



THE MAIL'S PATENT DOUBLE-ACTION BELLOWS: OR, WIND AND DIRTY WATER.

Cristo," a drama which, for its length, might have been of Chinese origin. At a quarter before one in the morning the curtain rose upon the last act. Mr. Charles Fechter, in the character of the hero, is discovered seated in a contemplative attitude. Like the ghost in "Alonzo the Brave," "he moved not, he spoke not," but there came from the gallery in a clear, somewhat sad, but gentle voice, these words: "I hope we are not keeping you up, sir." The effect may be imagined.—*London Society.*

A LITTLE SLOW.

"Conductor!" exclaimed an elderly gentleman, looking up from the Bible he had been anxiously poring over for some minutes, "Conductor, I can't find anything about this train in the Scriptures. Where is it? Show it to me!"

"What did you expect to find about it?" growled the conductor.

"Isn't there something about it here somewhere?" asked the old man, looking up innocently. "Isn't your time-table here either?" and he fumbled over the leaves, and appeared puzzled about the thing.

"Of course it isn't," responded the conductor. "That Bible all happened eighteen hundred years ago."

"And we must have started just before it was out?" mused the old gentleman, putting the book back in the rack. "Perhaps there's something about it in the revised edition; got a revised edition?"—*Drake's Travellers' Magazine.*

OUT YESTERDAY.

Lively and gay in the afternoon,
Fresh from her toilet rosy and bright,
Out for a stroll with her onlyest spoon,
Filled with the warmth of young love's light,
Came a maid—
A charming, well dressed, and high-toned maid,
As her feet,
Which were neat,
Touched the street,
They did meet
The hard sleet,
Ah, the cheat—
On the flat of her back she was laid.

As the cold begins to strengthen, thermometer lies begin to lengthen.

ACROSTIC.

Genuine fun with sparkling wit combined,
Reader, in one small volume you may find;
Ingenious rhymings, mirth-provoking tales,
Puns, pithy paragraphs, the well-pleased reader hails:
Surely such virtues should command large sales.

Advance then, ye who long to grow obese:
Laughter will speedily your charms increase,
Making some tempting diables in your fatty tissue,
And causing rosebud lips to long to kiss you.
Nay, be not angry, but pursue your festive way,
And buy this little tome sans more delay.
Cents twenty-five, no more, than needs must pay.

Scan this acrostic and it makes you see
GRIF'S ALMANAC: then add the date--1, 8, 8, 3.

As tight trousers are now going out of style the young swells can have them stuffed with sand and sell them to the police for clubs.

"Whistlers are always good-natured," says a philosopher. Everybody knows that. It's the folks who have to listen to the whistling who get ugly.

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