

TALK OF THE THEATRE.

Price Webber announces that he is coming in the line of a Christmas gift—coming to please his old friends and patrons by a series of performances in the Mechanics' institute. I have often spoken of Webber as a favorite of the people—a favorite of the people not only in this town but in every town and village in the maritime provinces. I know of this from the many kind and flattering reports that come from the numerous correspondents of this paper and if the reports that appear in the New England press when the Boston Comedy Company shows there can be taken as an evidence of its popularity then Price Webber and his associates are no less welcome there.

To say that we will all be pleased to greet him and his company is only the truth, and the welcome will be all the warmer, since this is the first time he has visited us since the unfortunate incident that destroyed all his theatrical property in the burning opera house at Truro. Good houses and many of them is the worst luck I wish him.

St. John is not a good city for piano recitals or anything of that sort and I often wonder why in the face of so many financial failures for ventures of this kind that artists will continue to try and fight prejudice that does exist though it should not. Artistic performances please but, too frequently, do not pay. Even under the management of a popular organization, and skilful management at that, I have seen the financial sheet of a splendid performance balance on the wrong side. This is discouraging to local talent and yet the number of people in the city who really enjoy a good performance is not large enough to permit many of them to be absent in order that there may be even a fair attendance. Any counter attraction of a social or other nature, or unfavorable weather is fatal to the success of such an entertainment and the people who have the pluck to undertake such a venture generally wish that they had listened to the pessimist who predicted what might happen.

These remarks may not have any application this week but—perhaps they have. Some time ago a quartette that had created quite a furore in musical circles in the Eastern states contemplated extending their success to these provinces and they wrote me asking what the chances were and if I would kindly recommend a route and tell them incidentally what kind of houses they might look for. I wrote them and they did not come. Their bank account is larger today on that account. The same advice was extended to an opera company that contemplated a maritime tour—but they came, and when they reached this city, after playing in three provincial towns, were \$500 behind. How much more went into the hole, I cannot tell. Such facts as these are discouraging.

Still the A. A. club cleared between \$100 and \$200 on Tessier!

His Audience.

A pretty story, which has, moreover, the merit of being true, is told of a certain professional singer. He had a beautiful tenor voice, of which he was apt to take the best of care, so that when he was crossing the Atlantic one summer with a party of friends they were not surprised to find that he disappeared from view every evening at just about the same time.

"Afraid of the cold air," said one, with a slight smile. "Afraid we'll ask him to sing, probably," said another; but no one questioned him, as he was known to be quite immovable from his own way.

But when the last night on board came, a delegation descended to his state-room to beg for a song or two, and discovered that he was not there. They looked for him in vain, until at last the captain, who had evidently kept the secret as long as he could, said, pointing in the direction of the engine-room.

"I think you'll find him down there; that's where he goes every evening."

Sure enough, when the delegation arrived at the engine-room, they heard the sound of a guitar and a voice, and there, lolling against the wall, was the recreant tenor, singing his best for the delight of the stokers, whom he had entertained in this way for more than an hour every evening during the voyage.

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THE GRIPPE EPIDEMIC.

A SCOURGE MORE TO BE DREADED THAN CHOLERA.

Medical Science Powerless to Prevent its Spread—It is again Sweeping Over Canada With Great Severity—How its Evil Effects Can Best be Counteracted—Only Prompt Measures Can Ensure Safety.

It is stated on high medical authority that an epidemic of the grippe is more to be feared than an outbreak of cholera. The latter disease can be controlled, and where sanitary precautions are observed the danger can be reduced to the minimum. But not so with the grippe. Medical science has not yet fathomed its mysteries, and is powerless to prevent its spread. Three years ago an epidemic of the grippe swept over this country, leaving death and shattered constitutions in its wake, and now once more it has appeared in epidemic form; not so severe, perhaps, as on the former occasion, but with sufficient violence to cause grave alarm, and to warn the prudent to take prompt measures to resist its inroads.

When, a few months ago, it was announced that cholera had broken out in Grimby, one of England's important seaports, it was feared that it would reach this continent, yet this once dreaded scourge was checked and exterminated with a loss of not more than half a dozen lives. That the grippe is more to be dreaded than cholera is shown by the fact that in London last week upwards of an hundred deaths were due to this trouble, and medical science is powerless to prevent its spread, and can do nothing more than relieve those stricken with the disease. At the present moment thousands of Canadians are suffering from the grippe and the misery it is causing would be difficult to estimate. Even when the immediate symptoms of the disease disappear it too frequently leaves even the most robust constitution shattered. The after effects of the grippe are perhaps more dangerous than the disease itself, and assume many forms, such as extreme nervousness, distressing headaches, pains in the back, loss of appetite, depression of spirits, sickness of breath on slight exertion, swelling of the limbs, an indisposition to exertion, a feeling of constant tiredness, partial paralysis and many other distressing symptoms.

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Mr. George Rose, Rodnerville, Ont., says:—"I am well to-day and do not hesitate giving Dr. Williams' Pink Pills the credit of saving my life. I had three attacks of the grippe and was so reduced in flesh and strength I could hardly stand alone. I had no appetite. I could not sleep because my legs and feet became badly swollen and cramped. The pain was at times so violent that I could not refrain from screaming, and I would tumble about in bed and long for day to come. If I attempted to get up and walk I was apt to fall from dizziness. I took medicine from the doctor, but it did not help me, and I was so discouraged I did not think I could live more than a few months, when one day I read in the paper of the cure of a man whose symptoms were like mine. I sent for a box of Pink Pills, and by the time it was gone there was an improvement. I continued the use of the pills, found that I could now get a good night's sleep, and the cramps and pains which had formerly made my life miserable, had disappeared, and I felt better than I had for four years. I know that it was Pink Pills that brought about the change, because I was taking nothing else. I have taken in all seven boxes, and I feel as good now as I did at forty years of age."

Capt. James McKay, Tiverton, N. S., says:—"I had a grippe about three years ago and that tied me up pretty well. I wasn't fit to take charge of a ship, so sailed south as far as Milk River, Jamaica, as nurse for an invalid gentleman. The weather was simply melting, and I used to lie on the deck at night, and in my weakened condition got some sort of fever. When I reached home I was completely used up and continued to get worse until I could hardly move about. At times my limbs would become numb with a tingling sensation as though a thousand needles were being stuck into me. Then my eyesight began to fail. It was difficult for me to distinguish persons at a distance. My face became swollen and drawn, and my eyes almost closed. The doctors could do nothing for me. I suffered terribly, was only a burden to my friends and actually longed for death, which all thought was in store for me. At this time the statement of a man down in Cape Breton came to my notice. He attributed his cure to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I thought there might be a chance for me. I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and soon found that they were helping me, and my continued use put me on my feet again, and I went to work after a month of enforced idleness, to the great astonishment of my acquaintances, who never expected to see me around again. I feel it my duty to advise the use of Pink Pills by people who are run down or suffer from the effects of any chronic ailment. They saved my life and you may be sure I am grateful."

John W. Bothe, Newcomb Mills, Ont., says:—"Words cannot express the gratitude I feel for the great good I have received from the use of your Pink Pills. I had my full share of the grippe and it left me in a weak and debilitated condition. My nerves were strung and I was unable to hold anything, such as a saucer of tea in my hands without spilling it. I had terrible pains in my head and stomach, and although I consulted a good physician I derived no benefit. I made up my mind to use your Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and I now look upon the decision as an inspiration, so great is the benefit I have derived from the use of this marvellous remedy. My pains have vanished, my nerves are strengthened, and I am feeling better than I have done before in years."

Mr. W. A. Marshall, principal of the Clementsport, N. S., Academy, says:—"I had a bad attack of the grippe, which left me weak, nervous and badly used up. I suffered almost continually with terrible headaches, backache and pains through the body. I tried many remedies without

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Mr. B. Croner, Warkworth, Ont., brother of Rev. Darius Croner, who some years ago represented East Northumberland in the House of Commons, says:—"Two years ago I had an attack of the grippe which nearly cost me my life. My legs and feet were continually cold and cramped, and I could get little or no sleep at night, and you can understand what a burden life was to me. One day I read of a remarkable cure by the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and I made up my mind to give them a trial. When I began using the Pink Pills there was such a numbness in my feet that I could not feel the floor when I stepped on it.

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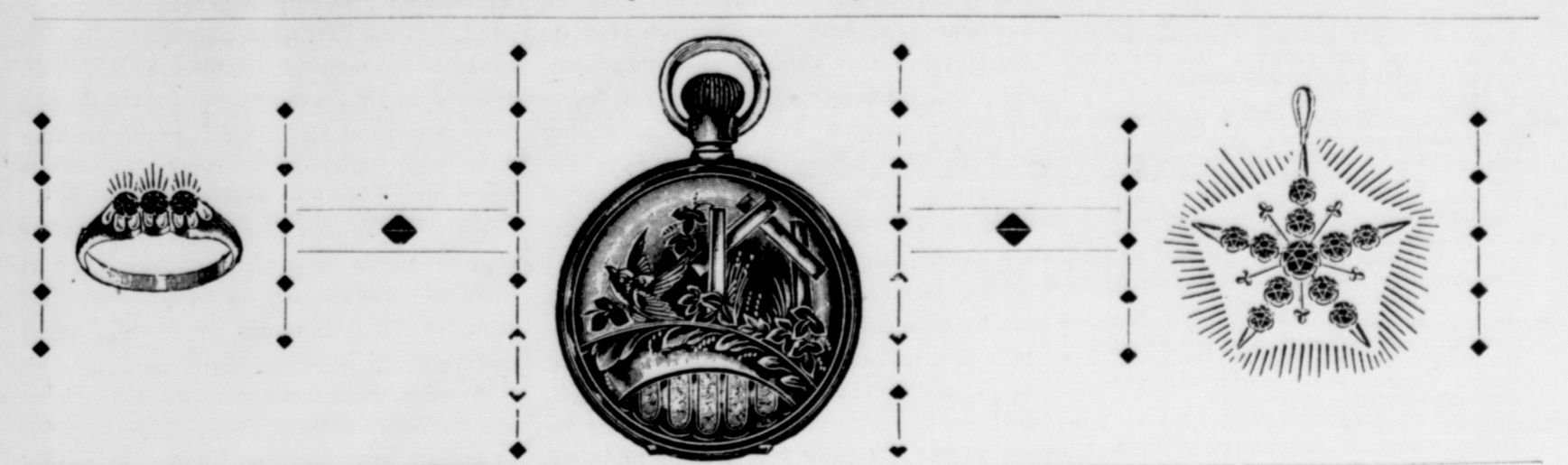
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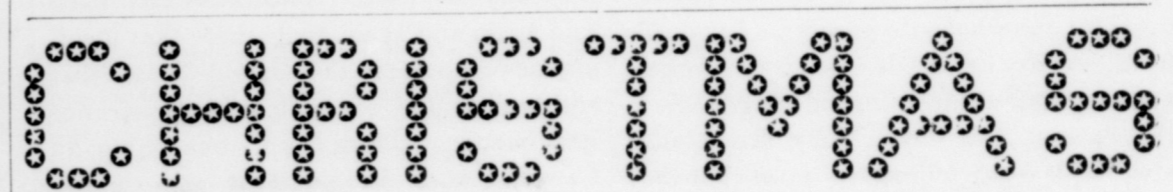
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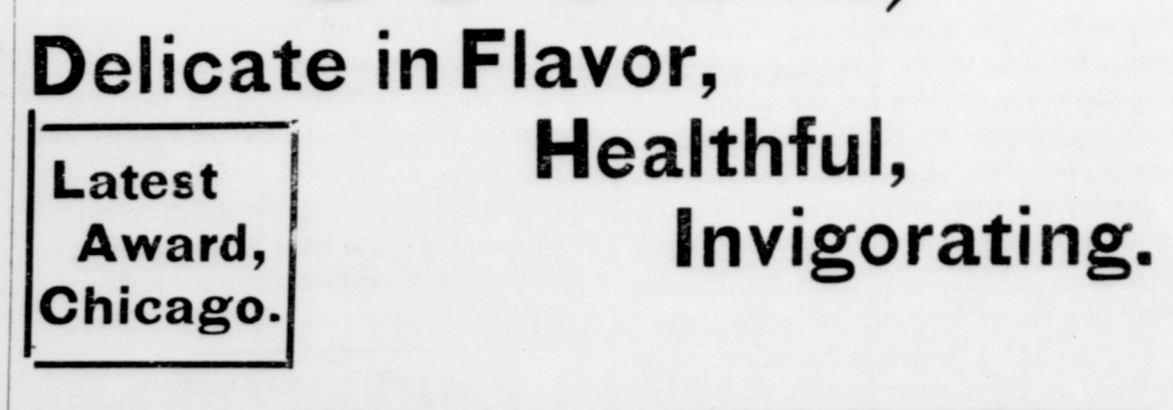
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