

BALLADS OF THE BANKS.

By Holman F. Day, in the Saturday Evening Post.

May health and heartiness never fail My friend the Whale - my friend the Whale!

There are days when the dog fish are gnawin' the bait, And the mud eels are saggin' the trawl; When the brim and the monk fish and pucker mouthed skate Are the yield from a three-mile haul: -When the dory bow ducks with the weight that it lugs Of the ruffraff and sculch of the sea, And sculpins come goggin with wide open mugs, And grinnin' jocosely at me. Its h'ist and lug, and pull and tug - Bow-pulley chuckerin' - chugity chug! And all that you're gettin' won't pay for the weight Of powder to blow 'em to Beelzebub's straight.

Then's the chance to be grum if you're taken that style And are sort of inclined to the blues; When luck is ag'in ye 't's whimper or smile, Whichever's your notion to choose.

Now I - I am sort of inclined to the grine, So, after a loaf on the rail, I whistle him up, my old friend of the fins - The jolly Jeehookibus Whale! - The great Jeehookibus, fan fluke whale, A genial chap with a swivel tail; Ready for larks and primed for pranks, His jokes are the life of the whole Grand Banks.

I've knowed him sence summer of 'Seventy four, When I "chanced" on a hand liner trip; I was out in my dory one day and I wore Oiled petticuts strapped to my hip. I was thinkin' and smokin' and fishin' away, As quiet as quiet could be, When all of a whew there was dickens to pay In the neighborhood handy to me. With a whoosh like a rocket I shot in the air, And it seemed like 'twas blowin' a gale; As I h'isted sky hootin' I looked, sor, and there Was the jolly Jeehookibus Whale. The great Jeehookibus, fan fluke whale Was under me, swishin' his swivel tail. He stood on his head with his tail stuck up. And the game he was playin' was ball and cup.

I dropped, but he caught me and filliped me quick And juggled me neat as could be; 'Twas as pretty and clever a slight of tail trick As ever ye saw on the sea. At first I was skittish, as you can see why, When I found myself up on the air. But as soon as I noticed the quirk in his eye I was over my bit of a scare. 'Twas a humorous look he was throwin' to me As there I continered to sail, While under me, fannin' and grinnin' in glee. Was the jolly Jeehookibus Whale. The great Jeehookibus, fan fluke whale, He fanned and tanned with his big, broad tail, Till my petticuts filled and I floated there, Like a thistle balloon on the summer air.

'Twas the slickest performance, our dorymen swore

That ever was seen on the Banks; He lowered me back in my dory once more And I giv' him my heartiest thanks. And I reckon he liked me and thought I was game, Because I wa'n't howlin' in fear; For over and over he's done jest the same, This many and many a year. When dog fish are gnawin' and other men swear As they jerk at the sculch-loaded trawl, I know I have some one to cuff away care, If only I whistle the call. Then up from his bed on the dulses he spins, And I boost myself over the rail For a sail on the tail of my friend of the fins - The jolly Jeehookibus Whale, - he great Jeehookibus, fan fluke whale, A jovial chap with a swivel tail; Ready for larks and primed for pranks, He drives away blues from the whole Grand Banks.

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THEATRICAL.

THE OLIVER.

The formal opening at the Oliver theatre next Monday night will be an especially noteworthy one for a variety of reasons. Charles Frohman's Empire Theatre company has always enjoyed exceeding popularity in this city, and its return now after an absence of five years is sure to meet with a cordial greeting. Charles Richman, the leading man, is a manly, virile young actor who has made a great impression as the leading man of the late Augustin Daly stock company. The leading woman, Miss Margaret Anglin, needs no introduction to the favor of Lincoln audiences. It is quite safe to say that there are no actors in this country whose ability and charming personality are more highly esteemed. Her appearance here during the present engagement is anticipated with special pleasure, for, as the heroine of Henry Arthur Jones' play, she is said to have accomplished the best effort of her brilliant career. There are other favorites in the company; Miss Margaret Dale is favorably known to local audiences through her various appearances here as the leading woman with Henry Miller's company; Miss Ethel Hornick, a California girl, who has been exceedingly successful in the east, has an important role. Others in the cast are W. H. Crompton, E. Y. Backus, Stanley Dark, George Osborne, Jr., George Cooper, Frank Brownlee, Geo. Sylvester, Miss May Brooke, Miss Lillian Thurgate. "Mrs. Dane's Defence" is regarded as one of the strongest ever written by the famous English playwright. Seats now on sale.

The company selected by Mr. West for his tour this year embraces the names of many famous vocalists and comedians. While the company of last season was considered the limit, that engaged for this year's tour is in many respects superior. The singing contingent is particularly strong, including Manuel Romain, the popular little tenor who created such a furor last season; Clement Stuart, England's greatest tenor; Wilson N. Miller, a famous basso, and Georgie Jones, a boy baritone, of whom a great career is predicted. The comedians are headed by Billy Van, the irrepressible comedian of last season's company, who will be heard from in an entirely new specialty and with a repertoire of new gags and jokes that are sure to convulse his hearers. McMahon and

King and N. S. Carr comprise the other end men, and as they have always been considered among the funniest of black-face comedians, a good laugh is predicted for everybody. The olio is a very strong one and includes, among other acts, the Zeb and Zarrow trio of bicycle effects, and the great Rio troupe seen last season with West. They have this year an entire new act which is said to be highly sensational. Billy Van will introduce a new monologue; McMahon and King will be seen in a very funny coon act, and Carr, McDonald and Parshley will introduce a high class musical act in which they will be heard on entirely new and expensive instruments. The West Minstrels will doubtless attract their capacity business when they appear here at the Oliver on Wednesday evening, September 11.

A Greek Letter Joke.

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