get it while in the city, he will get it after he leaves; and if he does not get it while alive, he will get it after he is dead. It is not to

In Aleppo the disease is known as the "Aleppo button," and there, as in Bag-Several other rats were fed to the rat- deficiency of iodine in the salt used in tlesnakes with little variation of inci- the country. Some people are inclined dent, except that their individual char- to think there is something in the de-

impudently sociable as the first, and The visitation is not as a rule painful, The second boy had already prepared none was as plucky as the seventh, unless it happens to fix upon a spot to kneel down when he realized the which, upon receiving the fatal bite, above a joint or a muscle frequently poison was too active in the courageous occasioned by movement of the affected "Say, I haven't time. I've agreed to little fellow's veins, however. Even as part is often considerable, and gives four minutes. Some other boy'll be glad and gasping for some minutes, and then play about the narrow streets and make died. The quickest death was that of mud-pies quite joyously, with great The "some other boy" was near at the fourth rat, which was bitten in the ulcers, the size of a crown piece, on hand, and when told that the boots must head, fell immediately, and was seem- their little cheeks; it gives them no concern that they are being marked and Dr. Dorner, who knows almost as disfigured for life, and of pain they feel nothing.—Geary's "Through Asiatic

People make too much fuss altogether over these athletic (xhibitions. In his greatest match O'Leary didn't walk as far by seven miles as a weak woman out in North Hill did while she was trying to match the shade of a ribbon. -Burlington Hawkeye.

The girl who had two strings to her beau made an arrow escape from matri-

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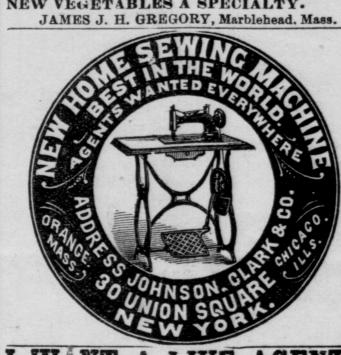
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