

A LETTER FROM A MANAGER TO A DRAMATIST.

DEAR SIR—I have some daisy costumes left over from my last season with a spectacular show. They are Chinese and Indian dresses. I also have a dandy scene, painted two years ago, but still as good as new. It represents the Pyramids of Egypt. You may also remember the scenery I used in "The Blonde Brigand" when it was done in your town three years ago. The first act represented a castle on the Rhine, and the second the interior of a sleeping-car. Now, I have engaged for next season the greatest emotional actress in America, and I want to hire a smart man, or boy to write a play for her. Miss Hysteria Wheeler, which is her stage name, has been divorced twice under the most sensational circumstances, and she is the second cousin to the great-aunt of a former President. If she is not a winner, nothing will be. I write to ask you if you can't get up an emotional society drama for Miss Wheeler. I would like to have the first act play in the Pyramids, the second in a castle on the Rhine, and the third in the sleeping-car. The characters should all be swell society people, and should dress in Chinese and Indian costumes, as I must use those dresses *sure*. Don't you think you could make an adaptation of "Robert Elsmere," introducing my scenes and costumes. There seems to be a good deal of free advertising given to Bob Elsmere these days. As Miss Wheeler has a bad cough, it would be well to have the leading female part a consumptive. Let me hear from you by return mail. Could you have the play finished by next week? Yours hustling,
WILLIAM HANDBILL, *Manager*.

DRS. R. & E. W. HUNTER (of Chicago and New York), the well-known specialists in throat and lung diseases, have opened a branch office for Canada at 73 Bay St., Toronto. Dr. Robert Hunter is here in person, and during his stay can be consulted on consumption, catarrh, bronchitis and asthma. Their treatment is by medicated air applied directly to the tubes and cells of the lungs. A pamphlet, giving all particulars, will be sent on application.

"My dear, I have been reading up within the past week, and I think I have a name for our baby," said Mrs. Greening, as her liege emerged from his bath this morning.

"You have, eh! What is it?"

"I read that Phœbus, the god of day, comes up bright and beautiful in the morning; that he lights the world; that without him—"

"Now, look here, madam; let's have no foolishness here. You can't call that child by any such name. Did Phœbus of history yell from 11 P.M. to 3 A.M., and intermittently from 3 to 7? I myself am doing the god-of-day business in the matter of getting up, and I'm not dividing honors. If you want a mythological cognomen for that destroyer of rest, I have it."

"What is it?" asked Mrs. Greening, with considerable asperity.

"Aurora!" brutally yelled Elisha. Then he left the house.—*Exchange*.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP should always be used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic and is the best remedy for diarrhoea. 25c. a bottle.

MRS. CAHOKIA—"Alfred, I have been reading about the hot air treatment for weak lungs, and I think I should like to try it."

MR. CAHOKIA (*struck by a happy thought*)—"All right, Esmeralda. This is May. Next month is June. We'll spend the whole month right here in St. Louis."—*Chicago Tribune*.

TO THE DEAF.—A person cured of Deafness and noises in the head of 23 years' standing by a simple remedy, will send a description of it free to any person who applies to Nicholson, 177 McDougal Street, New York.

"How did you come out, Johnny, with your game with the Hustlers?"

JOHNNY (*captain of a boys' ball club*)—"They beat us, pa—19 to 0."

"Umph! You haven't won a game this season, have you?"

"No, and I just want to club myself, too."

"Don't get discouraged, my boy. Why, if you keep on this way the first thing you know you will be as big a man as Anson."—*Chicago Herald*.

THE PREMIUM PLATE.—A very large number of old subscribers are sending for the "Horse Fair." This picture, as is universally the case with premiums, was intended to stimulate new subscriptions. We have, however, arranged to accommodate present subscribers by giving the picture to all who pay to the end of 1899, and enclose 25 cents for expenses. This will give to all the average footing of new subscribers. But many send the 25 cents and forget the other part of the condition. Be kind enough to read our offer at the foot of the advertisement.

"I'm afraid that George is trifling with your affections, my dear," said her mother. "He has been calling here nearly a year and hasn't proposed yet."

"You shouldn't blame him for that, ma," replied Gracie, "for you stay in the room so long every evening that he hasn't a chance to say anything private to me."

MANY a sufferer from Neuralgia, Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite, General Debility, etc., will be glad to find that Dyer's Quinine and Iron Wine is strongly recommended for such cases. It is easily assimilated, prepared with great care, and is an admirable tonic. W. A. Dyer & Co., Montreal.

BIMBERLY.—"Doddly, you are married and ought to be able to tell me what I want to know. Are these gags about a woman's pocket being so hard to get at founded on facts or not?"

DODDLY (*who married a rich widow*).—"You bet they are. By the way, Bimberly, have you got a couple of dollars you could lend me till Saturday?"

"Oh, the Frenchman was very harshly treated. They threw him off the balcony into the street."

"They did? Well, was he hurt much? Anything broken?"

"Nothing but his English."

AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN PLANS

WHEN you go to New York stop at the Sturtevant House, Broadway, corner 29th, near elevated. Moderate prices, central location.—*Post*.

"Yes, Jennie," said the young lady's beau, as he clasped her small hand in his and gazed lovingly into her melting eyes, "although I'm in comfortable circumstances now, I've seen the day when I've been hard pressed."

"Indeed," she said.

"Yes, indeed, pretty hard pressed."

"I don't remember," she said with a shy look, "of ever having been hard pressed." She was a moment after.—*Boston Courier*.

A PENNSYLVANIA man recently wrote to his somewhat illiterate son, who had married and settled in the West, asking: "How is your son and heir?" A week or two later he received the gratifying reply "that the boy is doing splendidly, but I am losing my hair."

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