



MUSICAL & THEATRICAL

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES. The past week has been decidedly dull in the musical line, in the city, no concert of any consequence, taking place.

I attended the minstrel entertainment last week, and enjoyed it fairly well, although I was rather disappointed with their singing. Their voices did not blend very well, and they had a tendency to flat in the piano parts. The bass solo "King o'er the Land and the Sea," was a taking number, and was well rendered. The tenor solos were beneath criticism.

The Oratorio society had a good rehearsal of *Elijah* and *The Lay of the Bell* on Monday night.

The W. C. T. U. will give a sunflower concert in the Institute at an early date.

The Loyalist society will hold a conversation in the Institute on the 18th, for which a good musical programme is being prepared.

Mr. E. E. MacMichael has returned to England after residing about nine years in this city. He was a popular member of the Oratorio society, and was the leading tenor for some years in the congregational church choir. His departure will be a matter of regret to musical people. Before his departure he was presented with a purse of \$40 by the congregational church.

The new Music hall at New York was formally opened on Tuesday evening by a grand choral and orchestral programme. After some preliminary exercises, and the dedicatory oration by Bishop Potter, the symphony orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Walter Damrosch, played Beethoven's "Leonora" overture. They also played Tchaikowski's "Marche Solennelle," conducted by the composer.

Berlioz's *Te Deum* was sung for the first time in New York, by the Oratorio society.

Sanley, the great English baritone, sang at Chickering hall, New York, on Monday night last. The concert was announced as his only appearance, and in consequence there was a great crowd present. Mr. Sanley, of course, delighted all who heard him. The *Herold* described him as follows: "A man in the possession of his full vocal powers, a magnetic artist who sang songs of Gounod, leader of Schubert, an aria of Handel and Hatton's comic 'Simon the Cellarer' with almost equal charm and power."

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

It will be a surprise to many St. John people to read the sketch of Mr. H. Price Webber, claiming him as "one of the few of Maine's successful actors and managers," and not making the slightest reference to his career in St. John. However, they seem to have the same opinion of him in Maine that we have in New Brunswick. He is the same genial Humphrey Price Webber everywhere. This is what the *Bangor News* says of him:

Possibly a large proportion of my readers have witnessed at different times and places performances given by H. Price Webber and his Boston Comedy company, which filled a three nights' engagement this week at Newport, and at the same time closed its sixteenth consecutive season. This fact brings to mind the past successes of Mr. Webber. He is one of the few of Maine's successful actors and managers, and deserves the credit of giving his audiences first-class plays interpreted by a company of excellence. In his earlier days he managed a theatre in Lynn, Mass., and later one at Pawtucket, R. I., and during his successful career as an actor-manager has managed and been associated with in the capacity of an actor, such well-known lights of the stage as E. L. Davenport, Clara Morris, Rose and Harry Watkins, John Murray, Marietta Ravel, E. T. Stetson, J. W. Laneragan, Johnson Macaulay, Rachel, Noah and many others. In 1875 he first put the Boston Comedy company on the road, where it has been ever since. He then, as now, played the comedy parts himself, and the company was headed by Miss Blanche Slader, who died a few weeks ago, as leading lady. His "old woman" was then Jane Parker, who is now an inmate of the Forest Home, and the rest of the company were artists of ability. Though his company has now been playing constantly for over sixteen years he has never allowed it to deteriorate in any respect, but has on the contrary always sought to improve it, and when an artist was replaced by another from any cause that other has always been a better actor than his predecessor, until now Mr. Webber probably has the best aggregation of artists than at any time in his managerial experience.

BLUE BLOOD AND GOLD.

A Millionaire's Struggles to Become one of the Four Hundred.

NEW YORK, May 5.—One of the questions before the public, "Is Anna Dickinson mad?" seems to be settled negatively, at least it is conceded that "she is not half so mad as some of the men she is after."

Her quarrel is with the republican leaders, whom she accuses of having contracted to pay her \$5,000 for her services in the recent presidential campaign, and of cutting it down to \$250 when the campaign was over.

Her appearance at the Broadway theatre last Sunday evening, is the second since her escape from the asylum in which her sister placed her. The audience was small but enthusiastic, and went away convinced that while Miss Dickinson is very mad at the men whom she accuses of having defrauded her, her mind in all other respects is "sound and disposing," as the lawyers put it.

She spoke on "Personal Liberty," and frequent digressions, in which she went for the leaders of the G. O. P. from President Harrison downward, with a velocity that the fiercest democrat could not have excelled, made things very lively.

She flung her tomahawk again and again at the *Tribune* (founded by Horace Greeley and once her staunchest friend and admirer), shouting each time to its reporter who sat just in front of her, "Write it down brother of the *Tribune*, write it down!"

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The queen of the "400," Mrs. William Astor is in Paris, and hither many of her subjects, including her newly married son, are heing as fast as the ocean greyhounds can carry them. Their king still lingers; but if he does not soon take his royal departure, there will not be a courtier left to see him off.

The wealthy and fashionable people of New York are developing a passion for continental and country life, that threatens to depopulate the swellest residence quarter of the city during nine months out of the year, and fashionable florists, caterers, dress-makers, tailors, in fact all who deal exclusively in the luxuries of living and whose means of living are thus placed in jeopardy, are of the opinion that their wanderings should be restrained by act of parliament.

An individual who starts out to follow them for one continuous year must leave for Europe the last of March, return to Newport some time in June, go from there to Lennox, Tuxedo, or some other fashionable resort about the middle of October, and reappear in New York not earlier than the first of December.

To be wealthy by the way is not always to be fashionable, and many families who are prominent in Gotham's most exclusive circles lead a picturesque, from-hand-to-mouth existence in the old family mansions grouped around Washington square and on lower Fifth avenue.

The newly-rich are oftentimes willing to enter into a compact with Satan if they can thereby have the satisfaction of spending their brand-new dollars in the company of the blue-blooded jays, Schieffelins, Livingstons and Van Rensselaers, and an exchange of dollars for introductions often take place between the poor patricians and the rich plebeians.

The real dictators of fashion, the fortunate few who possess both "blood" and wealth, frown upon these alliances, and a party known as the "Howling Swells" (to distinguish them amongst the "McAllister Mob," as a bad club man sometimes calls the "400") has been making strenuous efforts to squeeze out certain families who are said to have slipped through Fashion's portals by "greasing" aristocratic palms, and the way of the transgressor is going to be tranquil and flowery hereafter, beside the way of the Western senator or Eastern manufacturer, who tries to get invitation for himself and family to the balls and receptions of the Howling Swells.

It is said that Senator Huntington's tooth-and-nail struggle for his senatorship was animated, not by a burning desire to serve his country, but by the ambition of his wife and step-daughter to get into the ranks of the "400," whose doors were closed to the Californian millionaire. They swung very slowly on their hinges even to the imposing combination of millionaire-Senator, and to oil them up a little ten more millions were invested in the purchase of Prince Hatzfeldt as a husband for the daughter.

Their Highnesses have not yet made their appearance in New York, but when they do it is to be hoped that the portals of the aristocrats, which are as yet only ajar for the Huntingtons, will be swung wide open. Surely such heroic expenditure deserves some return.

Another ambitious gentleman, who accumulated some eight or ten millions in a western El Dorado, came here recently, or rather was brought by his wife and daughters, who longed to shine in Metropolitan "society," and after a three months' sojourn he has declared to an old cronie, that the making of the millions was mere child's play beside the uphill fight, that the ambition of his feminine belongings has forced upon him.

The poor *pater familias*, who has scarcely time to wipe the perspiration from his heated brow after the warfare in which he won his gold, before he finds himself in the thick of another struggle, is greatly to be pitied, because for him there is really nothing worth speaking of in the game to which he has to hold such a very expensive candle.

The divorce suit in which Mrs. James Blaine, jr., will soon be plaintiff is regarded with peculiar interest, because she is a good catholic, and will insist upon the custody of her son, and probably her right to bring him up to that religion.

His family are said to be very inimical to her proceedings, and to be keeping him in Europe to delay the serving of the papers. If the suit is defended there is no doubt but what the young man will appear in a very unfavorable light. It is claimed by her friends that she can get a divorce right here on statutory grounds, which in this state are as limited as they well can be, but is unwilling to smirch the name her son must bear.

The rumor of a marriage between her and Dr. William Bull is denied by both parties, and she will probably make her debut in New York next winter under the management of Daniel Frohman, who has superintended her studies for the stage, and been a kind and constant friend to her ever since the beginning of her matrimonial troubles. HERMIA.

Something New in Millinery. One of the newest things in millinery is the "Mayflower" hat, which is at once pretty and attractive, and is becoming very popular. Mme. Kane shows one of them on page twelve of this paper, but one must visit her store in the Opera house block, Union street, to realize the beauty of the original, and see all the latest in spring millinery besides.

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SPORTING TALK FROM HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, N. S., May 7.—Has it ever occurred to your readers how little notice the upper province people take of those of the lower provinces in the matter of sport and how many games and associations they have, which they style as representative Canadian, though the maritime provinces are never considered. This has often come under my notice, and recently through the action of the meeting of representatives of football clubs, when it was decided to form a Canadian Rugby union, the chief object of which "shall be to arrange one match every year between the champion teams of Quebec and Ontario." Of course the maritime provinces were never mentioned to play for the championship of Canada, notwithstanding there are in the lower provinces such clubs as the Wanderers, Garrison and Dalhousie, of Halifax; Pictou, Acadia college, Abegweits, of Charlottetown, and perhaps some in New Brunswick, which would be willing to compete against the upper province team.

But it is the same in almost every other branch of sport. The international cricket match between Canada and the United States has been played in the upper provinces a number of times, but never in the maritime provinces, notwithstanding there have been opportunities to secure stronger teams here than elsewhere. Take, for instance, last year, when the provinces could have presented such men as Lieut. Douglas, R. A., Lieut. McGowan, R. A., Walter Leigh, W. A. Henry, G. W. Jones, F. Kaiser and others.

Frank White, G. A. Tracy and H. MacKintosh have gone from St. John and Halifax to compete in the Canadian championship games, but none from the upper provinces have come here to compete for the maritime provinces championship. Our skaters have also gone to the Canadian champion skaters meetings, but last year none of the upper provinces could be induced to visit Halifax for the championship.

Some weeks ago, a farm paper published a list of Wilkes stallions owned in Canada, but no mention was made of Harry Wilkes, Dumps, and several other Wilkes' stallions owned in the provinces.

During the past two years the lacrosse enthusiasts have been taking notice of the lower provinces and endeavoring to boom the national game for which they are to be commended, but we have much to learn about this game yet, and it is the other sports in which we are proficient that they do not lend their assistance to make representative "Canadian" though they style them so, and in some instances it would appear that fear of defeat from representatives down by the sea is the cause for this, as is the case of the Almar, Ont., colt stake, which was free to all in Canada of the respective stakes, except the four-year olds, which was made a 2-40 class, thus debarring the Amherst colt, Sir Charles, who made a record of 2:36 1/4 as a 3-year old at Halifax last year. SHAMUS.

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"Well, youngsters," he said, "what are the names of the greatest kings of Denmark?"

With one accord they cried out, "Canute the Great, Waldemar, and Christian IV."

Just then a little girl to whom the schoolmaster had whispered something stood up and raised her hand.

"Do you know another?" asked the king.

"Yes; Frederick VI."

"What great act did he perform?"

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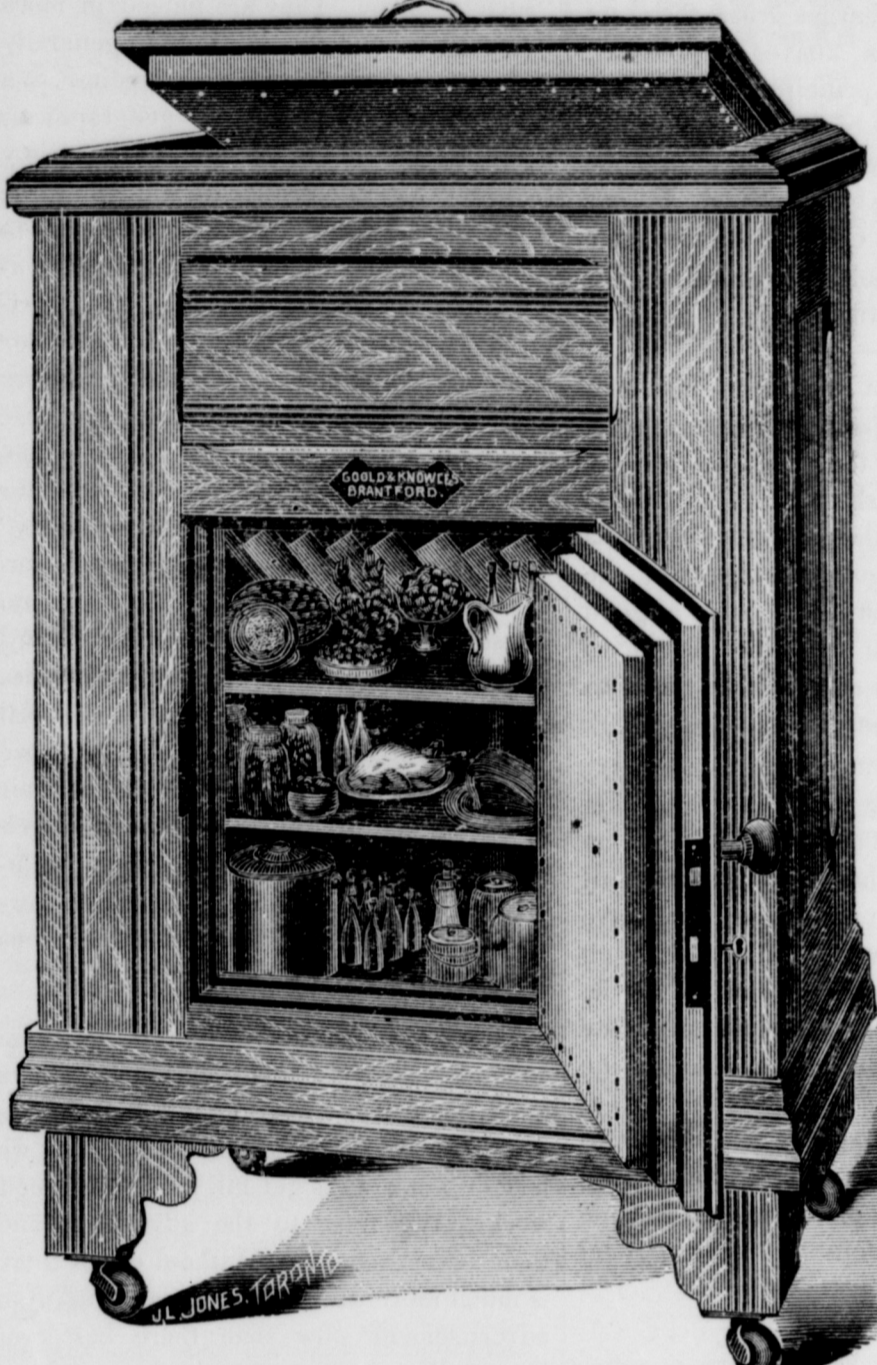
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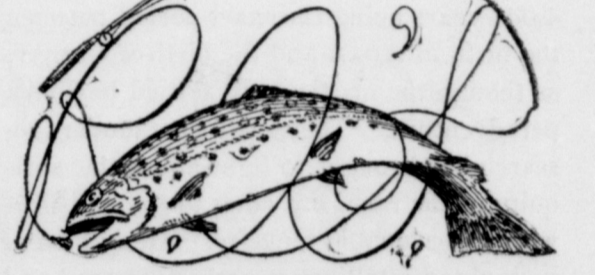


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