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weet on you before I married you?" She .- "Yes, one." "I'm sorry you re-jected him." "But I didn't reject him; 1 married him."-Dublin Freeman

Borgens-"Say, Fred, can't you lend me \$10? I shall have some money coming in the last of next week." Gilgal-"Very well, we'll wait until the

He-"So you have ambitions?" She -"Yes, decidedly. I want to solve some important problem." "Well, you just study out how to bring up a family on fifteen dollars a week and we'll get married."-Life.

"Do you think they will allow us to scorch in the next world?" asked the

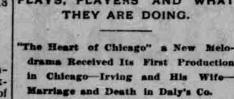
"I shall hold him in sweet remembrance," said the potentate of Bwkplo. He could hardly have done otherwise. Even at home the young micsionary had been spoken of as one of excellent taste. - Cincinnati Enquirer.

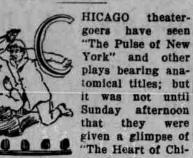
My heart she surely might have had— I asked thrice—no more; She's grown so fast I'm nighty glad I didn't make it four. —Oleveland Plain Dealer.

"I'm only twelve, sir," said she, as she tried to make herself look as small as possible. "But you are altogether too lovely to be taken for only half fair," replied the conductor as he Tall trees that solemn stand and bare, smiled upon the pretty face .- The Kentucky Colonel.

Robert-"But why are you so certain that you will happily with Miss Browne? You have not been much in her company, notwithstanding your engagement to her." Richard-"No, i've been more sensibly employed. I have been studying the temperament and peculiarities of her mother."-

THE NEBRASKA INDEPEDENT

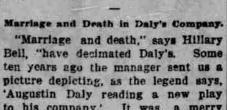




cago," when they found it in a normal condition. "The Heart of Chicago" is the latest play from the pen of Lincoln J. Carter, and it began its pulsations on Sunday. The

piece is, like Mr. Carter's others, melodramatic in tone, and is, to a certain extent, original in plot and scenic embellishment, illustrative of the fact that the author has not lost his cunning in devising novel and striking mechanical effects, and that he is one of the best stage producers in this country. The play opens with a dissolution of a firm and a quarrel between the members on the night of the great fire. As the fire began on a Sunday night, it is not explained why the firm was doing business, but it affords an opportunity for the introduction of three very effective and realistic views of that memorable night in October, 1871. Twenty-one years are supposed to elapse between the first and the succeeding acts. The guilty partner, who rests in the belief that the fire had wiped out all evi-

dences of his crime, has become a wealthy and influential citizen. But he Mrs. Irving magnanimously agreed to

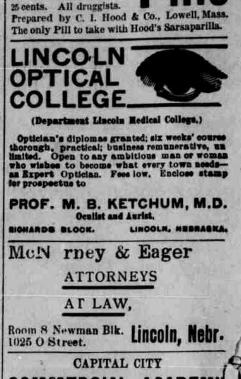


to his company.' It was. a merry scene then; it is a melancholy memory now. Out of all the assemblage that surrounded the manager scarcely a decade ago but three are left-Mrs. Gilbert, Mr. Clarke and Miss Rehan." Charles Fisher, Charles Leclercq, George Parkes, William Moore, William Wheatleigh and James Lewis are dead. Virginia Drehr, Edith Kingdon and May Fielding are married. Others in the group were Fanny Davenport, Clara Morris, Agnes Ethel, Rose Eytinge, Catherine Lewis, May Irwin, Effie Shannon, Kittle Cheatham, John Drew, Otis Skinner, Willie Collier and

Irving and His Wife.

Arthur Bourchier.

One explanation of Sir Henry Irving's long separation from his wife is this: "Irving married when he was very young and very poor. He was a McN rney & Eager junior member of a traveling company. and it was not until his marriage knot had been firmly tied that he discovered how averse to the stage his wife was. She never lost an opportunity to run down the profession, and she made a practice of telling her husband that he would better turn to some other profession before it was too late, for he could never make an actor. This sort of thing lasted for several years, and finally the Irvings agreed to live apart. John Toole's brother, a great chum of Irving, meanwhile had tried to bring husband and wife together again. The reconciliation took place on the day of the first performance of "The Bells,"



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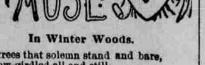


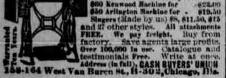


Snow-girdled all and still; Leaves huddled in the hollows there, Leaves scattered on the hill;

A squirel's brush on one high limb, That shows a touch of gray, Winds lithely round a hickory slim, Then fades away.

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Maceo dead or alive cuts no figure.

Boston Transcript. She-"I don't see what reason you

have for expecting anything but a refusal. I never gave ycu any encouragement." He (just rejected)-"Oh, Miss Gotrox-Maud! You did-you most certainly did greatly encourage me! You told me you were worth two hundred thousand dollars in your own name." -- Tit-Bits.

Two or three young women who are interested in art were discussing the other. "Did you ever see anything like the color of her cheeks?" "And "And yet some men admire them. One said to me the other evening that they looked just like peaches." "The idea! What did you answer?" "I said that he was probably right; that Mamie was noted for being good at still-life studies."-Washington Star.

His Corkscrew Musty.

A party of Kentuckians were in Washington a few years ago and called on the congressman from their dis-Southern CALIFORNIA trict. During the conversation the vis-Itors asked about Colonel ------, a former neighbor who had been living in PERSONALLY CON-EXCURSIONS Mer neighbor who had been living in Washington for some time. "I am very sorry to tell you, gentlemen," replied the member of Congress, "that Colonel ----- is in hard luck. He is very poor, indeed, I assure you. He does not complain, and it was only by accident that I learned of his straightened circumstances. He had a room across the hall from my room at the hotel. A few nights ago I went across to borrow his corkscrew. Would you believe it, gentlemen, Colonel ----÷. actually so poor his corkscrew is "usty?"

An Unprofitable Servant.

"I have called to apply for the position of bill collector," said the sharpnosed man who stood in the doorway "I understood you wanted one." "That is exactly what we want," said the business man. "The last man we had seemed to be only a bill presenter."-Indianapolis Journal.

What He Did Know.

Inquiring ' Spectator-Which horse was it that won? Speculative Spectator (gloomily)-I don't know the name of the horse that won, but I know the name of most of the horses that didn't win .- New York Weekly.



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By rude Decembor's wrath, And wound the lessening drifts among Still comes the path.

Where one time since the cow bells clanged In Autumn afternoons, And hazel-growth, October-tanged, Swayed, listening to their tunes; And through the thickets that are passed, And on by fences black. Along the snow is dimly cast A rabbit's track.

Faint wraiths of winds float dim across On idly slanted wings, And whirling snow-shapes rise and toss Almost like living things: A ghost of wan-stched winter moon To tell that day is done, While ruddily, below a dune, Slow sinks the sin. -Ernest McGaffney.

Talking in Their Sleep.

"You think I am dead." The apple tree said, "Because I have never a leaf to show, "Because I have never a leaf to show, Because I stoop And my branches droop, And the dull gray mosses over me grow! But I'm alive in trunk and shoot; The buds of next May I fold away, But I pity the withered grass at my root."

"You think I am dead." The quick grass said, "Because I have parted with stem and blades But under the ground I am safe and sound, With the snow's thick blanket over me laid

Tm all alive and ready to shoot, Should the spring of the year Come dancing here; But I pity the flower without branch or root."

"You think I am dead." A soft voice said, "Because not a branch or root I own? I never have died, But close I hide In a plumy seed that the wind has sown. Patient I wait through the long winter

hours; You will see me again-I shall laugh at you then, Out of the eyes of a hundred flowers.' -Edith M. Thomas.

A Famous Kentucky Dwarf.

The Govington (Ky.) Post tells of the death of a famous Kentucky dwarf : "Mary Eliza Morford, daughter of Mr. Samuel Morford, died at her parents' residence, 331 Elm street, Newport, Wednesday night. Miss Morford was credited with being the smallest woman in the world. She was twentynine years of age, three feet four inches in height and tipped the scales at fifty pounds. She had been on exhibition in every large city in the United States."



t cannot think you dead; it must be only That you have traveled far; And while I find my path on earth more My sky has gained a star.

& star whose place in heaven I see more

plainly Because, with me, 'tis night. Yet through my tears I sometimes seek it vainly, And cannot find its light.

arine L. Ferris, in Harper's Magazine,

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ANNIE B. RICH.

is not as free as he thinks, as a wit-

ness of the murder he committed still

lives, and justice is satisfied at the end.

Without a doubt, "The Heart of Chica-

go" is the best piece Mr. Carter has

contributed to the stage. The story,

even if a little complicated, is told in

and is well connected after the first act.

The situations and climaxes are

brought about in a natural way, and

aroused the enthusasm of yesterday's

crowds. In the line of scenic and me-

chanical effects the author has certain-

ly done himself proud, the rallway ef-

fect alone entitling him to great credit.

This is something never before intro-

duced on a stage. At first the locomo-

tive headlight is seen in the far dis-

tance in the background. It gradually

increases in size as the train ap-

proaches. This continues until the en-

gine is stopped at the footlights puffing

and full of action. This one effect alone

ie, it is believed, sufficient to insure

the success of the piece. The scenery

is all good and well made, the view

from the roof of the Masonic Temple

and the reproduction of the space bet-

tween the city and county buildings.

looking toward Washington street being

most realistic. The cast is capable. There

were a few hitches incidental to a first

production, but they did not interfere

with the interest of the spectators, who

applauded from first to last. It was

the biggest Sunday of the season at the

Lincoln, and there was an excuse for

the happiness of Manager Hutton and

Began in the Chorns.

After a few seasons she entered the

Mr. Carter .-- Chicago Record.

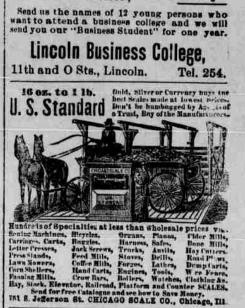
waive her objections to the theater for once and to witness her husband's perfomance. It was one of the greatest triumphs ever scored in a London theater. It made Irving in a night. Directly after the performance, flushed and elated by his triumph, Irving hurrled to his wife's rooms. She was sitting an interesting and intelligent manner. up waiting for him. 'Well,' he exclaimed, with the enthusiasm of a school boy. 'what did you think of me to-night?' 'What did I think?' remarked his wife, in a withering tone. 'I thought I had never seen you act so foolish before.' Without another word Irving turned on his heel and left the house. That



was in 1868. Irving has never lived with his wife since, but it is worth noting that two days after Annie B. Rich, the actress, was the actor was knighted by the queen, born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and made his wife's visiting cards read 'Lady her professional debut as a chorus girl Irving."" with the Carleton Opera company.

Stage Whispers.

vaudeville ranks, singing descriptive and motto songs, touring the South Paderewski has nearly recovered and West. She met Tom P. Morrisey, from his recent insomnia, but it is now her husband, in California, where unlikely that he will attempt any pubthey appeared for the first time as a lic performances this season, and his sketch team. Since then they have London engagements have been canplayed all of the principal vaudeville celed already.



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