

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

There is so much to be said in the way of censure, that perhaps it would be as well to make my remarks on the performances of the week as brief as possible.

The Corsican Brothers was put on Monday and Tuesday, After Dark was the bill for Wednesday and Thursday and last evening, and to-night the Ticket of Leave Man is the attraction.

Those who saw the Corsican Brothers were better pleased than usual. The scenic effects were better than the average, and what little the actors had to do was fairly well done. In the first act Mr. Emery spoiled an attractive dialogue by not knowing his lines. This appears to be a standing fault of his. He hovers near the wings waiting for the prompter's word and then often fails to catch it. This annoys the audience, spoils his own work, and prevents any one who is acting with him to do him or herself any justice. Another prominent fault in Mr, Emery is his evident difficulty in controlling his countenance. Frequently, when in the most pathetic part of a dialogue he is langhing at something in the wings. Mr. Stephen's difficulties are too numerous to mention. Even if he knew his lines he could not act them and with his limited acquaintance of them he is certainly in the way.

The only thing that would mar the performance of the Corsican Brothers was the appearance of two of the actresses in costume that were as unbecoming as it was out of place. I am not inclined to be prudish, but the people that I think will patronize the performances at the opera house will not be attracted by such a scene. It is no compliment to those who took part in it to say that they appeared more at home than I have ever seen them.

hands that it fell over upon the rescued and rescuer. The audience was convulsed with laughter and the curtain "got a move on" for a change.

I am not pleased to write about performances in this way, but let us have the truth. This company appears to be accumulating carelessness. They are playing to small houses and have themselves to thank for the fact.

Mr. Granville has been cast in parts better suited to him this week and has done work ahead of any he has given us yet. Mr. Ramsdell is always careful and has a thorough acquaintance with his part. Fossette is a favorite with audience and realy does very even work. Mrs. Hooker and Miss Brooks take their character parts with a readiness and adaptability that is worthy of commendation.

I understand that the objectionable teatures in After Dark were eliminated on Thursday evening and the performance was much more acceptable.

To-night the Ticket of Leave Man is the bill. It is a play for the people and usually draws. Monday and Tuesday. Mary Warner, a domestic drama, new to St. John, will be put on, and Caste follows Wednesday and Thursday.

Footlights.

My suggestion of last week to make a portion of the orchestra chairs half a dollar instead of 75 cents has, I am glad to report, been adopted. I believe that in the long run the departure will pay. Of course when we have a drawing stellar attraction for a few nights prices must advance but for season's work give us proper

Prices.
Pthink Mr. Stevens has made a mistake in his vocation. What passes my under-standing is, why any manager who has ever seen him on the stage should select him as a member of a company to open a new

President Skinner has gone to New

York for his usual fall trip. He will have his eyes open for something good in a theatrical way all the same.

Joe Murphy in Shaun Rhue is booked for Fredericton next month. Murphy almays gots great house in the colorial city. ways gets great houses in the celestial city. He will probably come to St. John. Instead of "After Dark" on the pro-

gramme Monday night, it should have read "In the Dark," for the incandescent failed to show up between the acts. This has occurred several times and, while it hurts nobody, it makes the house gloomy when it should be bright.

Why don't the manager advertise 830,.

if the people know the performance will wait they will never be on time. Many a she will not get away from the theatre until 11.15 or 11 30.

No more cigarettes on the stage, please. It is not edifying to see a woman—even an actress-smoking them, and the stench is

Harrison's orchestra is doing splendid work; and the people are appreciating it.

### IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

There really is next to nothing to write this week for our musical people are either resting after the exhibition gaieties or else getting ready to astonish us with something unusually brilliant, although for my part I rather incline toward the former reason for the quietness of things in general.

Sunday being harvest festival, special music will be sung in most of our city churches, and no doubt the decorations will be worth seeing in Trinity, St. Pauls and the Mission. At the time I am writing it is impossible for me to publish any of the music to

Mrs. Babbitt and Miss Flossie Bowden, who were expected home last week, did not arrive in the city until last Wednesday.

The Oratorio society will in all probability resume practice on Monday evening. Mr. James S. Ford will act as conductor until Mr. Morley is able to lead again. It is more than likely that the Elijah

will be the work taken up.
Miss Annie Turner has returned to the Centenary church choir. The music union has commenced rehearsals, taking Tuesday for its practice night.

Mr. Hall expects his chorus to do some good work during the winter months. For my part I think that it is a great pity that there should be two societies of this description in a city like St. John J. socities of this description in a city like St. John. I think that the music loving public should do all in its power to support the Oratorio society which has been in existence longer, and is possessed of advantages which the music union can hardly hope to have for a long time at least. However "every one to his own taste."

### NOUVELLES FRANCAISES.

L' exposition est finie, l' opera est inauguré qu'est ce qu'on peut faire maintenant? Ce n'est pas croyable, jele sais, mais on a déjà prononcé le mot "Noël," Je l'ai entendu hier au soir pour la première fois. Il n'y a pas très longtemps de cela, onle sait bien, mais devrait, on déjà en parler? Assurément non. Dès ce moment cependant on entendra très souvent "pas avant Noël." "A près Noel." "Je ferai ceci, je commencerai cela-apres Noel."

En attendant que fera-t-on? Pas qrand' chose je crois. L'hiver ne commence pas vraiment avant cette fête. Il ya quelques signes de vie néanmoin dans la société française d'ici. Un nouveau profes-

cette fête. Il ya quelques signes de vie néanmoins dans la société francaise d'ici. Un nouveau professeur entre moothly and well. The scenic effects were particularly good, and the work of Messrs. Lyons and Ramsdell and Emery and Granville and Miss Clitherow very satisfactory.

But what shall I say of After Dark with its bulls and errors, its forgotten lines and stumbling sentences, and worst of all, its disgraceful music hall scene in which a man costumed as a woman insulted the audience by his actions, and in which is a couple of street youths were brought on to do duty with the boxing gloves?

The most amusing part of the performance was unexpected. The passing railway train from which "Old Tom" had just rescued a drugged officer was manipulated so badly by the bungling stage hands that it fell over upon the

pas énormément. On espère avoir une grande assistance aux

réunions cet hiver car on croit que la saison qui s'approche sera des plus intésessantes. Il n'ya pas encore ici un professeurz d'allemand et on ne sait pas s'il yen aura ou non mais voilà quelque chose de certain et c'est qu'il y a des eleves allemands qui desirent beaucoup recommencer leur cours.

UNE ELEVE.

## The Ancient Rhinoceros.

It is very interesting to look at the pic-tures of the world in the long past ages that geology presents to our imagination. We see that there was a time when even the polar regions must have bloomed with many of the splendid and varied forms of life that now adorn the tropics.

The fossil remains of these ancient forms preserved in the bosom of the rocks carry us back perhaps millions of years in the earth's history, and show clearly what wonderful revolutions the surface of the globe has undergone since the first plants and the first animals appeared upon it. Who would think of meeting a rhinoceros nowadays on the prairies of northwestern Canada, unless, perchance, a travelling menagerie should pass that way? Yet at one time, as recent discoveries prove, a creature closely resembling the rhinoceros of India and Africa dwelt in that now com-

paratively cold, snowy and barren region. Remains of these extinct ancestors of an animal that in our day thrives only in the tangled tropical forests and under the hot equatorial sun have been found buried in the Canadian rocks, where now the cold blasts of winter blow over treeless plains and sweep the flanks of ice-encrusted mountains. The rhinoceros of that remote age was no less formidable a beast than its descendants, for the skull of one of the its descendants, for the skull of one of the skeletons discovered is three feet long, and in proper fashion.—Ladies' Home while some of its teeth are four inches across. The tossil remains of many other forms of animals have lately been found there, including extinct species of the horse, the deer and the turtle. In some far-away time perpetual summer must have reigned in regions where ice and snow now prevail for a large part of the year, or else animals that today love only the sun must have been inured to a more rigorous climate. Geology has only just begun to unfold the wondorous story of the world's history .- Youths' Companion.

To New York Direct. At this time of year New York is seen at its best. The air is cool, and the city is thoroughly alive after the warm summer weather. The theatres are open, all the people are back from the country or seaside, and the great metropolis is the best place in America to spend a holiday. And the people of St. John and the province generally have a grand chance to take advantage of it. The Winthrop leaves the New York pier in this city for New York, and has the best of accommodations, when the curtain does not ring up until and just now is offering excursion re that time? Never mind about the audience; that makes the trip a possibility for all. and just now is offering excursion rates

## EVENING PARTIES.

There are no iron-clad rules with regard to party etiquette; yet there are certain usual forms observed in good society about which no one can well afford to be ignorant. These forms are not mere conventionalities. They are, like the accepted rules of a well ordered home, helps to both entertainer and guest.

Rules in Regard to Them That are Generally Observed.

When issuing printed invitations to the effect that "Mr. and Mrs. A- will relady will remain at home if she knows that ceive their triends on Friday evening, December 8th, at nine: residence, 12 H avenue," the invited parties understand perfectly well that full evening dress, flowers, gloves and carriages are the proper thing. In case the invitation cannot be accepted, "regrets" must be sent; otherwise a favorable answer is understood. To such a reception no person except those named upon the envelope is ex-

Invitations to an "at-home" are usually the ordinary, engraved visiting card of the hostess, to which she adds in writing, "at home Friday evening, December 8th, from 8 to 10.,' These, inclosed in dainty white envelopes, are sent out at least one week in advance of the evening named. An "at home" gives unlimited liberty of dress, ranging from a street costume with bonnet and dark gloves, to full-though quietevening toilette. After six o'clock dress coats are the rule. The hostess receives in full toilette, assisted by ladies similarly

To a party of twenty guests, or less, the hostess writes personal notes, which may sent as late as the day preceding the event, though three or four days earlier assures the guest that he or she has not been taken up at the last moment to fill the place of some one who has declined. "Very Bohemian," advises the person invited that the matter of dress is not important. To an informal party like this a visiting friend may be taken along.

The quality and style of stationery is quite an important item. No refined lady will use that which is either cheap or showy. The best is never too good. That which is plain, with no ornamentation, except, perhaps, a monogram, without gilt edge, yet of finest texture and dainty pattern, is always to be preferred. It costs less than the "latest novelties" which often tempt the taste and purse. But let no delusion of style lead a hostess to send out other than pearl, cream or the delicate mode tints, except when a "color-tea," or something out of the conventional line of

parties, is attempted.
Who shall be invited is always a question more or less perplexing to hostesses. As a rule it is well to consider whether or not one's guests would be congenial. For a formal reception, or an "At-Home," it matters not so much how many kinds of people are brought together. Courtesy to host and hostess requires that for the evening, at least, there shall be cordial exchange of civilities; and there is little danger of dullness since everybody is sure to find somebody with whom to be social.

Special entertainment is not required tor a formal reception. Orchestral music is usually furnished. To arrive; to address the hostess and host; to be presented to new people; to pass through the rooms greeting friends and acquaintances here and there, to test the skill of the caterer, then to make one's adieux is the leaven of conventional routine at large receptions. Musical and literary members, for the purpose of bringing out some promising young artists, are often introduced. It is always in good taste, and certainly a kindly courtesy, to thank and commend those who have contributed entertainment worthy of

Smaller parties may be entertained with music and readings. The hostess is fortunate if among her invited guests there are amateurs who are willing to assist in this way, Novelty parties, such as "Color Teas," Frost, Harlequin or Pantomime parties; tableaux, which introduce pictures familiar to the company; living statuary, in color or white; guessing tableaux or amateur theatricals, though involving considerable previous preparation, carry the evening's enjoyment along with very little danger of failure.

For children's parties there is no end of pretty novelties. Among them is marches led by some older young people; tamiliar stories represented by calisthenic exercises; acting verbs; tableaux vivants grouped from illustrated copies of such tamiliar books as Alice in Wonderland, Little Lord Fauntleroy, or, even Mother Goose; ring games around the favor tree, etc., etc., are all charming diversions. In a word, the etiquette of evening parties consists in obeying that quick sense of kindliness which always prompts those re-ceiving to do all in their power for the happiness of their guests; and, for the guest to divine the time and place and how to assist their host and hostess to so direct

Pullets Should be Laying.

Young pullets hatched in March and April ought all to be laying this month. Later hatched ones if not laying by November, will probably if left to themselves not lay before spring when eggs are down to fifteen cents per dozen. A well known poultry tarmer showed us recently his account for last December with 125 pullets. The net profit for that month from eggs alone was \$39.39; from the same pullets in April following, the profit was \$14.97, and he got 50 dozen more eggs in April than in December. Now this is a striking lesson for all who keep hens for profit. Get all the eggs you can this dull year when the crops are short, as eggs always bring cash. Probably 45 cents per dozen by Christmas. Therefore get the pullets to laying early Christmas. Therefore get the pullets to laying early when prices are highest. Rev. S. W. Squires, of Franklin, Mass., says: "For the purpose of seeing how many eggs I could obtain last winter from twelve hens, I used four large cans of Sheridan's Condition Powder. I believe it is the best prepartition known to increase aggs and within I saved Condition Powder. I believe it is the best preparation known to increase egg production. I saved part of the eggs for hatching after forcing the hens four months for all they were worth with the Sheridan's Powder, and I never had a grater per cent. o fertile eggs or more vigorous chickens. In brief, I do not believe I can afford to be without the Powder to give health and vigor to young hens." Six cans of Sheridan's Powder will pay a good dividend in eggs if you commence early. If you cannot get it near home, I. S. Johnston & Co., 22 Custom House St., Boston, Mass. (the only makers of Sheridan's Condition Powder), will send for fifty 50 cts, two 25-cent packs of powder; for \$1, five packs; for \$1.20 a large 21-4 pound can, all post paid; six cons for \$5, express prepaid; one large can of powder, also one year's subscription to the Farm-Poultry monthly both sent post paid for \$1.50. Sample copy of paper 5 cts. Send stamps or cash. Testimonals sent free.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

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PARRSBORO.

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Oct. 7 .- Mrs. Edgar Corbett received last week in her wedding gown of white henrietta made en train and trimmed with silver fringe. Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Loasby returned from their

wedding tour on Saturday. Mr. T. W. Smith also returned from Boston on Saturday with his bride, Mrs. Smith, nee Campbell, residue in Parrsboro formerly, and her many friends are very glad to welcome her amongst them again. Mrs. Smith is receiving in a gown of old

mrs. Sinth is receiving in a gown of old rose silk and velvet.

Mr. Badenock, of the Halifax banking company, who has been taking Dr. Townshend's place for a short time, took his departure on Wednesday.

Miss D. Richards went to St. John on Wednes-

day.

Miss Gavin has returned from spending a week at the exhibition in St. John.

Miss Agnes Aikman arrived home from Boston

on Thursday.

Mr. James Hannay, of St. John, is spending a day or two with friends in Parrsboro.

Mrs. A. E. McLeod returned from Wolfville on Wednesday, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Harris.
Mrs. Babbitt and Miss Bowden went to St. John Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Holmes have returned from

Mr. J. T. Smith, of Amherst, has been in town

### KENTVILLE.

Oct. 7 .- Miss Courtenay, of Halifax, daughter of Bishop Courtenay, is in town a guest of the Misses Brock, at the rectory.

Mrs. Stevens is here from Boston, and will spend a few weeks with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lovett at Maple Hill. Mrs. Charles Rockwell returned on Friday from

Mrs. J. F. Hanson, Mrs. Barclay Webster, and Mrs. H. W. Ryan who have been in Halifax throughout the exhibition week, returned home on

Monday evening last. Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Calkin are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son.

Mr. Fred Ryerson, of Yarmouth, is in town t day.

Miss Nan Lovett and Miss Wood left to-day for New York, where Miss Lovett will be a guest of Miss Wood, who goes to join her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Wood, of Canning.

Miss Nellie Marsters is visiting Halifax friends.

Mrs. F. C. Rand is enjoying a visit from one of her pieces from Varmouth.

her nieces from Yarmouth.

Mrs. Gifkin gave a small card party last night.

Judge Chipman and his daughter, Miss Alice,
returned last Friday night from Hali'ax.

Peg.

### WINDSOR, N. S.

Oct. 7 .- Mr. Wm. O'Brien sailed for England last week with his son Ned, whom he is going to leave at "Merchison" boys' school, Scotland. Mr. Stephen Wiggins left for England also on the day following Mr. O'Brien's departure.

The professors and students of King's College are back again. The matriculation examinations for this winter began yesterday. Miss Annie Prat, of Wolfville, is visiting Mrs. Geo. Wilcox.
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Miss Lillie Allison has returned from Halifax.

Mrs. T. W. Clift is visiting Mrs. Edward Dimock.

Miss Davies, of Pictou, spent a day or two with

Mrs. Edward Dimock last week.

Mr. Ben. Scott has returned from Halifax, where
he has, in common with many Windsor people, been

"taking in" the oxhibition. "taking in" the exhibition.

Miss Alice Lawson is in Halifax.

## HILLSBORO.

Oct. 5 .- Quite a number took advantage of the excursion last Wednesday to go to St. John to the exhibition. Among whom were: Mr. and Mrs. Randall, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Steeves and Miss Steeves, Mr. and Mrs.

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H. McFeters, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Duffy, Mr. J. T.
Steeves, Mr. and Mrs. Sherwood, Capt. C. T. Wood,
Miss Dobson and others.
Miss Emma Wallace, Miss Flo Steeves, Mrs.
Osman and daughter are visiting friends in Boston
and New York.
Miss Blight, who has been spending the summer
in Hartland and St. John, is home again.
Mr. James Blight was married last Tuesday to
Miss Dickinson of Fenwick, N. S.
Mrs. J. T. Steeves entertained a few of her friends

Mrs. J. T. Steeves entertained a few of her friends to high tea last Tuesday evening. Among the invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Somers, Mrs. Curry, Mrs. Carlisle, Mrs. Steeves, Mr. and Mrs. C. Steeves and the Rev. W. Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Somers entertained a few friends Friday evening at their residence, Academy street.

Mrs. Keith returned from St. John Saturday. Mrs. J. A. Beatty is visning her brother, Mr.

The death of one of our promising young men, Edgar M., son of Mr. Jordan Steeves, occurred last

## HOULTON, ME.

Oct. 7,-Miss Estella Newhaus gave another enjoyable musicale on Thursday evening last in Music hall, for the benefit of the charitable fund of the "Kings Daughters." The young ladies of the society performed the duty of ushers very pleasantly. Cut flowers, terns and vines were tastefully arranged upon the stage. Miss Newhaus was assisted by a ladies' quartette, Mrs. John B. Madigan, Mrs. L.O. Ludwig, Miss Madigan and Miss Wetmore. Universal sympathy is expressed for Mr. and Mrs Lucas Waterall, in the sudden death of their infant

Lucas Waterall, in the sudden death of their infant daughter, which occurred on Saturday, the 3rd inst. Mr. and Mrs. Waterall expect to return next week to their home in Philadelphia.

Rev. C. W. McCully, of Halifax, N. S., arrived on Wednesday, to assume the rectorship of the Church of the Good Shepherd.

Mrs. S. Boothby, of Portland, is spending a few days in town, the guest of Mrs. H. J. Hathewav.

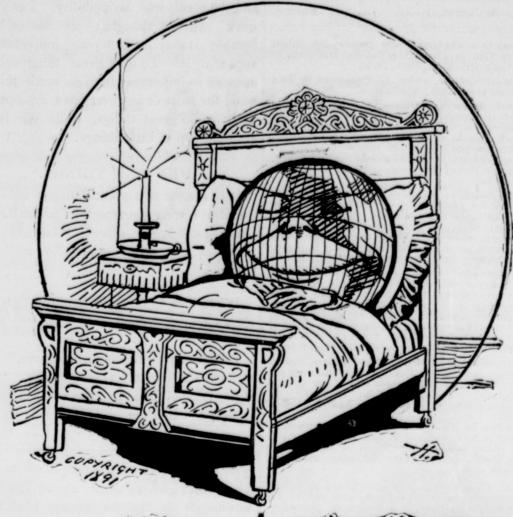
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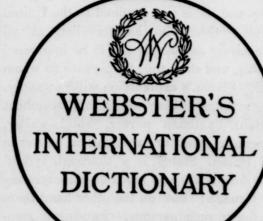
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