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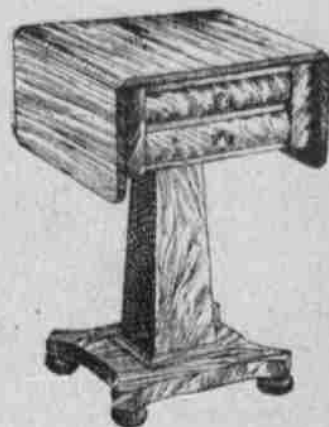
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(From Our Chicago Correspondent.)



WONDER what the spirit of dear old Theodore Thomas would say—provided, of course, that spirits have the power of articulation—if it should wander into the temple which was his inspiration! When Thomas was here the whole stage was for him and his incomparable orchestra!

But now the organization has been relegated to a level below the footlights. At least it was so submerged a few nights ago.

While the maestro swung his baton and the whole orchestra rendered dance music Isadora Duncan was all the stage. She glided and swung in the dreamiest way ever, clad in the free and easy and graceful folds that were all the rage when burning Sappho loved and sung and all that sort of thing.

It was all in the name of charity. The classic dance had taken the place of the old time charity ball. And the dames of Chicago and their supports



THE THEODORE THOMAS ORCHESTRA FURNISHED MUSIC.

and beaux and belles were there in the circle of boxes and all over the temple, and the Theodore Thomas orchestra "furnished the music."

So much for tempora, so much for mores, et al!

The time will never come to Chicago when it will forget Marshall Field, merchant prince and prince among men. It is pitiful, however, that his magnificent gift to the city should be

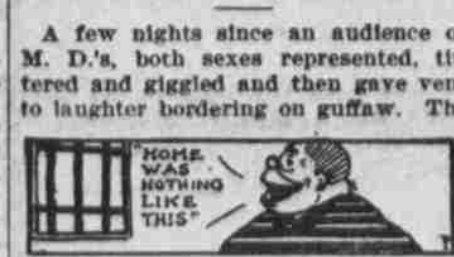


even temporarily shadowed by a lawsuit. It was nearly three years ago that he bequeathed to the city \$8,000,000 for a permanent home for the Field Museum of Natural History. The site selected was Grant park, or, as it will always be to the old Chicagoans, the lake front. There was only one reservation to the bequest. Unless a clear title to the site could be secured within six years the gift was to lapse and the sum was to revert to the estate.

The memory of the oldest Chicagoan becomes deceitful in trying to recall the time when the city's title to the lake front wasn't tangled in litigation. In the present case a friendly suit was instituted two years ago in the hope that a decision in the courts might be obtained whereby the museum building, which was the wonder of the World's Columbian exposition, might be transferred to the site preferred by Marshall Field.

The suit did not come to trial. The lawyers could reach no compromise. The judge in whose court the suit was instituted has decided that the case must go to some other tribunal. This means interminable delays, for the litigants who object to the museum having a home at the front gate of the city refuse to yield a point. In three years the opportunity will have vanished and the museum will be wandering in search of a home.

A few nights since an audience of M. D.'s, both sexes represented, tittered and giggled and then gave vent to laughter bordering on guffaw. The



CONDITIONS BETTER THAN IN CHICAGO HOMES.

lecturer was a young medicus who has been making a specialty of house sanitation. His premise was correctly phrased. Anything that tended to longevity pleased. But when the lecturer said that he had recently visited the Joliet penitentiary and other penal institutions and that the sanitary arrangements in them were better than

they were in a majority of Chicago homes, intimating thereby that life in a cell had a better chance than life in the home, the people in the audience acted as if they were at a funny show. It disconcerted him completely.

And this brings to light another fresh air fad. The traction company of this city recently put in commission a collection of spick and span pay-as-you-enter cars. The health commissioner took a trial ride in one of the newfangled coaches. Something ailed the car, ventilators or the commissioner's inhalation tank was out of order. When he emerged he declared that the atmosphere was rancid. An attaché of the health bureau was instructed to make complaint to the court, and lawsuits are threatened. If the health commissioner had lived here in the days of the bobtail car system, when the floors were covered with castoff hay from barns and left to remain forty-eight hours, he would think the new pay-as-you-go cars were clean enough for vestal virgins.

Ever hear of Professor James Weber Linn of the Chicago university? He went down to Englewood a few nights ago to speak to the Parents' club of Englewood high school. Englewood is



YOU CAN HEAR THE PROFESSOR CHORTLING.

an exclusive environ of Chicago, between the city proper and the stockyards, where royalty and other distinguished visitors are invited to witness the slaughter.

The Parents' club is what its name indicates. Ever and anon the club invites some professor to come down to Englewood to talk about the English language and what it's up to.

Professor Linn came over from the Chicago university and lambasted the Englewood pedagogues who had been putting out such big words that the pupils spent most of their time in looking up meanings of the words in the dictionary, so much so that the little ones were late to luncheons or dinners, thereby worrying their mammas. Professor Linn put the "kicksh"—Indian lore, not slang—all over the dictionary man. At the recent high school examination, said the professor, a pupil put in a quotation from Macbeth in which occurred the word "gallowglasses." "Ye gods," said the professor, or at least he is quoted as saying so, "what are gallowglasses?" The children of the school put in a whole day trying to find out. War upon this sort of English is what Professor Linn is out for, and the result is that some members of the Parents' club in Englewood are now demanding that the dictionary be "out" of the public schools. You can hear Professor Linn chuckling—or, I should say, chortling—in the rank grass that grows on the campus.

I was passing the Victoria hotel one evening not long since when I heard voices which recalled the hubbub made by gathering delegates to a national convention. The Victoria hotel is on the lake front. The reason for its name may be new to the adolescent population of Chicago. There used to be a noted hostelry in the same block. It was called the Richelieu. The boniface of the establishment soon came to be known as the cardinal. The only resemblance between the Chicago cardinal and the French prelate was the former's gray imperial, which he wore twisted like a corkscrew. The Chicago Richelieu was the stopping place of Henry Irving and other actors who had the price.

So when the hotel just south was put up and furnished the owners cast about for a name, and Victoria was chosen. It offset Richelieu. Ever since every feminine gathering that has met in Chicago has selected the Victoria as headquarters.

When I passed in, attracted by the hum of voices, I quickly discovered that the corridors were crammed with women—suffragettes. The English idea has come to Chicago and camped. And, mind you, the women I saw here in this game are Chicago women. They are planning together for the purpose of having a woman's suffrage clause injected into the new city charter so that in the next municipal election they will be in it. They are a determined aggregation.

One of the talkers of the evening made a diversion which appealed to a few scared men who lurked in an out of the way place. I heard her shout, "Buy your friends ten cent Christmas gifts!" "That's the stuff!" shouted the men in hiding. "We're with you!" I HEARD HER SHOUT.

The speaker concluded her sentence, "and save \$10 worth of time to spend in the cause of suffrage instead of making presents."

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