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HAVERLY'S STRATEGISTS.

The Latest Triumph of the Great Manager—A Continuous Fusillade of Fun.

Haverly's Strategists comedy company begin an engagement of two nights at the Grand opera house next week on Monday night. Mr. Haverly, always alive to the wants of the public, discovered this piece (like a rough diamond) in the hands of a company struggling for recognition, under the most unfavorable surroundings, and decided to make it the comedy of the times. He purchased it from its author, and placed it upon the road, with a strong cast of recognized artists, headed by the favorite comedian, Mr. J. B. Polk. The company was sent to San Francisco for the production. It was an instantaneous success, and ran four weeks (the last of the season) at "standing room only," at the Bush street theatre. The following extracts recorded the piece by the California newspapers, will indicate more clearly the reception it has received than anything else:

The San Francisco Examiner of April 5th says: A large house gathered last night to witness the Haverly comedy company in the rightly named absurdity entitled "The Strategists." The plot is simple, yet the incidents and situations strung into it are so numerous and so funny that it would be useless to describe their relation to the plot. If laughter and applause are any criterion of a decided hit, last night's efforts in that way on the part of the audience would stamp "The Strategists" as the biggest hit of the season, for rarely has an audience been stirred up to such a fit of loud and continued laughter as was witnessed at the ending of the third act. J. B. Polk made his reappearance as Jack Rutledge, the hero and chief strategist of the play, who assumes the disguise of his own father and that of the father of his sweetheart in order to make both consent to his marriage with her. The scrapes he gets himself and the other characters into serve to make up some of the funniest farcical episodes ever strung together. Mr. Polk is equal to the demands made upon him, and gets in and out of the scrapes with wonderful sang froid, as amusing as impossible. Next in order is Nellie, the heroine, who aids and abets her lover, getting herself and him into a number of scrapes by her stratagems. Miss Kate Gilbert, who is a finished comedienne, acted the part with all the humor possible to infuse into it, and with an amount of tact which is possessed by few actresses. Every situation offers numerous opportunities for an actress of less ability to exaggerate, but Miss Gilbert may be said to have reached the furthest bounds of comedy in her role without overstepping the margins of good taste. She is of a petite figure, and has a pretty face, with a voice remarkably like Katy May Lewis. She dresses with good taste, wearing several handsome toilets. Harry Linden, as Major Abish Howard, the father of Nellie, acted with discretion, and in the third act, in the drunken scene, was particularly funny. Frank E. Alken as Arthur Rutledge, the father of the hero, looked and acted the part to perfection. Harry Bell, as Peppers, showed himself a light comedian of no mean ability, and played his part with considerable skill. Mr. Gallagher seemed at home in the part of O'Flann, and acted it with an uncanny richness that won for him a laugh whenever he made his appearance. Mr. L. F. Howard returned to San Francisco, after an absence

of several years, and played the part of Sergeant Gambleton, the Dutch servant, in an excellent manner. A. H. Camby had little to do as the Rev. John Milman, but did it little so well that his role stands out in strong colors. Not a little praise is due to Miss Jennie Carroll, who, as Mrs. Howard, played one of the funniest dancal salons we have ever seen, and not once did she overstep the bounds of pure comedy and ladylike behavior. Her toilet, especially the one worn in the last act, are very handsome. Miss Ada Cummin, as Arminia, the servant, who gets kissed by almost every male character on the stage, looked and acted charmingly. The highest praise is due to the entire company for the tact observed throughout the play. No matter how absurd or impossible the situation be, the characters always retain that sobriety of manner which doubly enhances the fun. The Strategists is set down for a run. The San Francisco Alta, April 5th, 1881, says: "The Strategists" is one of the most amusing farcical comedies that has been presented to the San Francisco public for many a long day. It is in four acts, and moves the audience to repeated shouts of laughter from almost beginning to end. The plot in brief has been described as follows: Young Jack Rutledge and Miss Nellie Howard are in love; their respective fathers disapprove of the match; young Jack who prides himself on his strategy, proposes to utilize this gift in gaining the consent of the respective "governors." The main evidence of his strategic powers seems to consist in his ability to disguise himself by clever "trappings," so as to pass himself off successfully in turn for his own father and the elder Howard—so successfully, indeed, as to deceive Mrs. Howard and her daughter themselves; and further, he seems to carry toward his person the wigs and other articles of his disguise, and to have the power of transforming his person at will with a rapidity that rivals the experts in this line. Exactly how he accomplishes his purpose through this device it is doubtful if any one in the audience clearly understands after the play was over, or cared for that matter. It was enough that the trick gave the opportunity for a long string of funny situations, depending mostly on mistaken identity. The action of the piece lies in the development of these opportunities. The result, as can be imagined, when the artists are thoroughly adapted to their roles, is an unquestioned success of laughter. Mr. Polk had a very warm reception, and played the chief role, a very arduous one, in a very successful manner. The leading lady, Miss Gilbert, is petite in figure, handsome in face and person, and a bright, vivacious and charming actress. She won the hearts of her auditors as well as amusing them. Harry Linden is a sterling comedian who developed the character of the trafficable major to the full value. Harry Bell had a small role, which he gave in a neat and satisfactory manner. All the smaller parts were well filled, and from beginning to end "The Strategists" moved like clockwork. So thoroughly amused an audience we have seldom seen, and judging from the unanimous verdict of last evening the play will be repeated until further notice.

Toronto theatre goes love fun and they will no doubt crowd to see "The Strategists."

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A MUCH-DISPUTED QUESTION AND THE RESULT.

A few weeks back R. M. Wanser & Co. sent to their agents here a case of medals, principally gold, taken at all the leading fairs and exhibitions in the principal countries in the world during the last fifteen years—at Moscow, St. Petersburg, at Paris, at Vienna, at London, etc., and finally at the centennial exhibition, Philadelphia, 1876, the last and greatest "world's fair," this firm ALONE was awarded a gold medal as a recognition of the wonderful progress made in a few years by the enterprising firm of the name of R. M. Wanser & Co., and for the great superiority of their machines over all the older fashioned and more venerable makes that had hitherto held undisputed sway in the sewing machine trade. Babylon, Nineveh, Rome, Carthage and a number of other great cities had their day. It is the same with the sewing machine trade. The Howe, Singer, Wheeler & Wilson, Grover & Baker, etc., etc., have had a long innings, but the centennial award of 1876, which placed "Wanser" ahead of all, has given his opponents food for thought, and they are having a hard time of it when brought into competition with the light-running, large-sized machine made by "Wanser." Here in this city the very fact of the Wanser gold medal being advertised has originated a novel style of advertising in a daily paper; and although every effort has been made to detract from the credit and importance of this splendid award of merit, by misrepresentations as to its origin, etc., the fact remains the same, and R. M. Wanser stands at the head of the sewing machine trade of the world—Pacifica princeps.

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