

THE THEATRE

The Spectacular Melodrama, "The Heart of Chicago," played to a fairly large and noisy audience at the Funke last Friday night. Even the repeated cries of fire, fire, fire, and with the fact, that the scene of Chicago going up in smoke failed to awake that interest in the audience that a spicy song or a doubtful joke ordinarily does.

David Conger as Mr. Ames, of the firm of Coleman & Ames, had the stamp of all genteel villains, a stiff hat and a saugic smile.

The plot is rapidly unravelled and the people are shown a twice loved wife, a villain, two villains a French servant and mistress, a kidnapped son who has been befriended by a kind hearted Irish family, an attempted murder, and after many years which fortunately pass quickly, the villain meets his reward and all long suffering heroes and heroines are at last made happy.

The week at the Funke was very fittingly closed by Helen Russell and her company of burlesques in "Robin Hood Jr." They played to a rather moderate and silent house; but many a brain was set awirl by the brilliancy of their costumes. Russell and Turner possess considerable histrionic ability and the company is withal up to the standard.

"Hogan's Alley" at the Funke, played to very good business on Monday and Tuesday nights. In the attempt to elevate the stage the influence of plays like "Hogan's Alley" can not be overestimated. The dialogue is funny, American funny not French funny. It is free from allusions that are greeted with an ashamed laugh by the audience. Hogan and Brogan are chums. They are Paddy and their brogue, sham anger and sham fights are Hibernian and just what we like. Mrs. Hogan, Jas. J. Conlan is a comedian whose humor flows as easily as the brook, and Mrs. Hogan dances Tipperary jigs with the splomb of a light Irish lad, weighing a pound or so less than two hundred pounds and possessed of an Irish heart that poverty can not weight. Oh, but Joseph Conlan is a broth of a dancer that would turn your milk sweet. John Dugan and Tiddledy-winks the kids, are good dancers and facial contortionists. Of tender, very tender years, they have already passed beyond the amateur stage. Fred Karcher and Frank Taylor are competent musicians who can play on anything that ricks or blows, beats or vibrates. The company is very large and well drilled. The performance cheers the end of a weary day. It is a renaissance of gaiety. The jokes are from the Bowery rather than the toudoir; perhaps that is why they are without offense.

At the Lansing Wednesday, December 8, an entertainment for the benefit of Holy Trinity church will be given. The first part of the program will be the presentation of scenes from life by forty young ladies and gentlemen as follows: Scene I.—(a) "Forgetfulness." (b) "Why He Married." Scene II.—"At the Wedding." Scene III.—(a) "In Doubt." (b) "After the Engagement." Scene IV.—(a) "How His Friends Knew His Wife Made the Bread With Her Own Hands." Scene V.—"At the Club." (a) "Knew One Side of Him." (b) "A Game of Cards." (c) "Old Folks' Obstascy." (d) "A Misunderstanding." Scene VI.—"The Kind Things the Dear Girls Say to and of Each Other." (a) "Why He Married Her." (b) "Lucky for Her." (c) "Why He Proposed." (d) "Which is the Chicago Girl?" (e) "A Test of Courage." (f) "A Good Reason." Scene VII.—"A Cabinet Meeting When Our Better Halves Are Rulers." Scene VIII.—

"Heard in Society." (a) "How He Apologized." (b) "An Observer." (c) "Wedding Promises." (d) "The Terminus." (e) "What Would Keep Her at Home." Scene IX.—The Old June.

PART II.—MUSICAL.

Vocal solo..... Mrs. Chas. S. Lippincott
Violin solo..... Miss Luella Allen
Vocal solo..... Mrs. D. A. Campbell
Whistling..... Miss Josephine Allen
Violin selections..... Miss Etta Woods
Vocal duet.....
..... Mrs. Lippincott and Mrs. Campbell

PART III.—DRAMATIC.

"Cut Off With a Shilling."

Kittie, a Bride.....
..... Mrs. Belle Oakley Maxwell
Sam, Kittie's Husband.....
..... Mr. R. H. Manley
Col. Bemiss, Uncle Sam.....
..... Mr. R. H. Townley

The program will conclude with a beautiful two-act comedy entitled "Naval Engagements," participated in by the following persons:

Mrs. Salma Pontifex.....
..... Mrs. Chas. F. Ladd
Miss Mary Mortimer.....
..... Mrs. H. Percy Silver
Admiral Kingeton, R. N.....
..... Mr. R. H. Townley
Lieutenant Kingeton, R. N.....
..... Mr. James Wise
Short, landlord..... Mr. Arthur H. Walsh
Deonie, waiter..... Mr. R. H. Manley
Curtain raises promptly at 8.15, Carriages 10.30.

Town Topics has this to say of our once fellow townsman and now citizen of the world, Mr. Charles Gates Dawes.

"A remarkable personage is about to burst upon Washington. Mr. Charles Gates Dawes, who is to succeed Mr. Eckles as Comptroller of the Currency, will move from Evanston, Ill., to the national capital prepared to take charge of the administration. Mr. Dawes is the most wonderful product of the national campaign of 1896. By a meteoric dash he leaped, in a year or two, from a cheap clerkship in a railroad office into the possession of \$50,000 or \$75,000. When the campaign for Mr. McKinley's nomination began he became very active in the movement in northern Illinois. After the St. Louis convention this activity became cyclonic and Mr. Dawes was ever in the full blaze of the calcium light. After the election he swooped down on Major McKinley and demanded a place in his Cabinet. The nerve of the demand dazed the President-elect, and while he was still in a comatose condition he promised the genius from Evanston the Comptrollership of the Currency, a place for which he has no training and apparently no more fitness than an ordinary counter-hopper in a dry goods store. He had no sooner obtained the pledge from Major McKinley than he had himself billed on the dead walls of Chicago for a lecture, advertising himself as the "next Comptroller of the Currency." This and many other indiscretions stamped him as a man of overweening vanity, childish weakness and poor judgment. His impending incumbency of one of the most important positions under the Government is looked forward to with horror by the gentlemen who have charge of the 3,000 national banks of the country and who are responsible for the \$4,000,000,000 in deposits in the constitution. The president trembles when he thinks what is in store for him. Mr. Dawes is irrepresible and will insist upon becoming Major McKinley's understudy. Nothing goes without his rise. As a star freak he will double-discount J. Addison Porter, the President's secretary, who has so far been pre-eminent in that role."

Town Topics is a violent democratic paper. Saunterer, who signs the above, is an admirer of Croker and has no patience with republican presidents and their "Steadies."



A BOY

Needs to be well Dressed.

It is just as essential to a boy's comfort and self respect to be tidily clad as it is to his mother, father or sisters. Do not make your boy the companion of your family horse. Dress him so that you will not be ashamed of him. Make him feel that he is a part of the household and that he not only merits the esteem of his own people, but that he can demand respect from others. Try this method with your lad and you will be surprised at the wonderful change it will make in him. We know how hard times are; we know that the father must keep up appearance for the reason that he is associated with men; we know that the mother must make a showing for the reason that she would miss a great many of her fashionable callers; we know that THE GIRLS MUST BE WELL DRESSED for the reason that their friends would soon drop them. All of these facts are fully appreciated and understood, but we make this little plea for the boys, feeling that we are in a position to dress them well for such a trifling sum of money that no right-feeling parent would forgo the pleasure of seeing his offspring nicely dressed.

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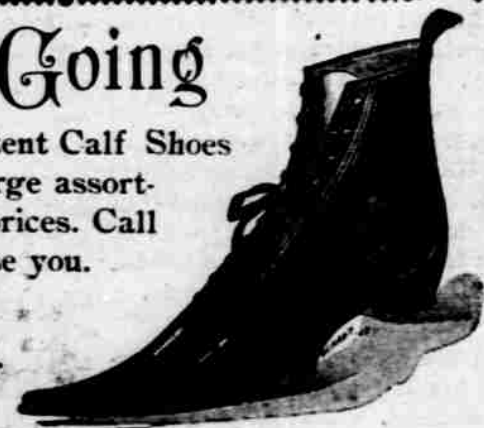
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