

A QUAINT OLD TOWN.

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These Hawthorne Wrote the "Scarlet Letter." There He Suffered the Pangs of Poverty. These His Autographs Now Bring High Prices.

(Salem Letter.) WE FELT quite lost when little Mademoiselle with her gibraltars and Black Jacks took her departure, leaving us standing on old Main street in Salem town.



turned into an antique furniture store which does a thriving business in these days when the furnishings of our forefathers are in such demand. Here were quaint rooms, and the little old lady who had charge of the place remarked that soon all the antique furniture would be sold, so general is the craving for mahogany of the last century.

Among other curiosities exhibited by the little old lady—who looked like one of the characters in "The House of Seven Gables"—was a paper from the old custom house, containing a number of items and "O. K., Nat'l Hawthorne." The writer, it will be remembered was in the employ of Uncle Sam for about three years.

Little did Mr. Hawthorne ever dream his bills, with "O. K.," would command any such figure. When Tennyson received a pound a line for some of his later verses, the literary world thought he was doing very well as a poetical tradesman—but here was \$10 demanded for four words.

"The Scarlet Letter" was written to keep the wolf from the door. Fields relates how subsequently he found Hawthorne in Lenox, despondent and hovering over a stove and finally procured from him the manuscript of that incomparable story.

Main street must ever interest the visitor. Hawthorne thus had his "showman" expound concerning it: "The white man's ax has never smitten a single tree; his footstep has never crumpled a single one of the withered leaves, which all the autumns since the flood have been harvesting beneath."

Hawthorne's Birthplace. Agawam. That red chief who stalks by her side is Wappacomet, her second husband, the priest and magician, whose incantation shall hereafter fright the pale-faced settlers with grizzly phantoms, dancing and shrieking in the woods, at midnight.



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hall which will cast its shadow over this very spot; if he could be aware that the future edifice will contain a noble museum where, among countless curiosities of earth and sea, a few Indian arrow-heads shall be treasured up as memorials of a vanished race."

THE CRANK was out of order and the showman added: "Alas! my kind and gentle audience, you know not the extent of your misfortune. The scenes to come were far better than the past. And would your interest have deepened as, passing out of the cold shadow of antiquity, in my long and weary course, I should arrive within the limits of man's memory, and, leading you at last into the sunshine of the present, should give a reflex of the very life that is fitting past us! \* \* \* Then, too, I had expended a vast deal of light and brilliancy on a representation of the street in its whole length, from Buffon's Corner downward, on the night of the grand illumination for Gen. Taylor's triumph. Lastly, I should have given the crank one other turn and have brought out the future, showing you who shall walk the main street tomorrow."

REVOLT OF THE HAUSFRAU.

Not a Good Housekeeper for All Her Drogery.

Germany is not a rich country and only a very little observation is needed to see that the incomes of the professional and mercantile classes are much smaller than in England and that the German women are therefore obliged to devote a great part of their time and thought to household work says the Nineteenth Century.

These women have not been aristocrats, for aristocratic women in Germany have never, like the brilliant leaders of French and English society, taken any interest in politics or influenced leading politicians. The present empress is entirely absorbed in her children, her dress, the formal etiquette of German court society and the work of endowing and building churches.

Their daughters have less freedom than girls of the upper classes in England and are not expected to take any interest in public affairs and it is very difficult for them to get time and opportunity to carry on thorough studies at home.

An amusing article in a contemporary explains—or professes to explain—the reason why Englishmen so often capture richly endowed American girls for wives. "The female mind," says the writer of this article, who is herself a daughter of the United States, "loves a mystery, and here is the whole secret of the constant capture of the American girl by the enemy."

THEATER ON WHEELS.

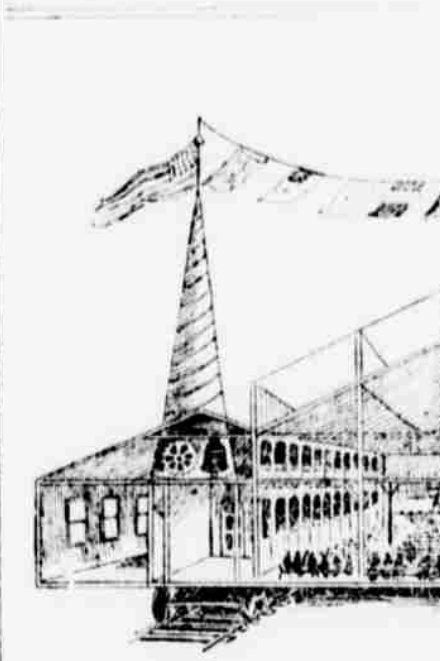
IT FOLDS UP AND MOVES FROM PLACE TO PLACE.

How the Play House is Arranged — It Is Carried on Two Cars, Which Are Transformed Into a Complete Theater — Stage Settings.



AND now it is the portable theater! Hereafter you can see "Hamlet," "Tannhauser" or "El Capitan" on the same stage, no matter whether you live in Chicago, El Paso or Salem, Ind., says the New York Journal.

And this wonder will not be performed by any complicated and super-scientific magnetic idea, or by a series of telephones or delicate contrivances of the electric age, but by the very simple and easily understood process of running the theater building from one city to another.



THE THEATER AND AUDIENCE.

railway theater as fine, although necessarily on a smaller scale, as any playhouse in the country. At first glance this changing apparatus to be a work of no little difficulty, but, as a matter of fact, it is very easy.

It was at a country luncheon party lately and they got on the subject of smoking among women. Opinions varied greatly. "If I should find myself, bristling with indignation, at any social gathering where the women were smoking I should leave at once."

Mrs. Burnett as a Talker. Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett gave the Londoners a glimpse of the American authoress in a new aspect—that of a witty after-dinner speaker.

FENCING WITH LI HUNG CHANG

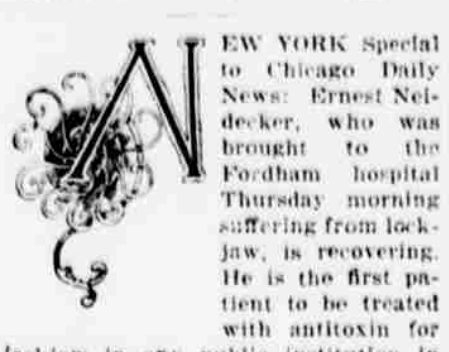
The Statesman Wished to Negotiate a Loan.

LI HUNG CHANG paid a long visit yesterday morning to the Credit Lyonnais and M. Mazaret, the director-general, had his knowledge of the bank severely taxed, says the Paris Daily Messenger.

CURE FOR LOCKJAW.

REMARKABLE CASE OF ERNEST NEIDECKER OF NEW YORK.

Is Undergoing Antitoxin Treatment—His Jaws Were Set So Firmly That They Could Not Be Forced Apart.



NEW YORK Special to Chicago Daily News: Ernest Neidecker, who was brought to the Fordham hospital Thursday morning suffering from lockjaw, is recovering.

The serum injected into his circulation is the first antitoxin for tetanus ever cultivated in the United States. Neidecker is only 15 years old. He is an ignorant boy, and his case presents some remarkable peculiarities.

He rallied perceptibly during the day and was much improved when a similar injection was administered at night. Dr. Reilly, the house surgeon at Fordham, thinks there is a chance of saving the boy's life, although the treatment was begun until the disease had progressed very far.

In preparing the fluid used, the first step was to obtain a quantity of blood from the body of a patient suffering from a bad case of lockjaw. Some of this was injected into the veins of a horse.

Where does Cleopatra's body rest? Scarcely a layman who would not answer, "Why, in Egypt!" After her cajoleries, her wiles, her life of intense, if not very exalted, love, Cleopatra was laid in one of the loveliest tombs that have ever been fashioned by the hand of man.

To Aid the Blind. Following in the line of experiments conducted by a Russian scientist, Mr. R. A. Reardon, superintendent of the printing office of the Perkins School for the Blind in Boston, has devised an apparatus by which he claims the blind can actually see.

Rapid Generation. A French scientist, M. Ragonneau, says he has duplicated the Hindoo trick of growing a plant from seed in thirty minutes.

Horses Displaced by Electricity. It has been estimated that electric railways have already displaced 1,100,000 car horses.

DROWSY STATESMEN.

Some of the Notables in British Political Life Found of a Nap.

The occasion of making one's maiden speech is hardly the time one would expect a legislator to select for giving vent to a yawn. It is nevertheless on record that some thirty years ago, when the present duke of Devonshire, then Lord Hartington, was making his maiden speech in the house of commons, he visibly yawned, says the Pittsburg Dispatch, and Mr. Disraeli, whose keen eye noted the occurrence, is accredited with having made the remark that "a man who can yawn in the midst of his maiden speech is capable of rising to the highest position in the house."

Mr. Gladstone used to be a frequent offender in the same direction. The grand old man was often lost to all consciousness of what was going on around him and yet marvelous to relate, after quietly nodding away through a portion of a debate, he would wake up, deliver himself of a big, long yawn and then make a speech which for lucidity and power of argument would seem to imply that he had heard every word that had been spoken throughout the debate.

The habit of tilting the hat well over the eyes and sitting with bowed head and legs crossed one over the other is one which appears to find much favor with a large number of members in each succeeding house of commons, but it will always be a moot point whether they really go to sleep or "make believe to," as children say.

Putting all others out of the question, however, the champion sleeper of the house is Sir Richard Temple, who goes to sleep at all times and under all sorts of conditions—at times he appears to be anxious to ward off the feeling of somnolence which is obviously obtaining—the mastery over him. But the effort is all in vain and his head will insist on falling upon his breast.

COUNT ZEPPELIN'S BALLOON.

He Claims It Will Remain Up for Weeks at a Time.

Count Zeppelin, a cavalry officer, who became famous at the beginning of the war of 1870, has for five years been occupied with the subject of aerial navigation. He has invented a means of treating the pores of the silk stuff used in the making of the balloon so that it will hold the gas for months.

The advantages of Count Zeppelin's balloon have been fully acknowledged by the Prussian military authorities. They reckon the maximum speed attainable to be five meters per second (say eleven miles an hour), but the inventor claims at least twelve meters per second.

An Electric Launch.

The novel combination of naphtha and electricity is to be made in a launch for the yacht Iroquois. The yacht's naphtha launch will be fitted with a special dynamo that can readily be shipped aboard and connected to the engine.

Defective Hearing. A striking illustration of the influence of fatigue upon the nervous system, says Modern Medicine, "is afforded by an experiment conducted by an Italian physician some months ago. Twenty-four bicycle riders who had ridden thirty-two miles in two hours and a quarter were examined with reference to their hearing, and it was in nearly every instance found to be defective. After two hours' rest the hearing had become normal in most of them."

Oh, Edgar, darling, here is a case of a woman who was struck dumb by lightning. Do you suppose her husband would love her still? "Certainly, my dear: he would be a freak if he didn't."—Detroit Free Press.