



Few people in the audience at the Savoy's matinee yesterday realized when Sevengala, the hypnotist, swooned away on the stage that it was not part of the performance. While the crowd laughed and chatted at the moving picture, following his act, a doctor was busy behind the footlights trying to restore the hypnotist to consciousness. For twenty minutes or more he had amused the crowd, and kept it in roars of laughter with his clever exhibition, and the audience was entirely ignorant of the strain he labored under to play his part as "king of fun makers." While Sevengala was preparing for his act yesterday afternoon a telegram was handed to him calling him to the bedside of his mother, who is dying in New York. It was such a shock that he fainted after reading the contents. A doctor had to be called. The management of the theatre was under somewhat of a handicap because little Gary Owen, one of the big favorites this week, was taken ill on Tuesday afternoon and unable to appear. Although advised against it, Sevengala decided to go on at the matinee because a train did not leave for New York before 6:30. He had only been on the stage a short time when he collapsed completely. The curtain was promptly run down, and the physician who had waited in the wings rushed to his assistance.

Despite the handicap, the show pleased a large crowd last night. The Golden Gate quintette put on two distinct acts. Fortunately it is an exceptionally strong bill this week. The management immediately wired to New York, and were notified last night that Willard and Murphy, presenting a laughable sketch, and Tom Judge and son, clever acrobats, would be here in time for the afternoon performance to-day.

After school, a delightful rural sketch, presented by Sager Midgely and Gertrude Carlisle, will be one of the big attractions next week. Mark Twain has described this as the funniest thing on the stage. Mr. Midgely will be seen as the big production being prepared by Klaw & Erlanger, while Miss Midgely is also to star in a musical comedy company. Millie Spellman and her troupe of trained bears, one of the hits of the season at New York, are coming too.

Interest in Fair Lillian.

Lillian Russell's engagement at the Grand to-morrow and Saturday in the racing comedy, "Wildfire," is attracting an unusual amount of interest, and there has been a large sale of seats. The fair Lillian is said to have made the hit of her life in this comedy, in which she plays the part of a charming widow who owns a racing stable. The scenes are laid at Hempstead, L. I., and are exact reproductions of the locality. The performance is said to be an exceptional treat in the comedy line.

At Bennett's Theatre.

Bennett's week has been very well patronized, and as the week has progressed and the excellence of the show put on has become known, the attendance has grown larger. This is an indication that capacity houses may be expected to-night, to-morrow and Saturday. Julian Eltinge, the man who has created a series of female parts, and who has been likened to the great actress, is the most popular item in the list. He is admired for his good looks, handsome costumes and pleasing songs. C. K. Bradshaw has made a distinct hit in "Fis in a Fash" with Will Rogers, the artist king, has a very interesting act. His performance with the lassos borders on the startling. He pulls up a horse and rider at full tilt, and ties knots round each by mere twists of his wrists. The Countess Rosi and M. Rogers, the handsome couple with nice voices, the comeliness being heard to advantage in the famous waltz song, "L'Amoureux."

Goldsmith and Hoppe are a merry pair of comedians and musicians. Hoppe's great and humorous impersonation of Sousa is one of the hits of the bill. Chinko is a neat young juggler, who throws a young lady, a table and other things around with the utmost ease. Murphy and Francis are laughter-mongers, and are about as good a colored team as there is in the business. Minnie Kaufman acquires herself very creditably in her cycle tricks.

One of the best attractions at Bennett's next week will be Little Hip, the baby elephant. He shows what can be done by a trainer, and also a number of things which have never been seen before.

A Good Musical Show. "Fascinating Flora," the musical show which comes to the Grand next Tuesday night, is highly spoken of, and should attract a very large audience, as it will have the advantage of the original New York cast. Speaking of the performance the Indianapolis Star says: "Miss Ritchie is cast as Flora Duval, a prima donna, who, contrary to the general rule, is in love with America. She sings in a voice that is sweet, if not big, and dances in an airy, fairy fashion that is a delight. She also wears several stunning gowns becomingly, a thing that seems to please the feminine portion of the audience. She is bubbling over with vivacity, and even, when she was forced to leave her dressing room and respond to an encore attired in her kimono, she was smiling as she thoroughly enjoyed the novelty. The cast is strong and well balanced. George Schiller furnishes a lot of good clean fun as Alfonso Allegretti, the husband of Flora. Sam Edwards, a rotund comedian with a happy smile, also wins his way with the audience."

Burgess Stock Co. The Earl Burgess Stock Company will hold the boards of the Grand next week with the exception of Tuesday evening, when "Fascinating Flora" will be the

WOMAN RESCUED.

Ottawa, Ont.—Slavery is not dead. Daily, the traffic in human souls goes on. Only a short time ago, a number of Chinese were arrested as they attempted to smuggle young girls from Canada into the United States. In Eastern countries, the slave trader plies his vocation in the market place. Some go into another kind of slavery—unshowingly—yet make a valiant effort to escape. Ottawa is all agog over the wonderful escape of one of her charming matrons from that physical slavery, Rheumatism. Mrs. R. C. Small says, "I was a constant sufferer from rheumatism for over seven years. I used many treatments—consulted doctors—tried hot baths—used almost every known mineral water—but nothing did me any real good. The pains were in my joints and back, and I had frequent headaches and had indigestion. About a year ago I saw 'Fruit-a-tives' advertised and decided to try them. After I had taken two boxes, I was much better. Altogether I took seven boxes. I have had no rheumatism for over six months now and feel that I am quite cured. I have gained over ten pounds in weight."

"Fruit-a-tives" cure because the intensified fruit juices and tonics strengthen the kidneys—regulate the bowels—and invigorate the skin. This means pure blood, free of uric acid.

Cure yourself. Take 'Fruit-a-tives' now and be free of Rheumatism all winter, 50c a box; 6 for \$2.50. At drug-gists, or from Fruit-a-tives Limited, Ottawa, Ont.

KILTIES' OFFICERS.

Annual Meeting of the Ninety-first Last Evening.

The annual meeting of the 91st officers was held last evening in the mess rooms, and was well attended. All reports presented showed that the finances were in the best shape since the inception of the regiment. The officers decided to hold back the money for a while, until the regiment gets in its new quarters, in the Armory. It is the intention of the officers to make the new quarters so comfortable that they will not be able to keep away from the Armory. The election of the different committees resulted as follows:

Finance Committee—Capt. Chisholm, Chairman; Hon. Lieut. Col. Moodie, Major. Robert Col. McLaren and Capt. Macdonald.

Mess Committee—Captain Somerville, Chairman; Major Roberts, Lieut. Stephens, Seymour, Webber, Colquhoun, Morrison, Moodie, Perry, Bertram, Capt. Dalley and Lieut. Macdonald.

Rifle Committee—Capt. McLaren, Chairman; Captains Skedden, Turnbull, Stewart, Lazier, Dickson, Lieuts. Evel, Millen, Linton, Colquhoun, Majors Bruce and Roberts.

Band Committee—Captain Dickson, Chairman; Captains Skedden, Turnbull, Moodie, Lieuts. Stephens, Watkins and McEdwards.

BANK RATE DOWN.

Financial Affairs Look Rosy—Lots of Gold in Sight.

London, Jan. 23.—The rate of discount of the Bank of England was today reduced from 5 to 4 per cent. The reduction of the bank rate was a foregone conclusion, owing to the rapidly improving financial conditions prevailing everywhere, which caused the market for discount rates to fall to 3½ per cent. The return of cash from the country considerably swelled the reserve, which will be increased in the near future by the receipt of gold from Egypt and Australia, as well as bar gold on route to London. This will include five million dollars' worth of gold, which probably will be secured by the Bank of England on Monday.

Other influences tending towards the reduced bank rate are the improved conditions prevailing on the continent, forecasting early reductions in the bank rates of France and Germany, and the likelihood of a return of gold from America or the Argentine Republic, thus relieving the demand on London.

The announcement of the bank rate had a favorable effect on the Stock Exchange, where the reduction of a half per cent only had been anticipated. Consols improved 5-16 to 84½, home rails and Kafirs were marked higher, and Americans, which opened around parity, improved half to one point for active issues.

ENDS OWN LIFE.

New Jersey Lawyer Blows Brains Out in Woods.

Syracuse, N. Y., Jan. 23.—The body of Irving E. Salmon, of Morrisstown, N. J., a member of the law firm of Reed & Salmon, was found in the woods near the outskirts of this city to-day. He had committed suicide by shooting himself in the head. The deed was apparently committed this morning. Mr. Salmon had been a patient since Jan. 2 at a sanitarium at Clifton Springs. A letter in his pocket, from his brother, Joshua Salmon, of Bonamouth, N. J., stated that he would arrive at Clifton Springs on Jan. 26 to take him home.

In the dead man's pocket were certificates of membership in the Masons and Elks, \$50 in cash and a New York draft for the same amount.

The physician in charge of the Clifton Springs Sanitarium, when asked by telephone regarding Salmon, said that he supposed the patient was still in the place; that he had not been reported missing. He last saw him yesterday afternoon, and concluded that he must have left the sanitarium during the night, and had taken a train which reached Syracuse early in the morning. Salmon was being treated for nervous trouble.

A FALSE ALARM.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 23.—A special to the Oregonian from Port Stevens, says: An investigation by the commanding officer of Fort Stevens yesterday developed the fact that the two Japanese taken into custody in the west battery yesterday were simply visiting Fort Stevens. After their examination was concluded they were put off the reservation. It developed later that the men were saw mill hands.

A few tablespoonsful of kerosene in a pail of warm water make the washing of windows and mirrors a light task than if soap or any alkali is used.

Only seven more days of Jan. bargains

THE RIGHT HOUSE

HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE.

Our great January sales are booming

Friday, special value day: great bargains

Women's lined gloves are greatly reduced

Black and assorted grey, brown and tan shades in good wearing Mocha Gloves that fit in perfect style. Fleece, wool and fur linings. Nice warm styles.

85c, reduced from \$1.15
98c, reduced from \$1.45
\$1.10, reduced from \$1.50
\$1.35, reduced from \$2.00
\$2.00, reduced from \$3.00
\$3.50, reduced from \$4.75

45c stockings 28c

Good black cashmere

Plain Black English Knitted Cashmere Stockings in nice winter weights and warm Llama finish; double knitted heels and toes for extra wear; all wool qualities, in all sizes for women.

These were regular 45c values, specially purchased at a price sacrifice to sell at 35c a pair. But for to-morrow they go on sale at only 28c the pair. Better buy for the months ahead.

Women's underwear

39c, value 75c
33c, value 50c

We have secured several scores of dozens more of these splendid Winter Undershirts for women. On sale again to-morrow.

Also warm winter weights and fleece-lined qualities in all sizes. Some are slightly imperfect, but have been neatly darned, so that their good wear is not impaired. Secure supplies at once.

Opera cloaks reduced

Handsome creations in Broadcloths. Many are elaborately trimmed. Some have beautiful Thibet collars. Exclusive styles. Beautiful effects in cardinal, sky, champagne, fawn, grey and pale green.

\$14.00, reduced from \$20.00
\$15.00, reduced from \$22.00
\$18.00, reduced from \$24.00
\$20.00, reduced from \$27.50
\$30.00, reduced from \$45.00

\$14 Marmot throws \$8.98

Handsome Marmot Mink Throws, scarfs, ornamented with heads and tails; new French double furled shape. Long length—full 72 inches.

Regular \$14.00 quality. Friday bargain, \$8.98.

\$10 Marmot muffs \$7.39

Extra fine full fur quality in new pillow shape; trimmed with heads and tails; rich dark finish; warm down bed. Regular \$10.00 value, Friday bargain, \$7.39.

Raincoats reduced

\$6.88, formerly \$7.50 to \$9.00
\$7.95, formerly \$10.00 to \$12.50
\$8.95, formerly \$12.50 to \$16.00

English Rainproof Cravenette Cloths, in plain olive and fawn shades, also in black and white and grey and white checks, velvet trimmed collars, pleated styles. Some are in Russian blouse effects, long and ¾ length.

95c Panama suitings at 59c yard

On sale from 8.30 to 11.30 a. m. only

RICH closely woven Panama. All-wool Dress Goods, in a crisp, dust-shedding weave, suitable for tailored suits, skirts, dresses, etc. Full 46 inches wide. Beautiful tones of navy, brown, green, Burgundy and other popular shades.

Our special 95c value for to-morrow morning only at 59c yard.

25c corset cover embroidery at 15c

ON sale from 8.30 to 11.30 a. m. only. Nicely and well-embroidered Corset Cover, embroidery with ribbon insertion at top; embroidery pattern extending deep down; good cambric and wide widths.

7c embroidery insertions and edgings at 3c

On sale from 8.30 to 11.30 a. m. only, various widths. Insertions and Edgings, in neat patterns, our real 5 to 7c values, to-morrow morning at 3c.

Remnants---remnants---clearance

BLACK and Colored Dress Materials in suitable lengths for women's separate skirts or children's dresses.

These are ends left of our most fashionable plain and fancy weaves. Nice colorings. Hundreds of them go on sale to-morrow. Also remnants sales of—

Silks Flannelettes Home Furnishing Materials
Laces Wrapperettes Embroideries
Linen White Muslins Sheetings, Etc., Etc.

Average of half price

\$1.25 curtains 78c

\$1.13 and \$1.25 kinds, and they will look well hanging in your windows. Pay you to buy ahead. Nice patterns, with pretty border effects, in faint designs, full size, 34 yards long and 30 inches wide, a great Friday snap, while they last, at 78c pair.

68c carpets at 49c

hardwear's tapestry

All made, laid and lined free, a saving of 31 to 33c the yard, worth while, isn't it? Think of saving 31c the yard on a good, desirable 68c quality. Every piece of English Tapestry in stock at 68c joins in the offering, giving you a splendid selection; nice, desirable patterns, in a wide range of colorings and combinations, suitable for any room, on sale for Friday only. Bargain price 49c, and made, laid and lined free.

White flannelettes

Specially fine, lofty, soft qualities, that are exclusive with this store, nice heavy, warm weaves, in extra wide widths, absolute reductions for to-morrow.

8c, reduced from 11c
10c, reduced from 12½c
12½c, reduced from 15c

Flannelette sheeting

Full 72-inch Grey Flannelette Sheetings, in warm, soft quality, our regular 45c line, Friday bargain price 32c.

A Friday snap in linen table cloths

OUR special January sale line at \$1.88, real value \$2.25 for to-morrow at \$1.69 each. Pure snowy white, all linen quality in size 2 yards by 2 yards. Very superior good-wearing and washing quality. Neat, floral and conventional patterns with very pretty and effective borders; slightly imperfect.

Our January \$1.88 special—value \$2.25—Friday \$1.69

Plain silks reduced

39c, reduced from 50c
59c, reduced from 75c
69c, reduced from \$1.00

Fresh from our regular stocks these good desirable plain Silks go out on sale for to-morrow and Saturday at remarkable reductions. There are Taffettes, Messalines and rich

Louises, in dainty light to medium and rich darker shades, including white and black, firm, richly finished weaves and good quality suitable for dresses, blouses, linings, drop skirts, etc., etc.

\$1.15 corduroys at 88c

Handsome corduroy velvets for coat and costume wear and for children's use. Tan, seal, beaver, grey, marine, navy, laurel green, crimson, Burgundy, white, ivory and black, full 23 inches wide, regular \$1.15, Friday Bargain 88c.

Up to \$8.50 blouses \$4.88

Heavy Ivory Jap Silks and Ivory and Paris Brussels Net Blouses, prettily elaborated in many dainty styles and new effects, with lace, insertions, medallions and tuckings, included are some handsome tailored and strapped styles in new black and white plaid chiffon taffettes, regular \$7 to \$8.50 values and exclusive styles. Friday Bargain, \$4.88.

Paris mounts and wings

Novelty Wings direct from Paris for trimming the new winter hat or giving the old one an added style touch, a wide assortment of styles and colorings.

10c, formerly \$1.50 to \$2.00
25c, formerly \$2.00 to \$3.00
50c, formerly \$3.00 to \$4.00

See window display.

Allover lace remnants

About forty or fifty short ends of Allover Laces, in many patterns; suitable for collars or small yokes.

Friday Bargain 5c each.

Useful Short Lengths of Valenciennes, Torchons, Oriental and Guipure Laces and Appliques, scores to choose from, regular 3c up to \$1.50 yard. Friday Bargain about one-quarter price at 2c to 50c yard.

Shirtwaist suits

\$3.50, formerly \$10.00
\$5.00, formerly \$12.50

Grey Tweed and Black Lustre Shirt Waist Suits, smart plicated styles, finished with strappings. These are correct in style and will give good service for street or business wear. They are great Friday bargains, women's sizes.

Buy now Corner King East THOMAS C. WATKINS Hamilton Buy now and Hughson Sts. Ontario

ROYAL ARCH CONVOCATION.

Geo. Moore of This City Elected Grand Second Principal.

Hon. Wm. Gibson Succeeds Hugh Murray as Treasurer.

Acton Man Superintendent For Hamilton District.

Toronto, Jan. 23.—The Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada yesterday celebrated the fiftieth annual convocation in the Temple Building. The attendance at it was a record one, as evidenced by the fact that 485 ballots were cast at the general elections. The semi-centennial was fittingly commemorated in a benevolent manner by the chapter endowing a \$500 cot in the Lake-side Home in connection with the Sick Children's Hospital.

To mark the event the Grand Z. John Leslie, of Winnipeg, was presented with and addressed, and beautiful souvenirs were distributed among the 300 visiting companions. Records of substantial growth and a healthy financial condition were reported, after which the brethren were entertained at a banquet and a historical address given by M. E. Comp. John Ross Robertson. With a total membership of 12,049 and invested funds of \$31,000, bearing interest, the future of Capitulat Masonry is bright. During the first 40 years the membership grew to 10,400, and during the last ten years this was augmented with 10,100, with a net gain of 963.

According to the financial statement, the receipts for the last year amounted to \$12,826, including a balance carried over from last year of \$9,681. The disbursements were \$4,902.48, and the assets are valued at \$32,268. The address of welcome presented to John Leslie, the Grand First Principal, was handsomely illuminated.

The next annual meeting will be held in Toronto. Mr. Donald Ross, of the

Parliament Buildings, the oldest Past Grand Z. living, was present at the meeting yesterday.

The election of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: Grand Z. John Leslie, of Winnipeg; Grand H. George Moore, Hamilton; Grand J. F. W. Harcourt, Toronto; Grand Scribe E. Geo. Bennett, Toronto; Grand Scribe W. Walter H. Black, Toronto; Grand Treasurer, Hon. Wm. Gibson, Beamsville; Grand Registrar, Hugh Buchner, London; Grand Jan. J. M. Pritchard; Principal Sojourner, J. Newman, Port Huron; Grand Superintendent, London District, E. W. Honsinger; Wilson District, W. R. McCormack; Hamilton District, W. Stark (Acton); Huron District, E. Miller; Toronto District, Dr. D. A. Clark; Georgian District, G. W. Bruce; Ontario District, W. F. Bellamy; Prince Edward District, E. J. Walters; St. Lawrence District, Geo. B. Magee; Algoma District, J. S. Gill; British Columbia District, A. McCreaney, Alberta.

A SECOND ARREST.

Dan Sullivan's Pal McKenna in Cells at Dundas.

Dundas, Jan. 23.—Two boys, Willie Laird and James Wright, the latter an English lad, were arrested by Chief Twiss on Monday, for stealing \$30 from Mrs. Blainey, housekeeper for Alexander Brown. They were allowed off on suspended sentence, Laird's father making good his share of the theft and Alexander Brown that of Wright's. They acknowledged their guilt.

W. Armstrong has purchased from W. E. S. Knowles the property on King street, occupied for years by W. Hardy, harness maker, and will erect a brick building to be used for his flour and feed business.

The Sheffield-Dundas mail route, conducted for several years past by George Hendrie, has been sold to George H. Phillips, of Dundas, who has purchased Hendrie's residence at Sheffield as well.

A joint meeting of the W. C. T. U. and Royal Templars will be held in the Y. M. C. A. parlors to-morrow evening.

Miss McGregor, of St. Ignace, is visiting Miss Steele.

Miss Emma Sloan, of Galt, is visiting Miss Mitson.

Thos. Bradshaw, of Lipton, Sask., is a visitor in town.

A. R. Wardell and H. C. Gwyn are

among the list of K. C.'s recently appointed by the Ontario Government.

Mrs. Charles Healey, with two daughters, of Missoula, Montana, is visiting her aunt, Miss Strong.

Mrs. (Dr.) Richardson, of Chicago, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Howard.

Mrs. (Rev.) Mansell has been visiting friends in Buffalo and Cincinnati.

Mrs. Davidson (nee Thomas), of Toronto, is a visitor with Mrs. Anthony Davidson.

Mrs. D. Duggan, of St. Mary's, is a visitor with her mother, Mrs. Anderson, Chestnut Cottage.

Yesterday morning Daniel McKenna, better known as Dan McKenna, applied at the cooler to see his chum, Dan Sullivan, who was in durance vile charged with attempted robbery of Mrs. McCarthy. By order of the Chief his wish was gratified, but he was also put under lock and key as a vagrant.

WINONA

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Smith are visiting in Chicago.

Mrs. Amy and son, Maurice, have returned from a visit to Mitchell.

Mr. Ham's family have nearly all recovered.

The farmers will hold their Institute meeting on Feb. 10.

The Carey Bros. gave a good concert in Institute Hall on Tuesday evening.

The members of the Methodist Church choir presented the retiring organist, Miss M. Ellsworth, with a purse last Friday evening.

SURPRISE PARTY.

A pleasant and rather unique affair was held last evening at the home of the Misses McLeod, Mount Hamilton, when a number of their friends from the city and vicinity surprised them. Games and music were indulged in until an early hour. Prizes were awarded to Miss M. Burkholder and Mr. Harry Salisbury, and booby prizes to Mr. E. B. Truman and Miss Constance Held.

JAP RECALLED.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 23.—T. Suneji Aiba, Japanese Consular agent in this city, has been recalled by his government. He will be succeeded by Jokichi Iwaya, former secretary to Consul General C. Koike, at San Francisco. Aiba says he is not informed of the reason for his recall.

SKYSCRAPER LIMITS.

Have We Reached the Height to Which We May Build.

This question is asked, in a leading editorial, by the Municipal Journal and Engineer, which, after ringing the changes upon it, says that it is for the future to answer. Says this paper:

About a decade ago the American Surety building, at 100 Broadway, New York city, twenty stories high, eclipsed anything in the way of high buildings which had yet been erected, and it was popularly believed that it would not be surpassed for years, if ever. Since then many other buildings have cast this into the shade; the Singer building having forty-one stories, and now the Metropolitan Life building is being rapidly raised to its designated height of forty-eight stories. Besides these there are two 26-story buildings, three 25-story buildings, two 24-story buildings, four 22-story buildings and nine 20-story buildings. Of buildings having between 10 and 20 stories there are now in the city 516. Several questions suggest themselves with reference to this piling up of storey upon storey. Is there a limit to the height which such structures can be carried? What will be the effect upon health, light, noise and many other features of city life should all buildings be raised to a height of even 20 storeys, thus making of every street a canon?

"Possibly even more important is the question as to fire risk involved in such construction. We are told by the advocates of these buildings that they are more nearly fireproof than any others in the city, and they are able to cite instances to back their claims. But should a fire gain any headway in the upper floors of such a building, how is it possible to reach it with any considerable volume of water, more than can be contained in small roof tanks located on the buildings themselves? And in a street lined with such buildings, in which fires are raging practically unretarded, is it not a very real possibility that the flames even in the lower storeys? Continuous rows of 'sky-scrapers' will present conditions which are absent while they are widely scattered."

A Practical Housewife.

She—No need of your wasting time because you're going to the barber's. Here, take this basket of potatoes along. You can peel them while he cuts your hair!—February Transatlantic Tales.