

Musical and Dramatic

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In 1862 these instruments obtained the first prize in London and thereafter were in great demand. The late William Steinway was ill only three weeks. Typhoid fever was the cause of his death.

The Handel and Haydn society of Boston, during the present season, which is its eighty second, will give four Oratorio concerts. There will be 'The Messiah' on 20th and 24th of December, on February 7th 'Elijah' will be sung, and on 18 April next 'Hora Novissima' will be given.

who was discovered by Daniel Frohman when he was in England last summer. Thomas Q. Seabrooke goes out again with 'The Speculator.'

A negro who had purchased a ticket for a seat in a Chicago theatre and who was ejected because of his color, has recently obtained a verdict of \$1500 against the manager.

Lilah McCarthy in 'The Sign of the Cross' it is said, wears a white gown which is a particularly successful adaptation of antique draperies to practical and aesthetic stage use. The inappropriate trailing garments of actresses in plays demanding antique costume have only lately been abandoned. Kate Forsythe used to play Parthenia in 'Ingomar the Barbarian' in a square necked gown with a long train and wore a diamond necklace.

Corona Riccardo, the black haired Cyprian in 'The Sign of the Cross' was a student of the Empire school of acting two years ago and became a member of Wilson Barrett's company at the time. She has distinguished herself in a play of Mexican life.

Prior to Julia Marlowe's marriage she had made a contract to play at a Philadelphia theatre the next season. When the time came she billed herself as Julia Marlowe-Taber. The engagement being unprofitable, the manager ascribed it to the actress's use of her new name. He began a suit for damages and a decision was recently rendered against him.

The wedding of Mr. E. H. Sothern to Miss Virginia Harned, the original 'Tribby' will take place early next May and they will pass their honeymoon in the Tropics.

IT'S A BAD FEELING.

So says I Man Who Had the Hope on His Neck

In the Maryland House of Correction is a convict who, 25 years ago, escaped hanging by two minutes. This man is William Harvey Johnson, known familiarly as 'Bull.' He is 49 years old, and weighs 235 pounds. Born in Harrisonburg, Va., he was taken by his mother to Martinsburg, in 1865. There he found employment on the canal boats, and gradually worked down to the bay. In 1871 he became involved in a quarrel with one of the crew named Josiah Garrison, and shot him to death. He was convicted and sentenced to death. The day for his execution came; he was led to the scaffold, his head was hooded, the rope was placed around his neck and Sheriff George Parsons turned to spring the trap.

'How did you feel, Johnson?' he was asked.

'Well, it was a bad feeling. I tell you, he replied. 'There I was, expecting to feel things give way with me at any minute. And if it had been one of these here patent fallowes I would have gone sure. But, you see, the sheriff had to go down a winding staircase, and before he reached the bottom my reprieve came. That night they took me to Baltimore on the steamer Helen, and I ate a dozen spring chickens. I hadn't been hungry for a week before that.'

The Governor had commuted the death sentence to imprisonment for 18 years, and Johnson spent 16 of them in the penitentiary, gaining time for good behavior. His reputation for eating followed him there. One of the directors of the institution asked him how many pies he could eat at once.

'You mean these here peach pies Well, about 12, I reckon,' was his reply. 'Will, you let us give you 12 lashes if you cannot?' was asked him.

'Yes, sir. Just bring on the pies.' They were brought. He quickly disposed of nine. Then he was served with a dried-apple pie, and persuaded to take a drink of water. After that he managed to stow away the 11th pie. He looked at the 12th sadly, bared his back and said:— 'I'm ready, sir. You fooled me; but I'm willing to take the licking.'

That is the story he tells with a great

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deal of gusto. He has served three years before in the House of Correction for larceny, but he is able to make a good living by working in winter, and working in the brickyards at other jobs in summer. He was committed 13 months ago for 18 months on charge of stealing an umbrella in Anne Arundel County. He says that he paid 15 cents for it, and that the man who arrested him carried him before a magistrate where he could not get witnesses to prove his innocence.

STATISTICS OF THE UNEMPLOYED.

Five Per Cent of the Working Population Idle Continually.

Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of labor, in charge of the eleventh census, has sent to the secretary of the interior a special report on the statistics of occupations. It shows for the first time in census work the number of colored persons engaged in each occupation separate and distinct from the native and foreign white elements of the population, and other hitherto uncompiled figures. The most interesting feature of the report relates to the question of the unemployed. Similar data relative to the unemployed were collected at the census of 1880, but were not compiled, so that this is the first time in the federal census that information of this character has been presented in connection with the statistics of occupations, derived from answers made on the population schedule. These figures simply show the aggregate number of persons unemployed for different lengths of time, and to a very considerable extent, probably, at different times during the census year.

There were 22,735,661 persons ten years of age and over engaged in gainful occupations in 1890, of whom 18,821,000 were males and 3,814,471 females. Of these, 3,013,117 males and 510,613 females, or a total of 2,523,730 persons, were unemployed at their principal occupations during some part of the census year ending May 31, 1890.

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