

POTTER'S NEW PLAY.

"LE COLLIER DE LA REINE" OFFERS NEW CHANCES

For the Development of the Actress Well-Known Talents—She Talks With a Critic About Her Impersonations—Mr. Bell's Part.

BEAUTY like hers is genius," one poet has well said; for, in truth, beauty is the feminine of genius.

out upon the career of artist. In art, as in life, noblesse oblige. In vain the gift, unless she who possesses it possesses also the conviction and courage to express it fully.

AS OLIVA. ACT I. Nor says they grudge thee for thy hair."



KYRLE BELLEW IN ACT I.

modernity of "Francillon" and "Therese Raquin," and seeking the imperial verdict of English audiences in India, Australia, China, Japan, and the Cape Colony.

Why, I cannot pretend to act a part unless I do it spontaneously. What I mean is, that after finding out all I can by study about the character to be presented—Marie Antoinette, for instance—I try to feel that character by identifying my own personality with it.

I tried to get her to assent to my proposition that in "Le Collier de la Reine" she was handicapped by the language put into her mouth, which might be tolerable English, but certainly was not good dramatic lines.

"Well, you seem to have a clear conscience, artistically speaking." "Ah, yes! I am happy and hopeful, which I know I couldn't be if I were really in the wrong course.



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I wanted to tell Mrs. Potter that I thought her hair very well without bays. It is bronze-colored—of the deep, warm tinge of a sea flower, or oak leaves in a glint of autumn sunshine.

THE STAGE.

Lydia Thompson is playing in "An Artist's Model" at the London Lyric theater.

Elwyn A. Barron is dramatizing George Elliot's "Romola" for Julia Marlowe Taber.

Effie Ellister will play Juliet and Rosalind this winter, and John Ellister, her father, has joined her company.

Among the best known members of the Carl Rosa English Opera company for the coming season are Zelle de Lus-san, Ella Russell, McGuckin, and Ludwig.

The repertory of Julia Marlowe Taber and Robert Taber for the season includes "Romeo and Juliet," "Twelfth Night," "As You Like It," and "Henry IV."

John Hare has been publishing his opinions about the art of acting. He is one of those who do not believe in ever trusting to the inspiration of the moment.

Marie Burroughs has settled in Boston for the winter, and has taken a studio on Boylston street.

Tom Karl is a prosperous man. He has invested his earnings in real estate in Rochester and in a summer home near Rochester, as well as in real estate in New York.

"Hamlet" has been translated into Chinese by the Director of the Pekin Academy of Sciences, and will be performed this winter by the imperial company of actors before the Emperor and his court.

Joseph Jefferson has for several years advised Thomas Q. Seabrooke to leave comic opera in favor of comedy.

Otero and the Press Agent. Otero, the French prima donna, has been heard from at Paris in a rather



LA BELLE OTERO.

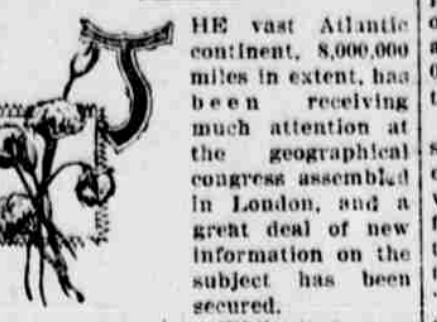
strange light. This time the cable announces that the Parisian young woman with the oriental name has had trouble with her landlord, and that she has been served with a notice to vacate her apartments, which she has refused to do.

Mrs. Langtry is 41 years of age, has been on the stage a number of years, and yet is just now suing for her first divorce.

ANTARCTIC WONDERS.

WHAT THE EXPLORATIONS OF BORCHGREVINCK REVEAL.

One Vast Storehouse of Wealth—May Be Found Within Those 8,000,000 Miles—Valuable Minerals on Possession Island.



HE vast Atlantic continent, 8,000,000 miles in extent, has been receiving much attention at the geographical congress assembled in London, and a great deal of new information on the subject has been secured.

While it is true that no man has yet penetrated beyond the stupendous ice wall surrounding this unknown and mysterious continent, a daring Norwegian navigator, the Columbus of the Antarctic, has just returned and told of the wonderful things he found there.

From what Borchgrevinck says—and all of his statements are corroborated by the log of the ship and the members

of these swindles works is that of a working man who sent three shillings abroad to a contest. A few days later he received in reply a letter marked "Private," ostensibly from an employe of the foreign concern which offered in "revenge" to supply the missing word secretly for twenty shillings, or about \$5.

The deluded mechanic sent on the money and received the word. Shortly afterwards he got a letter from the company, saying that he had won, and that there were several hundred dollars standing to his credit.

The only trouble was, so the letter ran, that another competitor had lodged a complaint and claimed two pounds. If he was willing to buy the man out, sending two pounds by postal, the prize money would be forwarded to him in full.

The working man started to pawn clothing in order to raise the money, when a friend suggested to him to have the company send the prize money minus the two pounds. He wrote to that effect. In answer came a letter stating that he need not send the money, as it had all been settled. But they had a charge on their books against him for "notarial and other costs of currency," amounting to five shillings. Would he send that over immediately for expenses. Confidingly he did so, and never heard from the company afterwards.

On a petty Down in Kentucky the reporters just lay themselves out to do the handsome thing by brides. Describing a recent wedding, an interior paper has this to say: "The bride is a demi-blonde, about the average height, with an exquisitely rounded form. She has a face like a richly tinted lily, silken lashes shade eyes of the brightest hazel, white sunny brown hair, such as painters love and poets sing of, clusters about her fair young brow. She was attired in an artistic gown of cream, low corsage, demi-traine and carried a peerless bouquet of rosebuds. Her manner is suave, and she is a charming companion."

No man is a romantic hero to a married woman.

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of the crew—is a region wholly unlike what had previously been thought. Its conditions are peculiarly adapted to easy exploration, and what has already been found leads to the conviction that animal and even human life may exist there in a degree never before suspected.

On Possession Island vegetation was discovered 30 feet above the sea level, and Borchgrevinck found plants which were never before discovered within the Antarctic circle. This island is about 350 acres in size, and it will, says Borchgrevinck, make an excellent landing place for all future expeditions to the vast continent stretching away at its back.

The vast ice wall which is the peculiar characteristic of this continent was seen stretching in both directions as far as the eye could see. In places it towered 12,000 feet above the sea level, crowning great perpendicular rocks that rose from the waves.

One of the most surprising results of Borchgrevinck's voyage is his report of vast undeveloped mineral wealth, which in countless stores seem to lie waiting the hand of the miner in this unknown continent. This includes not only metals, but precious stones.

He picked up a large number of garnet specimens right near the shore. These precious stones were lying around loose, and he naturally concludes that there are many more of them. Wherever garnets are found other precious stones are not unlikely to be discovered, and people are asking if the Antarctic continent may not be one vast storehouse of mineral wealth which may exist there in undreamed-of quantities.

Possibly connected with this is the astonishing and hitherto unexplained aurora constantly witnessed by the explorer shooting up from behind the ice barrier and illuminating the heavens of this far-off quarter of the earth. Such a display of the aurora, says Borchgrevinck, took place on February 17, and in all his experience in the Arctic he says he never saw its equal.

MISSING WORD SWINDLES.

Still Finding Dopes in England Although Prohibited by Law.

From the southwest, he says, vast streamers of light shot into the heavens, making an interplay of gorgeous colors that swung the whole gamut of the prismatic keyboard. It was at once awful and magnificent.

Previous navigators have described Antarctica as an irregular mass of land, having somewhat the shape of a deformed foot with a swelled ankle. The bulk of it is in the eastern hemisphere. It is very imperfectly defined on charts and maps. As good a guess as any of its area states the latter at 8,000,000 square miles, making the continent larger than Australia.

Borchgrevinck shot one seal of a species hitherto unknown, which seemed to have no external ears. In 1892 whaling vessels from Scotland tried to find the whalebone producing whale in those seas, but without success, though there were plenty of "hump-backs" and "blue" whales. The latter, in great schools, jumped out of the water like salmon, so as to show their whole length.

In that strange land the mountains are actually built to some extent out of snow. Layers of snow occur between strata of lava and ashes. This is explained by the fact that the ashes thrown out by volcanoes fall cold and form a solid cake, which is one of the best non-conductors known.

Volcanoes are built out of the products of their own eruption, being composed of debris piled around a vent.

COCOANUTS IN AMERICA.

How They Were Introduced on the Coast of Florida Years Ago.

Quite a number of tropical fruits have recently been introduced into cultivation in this country. Already on the east coast of Florida are growing 250,000 coconut trees, 42,000 being on one plantation. It is believed that the first trees of this kind in the state sprouted from nuts brought from Central America and the West Indies by the gulf stream. At Key West and about some of the old forts coconuts were planted at an early day, as certain ancient trees now standing bear witness. In 1877 a bark freighted with coconuts was caught in a storm off the coast of Florida and beached near Lake Worth. Several thousand of the nuts were saved and planted, the satisfactory growth of the seedlings giving an impetus to cultivation.

The first importation of coconuts of named varieties was made in 1889, when the secretary of agriculture obtained, through the state department, two shipments of selected nuts from the Philippines. These, with two other shipments in 1890 from the same islands, comprehended fourteen varieties. To get so many varieties was no easy task, inasmuch as not more than two or three kinds grow in any one district or island of the archipelago, and they were collected by a skilled botanist, who made the tour for the purpose. The nuts thus received were forwarded to growers in Florida. Certain specimens from the islands of Al-bay and Misamis were of the smallest known variety, which yields little oil and is of inferior flavor. The shells are carved by the natives into beautiful drinking-cups. The meat of a variety called "tayomamis" is prepared as a delicious sweetmeat with yams and syrup. Another variety, on account of its extreme hardness, is known as "buh-an," which means millstone.

The word coconut is derived from the Portuguese "coco," meaning monkey, because the base resembles a monkey's face. The tree was known to the people of Ceylon as early as 160 B. C. the milk being used by them for making cement. The coconut is one of the most useful plants; root, trunk, leaf, sap and nut are made to yield tribute to man. The fiber of the husk furnishes excellent yarn, and is preferred to horsehair for stuffing beds, cushions, chairs and saddles. It is stronger and more elastic than hemp. The Polynesians twist small cords of this fiber, which serves in the construction of houses and canoes where Europeans would employ nails. The green nuts are grated for medicinal use. Grated coconuts form an ingredient of the East Indian condiment, curry. In the Maldives labor is usually paid for in coconuts.

What's in a Name? Minister Thought There Was a Good Deal Before He Finished the Job. Just after the battle of Perryville, in October, 1862, Dr. Savage, a strong union man, was at one of his appointments to baptize some children. There was a large crowd, and a Southern matron brought her four children to the altar.

"Name this child," said the union preacher, laying his hand on the child's head.

"Simon Bolivar Buckner," was the reply, which caused a smile to come over the congregation; but the brave preacher went on with his duty.

"Name this child," taking the next in order.

"Pierre Gustav Toutant Beuregard," and the smile grew into a snicker, while Dr. Savage became red in the face. He baptized the young namesake of the engineer soldier and went on with the ceremony.

"Name this child," he gasped, reaching for the child.

"Albert Sydney Johnson," came the answer.

The smile grew audible. Heaving a sigh of relief he took the fourth, a little girl, whose gender he fondly supposed would preclude a continuation of heroic reproductions, and said:

"Name this child."

"Mary Stonewall Jackson Lee," came the response that set the congregation into a roar, while the union parson thought he had held in his arms the whole Southern confederacy.

Betrothal in Holland. In certain parts of Holland when a young man thinks he loves a girl he asks her for a match to light his cigar at the door of the beloved one's home. This is done to let the parents know that something is intended, and if the visit is repeated and the same thing occurs no doubt is left in the minds of the girl's parents, and they immediately proceed to investigate the young man's character and antecedents. When he calls a third time they are prepared to give him an answer. If his suit is looked upon favorably he is given a match. If refused, he produces his own match, lights his cigar and walks away. If a favorable answer is given he steps forward and joins hands with the girl. While the engagement is by no means a settled fact even at this important stage, it is stated as a truth that if, on the occasion of the young man's third visit, his innamorata offers him a second cigar and he smokes it in the house the engagement is never cancelled.

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