

MUSICAL & THEATRICAL

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

The event in the musical world which has claimed our interest and attention this week has been the highly successful performance, or, rather, series of performances, given by the amateur minstrel troupe on behalf of the St. John Athletic Association.

The last came in the shape of large sack of peanuts, while the accompanying card conveyed the assurance of "Mr. Field's honest veneration and respect for a noble artist and a true woman."

ASTRA'S TALKS WITH GIRLS.

[Correspondents seeking information in this department should address their queries to "Astra," PROGRESS, St. John.]

Did any of you ever have bronchitis girls? Because if you did not, I am afraid you will not be able to sympathize with me, as I would like. My vocal organs seem to have gone out, on strike, and it will be a week or more since my voice has been heard in our mansion.

It is terribly awkward to be speechless, and I assure you girls, if you knew what it feels like to hear the pup sneak stealthily into my room, secure one of my best slippers, and go flip-flapping down stairs with the heel pounding on each step as he carries it off to chew it up at his leisure, and not be able to shout at him, and terrify him into dropping it, I know you would feel sorry for me.

GREENIE, Parrsboro.—You are perfectly correct, the festoon has long been banished from church decorations by all strictly artistic church people, and very few clergymen would allow them in their churches.

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

The San Francisco Music and Drama makes a very complimentary reference to Miss May Nannary, who has been for three seasons leading lady at Morocis, where she is a great favorite.

Minnie Madder Fiske, the actress, tells a good story of Eugene Field in a recent number of the Dramatic Mirror. She says: One night in Denver, some years ago, the writer was bidden to a certain banquet, whereat the board was graced by several charming women, and the chief representatives of the Denver press.

The writer sat on the right hand of this person, our host, Mr. Eugene Field, and during the postprandial chatter she observed that gentleman's face take on a grave expression as he turned a kind and thoughtful gaze upon her.

they belong to each other than she could ever be in uncertainty, and then think of the delights of the long courtship! and ask her at once if you are a boy, or say yes; if you chance to be a girl, and have the opportunity. I think I have seen your writing before.

PRETTY LIPS, Sheffield.—I wonder if you did not write to me before under a different name, because your writing looks familiar? Oh, yes, I really am "just lovely." At least I sometimes manage to make people who don't know me think so for a time, which is almost the same.

DIDO.—The pup and Geoffrey are both well, I am glad to say, especially the pup. My dear child it does not take much cleverness to answer the questions you girls ask me, you know one has to pick up a little wisdom as they go through the world, almost whether they will or not, and it is better to use ones farthing dip for the benefit of other people than to keep it down in the cellar where only the spiders and the rats benefit by it.

MARION ERLE, St. John.—Many thanks for your kind, sensible, and appreciative letter, which I will answer next week as I am hurried this week and have more letters than space to answer them, besides I want to hunt up the line of poetry for you, and that will take a little time.

LILLIAN, St. John.—And so you were pleased with my answers? Well I am very glad. Christmas has passed to be sure, but still the New Year's wishes you so kindly offer me will do for Christmas also. I have had so many kind wishes from the girls that I should have a very happy time for the coming year.

LOCHINVAR, St. John.—Yes, I really think you are quite a shrewd fellow Lochinvar. We have been having rather a lively time in this column since you wrote last, but don't you remember you wanted it brightened up! and I think it has brightened a good deal.

Me-Ow, St. John.—How very suggestive Me-Ow, and if you are not a pussy cat, my friend, would you mind telling me whether you are a boy or girl, because I am cannot find out from your letter? I am grateful for your kind wishes for the new year, and may you enjoy all the blessings you so kindly call down upon me.

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Enemies to Music. The liturgy of the Church of England and the cathedral service were abolished in 1643; the church-books were destroyed, the organs taken down, and the organists and singers belonging to the churches turned of their places.

Man's Rest in Man. A young man residing at a Cass avenue boarding house came in 6 o'clock p. m., just in time to meet a man at the head of the stairs with a pile of men's clothing in his arms.

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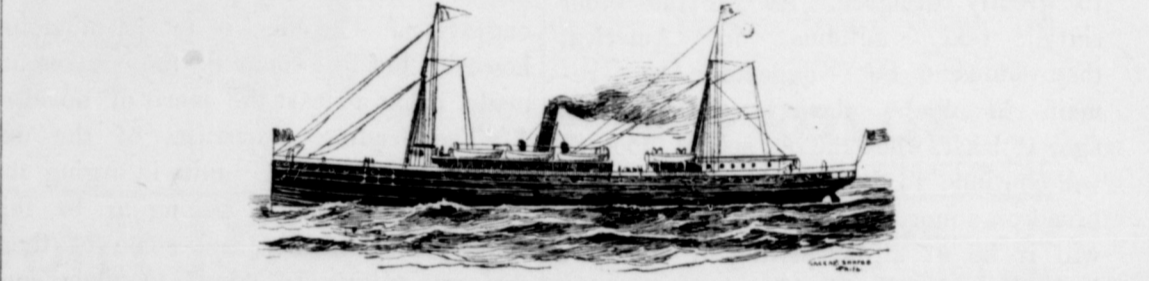
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