

IN CHICAGO--THE PLAYS

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UST now Chicago is experiencing the fate that all American cities are going through—a terrible lull, a depression in trade, and a dullness in all lines of business, that is, to say the least, most uncomfortable to the masses.

But all this talk of Chicago being the dullest place in America is sheer nonsense. Chicago, today, notwithstanding the hard times and the great strain of the world's fair, is fully abreast with the largest cities in the country.



THE PEERLESS CORINNE.

like all great cities, has a great speculative element, but one thing that can be said in her favor is that for a western city she takes but little stock in wild-cat schemes and investments.

Chicago has played her final engagement, the long run coming to an end at the Alhambra Saturday evening of last week.

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"There is being so much said in this country about hard times and the scarcity of money, and as everybody has a cause and knows a remedy, I thought I

LOST HIS WHISKERS

When Leonard Morris, of Chico, went into a French restaurant on Lakin street, near Grove, at 7 o'clock last night, he had lovely red whiskers a foot long and an appetite of which any man might be proud.

The man from Chico was at home in that department, and the fish and entrées stood no show with him whatever. He also called for a bottle of brandy, and spilled several "ponies" of the liquor among his luxuriant whiskers.

With a wild shriek he arose and started for the kitchen, passing between two rows of tables filled with startled feeders.

"For heaven's sake put me out, somebody!" yelled Mr. Morris, clawing wildly at his illuminated hair and whiskers.

A couple of waiters started in pursuit as the living holocaust turned the lower end of the dining room and took the back trail.

Morris was not seriously burned, but he was somewhat excited. After his wounds had been dressed he said: "Hereafter cold grub will do for me. I'm no salamander."

ON SLIPPERY PLACES.

And then she fell into his arms. But it wasn't in the last chapter of the novel.

It was in real life along the capital toboggan slide, park street, one day last week.

And she weighed a great deal more than the heroines in novels ever weigh and she was neither young nor beautiful.

And it was so entirely unexpected, for he was absorbed in picking his dangerous but dignified way up the icy stretch toward the state house and gave no heed to the avalanche that was sliding down upon him.

And then he was buried under it and two frantic arms were excitedly attached to his neck in what should have been a rapturous embrace.

She tottered to her feet and caught at the side of a building with what was meant to be a posture of haughty indignation, and, as impressively as a woman whose hat is crooked and whose back hair is falling down may deliver herself, she pronounced one freezing word: "Sir!"

The thermometers all over the city felt the depression in the atmosphere. He was occupied in feeling the depression in his new derby. He drew himself up with as much dignity as was compatible with the retention of his equilibrium, and with a pained accent in his voice he said:

"Madam, I assure you," and then he sat down on the pavement at her feet suddenly and impressively.

But she had discreetly unfurled the screen of her big umbrella and taken to the middle of the street, leaving him the cynosure of all the smiles in the vicinity.

And then he picked himself up and started toward the state house, saying things that immediately made the mercury rise to the top of Beacon Hill.—Boston Post.

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