

AMUSEMENTS

The selection of a bill that will please everyone is most difficult, but it is conceded by those who have been to Ben-ett's show this week that George Driscoll has succeeded in doing it. All the acts please, while the more ambitious arouse the maximum of pleasure and encores are handed out to them in the freest of manner. Even the motion pictures are applauded, so fascinating are the dramas depicted by it. The three headline acts are attracting general attention, and at each performance are received in the warmest manner. These are Bertha Waltzinger, the Kittle Navajo girls, and Rube Welch—Little Francis and company. The former has now become accustomed to the somewhat moist weather that has been prevalent in this city since her arrival, and her celebrated top notes are purer and sweeter, while her songs bid fair to become a vogue with the gallery boys. The act of the Navajo girls is pronounced the richest and most elaborate seen at the theatre. Nothing finer than the first act, depicting an Indian village by a winding river, the whole bathed in the moonlight, has been seen. The cornet playing by Miss Louise Horne is a musical luxury, while the rendition of popular airs by this soloist and the full company of young ladies was worthy of Sousa's Band. The anvil chorus, their concluding number, is played as it has rarely been played in this city, and daily wins rounds of applause. The Flip Mr. Flop, and the several musical interruptions are a not uninteresting feature. The act of the Kittle Navajo girls, and Rube Welch make merry, to the delight of the audience. The humorous foibles is suited to all, and many sides ache with laughter when the curtain descends on it. For the rest of the bill it is impossible to give anything but praise. "Marsell's" Indian rubber stunts are all contortions beaten, and Little Upts and Miss Hella prove to be an interesting pair of ruminants. Matthews and Harris, in their sketch, Adam II., are making the most of a laughable series of situations; Leo Carillo, the monologist and imitator, gets his good reception at every show.

Leaves Vaudeville.

New York, Dec. 11.—Miss Nita Allen, who for several seasons has been a popular vaudeville headliner with her sketch, "Caro e Bizzoso," has been engaged to play one of the principal parts in Florenz Ziegfeld's new musical revue, which will follow the departed "advanced vaudeville" at the New York Theatre.

Mrs. Campbell Here To-night.

Many a student struggling with elocution thinks he or she is on the path to the stage. They should study Mrs. Patrick Campbell, of whom a critic wrote: "How elocution differs for eloquence is an artistic comeliness most conspicuously drawn by Mrs. Patrick Campbell, the noted English actress. That the soul rather than the body is agitated by genuine emotion, that the voice of anguish is low, are common-place facts so ignored in histrionic practice that Mrs. Campbell's restful arm, her breaking soul-tones, her unruffled stare of grief, come as revelations. If only the elocutionist that saw would remember; if only the rising young actress would descend to Mrs. Campbell's lonely level. Nothing else, indeed, than this impelling suggestiveness would be necessary to place the English actress among the stage elect."

There will be a brilliant audience at the Grand to-night to welcome Mrs. Campbell on her first appearance in Hamilton.

At the Savoy.

The Savoy matinee this week are of more than usual interest. Prelle's Bijou Circus, the most original dog act that has made its appearance here yet, being the magnet that attracts. It would be hard to conceive of anything more novel and original than the performance given by these little animals rigged up to represent ponies, elephants and other animals. A miniature circus is seen on the stage. Bucking ponies, bare back riders, chariot races and so on are realistically represented, the deception being almost complete. But the act does not depend on originality to carry it through. The work is smartly done and snap and ginger displayed usually found wanting in the average animal act. The big attraction is that Quartette, billed as "the finest singing act in vaudeville. The claim may seem extravagant, but those who hear the singing with its wonderful power and harmony, of this clever combination, will not dispute it. At every performance the act has been forced to respond to encore after encore. The rest of the bill is equally pleasing. Miles and Richards have a splendid comedy singing and dancing number, the girl warbling two songs that are the most pleasing turns seen here in many weeks. Lawrence and Harrington, have a skit, that is full of rollicking fun. The show is opened by Katanelli, a trapeze artist, who is doing some new feats.

Between the Acts.

The attraction at the Grand on Friday and Saturday nights and Saturday matinee will be "The Cowboy Girl." This melodrama with music needs no recommendation to local theatregoers. It was seen here last year and made a big hit. It is an attraction quite out of the ordinary and will be sure to please. Seats are now on sale.

The Partello Stock Co., an organization of capable players, will be the attraction at the Grand for one solid week commencing Monday night, Dec. 16, presenting a series of up to date successes. Every production complete in scenic environment. The opening bill will be "The College Girl."

George M. Cohan will sail from New York for Southampton next Saturday with Mrs. Cohan and his cousin, Miss Margie Costigan.

VERY FINE PICTURES.

The special series of pictures to be shown in the Association Hall on Thursday, describing from Bethlehem to Calvary, have already been exhibited in the Massey Hall, Toronto, to crowded audiences on five different occasions. A special quartette of musicians will accompany Commissioner Coombs, while the band of No. 1 barracks will render selections from 7.30 to 8 o'clock. All proceeds of this demonstration are to assist the local band to purchase new instruments.

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Unequalled qualities, unparalleled varieties



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—Val. Oriental and Venice Point Handkerchiefs, in dainty styles and large variety, 20c, 25c, 50c to \$1.75; linen and muslin centres.

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—Real Irish Linen with hand embroidered work. Scallop or hemstitched styles. A very large variety of very pretty patterns for selection. 15c, 20c, 25c, 30c, 35c up to \$2 each. Extraordinary good values, too.

NOVELTY HANDKERCHIEFS

IN REAL AND IMITATION OF REAL LACE—Superb indeed is this season's Right House showing of real lace and clever imitation of Duchess, Rose Point, Point de Flandre and Princess Laces. Each one put up free in a dainty gift box. Imitation, \$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.25 to \$5. Real Lace, \$1.75, \$2, \$2.75, \$4.25 to \$18.

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—Very dainty and many styles on fine Swiss muslin; good qualities and well worked designs. Hemstitched or scalloped edges. An immense assortment for selection; 10, 14, 20, 25, 35 to 50c.

"Follow the leader"

ALL children play it. It is a game as old as the hills. Scientists say, too, that it is an outcome of children's instinctive appreciation of the necessity for leadership and of their fondness of imitation.

But did you ever notice, when the pace comes too fast—when the big leader gets too far ahead—for some poor little youngster, how he commences to cry?

And so it goes through life. Stores seem to have the same instincts, for some stores to-day are playing "Follow the Leader" as vigorously as ever children played it.

But one store has to lead, and the public generally puts its chief reliance in that store. What store holds that proud position in Hamilton to-day is best evidenced by the tremendously increased business and rapid expansion of THE RIGHT HOUSE—a store built on the foundation rock of "quality" with good service, best assortments, reliability and greatest values as the corner stones. A store whose reputation stands on 64 years of fair dealing with the Hamilton public.

Special purchase Xmas neckwear

Each piece daintily boxed free

JUST in time for you to buy your Xmas gifts do we place on sale a shipment of beautiful Paris Neckwear at about half price.

Five styles of beautiful Stock and Turnover Collars in combination of lace and silk with exquisite colored silk embroidery to finish. See window display.

Real value \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50 at 69c each

Elegant blouses for gifts

Put up in pretty Xmas boxes

BEAUTIFUL indeed, are the handsome new Silk, Lace and Net Blouses for the holiday season. No more practical gift could be found, and where is the woman who does not need just one more. All the season's novel new styles are represented and the values are unmatched. Prices \$5 up to \$18.50 each.



LACE BLOUSES FOR XMAS AT \$6—Exquisite novelty Blouses in cream, cream and pink and cream and sky in the new lace and silk combinations, handsomely trimmed with applied silk braid and lace ornaments; wide panel of silk on sleeve and down back and front; Xmas sale \$6.00.

SILK AND LACE BLOUSES \$10—Made of taffeta silks, allover laces and fancy nets. Some are elaborately trimmed with beautiful Princess lace. Others are trimmed with Val. insertions and guipure medallions on front and sleeves. Others are of allover Baby Irish with applique and lace edgings. Xmas sale \$10.00.

ORIENTAL NET BLOUSES FOR XMAS—Ecrú and white, prettily embroidered in coin, spot and neat leaf patterns. Some have dainty yoke of Val. insertion. Others are tucked back and front to yoke depth and outlined with row of guipure insertion; silk lined. Christmas sale price only \$5.50 each.

Right House gloves for Xmas

Each pair in a dainty gift box free

WHEN you give Gloves that were bought at The Right House the recipients know they are receiving Gloves of merit. Right House Kid Gloves are the best French makes—that means much.

LONG RUSSIAN CAPE GLOVES—Correct tan shades and cut to fit perfectly from superior quality selected skins.

8-button length at \$2.50; 12-button length at \$3.25; 16-button length at \$3.75 the pair. \$3.25 LONG KID GLOVES AT \$2.75—Real French kid in the new tan and brown shades; full 16-button length; elastic, pliable quality. Fit and style perfect.

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WRIST LENGTH KID GLOVES, \$1.25—Very special quality of elastic, soft French kid skin. Cut to fit perfectly. Black and all the wanted shades. An extraordinary value for gift seekers.

Gift umbrellas from London

Engraved free and nicely boxed

NOTHING more giftable than a stylish Umbrella. Every man or woman would appreciate one. We are showing hundreds of beautiful and exclusive new designs in handles. All Umbrellas at \$3 or over will be engraved free of charge and nicely boxed ready for gift giving. Select now.

Silk and silk and wool covers; best frames and rods; silk dust covers; wood, pearl, silver and gold handles and combinations.

WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS—

Other lines \$2 to \$10 each. \$3.50, value \$4.50 \$3.00, value \$4.00 \$4.50, value \$6.00 \$5.00, value \$7.00

MEN'S UMBRELLAS—A full range of straight and round crook handles, with tight rolling silk or silk and wool covers and best frames and rods. Handles are handsomely mounted with sterling silver, with name plate, which will engrave free of charge on those at \$3.00 and over. \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$4.00, \$5.00 up to \$8.50.

Xmas fancy linen pieces

Put up in pretty gift boxes

DOYLIES, Centre Pieces, Trays, Tea Cloths, Shams, Scarfs, Runners and Dinner Wagon Covers in Japanese hand-drawn and embroidered work, Irish hand-drawn and embroidered work and real lace edged and inserted pieces in Cluny, Bruges, Point Venise and Princess Laces.

These exquisite Linen Pieces make beautiful and useful Xmas gifts. Select yours now while the assortment is so complete.

France, Belgium, Ireland, Austria and Japan all contribute to the immense showing. Don't delay another day for as a matter of course the daintiest sorts go first. Already the demand is immense.

D'Oylies at 12 1/2c, 18c, 25c, 35c to \$2.25 Tray Cloths, 49c, 60c, 75c up to \$2.85 Centres, 50c, 75c, \$1, \$1.25 up to \$10 Tea Cloths, 79c, \$1.00, \$1.25 up to \$18.50 Pillow Shams, 79c, \$1.00 and up to \$6.00 Scarfs, 83c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and up to \$8.00

Embroideries: novel gifts

May be put up in dainty gift boxes

FRESH, crisp and new. They come direct to us from several leading Swiss manufacturers. Next season's novelty styles here now for Xmas gifts. You may have them put up in a pretty box. They make a very pretty and practical gift. An immense variety is ready and awaiting your selection. Come to-morrow and let us show you the exquisite new things. Blouse Frontings, 69c, 89c, \$1.19 to \$3.00 yard. Infants' Skirtings for dresses, 69c, 88c to \$2.50 yard.

Corset Cover Embroideries, 19c to \$1.65 yard. Strappings for Corset Covers, 11c to 25c yard. Bands in all widths, 19c, 25c, 35c to \$1.25 yard. Muslin Allovers at 48c and up to \$3.00 yard. Insertions and Edgings, 10c up to \$1.25 yard.

Every admirer of the beautiful will want to see them. High class designs for outer dress, blouse and elaborate under wear use. Time to select now for Xmas gifts.

Leather goods are sensible gifts
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Visit our men's furnishing dept.

TEMPLE LODGE.

Annual Elections and Banquet of
Masonic Body.

At the annual meeting of Temple Lodge, A. F. and A. M., held last evening, which was largely attended, R. W. Bro. H. S. Griffin, D. D. G. M., paid an official visit, and conducted the election of officers, which resulted as follows: W. Bro. Wm. E. Goring, W. M. W. Bro. Wm. E. Goring, W. M. Bro. Robert H. Cowen, S. W. Bro. Thomas M. Wright, J. W. Bro. Rev. A. E. Miller, Chaplain. V. W. Bro. Chas. Lemon, Treasurer. V. W. Bro. Thos. Peller, Secretary.

Bro. Wm. Tocher, Tyler. W. Bros. J. A. Zimmerman and Geo. H. Carley, Auditors.

At the close of the lodge the brethren adjourned to the banquet room. A banquet and toast list followed, which was presided over by W. Bro. Charles E. Burkholder, W. M., and a fine programme of speeches and songs was contributed. Those who took part in the speech-making were R. W. Bro. H. S. Griffin, D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. A. M. Cunningham, R. W. Bro. R. V. Matthews, W. Bro. James F. Menner, W. Bro. Ken-eth R. Hume, W. M., elect W. E. Goring, Bro. R. H. Cowen, Thomas M. Wright Carruthers and Watson, the last two being visitors from a lodge in Scotland.

Bro. J. Fackin McDonald, Russell T. Kelley, Dr. Wiggins, and A. H. Stone contributed songs, which were very much enjoyed. At the close of the banquet

R. W. Bro. H. S. Griffin, D. D. G. M., proposed a toast to Bro. Charles E. Burkholder, the retiring Master, to which he suitably replied.

HAMILTON CASES.

John W. Dickson Wins Right of
Way Suit.

The following Hamilton cases were disposed of at Toronto yesterday:

Dickson vs. Manning—Judgment (E. B. B.) in action tried without a jury at Hamilton. Action for a declaration of plaintiff's right to a private way, etc. Held, that plaintiff has established his right to the limited relief claimed by him in paragraph 1 of the prayer of the statement of claim, as amended at the trial, both by showing that his right had become indefeasible by user before interruption, and that it passed a right of way appurtenant by the early conveyances. Judgment for plaintiff in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the prayer with \$20 damages and 3-5 of his taxed costs. Stay for 30 days. W. E. S. Knowles (Dundas) for plaintiff. J. W. Nesbitt, K. C., and F. Morrison (Hamilton) for defendants.

Federal Life Assurance Co. vs. Stinson T. L. Monahan moved for order for confirmation of report, for distribution, and to dispense with payment of money into court. D'Arcy Martin (Hamilton) for purchasers, asked for vesting orders. Orders granted. Reference continued before Master at Hamilton as to unsold property.

Clark vs. Crawford—A. O'Hair (Hamilton), for defendants, moved for order setting aside order for issue of writ of summons for service out of the jurisdiction. W. M. McClelland (Hamilton), for plaintiff, contra. Reserved.

Special Sale of Women's Christmas
Jackets.

Finch Bros. have made this week a large and successful purchase of women's new and smart styles in winter jackets. New York manufacturer's samples, at half price. They are not the ordinary jacket styles, but are extra fine quality and style, being of chiffon broadcloth and imported tweed, satin and silk lined throughout, and very attractive. Ladies should see these handsome and stylish garments as early as possible. To-morrow is the best day, and morning the best time. See Finch Bros' advertisement for particulars and prices.

WOMAN'S SCREAM

DRAMATIC SCENE RECALLED BY
DEATH IN BUFFALO.

Mrs. Gerald Sifton, Dead at Buffalo, Once Centre of Court Sensation—Wife of the Man Twice Tried for Murdering His Father.

London, Dec. 11.—The death is announced in Buffalo of Mrs. Sifton, wife of Gerald Sifton, the young London Township farmer whose trial on the charge of murdering his father was one of the most sensational in Middlesex criminal court annals.

The deceased Mrs. Sifton was a witness for her husband, who was acquitted upon a second trial. An interesting story is related touching the final acquittal of the prisoner.

While the jury were out considering their verdict, crown counsel passed a part of the time in discussing the probabilities.

"I am perfectly satisfied with the jury, with a possible exception," remarked one of the counsel. "He is Mr. Blank, who I have heard since he was put on the jury had expressed himself as being opposed to a conviction of young Sifton."

Shortly after this remark had been made the jury returned with the announcement that they had been unable to agree.

Mrs. Sifton was sitting beside the prisoner's box wearing a look of great anxiety. When the import of the jury's failure to agree dawned upon her she uttered a piercing shriek, and sobbing painfully she was removed from the courtroom.

When this scene was over, the judge asked the jury if it might not be possible to reach a finding. He advised them to again retire.

The jury retired, and within a very few minutes were back again with the announcement that they found the prisoner not guilty.

It transpired later that there had been but one juror standing out for conviction, and that he was the Mr. Blank of whom Crown Counsel remarked in expectation that he would have been one of the first to vote for acquittal. He was an elderly, lean man, and when asked why he had changed his mind, he said: "Well, when I heard that poor woman's scream, I thought that maybe after all I was wrong, and the other jurymen were right, and I reversed my vote at the first opportunity."

The devoted wife had saved her husband the terrors of another trial.

MRS. STUART LOSES.

Bank of Montreal Absolutely Fair
With Her.

Mr. Justice Mabee gave out his decision yesterday in the celebrated case of Stuart vs. Bank of Montreal, in which Mrs. Jane Jacques Stuart, wife of Mr. John Stuart, formerly of this city, brought action for the recovery of a sum running into the six figures. The plaintiff sought to rescind money transactions entered into by her with defendants, upon the ground that they were entered into by her without independent advice, for the benefit of her husband. Held, that a married woman is free to convey, apart from fraud or misrepresentation, and the result as to all the conveyances and transfers made by plaintiff to defendants in July, 1904, she having made them with a full understanding of all the facts, and there being no fraud or misrepresentation of any kind, but, on the contrary, the most absolute fair dealing upon the part of the bank and all concerned in the settlement, is that they are not open to attack. Action dismissed with costs. I. F. Hellmuth, K. C., and W. J. Elliott for plaintiff. G. F. Shepley, K. C., for defendants.

Christmas Presents.

Best stock in city of safety razors, carbide-magnetic and King shaver razors, shaving brushes and cups, razor strops, gent's pocket books and ebony hair brushes. We also carry a choice assortment of fountain pens, pocket knives, mouth organs, ladies' pocket books, mirrors, hand bags, ladies' companions, toilet goods and perfumes in cases, etc. Gerrie's drug store, 32 James street north.

Timely Warning.

(Toronto Star.) But whatever happens in the way of weather don't take 'em off before the Twenty-Fourth of May.

RIBBON RENOVATION.

How to Sponge and Dry Black Taffeta Bows.

Renovation where millinery is concerned should never be put off till the necessity for renewed trimmings is sufficiently obvious to shame the wearer into the inexcusable extravagance of investing in fresh bunches of flowers or new bows of ribbon. This expense can often be avoided if the materials—good at the outset—are taken care of, ribbon being made to look almost as good as new by judicious sponging.

Black ribbon lends itself well to sponging and pressing, which not only smooths out the creases and removes the traces of the hatpin holes, which do more to age a hat than anything else. An excellent method of renewing black taffeta ribbons is that of placing it to soak in a bowlful of tepid water, adding a desiccant of ammonia to every pint of water.

When the ribbon is perfectly saturated it should be laid on a wooden, unvarnished table, and slowly smoothed with a piece of sponge in one direction, the ribbon being pressed firmly meanwhile, so as to make it adhere to the wood. If left to dry overnight, by the next morning it will be sufficiently stiff to make into bows.

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