TALK OF THE THEATRE.

That 'Pinafore' is the favorite opera in America, of Gilbert Sullivan's composition seems to be a well established fact. The St. John Amateur Minstrel Club assisted by a number of their lady triends have been rehearsing this popular opera and intend presenting it to the public on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week at the Opera House. The people can without doubt look forward to three excellent performances of 'Pinafore' and as a great many of the young generation have never seen it they should embrace this opportunity of seeing one of the most musical and interesting operas of the present day. The cast contains some of the best soloists in the city, and the chorus is large and well trained. The club will have the assistance of their own orchestra; while the scenery and costumes are new and specially prepared for these entertainments.

The opening recital of the St. John conservatory of music. Elocution, will be held in the usual place,—the Market Building-on Saturday afternoon, October 7th at 3 P. M. The object of these Recitals is to give the pupils, self-possession in appearing before an audience, also, that the puplic may have some idea of the work, done in this school. The opening Recital, however will be given chiefly by the teachers. The Physical Culture class is filling This Class is free to the pupils of the conservatory—but outsiders may join for a small tuition. The Class in Literature will be so conducted, that those attending are not obliged to study outside, at the same time a course of Reading will be laid out, which those who have time may follow. Those wishing to join the French or Grammar classes can make arrangements with the Teacher of the Language department on Wednesday afternoon from 2 to 3.

Talk of the Boston Playhouses.

To the regular theatre goer in this good city the fact is borne into his mind that Boston must be a good town for amusement enterprises, and such is indeed the case. There are nine first class theatres, several of a cheaper character, and besides these the regular symphony concerts will soon begin, not to speak of the numerous lecture and concert courses which will soon begin their winter career. One would not think there were any scarcity of either the white or the yellow metal to see the crowds that visit the several places of entertainment, nor would fancy that the times were so hard or business in such a depressed condition if one were to take as a guide the patronage of the theatres. My own idea is that in the larger cities depression in business does not mean smaller attendance at the theatres, but rather the contrary, as the people seek amusement as an aid to forget the miseries of the work-a-day world, and drown their business sorrows in the cup of laughter, which is certainly better than disposing of them in that cup against which our temperance friends ful-

I rather like to begin my scattering remarks with a reference to the Grand Opera House, as that is the farthest up town theatre, and from there one can follow the long line down, until the journey is finished at the Bowdoin Square. At this house we have had several more or less good attractions chiefly of the melodramatic school, but this week has seen the return of the stock company of the house, in an elaborate revival of Rosedale. It has been beautifully mounted and the company playing it is a fine one with Joseph Haworth as Eliot Grey, and Sadie Martinot as Rosa Leigh. The piece will be seen all of next week and the company will then go on the New England circuit with it.

At the Columbia a very pretty Irish play called Glen-da-Lough hus been playing and will be seen until Pauline Hall comes with her new opera, The Honeymooners, Oct. 23rd. One of the most fetching bits of the piece now playing is the singing by Mr. Murray-the star-of Kathleen Mavourneen during which the orchestra is conducted by the venerable composer of the song, Mr. Crouch.

Hollis street theatre has had a three weeks' run of De Kevens pretty opera, The He fairly trembled with emotion. He for-Fencing Master, with Laura Mapleson in got all my careful directions, and acted his that I was worse than useless to my triends. the title role, and this week has been the first of the annual engagement of the Ly is sufficient to him. I came near torgetting stabs in my chin when trying to put my ceum company of New York, who have myself in the admiration I felt for my lover, fork to my mouth. It was only occasiongiven a new play called Americans Abroad, my boy lover. The death scene came, and ally that I could move around at all, and written for the company by Sardou and it has of course been a great success. During this engagement we will see the com- bowed himself in anguish on the back of family could not understand what I was pany in their well known plays, The Idler, my low couch. There was no time to saying. My whole nervous system seemed move, to speak, or change a word or a undermined, and I abandoned all hope of The Charity Ball and others. Marie Tempest follows them Oct. 16th in her new at him. His stricken attitude was pitiful. Last fall I was induced to try Dr. Williams'

The Tremont has for its current attraction an actor whom all Boston delights to honor, and who is well worthy of all the the Empress Frederick, whose imperious vous system seems fully restored. There praise bestowed upon him, Mr. E. S. Willard. He has completed two weeks of his engagement during which he has been She resented the fact that one younger than been able to procure this wonderful remedy seen in Wealth, The Middleman, and The herself should be treated with greater re-Professor's Love Story. There yet remains spect, and, without a doubt, that was the would never have been where I was. The Judah and John Needham's Double after which he is to give Boston the benefit of custom for the guard to salute him, and dreds of my friends and neighbors, or by Judah and John Needham's Double after his first appearance in this country of the attendants in order, to warn the men any member of my own family."

part remains to be seen but it is certainly safe to say the rendition will be scholarly painstaking and correct and persumably I feel that it will rank among the great Hamlets.

The Globe Theatre has given us Palmer's Company with Julia Arthur, Maurice Barrymore, Frederic Robinson and the rest in Oscar Wilde's last season's success, Lady Windermere's Fan, and the hit of last year has been repeated. This piece, to my mind, is one of the best of recent years and will prove a drawing card tor some time. Of course it needs to be presented by a finished company of players, but in the hands of the members of Palmer's company there is no danger of any of the work being slighted. The Park Theatre and the big Boston have got pieces that are in for a run. At the former house Venus is the attraction, and a strong one it is, and seems to have settled down for a whole season. There are some very clever people in the cast led by pretty Camille D'Arville, whose bright face, beautiful figure and splendid voice are seen and heard to advantage. Venus is one of the prettiest things of its kind I have seen for some time. The Black Crook is the attraction at the Boston and will remain so until Christmas. Be it spoken softly but the great show is very much over-rated and does not compare with other spectacular productions of recent years at this and

Down at the museum they are trying to make a hit and a run for Prince Pro Tem but I doubt if they succeed-the piece is by Barnett, the author of 1492, but it is nothing like as good and will not be the success its predecessor was—the whole piece strikes me as draggy, the chorns is small and with few exceptions the principals are but medium already something to tollow this piece Wilson in On Probation or the French piece L Enfant Prodifine, now playing in New York I do not know.

Bowdoin Square has seen a number of plays so far this season all of which have a poem of world-wide tame, brought her played for one week each, this system be- only five dollars. ing the policy of the management.

This week the clown comedian Bobby Gaylor has been seen in Sport McAllister and has done good business and next week will come the specialty Company of which the incomparable Lottie Collins is the particular star.

Times are evidently not hard on the Pacific Coast, for rumor has it that Henry Irving and his manager divided \$70,000 between them, as the profits on the San Francisco engagement.

Joseph Jefferson will begin his season in The Coquelin-Hading company play at

the Tremont theatre during Christmas Minnie Maddern, wife of the editor of

Dramatic Mirror, will be seen here soon in a play written by her husband Harrison And still the Hamlets come, Alexander Salvini is studying the part for early pres-

entation in New York. In my opinion, he is too melo-dramatic an actor to make a great success of the "Prince of Denmark." America, the reigning Chicago sensatfon will be seen in Boston before long. Oscar Wilde will be in New York about

Nov. 1st. He will assist Rose Coughlan in her production of his play, "A Woman ot no Importance." DeWolfe Hopper will be seen at the Globe Theatre very soon in his new piece,

PROSCENIUM. 'Panjamdrum." ANECDOTES OF NOTABLE WOMEN.

Mrs. Lander and Edwin Booth-Pranks of the Empress Frederick's Girlhood.

Personal anecdotes are always interesting, and here is a batch which is especially so. One is told of Mrs. Gen. Lander of Washington, one of the most original and attractive women of the capital.

Formerly Mrs. Lander was an actress, known as Jean Devenport, and once, when playing Camille in California, she was supported by Edward Booth in the role of Armand. Booth had not reached the age of 21 years at the time, and Mrs. Lander was somewhat annoyed that she was obliged to Toledo, on which we had a comfortable have so young a "leading man." Her an- home, and I owed not a dollar to any one. noyance, however, disappeared the first I continued to doctor with specialists and evening they played in public.

Booth had proved keen and bright, anxi-

ous to learn and to please the star actress, At rehearsal he said

the death scene "Be sure to kneel before me, so that I

can look down upon you," was the reply. The story of the performance should be told in Mrs. Lander's own words;

of all, played with the very soul of genius. part with the self-forgetfulness and abandon I was unable to feed myself as my head and of an old actor whose intuitive knowledge hands shook so that I have frequently left Armand was missing. I looked hastily be- then only with the aid of crutches. I lost hind me, and there, instead of kneeling at almost entire control of my power of speech my teet, with his head before me, he had and got so bad that members of my own position. I simply turned so I could look ever again being of any use to my family. pest follows them Oct. 16th in her new opera The Algerians, which has been favorably commented upon by the press orably commented upon by the press trayed. I was carried out of myself. I was carried out of myself. I was steadily improved until to day I trayed. I was carried out of myself. I was steadily improved until to day I am able to take my place with other men on the farm, and while my hand shakes a and the house rose with applause. He on the farm, and while my hand shakes a

> from real pity and pain. Two other interesting stories are about disposition is well known. When the Em- is not the slightest doubt that these results press was a child she was not a little jeal- are entirely due to the use of Dr. Williams' ous of her brother the Prince of Wales. Pink Pills, and I am confident that had case with the heir apparant. Whenever absolute truthfulness of the facts as I have

Hamlet. How he will succeed in this great | that the prince was coming, would give a

peculiar stamp of their feet.

upon there astonished eyes. Another anecdote of the small girl is quite as characteristic. The royal children gist, and interrogated him in reference to were attended in illness by old Dr. Brown | the case. Mr. Smith said that he knew of Windsor. Probably on account of the of Mr. Robson's ailment and that he had unpalatable doses he gave them the doctor suffered for years as stated, and he had no was not popular with the little Princes and | doubt that it was Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Princesses. They accordingly took great | that cured him. "Pink Pills," said Mr. delight in calling him "Brown," to the utter ignoring of his title and also the great indignation of their royal mamma. The Queen took them apart on one of these occasions and said that the next one who offended in that way should be despatched to bed. Dr. Brown came soon again. The She also knew that her mother had meant | tired feeling arising therefrom, the after what she said. It had no deterring effect. effects of la grippe, influenza and severe She walked into the room and promptly colds, diseases depending on humors in remarked: "Good morning, Brown; good the blood, such as scrofula, chronic erysipe-evening, Brown. I am going to bed." And las, etc. Pink Pills give a healthy glow to Of another variety is the following story

about Julia Ward Howe. One day, when her daughter Laura was only two years ofd, Mrs Howe happened to step into the nursery-the room was in the fourth storywhere she had left the baby in care of the nurse. The nurse had disappeared. The baby was discovered by her horrified mother rolling about on the broad window sill, and the window was wide open. Only a few inches were between the child and the edge of the sill, and then—the street, fifty feet below. Mrs. Howe stepped back out for Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale ot sight, and called gently: "Laura, come here, dear; come to me. I have something stitutes.

in literary work, and while she was, first of all, a wife, mother, and homemaker, she became a thorough scholar as well. She reads in half a dozen languages, and is talked of, but whether it will be Geo. Wilson in On Probation or the French piece philosophers and metaphysicians She is a slow writer. Ten years were spent on her volume of "Later Lyrics." "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," which has become

A LEAMINGTON MIRACLE.

Mr. Joseph Robson, a Well-Known Farmer is Restored to Health and Strength After Nine Years of Terrible Suffering-All! Hope of Recovery had been Abandoned; and he Looked upon life as a Burden. (From The Leamington Post)

Mr Joseph Robson, whose home is on the first concession of Mersea township. about a mile from Lemington is known to almost every resident of this section. For years past Mr. Robson has been a victim of paralysis in its worst form, and his case was regarded as hopeless not only by himself and his friends but by the doc-

tors who had attended him To one who knew Mr. Robson's pitiable condition as we did, it was with no small degree of surprise and pleasure that we recently saw him drive through town sitting quite erect on a cross board in a lumber waggon, and controlling a lively team of horses. Hailing him we asked what miracle had brought about this changed condition, and asked if he had any objection to the publication of the facts connected with his case. Replying he said he would indeed be a mean man it he rerefused to let the public know how his wonderful recovery had been brought about. Mr Robson then told the story of

his illness and recovery about as tollows .-"About ten years ago, while living in the state of Ohio, I was taken down with an attack of typhoid fever, and for three months hung between life and death in a perfectly unconscious condition. Recovering from this I ventured out to work too soon, the result being that I was taken down with a severe cold. During the first stages of my trouble I was able to move about with some difficulty, but the disease gradually fastened its hold on me and I found one sense after another becoming paralyzed. At this time my prospects in life were by no means discouraging. I owned a magnificent farm not far from experts from all parts of the States, each of whom promised to cure me of the disease, which they said was paralysis, but in every case they left me as bad and sometimes "Miss Davenport, how shall I kneel in worse than they found me persistently, and certainly worse financially. After suffering in this manner for two years my family concluded that a change of climate might do me good, and so we removed to Canada, settling where we now reside. This hope, "The evening came. The Opera House however, proved a delusion, and each year was packed. My boy, to the astonishment found me worse and if possible added to my misery. Life itself became a burden to me and I knew lifted his face to mine and I moaned aloud | trifle, I am able to do a good day's work every day in the week. I am now able to walk a considerable distance, and my ner-

when I was first taken with the disease, I

As to much of the evidence contained in Mr. Robson's statement, the writer can him-This was not lost en the observing young | self bear evidence. His speech, which one Princesss, and one day, when she was go- year ago could scarcely be understood, is ing out for a walk, just before she came in now perfectly distinct; his head then sight of the guards, she paused and gave dropped on his chest, whereas now it is the regular heir-apparent stamp. Sure held quite firm and erect; then he could not enough the soldiers presented arms just as walk across a room without holding to a the small but delighted Princess dawned chair or table, while now he can walk without difficulty.

Smith, "have a remarkable sale, which seems due to their remarkable efficacy in curing diseases arising from an impoverished condition of the blood, or an impairment of the nervous system, such rheumatism, neuralgia, partial paralysis, locomotor ataxia, St. Vitus dance, nervous little Princess Royal knew he was coming. | headache, nervous prostration and the to bed she went before anyone had a chance pale and sallow complexions, and are a specific for the troubles peculiar to the temale system, and in the case of men they effect a radical cure in all cases arising from mental worry, over work or excesses of any nature.

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to show you," A moment's agonized pause followed, and then she heard the little feet patter on the floor, and in another instant patter of the floor, and in another instant on the floor, and in another instant on the floor, and in another instant of the floor of the f Later years found Mrs. Howe engaged box, or six boxes for \$2.50. The price at which these pills are sold makes a course of treatment comparatively inexpensive as compared with other remedies or medical

> treatment. Glorious Summer of the Son of York.

The Duke and Duchess of York have been taking a second little honeymoon at Received at Sandringham, says an exchange. Probably Prince George has no ambition to be an arbiter of feminine tashion, but he is likely to become one if a certain story be true. According to this report, he told the Princess that he was much averse to the puffed sleeve of the present style, and Princess May, like a dutiful bride, at once forswore the fashion. Her many admirers will be only too ready to follow suit, and the honeymoon may thus appear as a regulator of tides in the affairs of women.

The Fisher Case.

STAYNER, Oct. 2. Everyone in this section knows Valentine Fisher, of Collingwood, and nearly everyone knows that, for years, he was deformed and crippled by sciatica, and endured unspeakable suffering. The account of his complete restoration to health by means of Dodd's kidney pills, recently published in the Collingwood Bulletin, were read here with intense inresult of the publication of Mr. Fisher's ments are offered to intending Electrical Engineers. certain death, and at an early day. As a story, many in this vicinity have used Dodd's kidney pills, and always with the best results. People are awakening to the fact that diseased kidneys, in many cases, are the cause of sufferings which are ascribed as dropsy, rheumatism, sciatica and other

Wants Him for a Brother-in-Law. Baxter .- " no, old man, I shall never marry. I intend to remain a bachelor." Bixby .- "Then you must let me introduce you to my sister. She says that she

is determined to be an old maid. Heard on an Ocean Greyhound. Sandford. - "I wonder whether the stokers down in the boiler-room ever get

Merton.-"I guess they do. I have frequently seen them throwing up coal."



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