THE CONDITION OF TRADE.

Local Money Market Continues Very Easy and Funds Accumulate.

FAIR DEMAND EXISTS FOR LOANS.

Not Much Change Reported in General Trade-Collections About the Same as for Two Weeks Past.

Mr. Hughes reports the clearings for the week as footing \$5.478,051.46, an increase of 62 3-16 per cent. Balances footed \$619.741.19. The local money market continues very easy and funds accummulate. Still there is a fair emand for money and bankers are better content with the situation than they expected to be. There has been something of a strin-gency at New York during the week, in fact noney has been tight, and on call rates ranged. In 5 to 15 per cent. This was due to speculative activity, a poor showing in the last bank statement and a falling off in the surplus reserve. Exchange is in fair request and

firm at the usual rate, \$1 per thousand, Stock speculation continues brisk and with fair crop prospects, increased earnings reported by the trunk lines and the inflation of the currency by the passage of the silver bill

fair crop prospects, increased earnings reported by the trunk lines and the inflation of the currency by the passage of the silver bill the buils seem to have the best of it. And were it not for the fear that the tariff monstrosity, known as the "McKinjey bill," may pass, the legitimate business interests of the country would make a much better showing than they do.

In general trade there is not much change to report. There is a fair movement of staples, but the markets lack life and are depressed throughout the country by the squabble over the tariff, and in this state additionally by the prohibition incubus.

Collections are about the same as for the last two weeks, fair to middling, but credit men report few outright failures occurring and say that the losses of the year are comparatively light, at the same time they intimate that until after the returns from the November elections are canvassed and declared credit will be made very cantiously in Nebraska.

Prices for staples are about steady, with rac declines to be noted in the line of froceries. Coffees are dull, the market tame and buyers ladifferent, the shorts have covered, and the buils are carrying the load in the secondary markets, assisted by holders at production points who claim that an netive market must come soon with higher prices. The Shipping List says of Brazil coffees; The cables received from Rio do not show any important change in the position of supplies. The receipts at both ports have been moderate, clearances lighter than usual, and stocks have increased a little, but are still comparatively small. Exchange has eased off 3d-1-023d, but mil reis quotations are unchanged. One house has sent forward a reduced estimates for the next crop, but the market paid scarcely any heed to this effort to arouse fresh interest. The market in both Rio and Santos is reported quiet, but values are maintained much vibove our panity. The local jobbing demand has been quite moderate, and dealers both here and in the large western distributing senters com

67%c, with a barely firmer market in view. The quotations for relined sugars when ex-peried less drawbacks are:

The local produce market has been moderately active and closed with receipts pretty well eleaned up. Receipts of strawberries per fair, but the great bulk was in poor order and not one-tenth of the orders from the country were filled. In fact most of the stock was soft and unit to ship at all. So that while the city trade got their supply at 32 to kiper case, choice stock fit for shipping was readily taken for near by points at \$3.75 to \$4.25 per case and distant points in Wyoning and Dakota got none. The prospects are fair for larger receipts next week and as ber-

ries are ripening at places farther north they will probably arrive in better condition and sell somewhat lower. Other fruits are unchanged, oranges, lemons, pineapples cherries and bananas being in fair supply at quotations. Vegetables are plentiful and lower. In the dairy market butter is dull and neglected. Country roll is selling in a retail way at 6%50, packers paying only 40 for best selections. Eggs are rather firm at 110 per dozen. Cheese is unchanged. Potatoes are fairly active at 2.6%50. Spring chickens are in good demand. extra large selling today (Saturday) at \$6.00 per dozen, and medium at \$5.00 to \$4.00. Old chickens are scarce and in active demand. Veal is in light receipt and demand brisk at \$6.00 per dozen, grades of butter in tubs during the warm mouths and better prices will be obtained.

OMAHA LIVE STOCK.

Eatlmated receipts of cattle, 1.100, compared with 559 yesterday and 2.844 Saturday of last week. The receipts during the week have been H.32, compared with 17.46 the week previous, a falling off of 3.352. The market opened slow with sales of beef cattle steady. A few sales were reported at a shade's advance. Nearly everything at all desirable changed hands before midday. The cow receipts all changed hands early at firm prices, many thinking the market a shade higher. The market may be quoted firm and fairly active. There was considerable inquiry for stockers and feeders. The demand and light receipts made the market seem active. Everything in those lines sold readily at firm prices. Buils remain steady and caives unchanged.

Estimated receipts of hogs 2.600, compared with 3,427 yesterday and 4.114 Saturday of last week. The receipts during the week have been 23,271, compared with 22,032 the previous week, a decline of 1.237. The market opened active and a shade higher, the pens being cleared early. The range of prices was \$3,556,400. The average of the prices paid was \$3,914, compared with \$3,915, yesterday and \$3,254,000 and \$4,25 Saturday of last week. Heavy, 33,924,04,00; mixed, \$3,9063,974; lights, \$3,5563,95.

Sheep.

Estimated receipts of sheep 232, compared with 232 yesterday and 582 Saturday of last week. The receipts during the week have been 886, compared with 2.859 the week previous, failing off 1,954. The receipts are insufficient to supply the demands, one packing house wanting 380 each day. Good muttons are active and in demand, with prices about up to the Chicago market.

Prevailing Prices.
The following is a table of prices paid in
this market for the grade of stock mentioned:
Prime steers, 1300 to 1600 fbs \$3.95 @4.70
Good steers, 1250 to 1450 fbs 3.75 @4.45
Good steers, 1050 to 1300 fbs 3.65 @4.30
Common, 1900 to 1150 bs 3.00 @3.75
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Ordinary to fair cows 1.60 @2.35
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Good to choice cows 2.75 (63.15
Choice to fancy cows 2.95 6:3 65
Fair to good bulls 1.75 @2.63
Choice to fancy bulls 2.50 @3.55
Light stockers and feeders 2.50 @3.25
Feeders, 950 to 1100 Ds 2.90 @3.65
Fair to choice light hogs 3.85 @3.92%
Fair to choice heavy hogs 3.90 @4.00
Fair to choice mixed hogs 3.87%@3.95
Average Cost of Hogs.

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Stock Receipts. Official Yesterday Estimated Today. Cattle 27 cars. 559 Cattle 52 cars. 1.109 Hogs 53 cars. 3.427 Hogs 40 cars. 2.030 Sheep 1 car, 232 Sheep 1 car, 232

Comparative Tables.

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Hogs.
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Disposition of Stock. Showing the number of cattle bought by

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Swift & Co	649
Geo H Hammond & Co	230
Armour-Cudahy P Co	140
Lee Rothschild. Benton & Underwood	63
Benton & Underwood	46
Bocker & Degen	177
Lobman & Trauerman	123
Crone & Vansant	7
Other buyers	308
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Omaha Packing Co	1.103
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THE SPECULATIVE MARKETS.

Wheat Experiences a Flop and Opens About Two Cents Higher.

THE CURB PARTLY ACCOUNTABLE.

Corn Has a Very Active and Strong Start-Provisions Much Easier-Hog Business Brisk-Quotations.

CHICAGO, May 17. →[Special Telegram to THE Bre |-- The wheat market flopped over today. It opened on a sort of crazy bulge about 2c over last night, with May 96 4c nominal, June 9614c. July 96c and September 9214c. There was little reason for so radical a start beyond the fact that dry, cold and poor growing weather continues in the west and northwest. The curbwas largely accountable for the stiff open-ing in the pit While everybody apparently was buying, a few who were first to see toppy condition of the market sold at high prices. Among these were Bloom, Mitchell prices. Among these were Bloom, Mitchell and Adams, and it was claimed that W. T. Baker also sold on the bulge. Hutchinson sold some openly, but the gossip of the floor was that he was under the market and gathering wheat on every soft spot. Dispatches were both bullish and bearish. New York cleared 106,000 bushels of wheat and some flour. Tennessee sent dispatches confirming the worst damage yet reported. Millers, who have been in convention, say that their information is of a sensationally bullish character. Dun and Logan both had dispatches telling of snow in different counties in Dakota. On the whole the market had a settling down tendency from the start. July from 96½c went off by degrees to 94½c before 1 o'clock. May and June went off likewise from 96½c went to the promised to close quiet and at bottom prices. The wheat market was slumpy to the end and just before the close went out to 32½c for July, but closed on a recovery at 94½c. May and June were 94½c at the close. All curb privileges sold on July puts 92½c230c, to 92½c; calls, 95½c. Com had a very active and very strong start

were 3415c at the close. All curb privileges sold on July puts 223,233c, to 225c; calls, 353g, 361g, to 355c.

Corn had a very active and very strong start this morning. This was in part due to the great bulge in wheat. It was helped by news that Prime and others found the weather too cold and wet in Illinois and too cold and dry in Iowa and elsewhere. Seed was represented as rotting and planting delayed. Hutchinson was a bidder early, probably to get prices up to sell on. The market opened with July at 351g(255c). Selling became very free on the advance and the market gradually declined to the close at 345c. May and June each sold at 345c and 35c closing at 354g(355c). September sold at 34g(255g), closing at 354g(35g).

There is evidence that the climax has been passed in the deal in May oats. The extreme price today was 295c, or 5c under the top yesterday, while July sold up to 275c, or 5c over the highest price yesterday. This simply means that parties holding oats will run a little squeeze along into July. Mr. Hess, who has been credited with the deal in May, and even charged by morning papers with having certain elevator men and brewers behind him, said today: "I have no syndicate of any kind back of my business. I am also out of May and June oats entirely, and if anyone wishes to run prices in those months up they must not use my name." This statement virtually implies that Mr. Hess is in July, as he is far from being out of the market. The closing prices were about the bottom for the day at 28c for May, 205c for June, 25gc for July and 25c for May, 205c for June, 25gc for July and 25c for August.

The provision market was much easier to-

May, 35% for June, 25% for July and 23c for August.

The provision market was much easier to-day all around. As for some time past the principal business was in short ribs. Pork was without support early and offerings by the Fowlers put the price of July off from \$12.60 to \$12.15 in the first half-hour. Later the same month sold to \$12.37% and at \$12.30 shortly before the close. Lard was about 25% lower, with light business. Short ribs were off at 1 o'clock to \$5.35 for June from \$5.50 early to \$5.45 for July, and from \$562535.65 to \$5.60 for September.

CHICAGO LIVE STOCK.

CHICAGO, May 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—CATTLE—The demand was fair for Saturday and about everything useful sold at an early hour, the market closing at yesterday's prices. During the week values advanced and Hous - Business was brisk, with prices steady

to strong, in some cases a meket higher, closing strong, with about everything soid. Packers paid the wide range of \$4.67\(\frac{1}{2}\)(0.425\), bulk at \$4.15\(\frac{1}{2}\)(1.75\). Light sorts soid at \$4.15\(\frac{1}{2}\)(4.25\). Light sorts soid at \$4.15\(\frac{1}{2}\)(4.17\(\frac{1}{2}\).

FINANCIAL.

NEW YORK, May 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE.]-STOCKS-There was a fear that the bank statement today might show a further decrease in reserves and other bearish features. Before the market closed the statement was out, showing an increase in reserves of over \$500,000, and a falling off in loans of \$1,500,000. This caused much apprehension and caused the stock market to close on a strong bulge at about the top figures of the day bulge at about the top figures of the day. London was a moderate seller at the very start and the market opened comparatively quiet, most stocks showing slight advances over last evening's prices, the only marked exception being Delaware & Hudson, which was up I procent at 173½. Trading was confined even more than usual of late to a few stocks, and Reading, Oregon, Transcontinental, Atchison, Chiengo Gas, Richmond & West Point and trusts did about seven-eighths of the business. The general list showed scarcely any movement whatever, remaining within slight fractions of the opening prices throughout. Reading was the strongest feature and at 47½ it showed a gain of 1 per cent over its first price. Among the trusts Sugar lost 4½ per cent, but later recovered. Cotton receipts were strong, rising ½ per cent. Prices were stiffer in the general list later in the hour and at 11 o'clock the market was active and firm at slight fractional gains over first prices. The closing hours, as stated, brought fresh strength. Oregon Transcontinental climbed to 47%, over 2 points up, while Northern Pacific common went to 38 and preferred to 85½. Granger stocks were about steady at the close. Lackawanna was up ½ and Reading 1½ per cent to 47%. Chicago Gas was up to 63 and Sugar trust to 88½. The total sales of stocks for the half day were 284,000 shares. Money closed at 3%4 per cent. London was a moderate seller at the very start

shares. Money closed: The following were th	at 354 per cent.
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MONEY-Easy, with a PRIME MERCANTILE P.	

STERLING EXCHANGE Quiet and steady sixty-day bills, \$1.84; demand, \$1.86.

Mining Stocks. New York, May 17 .- [Special Telegram to THE BEE. | - The following are the mining stock quotations:

PRODUCE MARKETS.

Chicago, May 17.—1:15 p. m. close—Wheat—Steady; cash and June, 90/4c, July, 94/4c, Corn—Easy; cash and June, 54c; July, 3444 Oats—Easy; cash, 28c; June, 26%c; July, 26%c

Harley-Steady, Rye-Steady at 52c. Prime Timothy-Firm at \$1.30@1.31. Fiax-\$1.45. Whisky-\$1.02. Pork-Dull; cash, \$12.00; June, \$12.05; July, Lard-Dull; cash, \$6.20; June, \$6.25; July,

8.30. Flour - Firm; winter wheat, \$2.0024.90; pring, \$1.3025.25. Provisions-Shoulders, \$5.1025.20; short clear, \$5.7502.80; short ribs, \$5.2502.40. Butter-Quiet; creamery, 112.15c; dairy, \$2.15c.

15c.
Cheese—Easy; full cream cheddars, and flats, Sige; Young Americas, 929%;c.
Eggs—Firm; fresh, 192013c.
Hides—Steady; heavy green salted, 5%;2 5%;c; salted bull, 4c; green salted calf, 6%; dry flint, 627c; dry salted hides, 6c; dry calf, 5%;6; deacons, 30c each.
Tallow—Steady; No. 1 solid packed, 3%;c; No. 2,3%;c; cake, 4c.

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bushets; exports, 105,000 befores; spot market closed east; No. 2 red, 20% beings in elevator, \$1,0001,004 affort, \$1,0001,007 to b; options closed irregular; No. 2 red, May, 90%.

Corn—Receipts, 140,700 bushels; exports, 1650 bushels; spot firmer! No. 2, 414,0415c in elevator, 414,0414c afforts; ungraded mixed, 254,042%; options, steady, May closed at 415 c. Oats—Receipts, 140,000 bushels; exports, 25, 450 bushels; spot easy; No. 2 white, 38,03 inc; mixed western, 35,040c; options tuchanged to 4,0 higher; May closed at 345,5.

Coffee—Options closed steady and 56,10 points down, Sales, 35,000 bags; May, \$15,155,1630; June, \$15,055,16,20; spot normal fair cargoes, \$19,75.

Sugar-Raw, steady; centrifugals, 96, test, Sugar-Raw, steady; centrifugals, 96, test,

down. Sales. 15.900 bags; [May. \$16.18216.30; June. \$18.95216.20; spot normal; fair cargoes. \$19.75.
Sugar—Raw, stendy; centrifugals, 96 test, 5%c; refined, steady; off \$247.54.205.19c.
Petroleum—United closed for June at \$87.0c.
Eggs—Quiet; western, 18.26.1322.
Pork—Easier; new mess \$14.002.14.50.
Lard—Lower and dull; western steam. \$6.45.
Butter—Easy; western dulry, 62.11c; creamery, 62.17c; Eigin, 17.26.172.
Cheese—Easy; western nominal.
St. Louis, May 17.—Wheat—Higher; cash, 91.3c; July, 193.c.
Corn—Steady; cash, 39.3c; July, 25.3c.
Oats—Firm; cash, 30.5c; July, 25.3c.
Pork—Dull at \$12.50.
Lard—Nominal at \$1.902.6.00.
Whisky—\$1.02.
Butter—Easier; creamery, 122.15c; dairy, 13c.

Butter-Easier; Creamer, Park, darry, 12c., Mil.wauker May 17.—Wheat—Unsettled: No. 2 spring, cash, 0052091c; July, 91c.
Corn—Firm; No. 3, 50520365 4c.
Onts—Newlected: No. 2 white, 30c.
Rye—Firm; No. 1, 505c.
Barley—Firm; No. 2, 50c.
Provisions—Lower; pork, \$12.00.
Minnearouss, May 17.—Wheat—Receipts, 153 cars; shipments, 25 cars; market slow; an unsatisfactory market to sell on owing to its being governed entirely by futures. Closing: No. 1 hard, May, 905c; June, 15c; on track, 30c; No. 1 northern, May, 305c; June, 15c; on track, 92450225c; No. 2 northern, May, 88c; June, 89c; on track, 88680c.
Cincinnati, May 17.—Wheat—Firm; No. 2

CINCINNATI, May 17.-Wheat-Firm; No. 2

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Corn—Dull: No. 2 mixed, 384c.
Oats—Easier: No. 2 mixed, 315c.
Whisky—\$1.02.
Liverroots, May 17.—Wheat—Firm; demand poor; holders offer sparingly; Callfornia No. 1, 7s. 14d per cental; red western winter, 7s. 1d. winter, 7s id. Corn-Firm; demand fair; new western mixed, 3s 652d per cental.

LIVE STOCK.

Sr. Louis, May 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 700; shipments, 700; market steady; fair to fancy native steers, \$3.75\(\text{mon}\).00; stockers and feeders, \$2.566.170.
Hogs - Receipts, 1.500; shipments, 3,700; market steady; heavy, \$4.0024.09; packing, \$1.0024.07;; light, \$1.0024.05. Stong 4.07 ; Hight, Stong 4.05.
Stoux Cirv, May 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 200; shipments, 190; market steady; butchers steers, \$2.70074.00; stockers and feeders, \$2.2076, 2.65; cows, \$1.2562.15; veal calves, \$7.0024.50.
Hogs Receipts, 2.500; market opened 2½c higher on light at \$3.82463.07½.
Kansas Cirv, May 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 2.100; shipments, 2.000; market steady to strong; steers, \$1.5065.00; cows, \$2.50; stockers and feeders, \$1.2565.50; cows, \$2.50; stockers and feeders, \$1.2565.50.

steers, \$1.506.5.10; cows, \$2.50; stockers and feeders, \$1.256.35; Hogs—Receipts, 7,700; shipments, 1,300; market higher on all grades at \$1.536.100. Chicago, May 17.—Cattle—Receipts, 3,500; market steady; beeves, \$5.006.5.15; steers, \$1.706.4.90; stockers and feeders, \$2.806.4.00; cows, buils and mixed, \$1.706.3.40; Texas grass steers, \$1.006.3.50. Hogs—Receipts, 125.000; market steady; mixed, \$4.006.4.20; heavy, \$4.006.4.274; light, \$4.006.4.25; skips, \$3.506.3.50. Market steady; natives, \$4.006.6.25; western, \$4.806.6.30; Texans, \$4.006.50; lambs, \$5.506.7.60.

Weekly Bank Statement. New York, May 17.—[Special Telegram to THE BEE.]—The weekly bank statement shows the following changes: Reserve, Increase...... Loans, decrease.....

THE IMPROVEMENT RECORD.

The Week's Business in Real Estate and Building Circles.

There were no startling features to the improvement market during the past week, although business has been very active. A number of large transfers were recorded and declined He to 20c, making prices about the same as at the close on Saturday last. Choice to extra beeves, \$5.0065.15; medium to good steers, 1250 to 1500 lbs, \$1.006.130; 1200 to 150 lbs, \$4.3064.80; 500 to 1200 lbs, \$1.7064.30. Stockers and feeders, \$3.8064.00; cows. bulls and mixed, \$1.7063.40; bulk, \$2.3062.90; Texas grass steers, \$1.806.150.

Day, Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	132,603 32,802 35,171 40,073	1890. \$107,759 60,277 104,264 42,273 96,450 26,801
TotalsBUILDING PERMI		\$128,707
Day, Monday, Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday	1880. \$ 8,140 14,560 9,500 6,400 4,320	1890. \$ 54,800 10,975 5,675 5,459 9,850 200
Totals		\$ 86,950

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 Thursday
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 Friday
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 Saturday
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Total.\$5,478,061.40 The clearings for the corresponding week of last year aggregated \$4,138,641.22. A Building Inspectors' Convention.

Building Inspector George C. Whitlock is very enthusiastic over the prospects of the organization of a national association of building inspectors, and with this object in view. early last spring he placed himself in correspondence with Building Inspector Hazen of Minneapolis, and plans have at last been ma-

tured by which a call for a meeting to be held in Chicago will soon be issued, at which time and place the organization of the association will be completed and committees appointed.

The idea now is to hold the first convention in New York City some time during next January, probably at the same time the na-tional association of builders will be in ses-

Superintendent Whitlock, who has done much to bring about the movement, says: "I have given the subject considerable study and am fully convinced that it would be very beneficial to the people of the country if we would organize, meet in convention and exchange views upon this subject of building. When you think of the building inspectors of all the larger cities assembling and deliberating for three or four days, you must know that some benefit will grow out of such a meeting, as we will compare views upon all the regulations common to the cities of the the regulations common to the cities of the country, besides gathering a great many new ideas upon the subject of building, all of which will be for the public interest."

Nebraska Corn Supply.

J. M. Culp of Falls City thinks that ninetenths of last year's corn crop in Richardson county has been marketed. Some of the balance will be shipped. The range of prices last year was 23@35 cents, while this year the range has been 15@23 coots. Shippers had only a little trouble at times about getting

cars to ship their corn.

R. B. Claypool of Orleans, Harlan county, on the B. & M., states that three fourths of last year's corn crop raised in Harian county has been merketed, and all the balance will be held for home consumption. The range of prices for hast year's crop has been 11@22 cents, with an average of about 13 cents, while the range for the year previous was 18

W. I. Jones of Falls City, on the B. & M. and Missouri Pacific railroads, thinks that about nine-tenths of the corn crop raised in Richardson county last year has been marketed and quite all of the balance will be used for feed and local consumption. There was more or less trouble to get cars for ship ments on both the railroads at times. The range of prices last year was 25@35c, with the average about 28c. The range this year has been 18@25c, with 16c about the average. George I Storm of Peru, Nomina county, on the B. & M. and Missouri Pacific roads, on the H. & M. and Missouri Pacific roads,
says: "Fully 40 per cent of the corn raised
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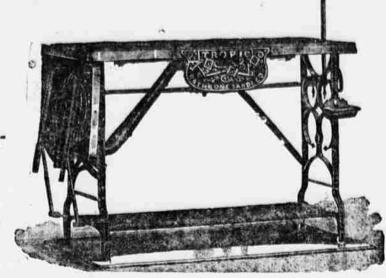
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While this year the range has been 150-20c.

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LIFE BEHIND THE SCENES.

Mile. Rhea Tells of Unpleasant Things in the Actor's Profession.

NOT A LUXURIOUS EXISTENCE.

Dingy Theaters, Poor Meals and Bad Hotels - Versatile Performers

Rare and Becoming Scarce

-Musical and Dramatic.'

When Mile. Rhea was here last week, filling a most notable engagament at the Boyd, she was requested to contribute something for the dramatic column of The Sunday Bee. She graciously responded, and penned the following very interesting "Glimpse of the

Dark Side of Stage Life": Many have shown the bright side of our profession and have given the most glowing account of it. They have spoken of the en-thusiasm, the excitement, etc. Now, like Zola, I am going to try and give a glimpse of

One day when I was sitting in a miserable little dressing room—and in a first-class thea-ter, too—a reporter came to me between the acts and asked me "HOW DO YOU LIKE YOUR PROPESSION?"

I looked around me in disgust and answered: "Look at these walls, look at this floor, notice this smell of gas and tell me if any traveling actress, unless she be eighteen. can say that she likes this profession. I have art, but to be artistic one needs some inspir-ation. Where can you find it here! Then tomorrow will begin a run of six one night stands. We will get up at 5 or 6 o'clock, we will leave without breakfast, of course, the cars will be so cold that we will freeze or so hot that we will roast, because every traveler in America knows that there is never a happy medium. After five hours of north pole or tropical temperature we arrive in town. The hotel is generally bad, old and dirty. You dine and do your best to forget the dinners of New York, Washington and Chicago, and like a good, sensible woman you say: 'Well, we are traveling; we can't expect to find a Delmonico in every town.' You try to eat your soup. It is horrid. The meat is so tough that I have often thought there would be a fortune for some one who could invent a meat cutter. The vegetables are invariably cooked milk, a thing I abhor. The bread is damp the butter bad, and the coffee-well, with all deference to the landford, it never came from Java in spite of what the bill of fare says. You are tired and wish to go to sleep. You are hardly ready to do so, when there is a knock at the door. It is a reporter. You feel worn out, your dress is soiled by traveling, you look and feel ill; still you must receive him. You put on your sweetest smile and you are doubly polite in order to detract his attention from your attire, but his lynx eye takes in everything. You feel it. He leaves. 'Ah, now,' you say, 'I am going to rest.'
Another knock! A lady wishes to
see you—Miss B. She may be
a lady you have met and whose
name you have forgotten. You feel
obliged to receive her. She is a stage struck girl and wishes to recite something. I am a Christian and think of these beautiful words: 'Insamuch as ye have done a,' etc., and what do you think she recites! 'Juliet!' 'Par thenia!' No! 'Richard III!' After the recitation I whisper to her because the noise has been so great that I fear the guests of the hotel will complain, so I lower as much as possible my own diapason and say: 'Why do you study 'Richard III!' The beauty of a woman is her womanliness!"
"Oh! but she does not care for tender,

emotional parts; she wants to play tragedy and of the heaviest kind. I try to dissuade her from going on the stage, but in vain; she is bound to go. Well, let her try. She is perhaps a Rachel and one day she will, perhaps, laugh at me, remembering that I was going to crush a genius in the bud. "It is 7 o'clock. I go to the theater. The front is lighted up, stained glass everywhere a blaze of light. Next to it is a little dark alley with a little rickety sidewalk. By alley with a little rickety sidewalk. By keeping near the wall and walking with the pendence of a cat you arrive without accident at a little door with a dusty lantern over it. It is the entrance through which the priestesses of art enter their temple. Some eight or ten rough men, smoking, chewing, spitting, obstruct the wings. The dressing room is a thangular place with a green looking glass. One gas jet falling from the ceiling throws a gloomy light over everything. After a great struggle you over everything. After a great struggle you get dressed. The play begins. What was yesterday the gambling house in which Armand curses Camille is today the palace of the Tuileries. An old arm chair and a threethe Tuileries. An old arm chair and a three-legged sofa constitute the furniture. While acting the woman gets the best of the actress and thinks: 'O heavens! What a carpet and I must kneel there on that dirly spot with my white satin dress!' You kneel with a feeling of horror, but the sacrifice must be made. There is the sensational scene. You have in spite of the lack of inspiration gone through your scene in a manner to be satisfied with your scene in a manner to be satisfied with your own little seif. The public are still whing their eyes. All at once the sobs change into a kind of suppressed little—a cat is crossing the stage. You try to overcome t crossing the stage. You try to overcome that little incident by some more dramatic acting. You full in the arm chair; it breaks under you; you turn an imploring eye toward the stage manager, who has nothing else left but to ring down the

curtain. You go home disgusted, and the next morning after a bad breakfast you go down with a frown on your brow. Upon entering the carriage a man with a good, jovial face, smiling all over, extends his hand to you and asks you if you were satisfied with the hotel. It is the proprietor himself. In the face of that picture of happiness and self-satisfaction you can but answer that you were delighted. In his turn he says: "Well, I tell you, there is no use talking, that show last night was just the grandest thing I ever saw." And that simple compliment so roughly expressed has touched the right spot. You drive toward the depot with a smile on your face, you forget that the steak was tough, you come to the conclusion that the hotoligh, you come to the conclusion that the hos-tel was not so bad after all, the eggs were fresh, even the coffee was good, then you laugh at yourself and say: "I thought I did not like my profession. I must have been mistaken." Ah! actress! actress! Appland mistaken." An' actress! actress! Appande her and she forgets every discomfort. No matter whence the applause. The lowest or the highest, she needs it, it is her food. It is what maintains the sacred fire within her. It dries the tears the critics being to her eyes. It is the stimulant that keeps up her strength Take away the applause and there will be neactors.

Specialties in Acting.

The belief that a jack-of-all-trades is masmids. It has been making a deeper and deeper impression on the mind of man in each century since, as the footsteps of many generations have been making a deeper and deeper hollow in the paving stones of old European towns.

The master of any craft, any art, any science or any accomplishment knows no divided duty and no diffusive ambition in this day and generation, says the San Francisco Examiner. If he happens to have two or three, or even half a dozen kinds of ability, and has also the dominating impulse, the power and the perseverance that make a ruler, he drowns the secondary talents, like so many superfluous kittens, after he has selected the strongest and most promising of them all for life and education. The world is large enough to shelter so

many ambitions, and small enough to give room for so few great achievements, that fighters for the prize in any kind of competi-tion must discucumber themselves of all un-necessary baggage and clothing before they enter the ring for a fight to a finish.

Once or twice in a century—an especially prolific century—a Victor Hugo, a Michael Angelo, a Wagner or a Shakespears comes to maturity and those exceptional geniuses show the world that it is barely possible for a great poet to be a great novelist, for a great painter to be a seclptor, for a great composer to be a great poet, for a great romancist to be a great These exceptions are brilliant, but they are not worth more than a candle-beam on the weary way that must be trodden by those

who come after, with a single talent for guidance.

The little people as well as the great ones have given up trying to imitate them in their versatility. Amateurs and artists, cobblers and artisans, concentrate themselves on one ambition if they really mean to succeed. If they are diffuse they inevitably fall behind,

and they find very soon that the race is not A straw that shows which way this wind blows came to light when the women's ex-changes were organized in every important city in the country. The woman who could make perfect biscuits found that she could make a modest fortune by diligent cultiva-tion of this specialty, while one who could embroider a little, paint a little cook a little and write a little, but who could do no single thing more than passably, suffered that bit-

terest of material experiences, genteel starva-

rarer every day. The combination system has made it possible for an actor who can play only one part well to make a fortune out play only one part well to make a fortune out of it and torpin his name on fame's bulletin board of the day. There are no more Romeos who pretend to be equal to low comedy, and no more clowns who are ready and able to take a serious part in a tragedy. It is no longer expected that a good actor shall be able to play leading roles in anything, from "Ham-let" to a pantoning. et" to a pantomime. To excel in a specialty is now the ambition

of so many devotees of science, art and litera-ture that the specialists of the stage have found themselves supported by a sentiment and a competition that would have been inexplicable twenty years ago. Any one who can do anything entertaining a little better than any one else, even if it is nothing more than cutting a caper, is a specialist of the first cass, and can always get an engagement.

Adonis Dixey, Colonel Miles, and Richard

Carroll visited the police headquarters to test on a wager of wine Mr. Dixey's reputation for being able to release himself in a trice from any handcuffs known to mechanical skill, says the Cincincinnati Commercial-Gazette. Colonel Phil Deitsch, the famous captain of Cincinnati's finest, was not in his office, but Chief of Detectives Larry Huzen, the gray-halced "Black Duke," was, and

they could slip out of almost any handcuffs, but that Dixey, with his large, well-shaped hands, could get out of the "standard" pair the veteran detective proceeded to look closely the veteran detective proceeded to look closely upon him—"as close as we ever put them," he said—Colonel Hazen did not believe. When he was pronounced secure, Dixey stepped into a telephone box, and while his back could be seen through the glass door took off the handcuffs, and within a minute and a half came out dangling them triumphantly on his foretinger. Red marks on his wrists showed how closely the steal had wrists showed how closely the steel had clasped the white flesh. "It is only a trick," said Dixey; but "still

the wonder grew" among the detectives.
"Conce to the Grand," said Manager Miles;
and those who had thirsted thirsted no more.
During the afternoon Mr. Dixey and his
party visited a number of hardware establishments, astonishing and shocking salesment and proprietors by the ease with which he demonstrated that the "cuffs" they offered for sale would not hold fast worth a cent. In one establishment he removed three pairs of the very latest and improved "bracelets" in four minutes and a half.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Rich and Harris are getting a great number of English specialties Jessop & Townsend have written a new

Mr. and Mrs. Kendal, before coming back from England, intend producing across the pond, "A Drop of Poison." Made. Modjeska will spend three months this summer at Los Angeles, Cal. Later she will go to Europe for a further rest.

Mr. Wenman will rejoin Mr. Irving's com-pany next season, and will have a conjenial part in "The Bride of Laumermoor." Henry E. Dixey will occupy the Columbia heater. Chicago, this summer, producing 'The Seven Ages' and a new burlesque.

Duncan B. Harrison has engaged John L. Sullivan to spar with Joe Lannon of Boston in the performance of his play, "The Pay-Minnie Gale's salary in the Booth-Barrett

company next season will be \$500 a week, probably the largest paid to such a young Mine. Etelka Gerster has been heard from She sang lately in a concert given by a local charity in Bologna, with what success is not

The company of the Paris Gymnasa will visit London in June and play 'La Lotte f'our la Vie' and 'Paris Fin de Siecle' with the

riginal east, scenery and properties Mehul's opera, "Joseph," has been revived at Munich under the direction of Herr Levi with striking success. Herr Max Alvary is said to have made a very strong impression in the principal part.

Francis Wilson, who sailed for Europe re-cently has the refusal of a new opera just completed by Andran. Mr. Wilson will go to Paris to see the composer, and if he likes the work to purchase the American rights. New Yorkers have had seventy-one operatic performances during the past season, and about as many orchestral concerts, while, by adding the plane, choral and miscellaneous concerts, the list is increased to about two

Mr. Clyde Fitch, who is announced by Mr. Mansfield as the author of his new play, "Beau Brummeil," has just sold to Miss Rosina Vokes, a new one-act piece called "Bet-ty's Finish," the scene of which is laid in a New England college town. There is some talk of annulling the rights

hundred and fifty.

of the boxholders of La Scala, Milan, doing away with the annual subsidy and letting out the theater to impressarios, after the English and American fashion. The season now in progress has been unprecedentedly bad. The burlesque in which Fay Templeton is to open her season at the New York Four-

toenth street theater, on August 1s, is to be called "Hendrick Hudson, or the Discovery of Christopher Columbus," It will be writ-ten by William Gill, and the scenes will range from Niagara Falls to the Evergiades of Florida L. R. Shewell, author of "Shadows of a Great City," has written a new play for Miss Annie Ward Tiffany, which Joseph Jefferson has christened "The Stepdaughter." Miss Tiffany will shortly produce it for week pre-paratory to booking it for an extended tour next season.

Dr. Hans von Buelow has written the fol-lowing in the visitors' book at the New York Casino: "There are but two places in the world where I have found realized the dream

of theatrical model performances—Bayreuth for Wagner's musical dramas and the Casino for Offenbach's burlesque operas." Wilson Barrett, who is now making his first trip to California, accompanied by Miss Eastlake a = a company, has received a cable from Al Hayman in regard to another tour in America under that manager's direction Hayman is still in Paris. His representatives in New York have secured "A Country Fair"

fer a tour westward. for a tour westward.

A translation made of "A Brop of Poison" for Miss Mary Shaw by a German actor named Alfred Bruning turned out to be impracticable. After purchasing and paying for it her manager was obliged to have another translation made from the original German book, from which Miss Shaw made the adaptation that she is now playing.

politely undertook to secure the comedian in handcuffs that no'd have trouble in changing. "Crime and Misery," reporters, detectives and others gathered around, and intense in terest was felt in the result.

Famous criminate there had been, according to Colonel Hazen, whose hands were so small and the bones thereof so pliable that