

talking.

nightly, and receives his mail first at

one place and then at another. He

dresses neatly, most of the time in a sack

suit and wears a derby hat. He has a dark mustache and sort of ori-

ental eyebrows. He talks in a wander-

ing manner as if he were half-fuil. He

always alludes to some noted personages

with whom he is acquainted when in

conversation with a stranger. He will

also throw in some kind of a big paren-

thesis regarding some incident with the

amous one of whom he happens to be

we have a hatred for. It is he who

comes in late at night, or rather in the

morning. He is drunk. He has a wife

over at some other hotel. She never

doesn't want to go to the house

in which they have enjoyed rooms and

in which his wife is asleep. He doesn't

want her to know where he has been.

He wants a room and breakfast at our

house and will settle with the day man

He wouldn't for the world have his wife

know that he is drunk. He will slegge

it off in our house and go to his wife

and tell her that he had business in

Council Bluffs and got left on the last

RELIGIOUS

314,000 wholly dependent on casual labor

and nearly a million who never see the inside

sommenced with their own denomination.

of a church.

He

cnew of him getting full.

"There is another kind of a fellow

it will be the best to be obtained. Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett's new play, which she has written to fit the pecu-liarities of the leading members of Mr. Frohman's stock company, will probably be sequently ascertained that the robbers were of a band known as the James played at the Lyceum, New York, this spring, for "Sweet Lavender" earned its reputation as a good road play when it reached its one hundredth performance. Mme. Hading will not be seen on the stage again in this country. Her delay in starting for Paris, where she is engaged to play a spring engagement, is due to her desire to see Mary Anderson act. Miss Anderson plays in Washington next week, and Mme Hading will go there as the guest of Mr, and Mrs. Abbey to witness the performance of "The Winter's Tale," which she has not Miss Agnes Huntington has made her lebut in London in the opera of "Paul ones," and she seems to have made a distinct hit as a male impersonator. The Lon-don papers, after complimenting her work, announce that she has just turned twenty five years of age. London seems to be the paradise for American taleat which is not appreciated at home. We have in mind just now Miss Huntington, Miss Grace Hawthorne and Miss Mary Anderson.

The Do-Nothing Make-Believes Who Infest the Hotels.

"GOT ANY MAIL FOR ME, PLEASE?"

Boarding at a Chop-House, Dressed in the Fashion, and Sponging on Strangers With Lofty Representations.

## The Rotunda Loafer. "Any mail for me to-day?"

Thus queried a young fellow of Clerk Sherman at the Paxton hotel yesterday evening, as he dudishly sauntered up to the letter window of the hotel.

"Naw, sir, there's no mail for you today," was the disdainful reply to the interrogation.

Turning to the reporter for THE BEE who was standing near by the clerk remarked:

"Now, just size that duck up."

"Who is he?"

"Well, in fact, he is the next thing to a confidence man, but he isn't. He isn't aute smooth enough for that, but he is an hotel vagrant. He has no visible means of support, and if he did not have pretty good clothes to make a fair appearance on the street, the police would run him in for a 'vag.' We are troubled with lots of hotel vags-fellows who make an endeavor to induce the public to believe they are gentlemen. This particular individual, whom you heard inquire for mail is a great nuisance. He is a nightmare to us all. He receives all his mail here. He does this in order to make his correspondents believe that he is boarding at the hotel. He never spent a dollar in the house, not even as much as turned in a quarter over the bar. 1 have been keeping cases on him and have heard that he takes his meals at the 10-cent chop houses. You see that he is well-dressed.

The reporter looked at the young fellow, after being told his name, which is withheld. The latter took a seat on one of the plush divans. He is, perhaps, 23 years of age, Jark complexion, black eyes and a little black moustache. In stature he is rather small. His make-up is neat, but somewhat gaudy, especially this may be said of a large black necktie with white dots. His dress is of black, with a low-cut vest which is calculated to display the loud Another noticeable. feature of wearing apparel is a very light overcoat. It is almos a dirty white, favoring a cream color. His headgear consists of a silk tile, around which is an inch and half weed. Sometimes he carries a small cane, at the top end of which is an ivory handle. "Well, I'll tell you about him," con-

tinued the clerk. Just then Night Clerk Connell

dronped into the office. "Why, don't you know him?" jok-ingly asked the latter with a little laugh. "If you don't, you can see him here from 10 o'ctock in the morning until after midnight, and perhaps you can ascertain some of his little games. He is not the only one, but is the prinripal one that we are annoyed with. That fellow sitting down there now, who a stranger would suppose was a guest of the house or a member of some nice wealthy family, is nothing more or else than a money worker. How does he get it?. Why, he makes loans of a

one show have some them around. Such fellows, presenting a neat appearance, telling strangers they are the sons of so-and-so, and that they have such and such influential uncles as Manderson, McShane and Creighton. are seldom mistrusted when they get a chance to work a victim. That duck over there tries every new clerk that is engaged in the hotel on cashing a check, but he has never succeeded in getting any money from the house, for we post every new man to look out for such workers. The other morning, at 2 o'clock, when everybody was asleep. he came into the house with another young chap who, at present, holds a very good position, but who has a tendency to dress loud, and will be out in the cold world soon if he keeps up his association with this fellow. The pair had been out going the rounds. Both were full. This well-dressed lounger went up to the first landing on stairs to the do fall as Harry King did when he was shot by Libbie Beechler last November. He did it with a scream and fell sprawling

on the landing, and then asked his companion how he liked the 'King tragedy act.' I called him down on it and fired SOTH OUT OF THE HOUSE.

A few nights ago, a traveling man named Chase, from Galesburg, Ills,, train. You know that kind of business won't go with us now unless he settles came to the house and, after being asin advance. Then we don't care where his wife is or whether he has one. Just signed to a room, requested me to in-form this party, should be call around, such a man owes one of these hotels \$300 for board. Any of the clerks over there will tell you who he is. that he was broke; that he could not buy; that he would not lend, nor would be entertained. Scarcely half an hour had passed when the fellow bobbed up and asked if the traveling man had arrived. I told him that he had, but Pope Leo recently entered upon his eighteth year. He is extremely feeble in health he could not see him. He has also been Ground was recently broken for the Meth troubling a traveling man from Chiodist college at Sedaiia, Mo. Bishop New-man delivered the address. cago, named Case. He can hardly be called a confidence man, but he is the The Jews free school at Spitalfields, Eng next thing to it. At times he pretends land, is said to be the largest in the world. It numbers 3,500 pupils-2,250 boys, and to be a commercial man himself. The Millard hotel is not inflicted with ,250 girls. It is estimated that there are in London

many such fellows. The management will not tolerate them. Whenever it thinks that such things are going on the fellows are foreibly ejected by a porter called Sullivan. "Once in a while," said one of the

he

The progress of the Baptist churches of the United States during the past year has been very great. More than \$0,000 members clerks, "we have one of those fellows have been added to the roll and 1,000 who will smilingly come up to the desk churches. and say, 'Sorry to bother you, but is there any mail for me to-day? I am not stopping at your house but I wrote a little note on one of your letter heads and the answer may come here.' I would rather have a man ask if there being represented were any mail for him. Generally the excuse is more bother than waiting apon him. 'Then, there is one of these sweet

ittle things who is stopping for a few days with a friend who is boarding at the house. He thinks there might be some mail for him in care of his friend. So soon as we get onto one of these mail fiends we throw them into the alley.

church in the United States, a most notable event celebrated in the closing days of last "There is a tin horn gambler that week, called together leading representatives has a particular liking for sitting around the lobby. He has been told several times that of the Catholic church from all sections of the country. The "Blair bill," as it is called, from the he would be thrown out if he did not name of its author and chief supporter at Washington. Senator Blair, is causing a great make himself scarce. He is a chronic stir among that excellent but not very numerund will get into trouble before long.

ous class of christians who regard Saturday, or, as they call it, "the seventh day of the week," as the true christian Sabbath. "Another lounger is an old man perhaps fifty years of age. He boards at a third class hotel and claims to be a horse trader. He is here nearly all day and night. His hobby is to snatch The new start that Nat Goodwin makes this season in laying aside farcical comedy to take up the more ambitious scheme of legitinewspapers in the chairs as soon as a mate comedy, has poven a matter of sur-prise to many persons. Mr. Goodwin main-tains, however, that Silas Woolcott, in his new comedy. "A Gold Mine," gives him quite as great scope for fun making as any he has yet played. man drops one. He is also a writingpaper fiend. He is one of the rockingchair nuisances. You'll know him if you ever see him. He wears a full gray beard, dresses in common style, and,

quite a hotel lounger. He claims to be How They Were Defeated by a Reseigar drummer, but is about the hotel olute Express Messenger.

THE JAMES BOYS' METHODS.

A Railroad Man With Terror Recalls One of the Most Daring of Their Robberies on the Rail.

## He Shot Through the Door. "Were you ever instructed to throw

up your hands?" queried Conductor Mendenhall of the Union Pacific of a reporter, a few days ago. "Well then, you have not had a very extensive experience in the west and more especially in the early days. In the autumn of 1877, I was an express messenger and ran between North Platte and Denver. We left the Platte in the afternoon, westward bound and I had about \$75,000 in my vault which was assigned to parties in San Francisco. I often carried amounts nearly as large as that, but, for some reason or other, on this occasion, I had a feeling that I would be the vic-

tim of the almost inevitable train-robber before I reached the end of my journey. I kept my revelvers in close proximity to my familiar post in the car and was prepared for almost any emergency, although I was desirous of not

having any occasion to use my weapons because i knew that it meant bloodshed and probably loss of life. All along the route 1 had inspected every passenger that boarded the train.

"At Worcester, a small and forsaken hamlet, the train stopped for water, and, although it was quite dark, I imagined that I saw three men emerge from behind the tank as the train pulled out. My blood turned cold as I strained my eyes to ascertain whether I was mistaken in my discovery. The train sped on and several miles of track were left behind, and everything was going on in the usual

way. Suddenly she was brought to a stand without a signal. I knew what this meant. There was no station The long inchoate plan for a diocesan union of the five Protestant Episcopal dio-ceses of New York state into a province has advanced another step. A meeting was h yesterday at the see house in New Yo within several miles of this point. We York. were in the hands of the bandits. This Bishop Potter presiding and all five diosceses suggested itself to me in an instance, it.turned out to be too true. I A national Christian Endeavor day was grabbed a revolver in each hand and determined that if my car was entered. observed very generally by societies in all parts of the country in the third week of February, by offering special prayer for the work throughout the world, and by making a thank offering to some missionary cause

the intruders would have to slip over my dead body. In a few moments a de mand was made for me to open door. I did not speak, but slutched the The 100th anniversary of the founding of Georgetown college, by the Jesuits, under Father John Carroll, first bishop of the

handles of my revolvers more tightly. The demand was repeated, with a threat that if I did not open the door they would break it in and kill me. I observed that there were . several voices, but I made no effort to open the door or to ascertain who, or how many

were outside. "Suddenly a loud sound, as if the door was being battered with a sledge hammer, fell upon my ears. My hair stood on ends, but I decided that retreat was useless, and that my chances

for living as well as retaining the money and valuables entrusted to my care, were as good by raturning fire should it reach this rolut. Another blow was dealt and the door partially succumbed. Catching sight of one of my unwelcome guests, I fired, and a

must have performed its mission as anhand resting upon all of us. other cry escaped from the lips of the I did not know at the time, but I sub-

bandits. I again shot at random in hopes if not wounding, at least frightening the robbers away. Where were the conductor, the engineer, the passengers that they did not come to my asaistance. I asked myself.

a few minutes we were going a sixty-mile gait. We reached Wilbur and almost overcome with fright I emerged from the car and was about to relate my experience when the engineer and conductor, with faces bleached as the driven snow, informed me that while they were held under cover of a Smith & Wesson the men were working at my car. I found that my experience was not less pleasant

than theirs. "As well as I could ascertain there were five outlaws in the band, but I will wager my month's pay that if any of those fellows are living they bear evidence of my marksmanship on that occasion. I foiled what was evidently a well-planned robbery, but I would rather jump off a ten-story building than go through the same ordeal again.

boys. Fortunately we had no express car, and not much money on board. This system of robbery, of course, was anything but inviting, but it was much Suddenly the train started off, and in

less dreaded than that in which the the train was wrecked and everybody on board subjected to dual chances of being killed.

## MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

Margaret Mather has been playing Lady Macbeth. Kate Claxton is a very sick woman, and the probabilities are that she will be a painful invatid while she lives.

Washington society is exploiting Mamie Morris, a planiste, fourteen years old, who is described as "a female Josef Hofmann." Lawrence Barrett delivered a lecture upon Charlotte Cushman the other night in the Union League club at Philadelphia, before a distinguished audience.

The opening of the new Union Square theater, New York city, is now set down for Wednesday evening, March 27. Particularly brilliant decoration is promised.

Edward Harrigan has completed a three act local play, which he will use at the open-ing of his next season. "Pete" and the "O'Reagans" will last until May comes.

Sarah Bernhardt will appear at the Paris varietes in April, in the French adaptation of F. C. Phillps' "As in a Looking Glass," which was prepared for her some time ago Gustav Amberg has engaged Costanza Donita, "the celebrated prima dona of the Stadt theater, Cologne," to sing in operatta at his theater on Irving place, New York

city, next season The performance of an English version of the "Electra" of Sophocles by the students of the American Academy of the Dramatic Arts, will take place in the Lyceum theater, New York, in the near future.

It is announced that Mrs. Annie Yeamans will leave Mr. Harrigan's company at the end of the present season. If this be so, Mr. Harrigan will find it extremely difficult to re her, for in her own particular line she is without a rival.

In the production of "Richard III." by Mr. Richard Marsfield in London, especial atten-tion will be paid to the battle scenes, which are intended to illustrate the actual methods of combat at that period. Rehearsals are now

n full progress. Hans Von Bulow will arrive in this coun try towards the last of March to give sixteen piano recitais and conduct some orchestral concerts, it is said. With so limited a number of appearances, it is unlikely that his perfect plano playing will be heard outside of New York and Boston.

Jules Lemaitre, the distinguished French critic, has a play in rehearsal at the Odoon, in Paris, which is waited for with great ex-pectations. It is called "Revoltee," and Dumeny and Tessandier will have the prin cipal roles. The title means that the heroine is a woman who objects to the prejudices of society.

Mrs. Ward has written a graceful little note to Mr. A. M. Palmer, thanking him for his refusal to permit an unauthorized drama-In tization of "Robert Elsemere" to be per formed in his theater. She says that the dea of Elsemere and Catharine on the stage "had lain heavy on her mind," and that she is now greatly relieved.

Miss Mary Anderson, declares, with a great show of indigation, that she will never, never again play in St. Louis. She reaches this historic resolution because the professional critics of St. Louis dealt savagely with her: to be more explicit, they said that she did not deserve the reputation

accorded to her. Roland Reed seems to have dropped very naturally into the vacanc, occasioned by the death of John T. Raymond. He has always had a large and enthusiastic constituency, had a large and enthusiastic constituency, but in this higher sphere into which he has the coach and dispossessed the passenentered he is accorded a popularity second only to that enjoyed by the amiable genius whom he has succeeded.

Henry E. Abbey has arranged to com-mence Mme. Patti's concert tour in this conn. try in Chicago, the diva opening in the imEDUCATIONAL.

The Harvard Boat club have declined to

row an eight-oared race with Columbia at New London next spring.

An increase of twenty in the number of students at Syracuse university since the publication of the last catalogue, now gives a total of 636.

Prof. Charles H. Hitchcock of Dartmouth, has just presented to that college a large col-lection of natural history specimens, made by Prof. James Hall, of Albany.

Cardinal Gibbons, Archbishops Corrigan, of New York: Ryan, of Philadelphia, and Laughlin, of Brooklyn, were present at the centennial celebration of the Georgetown Jesuit university.

Mr. George Kennan has been lecturing in several of the New England colleges. At a certain point in his address he retires to an ante-room and comes clothed in the full garb a Siberian prisoner.

Prof. Lounsbury, of Yale, is busy at his new work on Chaucer. Prof. Lounsbury, by close study and application, has so greatly red his eyes that he sees with the great difficulty, but, like many another scholar, plods heroically on.

The Yale divinity school sends Mr. James B. Reynolds as missionary to European co. leges, the idea being to advance christian rk among the students there, and to establish a co-operative organization between those on the two continents.

The Edison company have presented to Correll's engineering department a dynamo having a capacity of 480 lamps, and valued at \$4,700. The Brush Electrical company have also contributed an improved mortor, worth \$600.

Mr. Jacob Tome, of Baltimore, has g ven \$2,000,000 for industrial education, and its significance can only be appreciated in connection with the millions given for educa-tional purposes by Leland Stanford, of Colifornia: Mr. Williams, of Philadelphia; Mr. Clark, of Worcester, and Mr. Pratt, of Brooklyn.

Dartmouth college is soon to have a genuinc professor in Edglish, to be supported by the Willard fund, which, after twenty years, has reached the amount required for a full professorship. The trustees have appointed a committee to select a man for the position, and he will probably be installed before next fall

The cost of maintaining the public schools in New York state last year was \$14,950,841, an increase of more than \$1,200,000 over 1887. This money was for the education of 1,772,-055 children of school age, of whom 1,083,209 attended school. The number of teachers employed was 31,723, at an average annual salary of \$419.75.

Rutzers college has the promise from Mr. Garrett E. Winants, of Bergen Point, N. J., of a fine dormitory building which will probably cost a hundred thousand dollars, magnificent gift will provide room-This rooms for a hundred students and, with the large in-crease of students under President Gates' administration, will afford great relief.

He stepped on board at a station just as any other passenger would do. The rest of his gang was in am-bush about four miles out of the village beside the track. As the train rest of approached, they made their appearance, and suddenly the passenger climbed over the tender and, with a gun leveled on the engineer, instructed him to halt his engine. It is needless to say that he went through the cerethe mony like an adept. and in short the train was brought to a stand-still. the rear coach was an apparently aged

ndividual, resembling very much an mbassador from the rural districts, but e was also one of the gang. As soon as the train began to slacken up he sprang to his feet, and, pointing two glittering pieces of firearms at the passengers, the conductor and myselfeverybody seemed to be in range-he commanded us to throw up our hands. Military discipline could not have resulted in a more uniform movement. Strong and delicate fingers alike pointed heavenward, and, as the train stopped, five masked bandits entered

gers and our train staff of their valuables and money. "I had some small change and a silpiercing yell reached my eurs. I knew ver watch, which was part of the booty that I had struck my man. I could not they received. After pilfering the ar-

"Possibly you have arrived at the conclusion," continued the conductor, that the James boys were the most to be dreaded of all the bandits that infested the west, but such is not the case. There are two methods of robbing a train. One is to subdue the individuals on board by the brandishing of weapons. and the other is the placing of obstruc tions on the track wrecking the train and afterwards effecting the robbery. In the early days, the latter system was practiced largely, but, on no occasion was this method employed by the James gang, although they had been connected with such achievements in many re-The lames boys, while a more lawless set of effected their robberies at the muzzle of necessary, but that was their last resort.

ports published about them. men never breathed a breath of life a revolver. They would shoot to kill if When I was braking on a passenger train on the Southern Pacific, the lames boys, with a strong staff made an advance on the train. One of them mounted the platform of the baggage car which was adjacent to the tender.