

IN MUSICAL CIRCLES.

I wrote a polite note to all of the choir leaders the first of this week requesting each to be kind enough to give me a list of the Christmas music in preparation for their churches on that day.

AT THE CATHEDRAL.

Grand High Mass will be celebrated at 11 o'clock, at which the choir will sing "Firmus Mass," preceded by the anthem "Hec De Natus," by Diabelli.

Trinity Church—Services for Christmas Day. 8 a. m. Holy Communion. (Full choral.)

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Merchant of Venice," adopted to the ideas of Mr. Richard Mansfield who as Shylock rather made it difficult for the critics.

At the Park, Venus begins to wane and the planet will soon cease to shine upon us here much to the regret of many who have admired Miss D'Arville's clever and conscientious work in the piece.

Another attraction which has held the boards for some time is drawing to a close. The Black Crook at the Boston is to be off at the end of the month and on the first day of the New Year Joe Jefferson as Rip Van Winkle will drink to "you and your family and may you live long and prosper."

The Museum has given us a season of good plays and good actors recently—Louis and Frederic Waide have been seen in Julius Caesar, Francesco di Rimini and Damon and Pythias, all of which sterling pieces have been favorably received.

Away down at the pretty little Bowdoin square theatre, melo-drama is King and this week a nihilistic, anarchistic, to-Hades-with-the-Czar play called "In Darkest Russia," has captivated representative audiences and will continue to do so for the rest of the year.

Is it not too bad to have to face the more than probability that Rosina Vokes will not act again. She has closed her season and gone back to England, from where she will have to seek a salubrious climate.

The great event of the season draws on apace—Henry Irving will make his appearance as Becket in Tennyson's play of that name, at the Tremont theatre on January 1st. He will be here for four weeks and in that time will be seen in Becket, Henry VIII, The Bells, Louis XI, Lyons Mail, and perhaps some others.

Christmas day will be celebrated at the Tremont Theatre by the appearance of the great French artists Jean Coquelin and Jane Hading, who will be seen all of next week in a round of plays with a change of bill every night.

Hanon's magnificent production of Superba follows Mansfield at the Globe Theatre. Alexander Salvini will soon be seen here at the Grand Opera House. He has a new play called Famar.

Sol Smith Russell has the ambition to be Joseph Jefferson's successor in the old comedies, but the King still lives. Harry Hotto, who is in the cast of The Prodigal Father now playing at the Museum, is well and favorably known in St. John.

Bridegroom (at the end of the wedding). "Well, I am glad it is all over." Married Friend—"All over? Great Scott, man! You have only just commenced!"

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Yes," said a music publisher, "some vocalists do sing certain songs because they are paid to do so by the publishers."

"It is the custom very widespread?" "It is, and it is not. I mean that among our best singers very little is known of it, but in lower circles the custom is general."

Those who really love music for itself select songs which they admire and to which they can do justice, and they would feel grossly insulted if a publisher were to offer to pay them for advertising an indifferent song in which he had a pecuniary interest.

But the system of paying vocalists to advertise compositions is a bad one, and in the interests of the public and of art, ought to be abolished.

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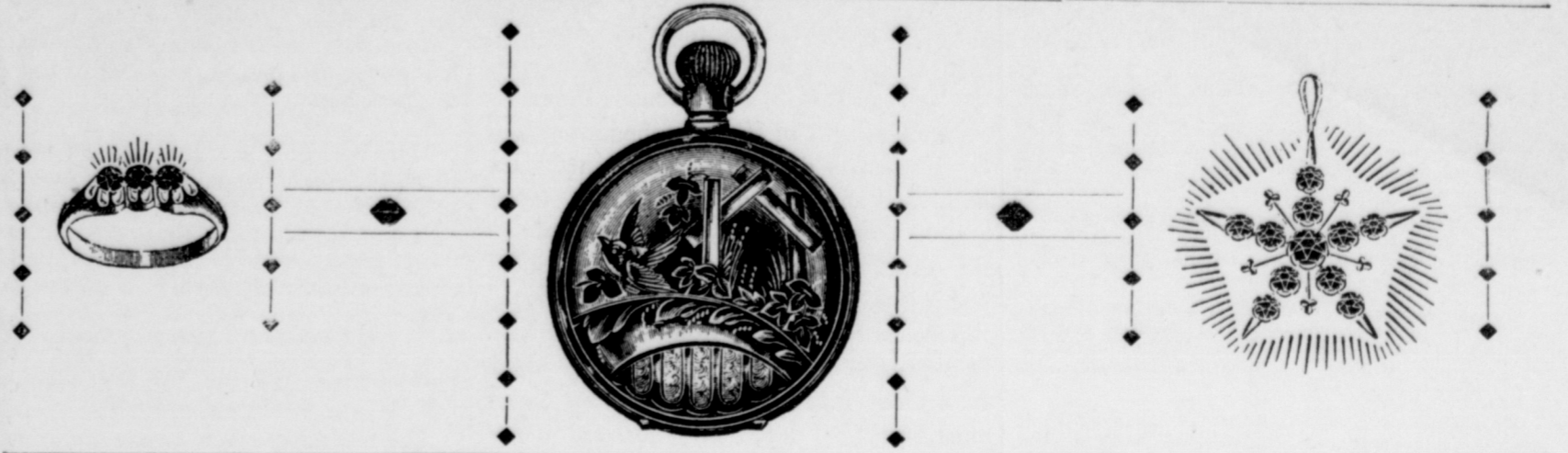
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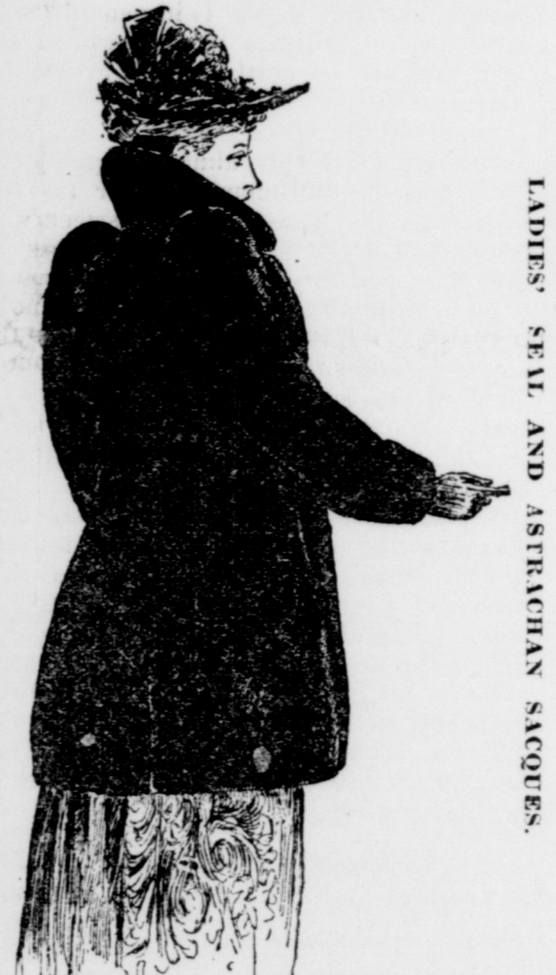
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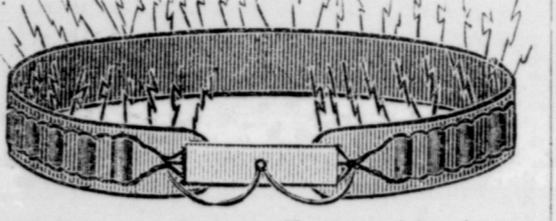
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