

in the matter of the presence of playwrights suspect in town, no less than three out of the four engagements of the week having been adorned by the bedily appearance of the authors of the plays presented, in connection with the plays presented, in connection with the plays presented, in connection with the plays presented arrival of the police, who have been informed of his whereabouts by the rival. Steve Brodie prevents him from being arrested and work of their hands, or pens, as the case may work of their hands, or pens, as the case may be. Mr. Hoyt did not act in "A Contented and the reporter arrive on Brooklyn bridge Woman;" he left that to his wife, who, to be just after the burglars have thrown the girl sure, did not act either, but whose lovely face left a more than commonly permanent impression upon the retina, although the natural sweetness of that face in repose is -sadly marred by self-consciousness before an audience. Mr. Hoyt, however, made a speech after the third act, and assured his hearers that his play had no local significance peculiar to Omaha, which was calculated to reassure any who were inclined to credit the addition to his other large endow ments, with such gift of prophecy as enabled foresee the coincidence of the produc tion of his play with the existence hereabout of a strong tendency toward reform in poll-tics. It may be doubted whether even the heedless thousands who crowded Boyd's theater throughout the Hoyt engagement, and who usually join with like-minded thousands elsewhere in fervent pralee of anything which bears the name of Hoyt, cared overmuch for "A Contented Woman." Not because it was vulgar, not because the characters depicted were lacking in ladylike and gentlemanly instincts, not because the humor was of that kind which smites one like a falling houseall these charges might be maintained, but then one expects these qualities in a Hoyt farce. One also expects, what one did not find in "A Contented Woman" as presented here, a competent cast. Mr. Hoyt has clever people about him, as a rule, but he seems to have depended, for the success of this latest effort, less upon the qualifications of the sup porting company than upon the regular fea-tures of Caroline Miskel and upon the quality tures of Caroline Miskel and upon the quality of his own dialogue, which is neither higher nor lower than the average of that which adorns his plays. The performance of Mrs. Clarke was briedy but favorably commented on in an early notice of the piece. It still remains a bright spot against a background It will be a pleasure to se of mediocrity. this artist again in more congenial surround ings. Aside from her characterization of the gay widow, and the effective work of George r along the lines of farce, there was nothing in the representation to raise play or players even to the customary Hoyt level.

The appearance of "On the Bowery" heater on this (Sunday) evening and the two following evenings will prove a mos interesting event, and already considerable interest is evinced. Everybody knows that this play by R. N. Stephens is the one in is displayed the personality of that much heard of New York product, Steve It was a profitable thought to make Brodie. such, a typical Bowery character as Brodle : figure in a play touching on Bowery life. The Brodie of the stage and the Brodie of real life are one and the same. The play tells a melo dramatic story as exciting as may be found in any New York sensational drama on the contemporary stage. A young reporter falsely accused of robbing the father of his sweet heart must be free to prove his innocence and so escapes through a window. The pursuing policeman blund=ringly captures an innocent old farmer in his stead. The crime was really committed by two burgiars and war witnessed by the reporter's rival, who has obtained some of the pluader. This fact is known to a woman whom the rival has deceived and is trying to avoid. The rival sets about putting this girl out of the way, as her existence imperils both his safety and his of marrying the reporter's sweet prospects He finds the burglars on the Bowery and by threats of exposure and promises he secures their aid in his scheme the deceived girl to Brooklyn bridge night-on promise of marrying her in Brook lyn-and to drop her from the bridge into the East river. The reporter, who has found

Omaha has been unusually favored of late | refuge in Steve Brodie's saloon, has reason to the burglars, and also ers that they are in communication with his rival. He sees them drive off with the cab, but is prevented from giving chase by the into the river and fled. Brodle jumps from the bridge and saves her. He lands with her at a pler, where he is joined by the reporter and the old farmer, who proves to be the rescued girl's father. The reporter is again hearly cornered by the police, but the farmer leads them off on a false chase. The re-porter's rival sets fire to the watch house in which he learns that his intended victim is recovering from the effects of her river experience. but Brodie ascends to the second story and rescues her. The proof of the re-porter's innocence and his rivel's guilt is

taken from books.

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thus forthcoming at the proper time and all ends happily for the well-deserving. As this bilef recital of the story indicates, the production of "On the Bowery" requires an uncommonly fine scenic equipment. It is pictorial in the highest degree possible to a play of the kind John H. Young has never play of its kind. John H. Young has never excelled in ingenuity and effectiveness the wonderful Brooklyn bridge scene that he de-signed and painted for "On the Bowery," at the order of Managers Davis and Keogh. Another scene that is unique on the stage is that representing Steve Brodie's curiously decorated saloon. The pier scene is the most elaborate scene of its kind ever built and the fire is as realistic and exciting as a stage fire can possibly be. The outdoor Bowery and Chatham Square views when shown out-side of New York must make any New Yorker homesick, so true to the actual are they. To make "On the Bowery" as many-sided cording to present indications, throughou

the entire season, if not well into the sum-mer, but the fact that Mme. Modjeska begins an entertainment as possible, a number of very amusing specialties are rendered by the comedy characters, and these are in every her engagement at the Garrick October and the engagements made for the Hol-lands in the other cities make such a run case appropriate to the nature of the play. Theatergoers of every class will find plenty impossible. to thrill or amuse them in "On the Bowery

At the Creighton, one actor-author, starr Conroy and Fox, who are remembered from a few years ago by their clever work with Rich & Harris, Howard Athenaeum company, and who were in the support of Lottle Col-lins when she was creating such a furore ing in his own play, has made a strong bid a share of popular favor, and another, ady established in the esteem of the already public, has done what he could to strengthen throughout the country, are now on their third starring tour. The new plece in which they appear in this city is called "O'Flarity's Vacation." It is by Arthur North and Hart-wig Cassell, and was written especially to himself in his position. Mr. Hal Reid, al-though his merit as an actor and as a writer of plays suited to his own abilities has not received the recognition during this engagement which it deserved, has made friend suit the peculiar talents of Conroy and Fox. with "Human Hearts" who will keep him the solution of the second sec in mind against his next coming. One does not look for greatness in dramatic represen-tations of this kind, nor, indeed, after many

unsuccessful quests, in, many more preten-tious efforts; but excellence such as Mr. Reid's will not always go unrewarded, and bas in it possibilities of development which will not stop at "Human Hearts." clear themselves. The theme and construct tion of the piece are both new, and although it is enlivened with many novel specialties

still they do not interfere in any way with the story. As for the company supporting the comedians, it is but necessary to mention Mr. Royle's new play was discussed at some length immediately after its first pre-sentation here. It was well liked by the majority of those who saw it, although the warmer welcome was reserved for the older favorite, "Friends." It is not impossible that this company may play a return engagement here in the spring, when "Mexico," which doubtless will have been shaped into more perfect symmetry by that time, will be offered once more.

A telegram received yesterday by a friend of Hans Albert announces the intention of that fine violinist to return to Omaha. He that here violated to return to Omana. The has been seriously ill on the Pacific coast, and has been visited with various other and unmerited forms of ill luck. He will be gladly welcomed to his former home, where there are many who recognize his genius and know him for what he is.

The orchestra at Boyd's continues to de light the public, under the intelligent direc-tion of Franz Adelmann. The violin solos of the leader are a feature of nearly every performance, and there are a few who ait in front who derive more constant pleasure from this source than is afforded them by

he will endeavor to placate the managers whom he has disappointed with "Ali Baba" achievements through over-noisiness. There is too much brass, or too much bass drum, or something. Too much racket, anyway. Mr. with "Sinbad" a little later on.

Norden is too good a musician to allow his "Charley's Aunt," which comes to the ffectiveness to be longer hampered in this Creighton Thursday evening, when it begins a three-night engagement, is a phenomenon way, and one hopes that a speedy reformation in this regard may remove the chief blemish upon the performances at this house. among modern farces. It was written by Brandon Thomas, whose acting in "The Pan-It is an interesting fact that speaks well tomime Rehearsal" when he appeared in America with Rosina Vokes, was so enthusias-tically approved. Mr. Brandon Thomas is act for the dramatic qualities of the novel that the three most distinguished successes of the theatrical season are plays that have been ing still in London, where he is a great favor These pieces, of course are "Trilby," "The Prisoner of Zenda" and "A Social Highwayman." This last piece, do any more work. "Charley's Aunt" has adapted by Miss Mary A. Stone from the three years it must have netted him over story of that name by Elizabeth Phipps Train, has just made a splendid success at \$300,000 in profits alone. Charles Frohman, who owns the American rights of the farce and under whose direction it will be produced at the Creighton, has cleared over \$200,000 by the Garrick, New York, and has given both E. M. and Joseph Holland serious characters the run of the piece in New York, the five months' run in Boston, the four months' run to interpret, in which they are seen to the best possible advantage. "A Social Highway-man" contains all the excitement of a melon Chicago and 100 nights in Philadelphia. drama without any of the claptrap methods and expedients noticed in that class of play, An idea of the hold which "Charley's Aunt" had on the New York folks will be obtained when the fact is stated that many persons went half a dozen times to see it, and there and it has the refined atmosphere that we might expect in the best class of society wherein the drama takes place. The charwere some people who sat it out and laughed through it twelve to fourteen different times. acter of Courtice Jaffrey, the gentleman thief, played with great dignity and force by Joseph Holland, belongs to the category of "Jim the Penman" and "Captain Swift," The action begins with two college chums inviting their sweethearts to a luncheon, to meet the millionaire aunt of one of them, a but it has many attributes that are widow, who halls from Brazil, "where the nuts come from." The aunt does not arrive, tinctly individual. The role of Jenkins Hanby, the ex-convict, faithful valet and friend of Jaffrey, presents E. M. Holland in a most sympathetic light; and the finesse and discretion of these admirable actors' performances cannot be too highly combut the young girls do, and in order that they may with propriety be kept to lunch the chums get another college chum to personate the Brazilian aunt. Then the fun begins. The bogus aunt hugs and kisses the girls, to mended. The spiritualistic seance and the fatal collapse of masonry in the last act which kills Courtice Jaffrey make two of the deep chagrin of their lovers. She e gets up flirtations with two middle-aged gentlemen the most thrilling situations that have been seen for a long time upon the New York stage. The success of "A Social Highway-man" is so great that it could easily run, acind secures proposals of marriage from them There is a great whirl of merriment through

three acts, when the deception is finally explained in the presence of the real aunt, as arrived, and everything ends happily. The next attraction after "On the Bowery

at Boyd's theater will be Tim Murphy i Hoyt's great political satire, "A Texas Steer. This year Mr. Murphy has the rights of "A Texas Steer." and an almost new cast will be presented. As is well remembered, Mr. Murphy created the part of Hon. Maverick Brander, and it has always stood as his

inique creation. (1. Mr. Walter Turner, Mr. Murphy's manager, was in the city during the last two days, visiting with the people in "A Contented Woman'? company.

The same excellent cast that has presented the homely, pastoral play, "The Old Home-stead," here for a number of years past will present it again at Boyd's theater on Wednes. lay and Thursday of next week.

On Friday and Saturday of next week De Wolf Hopper and his company of merrymakers will present the comic opera, "Dr. Syntax" at Boyd's theater.

"The Defaulter," Lincoln J. Carter's latest aroduction, comescie the Creighton for four alghts, commencing "Sunday, October 20. "The Defaulter," which is a dramatization of George Manville Fran's well known book, "This Man's Wifej!! has met with a favorable reception in the many cities in which it has een presented, and promises to become an greater favorite than Mr. Carter's other productions.

the comedians, it is but necessary to mention a few of the names to show that they have a combination of unusual strength. It em-braces such people as Miss Susie Martin, for a long time with Harrigan; Miss Letta Mere-dith, late of the Boston theater Black Crook company, Hayes and Post, grotesque artists, formerly of Marian, Hayes & Marian and Ma-rian & Post; Miss Katie Allen, the clever little singing and dancing soubrette, who was one of the big hits of Conroy & Fox's "Hot Tamales" last season; Miss Jean Evelyn, for several seasons with W. H. Powers' "Ivy Leaf" company, and late with Charles Froh-man; Mr. J. W. Kingsley, formerly of the "Robin Hood" opera company, and others Among the many good things in store for Creighton patrons in the near future are Richard Mansfeld's clever company fro his Garrick theater, New York City, pr pre and play "Trilby," a burlesque on the novel and play "Trilby," Hanlon's "Superba," Ward & Vokes in "A Run on the Bank," Tomkin's "Black Crook," and Rice's Orig-inal company in "1492," which company ap-pars in the city for the first time on that occasion. "Robin Hood" opera company, and others who will assist in keeping the pot of fun effervescent. Conroy and Fox open a four nights' engagement at the Creighton, with a

Stage Notes

Telegraphic communication was received by Tim Murphy writes that in "A Texa Steer" he is meeting with that old but sel Munager Haynes of Boyd's theater Friday to the effect that David Henderson's big Ameri-can Extravaganza company would not be able to fill the dates for which it was booked at Boyd's theater the latter part of the pres-ent week. From an outside source it is

occasion.

The report has spread that Stuart Robson is to appear in only one or two plays this season. He contradicts this. He has an extensive repertory, which he will fully utilize bar cafes of Leicester square, says a correspondent of the New York Sun, you will utilize

When E. M. Holland announced last week ing the great town from out the bottom of that he had become the father of a bouncing infant, Odette Tyler and the women of "A their indignation. Social Highwayman" company presented to that gay young bachelor, Joseph Holland, a rosy cheeked doll baby.

While in the city Mr. Charles H. Hoyt has ing still in London, where he is a great favor-ite, though there is no necessity for him to do any more work. "Charley's Aunt" has made him independently rich. In the pasi Mr. Anson has been selected, and its seaon will open on November 29.

Walker Whitesides exposed his perform-nce of "Hamlet" to the knives of metropolitan critics on September 30, and they The consensus carved into it somewhat. The consensus actor with a laudable ambition and considerable natural ability, but that he needs osching.

This is the way Otis Skinner has to look when he impersonates Villon, the Vagabond, in the play of that title, in which he has made a notable success this season. The description of the character is by the late Robert Louis Stevenson: "A rag of a man, dark, little and lean, with hollow cheeks and thin, black locks. He carries his four-andtwenty years with feverish animation. Greed has made folds about his eyes, evil smiles have puckered his mouth. The wolf The wolf and pig struggle together in his face. It is an eloquent, sharp, ugly, earthly countenance. His hands are small and prehensile, with fingers knotted like a cord, and safer to go about London drunk than sober, they are continually flickering in front of The inhabitants of that city are, in this rehim in violent and expressive pantomime."

Minnle Maddern-Fiske has returned to the stage as a star after an absence of about seven syears. Her tour began at the Du-quesne theater, Pittsburg, on September 30, in Harrison Grey Fiske's adaptation from the French of Daudet and Hennique called "The Queen of Liars." Mrs. Fiske plays the role of Marie Deloche, an adventuress, who love and marries an honorable man. As in Camille, everything is against Deloche, and she eventually, after the habit of numerous predecessors in French emotional drama, poisons herself to death. Mrs. Fiske is an actress of wide range of emotion and expression and great magnetism. She is re-puted to have made a strongly favorable impression in her latest play-which is on a much higher plane than "In Spite of All" and "Featherbrain."

The personal press agent of Theresa Vaughn sends out the statement that Miss Vaughn is to be the star of E. E. Rice's forthcoming production of R. A. Barnet's "Excelsior, Jr." It is well enough for Miss Vaughn to have a personal press agent, for the public likes to hear about her, but she should instruct him to stick to facts. In-quiry at Mr. Rice's office reveals that that manager has no intention of starring Miss Vaughn. Truth to tell, there is to be no star in "Excelsior, Jr." The nearest ap-proach to such a luminary will be Fay Templeton, who is to impersonate the title role, and who, if she has actually shed her superfluous flesh, as she claims, will be capi tally cast in what amounts to a star role. The point is that the writer of this paragraph has read the libretto, and therefor talks by the card. Miss Vaughn will not be the star of "Excelsior, Jr."

Cholera in Honolulu

As soon as it became known that choler. vas certain to become epidemic in Honolulu local drug house there ordered a large supply of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. The directions given are to go to bed as soon as the first symptoms appear; remain as quiet as possible and take this remedy in double doses, every fifteen minutes until the pain ceases, and then after each operation of the bowels more than natural. Send for a physician, but take the remedy in this way until he arrives. It should be kept at hand ready for instant use. The great success of this remedy in epidemical dysentery leads us to believe that it will prove very effectual in the treatment of cholers.

Paris and Berlin all put together London is like the melancholy and silent Ten millions of eels are annually consume workman who displeases on first acquainin London. tance, but gains on being known. In the A London fog costs \$35,000 for extra gan

burnt. A thousand plano organs are played in the London streets daily. This does not include hear Italians, French and even Germans curs-

stainers among the London cabmen.

are smoked in London each day.

average more than 25 cents a day.

On an average every London policeman ar-rests but seven people a year. London streets are very long and each one

is crossed by an unlimited number of other streets running at right angles to it or cut-

streets running at right angles to the this ting it diagonally or otherwise. From this it results that there are an unconscionable number of street corners, each one the junction of two streets, or three, or four, as

may be. You may stand at any one of them without being told to move on and take in the vista of that portion of the town in which you

happen momentarily to be. In this way the eye may grapp the perspectives of two, three or four streets successively, simost simulta-

neously, without as much as changing the position of one's body, in fact, by simply turn-ing one's neck. These streets are composed

ing ones mack. These streets are composed as follows: A row of houses to the right is paralleled at a distance of fifteen, twenty, thirty, forty or fifty feet by a second row of houses to the left, or vice versa, the fronts of each row of houses facing the fronts of the opposite row of houses, unless it be the backs which face such other when it is a mawa A

which face each other, when it is a mews. A long and comparatively narrow space is thus

left between the rows of houses, the center

being a roadway for vehicles and the edges being for the safe passage of pedestrians. This is the street. When you get tired of walking on it you can call a csb and drive back to your hotel.

It is stated that London drinks every year

The London jam trade provides employ-ment for 16,000 people and 65,000 tons of

sugar are used yearly in the trade. More than 1,000,000 ready made cigarettes

Twelve thousand people are employed at the London theaters.

London has nearly 320,000 maid servants.

Only one person in four in London carns

In the year 1894 some 13,000 pewter beer

common hand organs. Ten days of London fog cast 25,000 people on beds of sickness. About 1.250,000 articles are pledged with

London pawnbrokers weekly. London consumes 4,000,000 guarts of periwinkles each year. There are 200 periwin-kles to the pint. Total, 800,000,060 periwinkles. What becomes of the shells? About 2,500 dress suits are hired out in

"There are too many children!" "All the streets are ugly!" "There is no pleasure except in the thea London each night. It is estimated that in London fully 3,000,-000 people never enter a place of worship,

\$5 a week.

"The rich are insolent!" "The cafes are only drinking dens!" "Nobody is of any account!" There are 90,000 paupers in London. There are more than 4,000 pledged ab-

Perhaps this last remark touches the truth the most intimately. Nobody is of any ac-count. The stranger has scarcely set his foot down in this monster city than his per-sonal value undergoes a depreciation of 100 per cent. He feels inferior to a pauper idiot. He becomes humble, his pride leaves And I fancy the principal reason American tourists are not heard oftener to give expression to this state of soul is, first (perhaps), because they are accustomed to the same abomination of desolation in some of their own great cities, but, secondly, be-

"They are all brutes here!"

ers!

"The military set the worst example!"

"The police are half drunk!" "They cook their vegetables in water!

pots were stolen from North London public cause they speak the language, and, more imhouses. They are used to make counterfeit portant still, have regularly just landed. Everything old world is new to them; money is (for the first few weeks) of small account, money. A London confectioner says that he is often often called upon to furnish wedding cakes weighing 1,000 pounds each and puddings of It and they are content to be hauled about and oun- see in the most formal way. a size sufficient for 500 hearty appe

It may be set down as a rule that it is A single firm in St. Paul's churchyard once received an order for 1,000,000 ladies mantles from a retail customer. London contains 250,000 working single spect, like the North American Indians, who regard an imbecile as one touched by the finger of God and sacred. women, whose individual earnings do not

To be lost in London is to be walking up and down a series of streets seeking a place to sit down. You will see a great many om-nibusses plastered with little advertising signs. You will see about 75,000 nice looking. well behaved children running loose, the ma-jority of them selling flowers or matches. You will see interminable rows of shops, their show windows invariably messy looking and badly arranged. There are an equal number of public houses, scenting the streets with the aroma of stale beer. There are great numbers of cabs, great numbers of people walking quickly a steady more these walking quickly, a steady roar of traffic, more terrifying than the Punch and Judy noises of the Paris streets. Every ten minutes three is an oasis of rest and pleasure in listening to a plano organ captained by an Italian and frequently drawn by a handsome little donkey —evidence of the poor exile's dawning pros-perity. Around the plano organ there is a cleared space and little girls dance to the music. In this dancing they copy, accurately enough the ballet (1) prancings of the Ferenough, the ballet (!) prancings of the En pire, the Alhambra and the Christmas panto-mimes. They are pretty faced children, and it is nice to see them flopping about, only it seems improper that they should be running

Or there will be a crowd around two boys having a good old fist fight. As long as everything goes fair and the boys are decently matched, even the police will stand by be nignantly. I have seen this. Two heav, Two heavy men of the lower class were fighting on a street just off the Strand. One had a considerable grievance against the other, who, according to the crowd, was quite in the wrong. A policeman separated them, but the injured man pleaded

"Just let me sock him once first!"

"Weil," said the policeman, "go on an sock him onco and then clear out!" I suppose all this is interesting, but it is

not complete, artistic, calm, well ordered, or gay, according to the continental standard. Everywhere there are stress and contrast and in sufficient quantity to overweigh that balance of harmony inside and out which we call decent, reason-guided pleasure. Londo: is too big too heavy too rich, too poor, too hurried, shapeless, and irresponsible. Paris is a baby to it. With its populations of 5,000,000, its gigantic streets, its narrow alleys, its low

its gigantic streets, its narrow alleys, its low dens, its palaces, its dark corners, its rich open squares, its underground rallways, its overhead traffic, its incredible lavishness and its shocking lack, its debauches and its rigor-land. There ought to be a quicker way to ism, the town offers a spectacle of contrasts get there.

45,000,000 gallons of mall liquor, 8,000,000 gal-lons of wine and 14,500,000 gallons of spirits. It is estimated that the great smoke cloud which sometimes hangs over London weighs 300 tons, fifty tons of which is solid carbon and 250 tons of which is hydro-carbon is calculated that the smoke of the year is worth \$10,000,000.

London pays nearly a third of the whole neome tax of England. There are over 12,000 artists in London.

In the winter as many as 40,000 per day of dead larks frequently find their way into

the London markets. The cow population of London is 18,000. On an average rain falls in London on 182 days of each year. Over 1,000,000 pawn tickets for sums under

10 shillings are issued weekly in London. One million eggs are brought into London daily from Italy alone.