

The Rollerwoman Remarks Wisely Anent Good Grinding

"Sure, this is the most important part of the whole shooting match," earnestly observed the rollerwoman as we watched the hard wheat berries accepting their first squeeze.

(En passant, Madam, when we were at Keevatin mills last summer, it impressed us significantly to hear every man engaged in the milling of FIVE ROSES flour confidently insist that his part of the work is the most important—speaks well for the finished product.

"After those other fellows get the wheat in perfect condition, I have to make FIVE ROSES out of it. If I don't do my work just right, there'll be a hot time in the old town to-night.

"See here (with a grunt of grudging approval he showed us a handful of kernels wonderfully bright and clear), these here rolls split them right along that crease and each roll (of which there may be half a dozen) breaks up the berries, just like the stronger squeeze each time.

"Why not break them up a little by closer grinding the first or second time? Might save machinery—and money? We advanced quite innocently.

"Why? Because the ain't merely a saw-milling plant. It's a flour-milling plant. Some small rollers, I know, break up their wheat with only two rolls, maybe—what they call the sudden 'death' system.

Sudden death for the man who tries it in his mill.

"Now, we can make clean, pure flour (meaning FIVE ROSES, no doubt) only by gradual reduction. If I first, it's sure to break the skin of the wheat, thus pulverizing the bran to a certain extent, producing what we call 'break flour.'

Here we nodded very understandingly, like the wise ones we were—not.

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PLAYS AND PLAYERS, CHATTY NEWS OF THE GREEN ROOM

As usual the W. S. Harkins Company is drawing good houses during the return engagement. The plays which they are presenting are standard Broadway productions and of the very best type.

Zenatello, the Manhattan tenor, does not believe in early hours for rising. Recently he spent the week end at the Hudson River estate of a friend. The host suggested that they take a walk at six o'clock in the morning, to see the scenery at its best.

"Thank you," replied Zenatello, "but never walk in my sleep."

Henry B. Harris will make his contribution toward the literary drama this season by producing Percy Mackaye's play "The Scarecrow," which is founded in a general way on Nathaniel Hawthorne's "Mosses from an Old Manse," and in which the principal character is a young English lord, in patterned after the immortal Featherston.

Paul Armstrong, the successful playmaker, was once a sporting writer of renown, and he has been engaged to go back to his old trade for one performance only.

Mr. Armstrong will write for one of the magazines the prize fight between James J. Jeffries and Jack Johnson, and his story will be illustrated by Homer Davenport.

Some of the city's choicest local talent is expected to participate in the benefit concert to be held in the Opera House in the near future for the family of the late Harry F. Heenan. The concert is under the management of the City Cornet Band and should be crowned with success.

The halls of the Presbyterian Hospital New York, where John Drew lies in state with a broken collar bone, resemble a floral exhibition these days, and between two and four o'clock the casual visitor to the infirmary would be excused for asking if some social lion was not holding a reception there.

The management in charge of the Forbes-Robertson's production of "The Passing of the Third Floor Back," at Macine Elliott's Theatre, New York, reserved a special comedians' box for the actors' matinee on December 14 last. This box was occupied by the noted musical comedy stars now appearing in Shubert's New York theatre, including Lew Fields, Sam Bernard and Frank Daniels.

In America, as in England, the old theatrical families are no longer prominently represented on the stage with a few exceptions. Such names as those of Wallack, Booth, Barrett, Kemble and Bland have practically disappeared from the play-bills.

Drews and Barrymores, Allens and Davenport's, of course are, if anything, even more to the fore than they were during the last century. Furthermore, the ramifications in the various trees are so complicated, and the links connecting them so numerous that probably there never will be a day when scions of the great theatrical families are not acting.

San Bernard will conclude his Casino Theatre engagement in "The Girl and the Wizard," soon after the holidays and will then go on a tour which will extend as far as the Pacific Coast, including all the principal theatrical centres between New York and San Francisco. This will be the first time that Mr. Bernard has visited the Pacific Coast territory within ten years, and the announcement that he is to appear in the far west in his most noteworthy vehicle has already excited much interest in that part of the country.

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A pretty wedding was solemnized by Rev. David Lang last night when Miss Helen Louise Brown, of Chatham (N. B.), was united in marriage to Frank Hedley McNaughton, of Woodstock (N. B.). The happy couple left on the Montreal train on a honeymoon trip and on their return will reside in Woodstock.

It will be welcome news to St. John theatre-goers that the old favorite, the Robinson Opera Co., will return for two weeks on Dec. 20. They have prepared a number of new operas and have increased their cast and chorus very materially.

The last visit of the company, one of its drawbacks was that it was weak in its chorus numbers, but this has been overcome by the addition of several new men and women. On Christmas day the company will play the "Mikado" and "The Show Girl."

The cast has been selected for the production of Cora Maynard's psychic drama "The Watcher," now being rehearsed under the stage direction of John Emerson. The five principal roles will be played by Percy Haswell, Katherine Countiss, Mary

on Ballou, Thurlow Bergen and John Emerson himself. They keep on getting out nightly a lot from the press edition of the New York Advance, the stage newspaper figuring in "The Fourth Estate," at Wallack's. The faithfulness to actual newspaper life is the talk of New York. The characters of Charles Waldron, as the managing editor, Robert McWade as the night editor, William Humphrey as the city editor, George W. Middleton, as a broken down hack, and Argyle Campbell as a fresh copy boy, are acted with a naturalness that suggests actual experience in a "print shop."

With a repertoire of more than thirty standard productions, a company to which is known as the Opera House Stock Co., will soon hold the boards at the Opera House. The company is made up of sixteen players—ten men and six women. Some of the actors have already made favorable impressions in this city.

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Fashion Hint for Times Readers



ONE WAY TO USE THE CHRISTMAS WILLOW FEATHER.

The giving of handsome ostrich plumes at Christmas time has become more and more customary, and most of the millinery departments make special Christmas offers of feathers, daintily boxed, at this season.

If the gift includes but one plume, the best way to use it will be on a smart turban in the manner suggested. The turban should have a high-draped velvet crown, stiffened with light crinoline, and against this crown the long feather may be arranged, the graceful, long plumes tumbling down over the stem.

FIFTEEN KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Passenger Train Derailed in North Carolina—Geo. Gould and Son Escape Uninjured

Greensboro, N. C., Dec. 15.—Local passenger train No. 11 on the Southern Railway, known as the Richmond & Atlanta train, was wrecked this morning at Reedy Fork trestle, ten miles north of here.

Eleven dead bodies have been removed from the wreckage. It is reported fourteen are dead and twenty-five injured are being cared for at St. Leo's Hospital. The dead so far identified are:

A. P. Cone, superintendent of the Richmond & Danville division of the Southern Railway, Richmond (Va.)

H. C. White, traveling auditor, Washington (D. C.)

Isaac Dammlas, porter on the Richmond trestle.

C. B. Nolan, Pullman conductor, Greensboro.

Frank W. Kilby, Birmingham (Ala.), ex-Willaboro (N. C.)

Virgil E. Holcomb, Mount Airy (N. C.)

Ed. Sexton, Denton (N. C.)

Richard Eames, prominent mining engineer of Salisbury (N. C.)

John G. Brodnax, Richmond (Va.)

Ed. Barry, Richmond (Va.)

The body of an unknown white man, apparently about 25 years old, was recovered late this evening. Among the patients at the hospital who are fatally injured are:

Henry L. Stralberg, Deatur (Ga.)

P. G. Smith, Springfield (Va.)

The injured were brought to this city as rapidly as they could be extricated and placed in St. Leo's Hospital.

Geo. J. Gould, with his son, Jay, was in one of the Pullmans when the train jumped the track, and who was reported killed, escaped unhurt.

The North End Every Day Club had another good meeting last night. A big game which will be played at once. The president of the East End club gave a talk and the officers expressed thanks for the honor conferred on them. There were solos by Edward Carlin and George Wallace, and some further entertainment. The club will be open every night for men.

At the Every Day Club this evening there will be a competition between the officers of the club in a new game for a prize donated by a friend of the club. The game itself will be presented to the club. A. Turner B. Howard will give a ten-minute talk on Dr. Triles. There will be music and a generally pleasant evening for men.

The concert, Alice in Wonderland, which was to have been given in Trinity church school room this evening, has been postponed until after Christmas.

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NOAH WAS BLACKBALLED

Detroit, Mich.—The Society of Naval Architects rejected Noah for honorary membership, when his name was proposed as the father of the ship designing profession. The reason given was "that Noah was a gamekeeper and not a ship designer primarily."

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DEALING WITH DELINQUENTS

At a ministerial meeting in Toronto this week, Dr. Gilmour, warden of the Central Prison, addressed the gathering on "The Methods of Dealing with Delinquents."

Study evil lovingly, was the keynote of his theories.

"Prison life is contaminating beyond expression, even with the very best system," said the doctor.

Dividing his subject under two heads, the habitual criminal and the accidental.

"Both," he said, "require different methods of treatment. Crime is due either to heredity or defective environments. In Canada it is caused more by environment."

"You must take care of the children," said Dr. Gilmour. "Sixty per cent. of our present population in Central Prison are under thirty years of age, and many of those over 30 years began their criminal career when young."

"If an uncompromising enemy to institutional life as a means of reform for children. How can you expect a child to be better for being placed in a building along with other children, no better and often worse than itself? Institutional life for children is a last resort. Foster homes are better. Deal with juveniles I refer to any under 35 years of age."

The sentencing judge or magistrate holds the veto power when any special cases are under consideration for special humane treatment. This should not be. What we want is legislation to control delinquents when out of prison. Many go out without a firm determination to get even, but if they were only allowed out so long as they were of good behavior the change would be marked.

Answering various questions put to him at the close of his address, Dr. Gilmour said that last year his was conducted in crime. Drink caused about 75 per cent of the criminals.

"I do not believe in sending wife-beaters to prison to be cared for, pampered and petted with plenty to eat, while the real sufferers, the wife and children, are struggling for existence. The association passed a resolution to forward any movement that should be started to better the methods of dealing with delinquents."

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VICTOR HUGO'S SUPERSTITION.

(From the London Globe.)

An amusing story of Victor Hugo is related in a French contemporary. The poet had accepted an invitation to dine at the house of one of those ardent Republicans who at the time were widely termed "les precieuses ridicules."

The dinner hour had passed some time without any announcement that the dinner was served when one of the company, a friend of Victor Hugo, inquired of the hostess the cause of the delay. The latter explained that owing to one of the guests having sent an excuse at the last moment there would be thirteen instead of fourteen at the table, so she had to find another to make the fourteenth.

A moment later the same individual was conversing with Victor Hugo. "Do you know why we are waiting?" asked the poet. "Yes," was the reply; "some imbecile is afraid to sit at table when there are thirteen." Victor Hugo in a solemn and severe tone replied, "L'imbecile, c'est moi."

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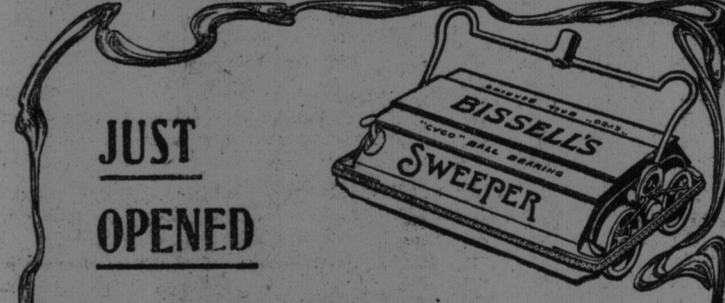
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