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# HOW CHRISTMAS WAS KEPT

## It Was a Quiet and Orderly Day in Toronto.

## CHURCHES WERE CROWDED

### And Also the Theatres and Places of Amusement at Night.

**The Day Passed Without Accident or Serious Mishap—Skating Was a Favorite Pastime—Legion Were the Family Reunions, and Peace and Good-Will Reigned Supreme Everywhere.**

Old Probs was again right and sent us the seasonable Christmas weather he promised. The day was mostly bright, though occasionally overcast in the afternoon. The temperature was cold, though a little higher than on the previous day.

There was nothing meteorological to prevent those who had the mind from attending church, and the various sanctuaries were well attended. Specially was this the case where special musical services were rendered. The Catholic churches were thronged, and at St. James' Cathedral, the Metropolitan and one or two other churches the congregations were much larger than on Sundays. The glorious strains of Handel's inimitable oratorio, "Messiah," resounded through the sacred edifices and the jubilant "Hallelujah Chorus" was heartily sung. Such popular Christmas hymns as "Christians Awake," "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing," "O Come, All Ye Faithful," "Joy to the Earth," and "With the Shepherds in the Story," went with all the added appropriateness of the festival. As to the sermons, well, if the theme of Christmas could not unloose stammering tongues what else could? Suffice it to say that the Nativity and its far-reaching results was the topic of eloquent discourse and forcible personal appeal.

After church came the dinner hour and the downtown streets were wellnigh deserted until the time for the theatre performances, but never during the day were there the expected crowds of promenaders. Another notable fact was there was an absence of drunkenness, that business at the saloons was not brisk in the morning, and that most of the hotels closed their bars in the afternoon. It was a quiet, orderly holiday, a great day for family gatherings and social reunions.

As to amusements, they were legion and all well patronized. The Grand, Toronto Opera House, Royal Theatre, Auditorium, Massey Music Hall, Association Hall and other places were crowded at night.

Philanthropic societies and evangelistic missions looked after the poor and the afflicted, and the inmates of prisons and asylum were not forgotten.

The day, fortunately, passed without serious accident or anything to mar its character as a great Christian festival.

**At St. Mary's, Bathurst-street.**

Christmas at St. Mary's Church, Bathurst-street, was celebrated with more than usual grandeur this year. Ere the first streaks of daylight were beginning to crimson the horizon, the streets, even at that early hour, were crowded with people, all apparently hurrying to assist at early mass. The aisles and sanctuary were lit up with numerous gas jets, the altar beautifully decorated, and the multitude of wax tapers so arranged that when lit the whole had the appearance of an immense blaze of light. Natural flowers and palms were artistically interspersed among the many and vari-colored lights in such a way as to present a magnificent spectacle of heavenly beauty.

First mass was celebrated at 6.30, Battman's mass in E flat for three voices (first time in Toronto), being sung by the boys' choir, under the direction of Prof. Domville; solos by Basil Breen, Edmund Hartnett and Frank Cartan; bass solo by Mr. A. Oster and Mr. Hay; offertory, "Adeste Fideles."

At the 10 o'clock mass the Holy Angels' Choir, under the direct control of the Sisters of St. Joseph, sang, accompanied by organ and violins, the usual Christmas hymns, and the sweet young voices in the "Gloria in Excelsis Deo" were most impressive.

Grand high mass, with Rev. W. McCann celebrant, Vicar-General McCann deacon and Father John Kelly sub-deacon and master of ceremonies, commenced at 11 o'clock, the splendid pipe organ accompanying the rendition of Millard's mass in B flat; solos by the Misses Clark, Murech, Rollert, Walsh, Memory, and Messrs. Rollert and McCabe. After mass Vicar-General McCann ascended the pulpit, and in his usual easy and dignified style wished his congregation a holy and a happy Christmas, then took for his text, "For the Son of Man is come to seek and to save that which was lost," Luke xix. 10. The preacher dwelt on the three thoughts: We were fallen; our Lord came to lift us up. We were in darkness; He came to enlighten us. We were sick; He came to heal us. During Advent—a time set apart by the church to prepare for the great festival of Christmas—pious Christians contemplated man's fall and all its attendant miseries, and with the patriarchs sighed for the Messiah. Impressed with the thought of their woes, they invoked the Redeemer, who alone could save them, the Doctor who could enlighten them and the Great Physician who could heal them. Now that the gloom of Advent has given place to the brightness of Christmas, and the infant Saviour is born at Bethlehem, the hymn of joy bursts from the lips of all and mingles with the song of the angels, as midst heavenly brightness they chant, "Glory to God on high, and peace on earth to men of good-will."

The Vicar possesses an imposing appearance, fine physique and a rich musical voice, which gives his eloquence an additional charm and has the wonderful power of holding his audience spell-bound.

Vespers were chanted in the evening at 7.30 o'clock, the sacred edifice being so completely crowded that standing room could scarcely be obtained. Thus was a day of devotion, combined with pleasure, brought to a grand and peaceful close.

**St. James' Cathedral.**

The service in St. James' Cathedral yesterday was of an impressive and brilliant order. An eloquent sermon was preached by the Right Rev. Dr. Sullivan, M.A., rector of the cathedral. He considered Christmas tide as symbolizing family re-union. This thought prevailed down the long centuries, yet now often is there associated with it the thought of Saturnalian feasting, a custom of ancient heathendom. The great masters kept always before them the thought of family associations, and emphasized the theme in the elegant and masterfully productions which grace the churches of Italy known as "The Holy Family." Though the central figure is the infant Saviour, the sainted Father and the Virgin Mother received great consideration, and are painted in the faultless finish, in the scenes of revelry, the rector said, we should take this one thought with us—the consciousness of the Divine presence. In so doing we will deal more kindly with our brother-man. Thus will the mission of Jesus Christ, the Son of the Carpenter of Nazareth, be fulfilled, and the brotherhood of mankind become an acknowledged reality. The musical part of the service was rendered in a spirited manner.

**Central Methodist.**

At the Central Methodist Church, Rev. Dr. Dewart preached on "What Think Ye of Christ?" and although the reverend gentleman was suffering from a cold he made the discourse very interesting. The musical service was particularly good. The anthem was a neat arrangement of Faure's popular "Pleasant Land," as solo and chorus. Mr. E. P. Brownell, basso, sang the solo in good style and the well-balanced choir of 20 voices gave evidence of the good training of Mr. Jeffers, the organist and choir master. The altos had a difficult part to sing and showed specially good tone quality and correctness. Miss Jessie Lean sang "Rejoice Greatly," from the "Messiah," with particularly good expression and displayed a voice of more than ordinary excellence. The accompaniment of Mr. Jeffers contributed in no small degree to the success of the solo. As the congregation was leaving, Mr. Jeffers played the "Hallelujah Chorus."

**Christmas Traffic.**

Street Railway traffic was good yesterday, and lots of people used the cars to visit their folks. At the Union Station things were very quiet. None of the trains seemed to have many passengers, but a big rush is looked for between now and Monday, as lots of people spent the holiday out of town.

**Excluded From the Mails.**

The United States Postoffice Department has given orders excluding from the mails all letters in black envelopes—a devise adopted by certain creditors for the collection of bad bills. If they wish to blacklist a beat they must do it some other way than with Uncle Sam's help. The mailing of postal cards containing dunning matter was prohibited by the department some years ago.

**Paris Dressmakers.**

Paris is the paradise of the dressmaker. There are in the city 70,000 persons who make articles of women's dress and 65,000 dressmakers. It has been estimated that the yearly amount earned in this business there is over $250,976,000.

**Air Locomotives.**

Rome, Dec. 25.—A trial here on the tracks of the New York Central or the Hurdle air engine was highly satisfactory, when it hauled with ease four loaded freight cars. The engine is to be tested next month on the Third-avenue elevated railroad, in New York.

**The Cinematographe.**

All day long at 96 Yonge-street, and both in the afternoon and evening at Association Hall, yesterday, there were delighted crowds in attendance to see the wonderful views presented by the Cinematographe and to listen to the splendid singing of the Misses Maggie Huston, Theresa Tymon and Ella Rotha, and Mr. Arthur L. Davies and the organ playing of Miss Jessie Perry. To-day, as usual, the Cinematographe will be on view at 96 Yonge-street and in the afternoon and evening at Association Hall.

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# COUNTY AND SUBURBAN NEWS.

**Richmond Hill High School is Now in Ashes—Burned Down at Midnight—Christmas Gatherings.**

A.O.F. Lodge, East Toronto, have elected the following officers for 1897: J E Shaw, chief ranger; A McMillan, S.C.R.; T Curtis, treasurer; P Taylor, secretary; J Tanner, S.W.; L Layland, J.W.; A Logan, S.B.; W Elliott, J.B.; W Hobson, J Hess, J Lee, trustees; C J Murray, representative.

A peculiar runaway took place on Thursday. The horse attached to one of F. Boston's bakery rigs took fright on Gerrard-street, and, breaking into a gallop, ran into a street lamp, snapping it clean in half, then knocked a hydrant out of the ground, and ended up with turning a somersault over a fence. The large lamp at the top of the post, in falling, fell right side up on the remaining stump, and stuck there as if it had been screwed on.

G.T.R. Detective Cockburn is investigating the circumstances connected with the death of the unfortunate man, Daly, at Scarboro' Junction, on Monday last.

F. Tilley of East Toronto believes that the neighborhood would support a small theatre, and will get up a company early in January.

Work has started on the Massey-Harris summer residence at the company's model farm, Little York. The plans show it to be some brick building, surmounted by an observatory.

Mrs. George Allen is visiting East Toronto from Detroit.

**Richmond Hill High School Burned.**

On Wednesday night at midnight the Richmond Hill fire brigade were called out to battle against the flames which were at that time discovered to be raging in the High School building. The fire, which started in the furnace room, had made great headway before discovered, as nothing was noticed until some members of Mr. Teefy's family were awakened by falling glass, from one of the windows in the large room. Shortly after the alarm was given, the brigade and many of the citizens were at the scene of the fire, and for nearly four hours streams of water were being continuously showered on the school and neighboring buildings. Two tanks in front of the High School were first emptied; next, two opposite Proctor's stables; next, one large tank in front of Skeele's store which lastly the engine had to be removed to the tank near the Grand Union Hotel, as it was impossible to save the High School building, but by hard work the Public School buildings in the rear were saved, a feat which at times seemed an impossibility to accomplish. The old Grammar School building, now used by the Public School, is only six feet from the High School, but nothing was burned except the belfry. W. Storey's frame residence stood only 25 feet to the south, and although the wind was blowing in that direction, the house is none the worse. The fine High School library, with all the chemical apparatus, is utterly destroyed, as at no time was it possible to save any. The building was insured in the Mercantile to the amount of $2000. A temporary building will have to be engaged for High School purposes.

**Toronto Junction.**

Toronto Junction, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Mrs. Kirkwood was the recipient of a handsome fruit cake dish this morning, a Christmas present from the Ladies' Aid of St. John's Church.

Mark Benedo, with a juggling and magic troupe held the boards of the Kilburn Hall to-night to a smoewhat slim audience.

The Vine-street skating rink opened for the season to-night. Music was supplied by the Citizens' Band.

A Christmas arch and rainbow entertainment will be held in the Union Mission, Mulock-avenue, next Tuesday.

Mr. J. Broome is issuing a campaign circular headed "Afoot and Alone." The title will no doubt be as appropriate after the election as it is before it.

The semi-annual election of officers of Lakeview Lodge, No. 272, I.O.O.F., took place to-night, W. H. Plewitt, N.G., in the chair. The officers-elect are as follows: N.G., Dr G W Clendenan; V.G., J W Weir; recording secretary, E Hoover; P. secretary, F Temple; treasurer, G R Cumming; trustee, J Dethrook. The installation will be held in a few days. The installation will resulted in a victory for the local club by 16 points to 13.

**The Wabash Railroad.**

With its superb and magnificent through car service, is now acknowledged to be the most perfect railway system in the world. It is the shortest winter tourist route to the south and west, including the famous Hot Springs of Arkansas, Old Mexico, the Egypt of the New World; Texas and California, the land of sunshine and flowers. Passengers going by the Wabash reach their destination hours in advance of other lines. The Wabash Santa Fe Special, leaving Chicago every Wednesday and Saturday at 6 p.m., and St. Louis same evening at 9 p.m., reaching Los Angeles in just three days. This is the best California service in existence. Full particulars from any railroad agent, or J. A. Richardson, Canadian Passenger Agent, northeast corner King and Yonge-streets, Toronto.

**The Eastern Mining Syndicate**

Attention is called to the announcement in another column of the Eastern Mining Syndicate, which has a capital of $1,000,000 and a wonderfully strong Board of Directors. In the list of the latter are the names of Major John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Hon. George E. Foster, M.P., Henry Corby, M.P., Henry Cargill, M.P., James Sutherland, M.P., Joseph G. H. Bergeron, M.P., Alfred Ansley, William K. McNaught, E. B. Eddy, T. W. Dyas, David McLaren and Dr. A. J. Henwood. The hon. secretary-treasurer is Hugh C. Maclean, and the manager E. L. Sawyer of Sawyer, Murphey & Co., Toronto. The syndicate has secured 12 good properties in the Trail Creek, Slocan, Lake of the Woods, Rainy River, Sudbury, Jack Fish Bay and Boundary Creek gold mining districts. The syndicate is satisfied they will yield good returns. All applications for shares and for information must be made to E. L. Sawyer, 42 King-street west.

**Bankers Going to Washington.**

Chicago, Dec. 25.—William D. Kerfoot, George A. Adams, William R. Page and C. R. Corwith, directors in the collapsed National Bank of Illinois, left last night for Washington, and to-morrow will have a conference with Comptroller of the Currency Eckels.

**James Corbett Killed.**

Albany, Dec. 25.—James Corbett, aged 22, was killed while crossing the New York Central tracks at Van Woert-street in this city on his way to attend service at St. Joseph Church at 9 o'clock this morning. He had attended and received holy communion at an earlier service. He was unmarried.

**George E. Gage is Wanted.**

Boston, Dec. 25.—Police officials state that George E. Gage, senior member of the defunct brokerage firm of Gage & Felton, is a fugitive from justice, and a warrant has been issued for his arrest, charging him with the embezzlement of $4000.

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I am a philanthropist, nor do I lpose as an enthusiast, but there are thousands of men suffering the mental tortures of weakened manhood who would be cured at once could they but get such a remedy as the one that cured me. Do not try to study out how I can afford to pay the few postage stamps necessary formation but send for it, and learn that there are a few things on earth that, although they cost nothing to get they are worth a fortune to some men and mean a lifetime of happiness to most of us. Write to Thomas Slater, Box 2038, Kalamazoo, Mich., and the information will be mailed in a plain sealed envelope. 6

# QUEEN LIL'S PLANS.

**The Ex-Monarch of Hawaii Will Visit Friends in Boston—Would Not Talk On Political Topics.**

New York, Dec. 25.—Liliuokalani, ex-Queen of the Hawaiian Islands, arrived in Jersey City from the South at 1.25 o'clock this afternoon. A crowd of curious people was at the station to meet her, and when her private car came to a stop in the Pennsylvania Rail. Station, they gathered close around it in order to catch a glimpse of the deposed Queen. After a brief interval the ex-Queen appeared on the platform of the car and addressed those present. She said: "I certainly have received a royal reception. Americans are most cordial as a race."

Later, in conversation with a reporter of the United Associated Presses, she said that she was not here on any political errand and that her visit was purely a friendly one. She further said that she did not know whether she would go to Washington or not, as her plans are not arranged for more than a month. "I will go to Boston," she said, "to visit a relative of my late husband, William Lee of the firm of Lee & Shepard. I will stay with the Lees for four weeks at least and then I shall go wherever my fancy dictates."

"What about the annexation of Hawaii?" she was asked.

At this point the former queen seemed to forget her fluent English and feigned not to understand. When the question was put again, she was equally dense, and it was evident that the annexation question was not to be discussed by the deposed Queen. The interview over the ex-Queen, her traveling companion, Mrs. E. H. Mahoolena, and her private secretary, Joseph Heleihule, escorted by the passenger agent of the Southern Railroad, boarded the Pennsylvania Ferry boat Maryland, which brought them to this city. Later they took a train for Boston.

# A MADDENED CROWD.

**An Explosion Caused a Stampede of Christmas Shoppers at the Central Market in Cleveland.**

Cleveland, Dec. 25.—Central Market was crowded with between two and three thousand Christmas shoppers at about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon, when an explosion occured, which was immediately followed by cries of fire. The crowd became panic-stricken, and scores of women, many of them leading children, were knocked down and trampled by the frenzied people. A large number received cuts and bruises, but no one is reported seriously injured. The explosion occurred in the office of the Grand Pavilion Company, and was caused by an oil tank connected with a heater. $300 was on a desk when the explosion came, and the money was blown in all directions. The fire was soon extinguished, and then the crowd began righting for the coin and bills, which were scattered all over the market place. It was only after a hard fight by the police and fire departments that the maddened crowd was restored to order.

# A MURDER NOW.

**On Her Deathbed Mrs. Willet Accuses Her Stepson of the Crime.**

Rossburg, N.Y., Dec. 25.—Mrs. Sarah Jane Willet, the old widow who was bound, gagged and left tied to a bedpost about a week ago, died last evening. On her deathbed she said that one of her assailants was her adopted father, Henry H. Willet. The latter, the adopted son, she said, gave her $4000 in cash to be given to him when he became of age. She had spent all but $150, having never told the boy that the father had left any money for him.

George, who is now 20 years old, recently learned that this money had been left him and demanded it of his foster-mother. When she informed him that it had been spent he assaulted her in the manner related. His whereabouts are unknown.

# CHRISTMAS IN HAMILTON.

**Thomas Joyce Wanted to Die, But Was Prevented—Basket Ball.**

Hamilton, Dec. 25.—(Special.)—Thos. Joyce, residing on Florence-street, attempted suicide at his residence by the paris green plan shortly before 9 o'clock to-night. Assistance was hastily summoned and the customary restoratives applied. Joyce was subsequently removed to the City Hospital, where he is believed to have passed all danger.

A basket ball match between the Buffalo Y.M.C.A. and a team representing the local association was played at the Y.M.C.A. rooms to-night and resulted in a victory for the local club by 16 points to 13.

# PUBLIC AMUSEMENTS.

**ALBANI.**

The appearance of Madame Albani at the Grand next Monday and Wednesday evenings is looked forward to with considerable interest, and her operatic performances promise a great treat. Besides giving the famous love scene from Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde," the great prima donna will

also be heard in the garden and prison scenes of "Faust." The cast will be: Marguerite, Madame Albani; Martha, Miss Beverley Robinson; Mephistopheles, Mr. Lempriere Pringle, and Faust, Mr. Braxton Smith. Signor Seppilli will be the conductor. There has been a good demand for seats, and the indications are that there will be large audiences at both performances.

**"WANG."**

At the Grand the last half of next week comes "Wang," one of the merriest, most gorgeous and most successful of all comic operas of recent years. The engagement will unquestionably prove one of the most thoroughly enjoyable of the theatrical year. But few lovers of merriment and melody need be told what "Wang" is. In fact, the complications of beautiful songs, witty sayings, its fetching view of an Oriental harem, its fantastic costumes, its white elephant, pretty girls, laughter and nonsense all but defy explanation or analysis. What may be dignified by the name of its plot is familiar even where the opera has not been given. Its deliciously catchy songs, "The Man With An Elephant On His Hands," "A Pretty Girl, a Summer Night," "You Must Ask of the Man in the Moon," and a score of others, are sung in the homes of many a city, which is yet waiting to hear "Wang" in its entirety. Albert Hart, who has achieved a gratifying success in the part of Wang, the Regent of Siam, is still playing that part. The little children in "Wang" will be seen upon the stage after the Saturday matinees, and all their many little admirers are cordially invited to attend on which occasion they will be royally entertained.

**CROWDS AT THE TORONTO.**

The Toronto was packed to the doors last night with an audience that found ample reward for their journey to the theatre in the performance of "A Country Merchant." Charles Coyne has made a deep impression as Uncle Ebenezer. It is pretty play of New England life. Another "bargain matinee" at 15 cents for the entire balcony and 25 cents for any seat on the ground floor will be given to-day.

**"A PAIR OF JACKS."**

The Toronto Opera House has quite a good thing next week in "A Pair of Jacks." This screaming farce comedy, which has not been seen here for several years, is made to assassinate Miss Ethel Ludlow, a society belle of this city, who is spending the winter at Marco Island, Florida, where her brother Fred is growing pineapples. Thursday evening a negro her brother had discharged refused to enter the house, and, "Nigger Jim," at Miss Ludlow, who sat at a window, fired. The bullet missed its intended mark and crashed through the window casing. Charles Ludlow, the fiery victim remaining still inflexible and apparently quite unconscious of the pain inflicted, Mr. Job was at last convinced, but from that day onward Mr. McLean never again sought to exercise his powers upon anyone.

# IS PLAINTIFF AT 102.

**Mrs. French Attributes Her Longevity to Eating Mush and Milk for Supper All Her Life.**

Moorestown, N.J., Dec. 25.—The oldest person who ever brought suit in court in this state is Mrs. Christiannia French of Chester Township. Her case is in the Supreme Court of New Jersey, and she seeks to recover on a promissory note $250. She is 102 years of age, but she is still clear-headed and shows a remarkable aptitude in legal points which have arisen in the case. She was born in Chester Township in 1794, and has never spent a day outside of it. She had a good education, however, and can relate historical stories and remember dates better than many younger people. She is also very apt at mathematics, and this is why she is plaintiff in the suit in the Supreme Court.

Mrs. French's maiden name was Sim. She raised a family of five children, of whom but one is now living. She attributes her longevity to the fact that her supper throughout her whole life has been the old-fashioned dish of mush and milk. In recent calculation she has found that she has consumed about 500 barrels of this food during her lifetime.

Since her childhood Mrs. French has never been ill, with the exception of a month ago, when she had a slight attack of palsy which was confined to her bed for a few days. She speedily recovered and at once announced her intention of instituting a suit for the money on the promissory note which was over due. Her excitement over the suit does not affect her at all, and her attorney, Aaron E. Burr, thinks she will live for at least a decade.

# A BELLE FIRED AT.

**Attempt by a Negro to Assassinate a Niece of Governor Bushnell.**

Springfield, Dec. 25.—Word has been received here that an attempt was made to assassinate Miss Ethel M. Ludlow, a society belle of this city, who is spending the winter at Marco Island, Florida, where her brother Fred is growing pineapples. Thursday evening a negro her brother had discharged refused to enter the house, and, "Nigger Jim," at Miss Ludlow, who sat at a window, fired. The bullet missed its intended mark and crashed through the window casing. Charles Ludlow, the fiery victim remaining still inflexible and but failed to capture the would-be assassin. Miss Ludlow is a niece of Gov. Bushnell, and is a leading society favorite.

Mrs. S. says: "I suffered from rheumatic pains for months. Miller's Compound Iron Pills cured me."

**Drank Too Much and Died**

Baltimore, Dec. 25.—Harry Ruff, 19 years old, celebrated Christmas last night, where he is believed to have drank too much. He separated from his companions at a late hour and started for his home a quarter of a mile from the party of friends. This morning his dead body was found lying in the roadway. He either fell or lay down in the road and was frozen to death.

Dyspepsia or indigestion is occasioned by the want of action in the biliary ducts, loss of vitality in the stomach to secrete the gastric juices, without which digestion cannot go on; also, being the great cause of headache. Parmalee's Vegetable Pills, taken before going to bed, for a while, never fail to give relief, and effect a cure. E. F. Jackson, Assiniboia, says: "Parmalee's Pills are taking the lead against ten other makes which I have in stock." ed

**Kilcannon Killed Himself**

Omaha, Dec. 25.—John Kilcannon attempted to murder his wife Stella and then killed himself in front of the Nebraska Loan Office on Douglas-street last night. The woman bled profusely, but was found, upon examination, that the bullet had only scratched her head.

McKee Rankin is playing at the Murray Hill Theatre, New York, in a new drama entitled "True to Life."

# HAD MESMERIC POWER.

**How the Late Robert McLean, Secretary of the Fire Underwriters, Once Hypnotized a Boy.**

The Berlin Telegraph contains the following: Many of both sexes in Waterloo and Oxford counties will have read with regret of the recent death at Toronto of their old-time teacher, Mr. Robert McLean, who in his day was one of Canada's most successful and popular schoolmasters. It is narrated of Mr. McLean that when teaching in Galt he took quite an interest in the subject of hypnotism—then called mesmerism—and on one occasion succeeded in getting one of his pupils, a son of Mr. Job, merchant, under the influence. The lad's father, hearing of the incident, but scouting it as an absurdity, had a conversation some days afterwards about it with Mr. McLean, who assured him of its truthfulness. Still unbelieving, Mr. Job summoned his boy and at the former's request Mr. McLean again hypnotized him, in presence of all in the store. Continuing determined in his unbelief, Mr. Job still characterized the whole matter as a fraud, when Mr. McLean, ordering the boy to place and keep his finger on the counter, asked the father to try and induce him to remove it. He did so, coaxed, entreated, commanded, threatened, all without effect, and ultimately becoming infuriated pinned the poor lad's finger to the counter with a dradawl. The little victim remaining still inflexible and apparently quite unconscious of the pain inflicted, Mr. Job was at last convinced, but from that day onward Mr. McLean never again sought to exercise his powers upon anyone.

**TO-DAY AT THE GRAND.**

Herman Merivale's famous comedy, "The Queen's Proctor," will be presented at the Grand this afternoon, and to-night "The Chill Widow." It will be the last appearance of Mr. Arthur Bourchier and his company.

**"THE MANDARIN" NEXT WEEK.**

The sale of seats for "The Mandarin," De Koven and Smith's latest opera, which is to be presented at the Princess Theatre next week, begins this morning. It was the intention of Messrs. De Koven and Smith, in the creation of this marvellous opera, to get away from the stilted procedure and to create something which would be delightfully funny, exquisitely witty, remarkably picturesque and thoroughly entertaining, without in the least offending the most conservative taste. The opera was composed and written with the intention of avoiding the creation of any star part, but with the deliberate wish of filling every prominent part with a star performer. This, it is said, has been done, and with such people as Henry Norman, George Boniface, jr., Bertha Watzinger and Adele Ritchie, it goes without saying that the piece is the most successful work that De Koven and Smith have ever accomplished.

**MASSEY HALL LAST NIGHT.**

A fair-sized audience turned out to the Massey Hall last night and found a rich and varied treat in the Macedonian concert. Miss La Dell gave a pleasing presentation of the delightful monologue "Come Here" and repeated this success in her posing. Miss Frances World, the well-known soprano, won the heartiest applause for the flute-like tones with which she sang "Star of My Heart" and "Villanelle." Messrs. Bert Harvey and Moody and Bland more than sustained their reputation as humorists, and Signor Blitz, magician, did some wonderful tricks with rings, cards and eggs. In addition to this enjoyable program there was the animatograph with a dozen realistic pictures each of which received most cordial welcome.

**Osgoode at Home.**

The Osgoode "at home" on Friday, Jan. 15, promises to surpass any previous Hall "at homes." The committee have completed arrangements and Toronto's society people are looking forward to the event with interest. Another meeting of the committee will be held to-day at Osgoode Hall.

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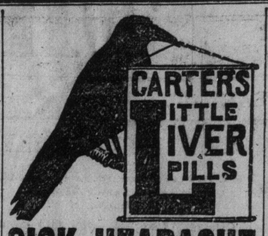


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