

MUSICIANS AND PLAYERS

The clever protean sketch in which Malene Cotton and Nick Long will be seen heading the Savoy's bill this week should prove a most attractive headliner. The sketch was especially written by Edgar Wolf for Mr. Cotton and his partner, and is said to be out of the ordinary. Miss Cotton impersonates no less than four different characters. Mr. Long, who will be favorably remembered by many for his clever work on the legitimate stage, impersonates two characters. Green and Werner, the original Jungle Babes, with their funny and original novelty, will be welcomed back. The act is prettily staged, and is full of action every minute. Both are pleasing singers and graceful dancers. Charles J. Stine and Olive Evans will be seen in their big laughing success and sketch, entitled "Wanted a Divorce."

Marguerite and Hanley have an exceptionally clever, acrobatic act. The woman possesses extraordinary strength, as attested by the remarkable feats she performs. John Le Clair, a juggler, has an act that may be relied upon to please. Hill and Hill, a team of colored entertainers, whose singing, dancing and bright patter have won them success wherever they have played, will be another number. Gilday and Fox are Hebrew comedians, and one of the few good teams of that kind in the vaudeville. Their dialogue is bright, the jokes new and the parodies catchy. Frank Bowman, a magician, is credited with giving a very entertaining performance. The moving pictures this week will offer something new.

Miss Small's Recital.
Miss Edith Margaret Small, in her recital in St. John Presbyterian Church to-morrow will be assisted by Mrs. Thomas Christie, soprano; Mr. George Richmond, bass; and Mr. Murt Webster at the piano. Miss Small, whose readings have already delighted Hamilton people, will give a rich miscellaneous



HERBERT CYRIL,
The great English artist, who will appear at Bennett's all this week.

programme, in which two groups of Dr. Drummond's habitant poems and a group of Henry Van Dyke's "The Story of the Other Wise Man" will be the chief features. Miss Small has earned the instilled praise of the best critics for her admirable work. Charles W. Gordon (Ralph Connor) says of her: "Miss Small has a manner simple and natural, and entirely free from anything out of exaggerated. She has a nice sense of the fitness of things, and altogether her work is of a high order."

More Wagner Finds.

Berlin, Dec. 16.—Following the recent resurrection of Richard Wagner's known opera, "The Wedding," German musical explorers now have brought to light four of the great composer's hitherto practically unfamiliar overtures, written during what is described as Wagner's creative period, which ran between the years 1839 and 1859.

Two of the most interesting compositions among the four are entitled "Christopher Columbus" and "Rule Britannia." The first-named was played the other night, to the great delight of those who heard it, by the Cincinnati Philharmonic Orchestra. It is described as abounding

Christmas for Distant Friends

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in powerful passages interpretative of the longing of men of Columbus' time for new worlds and new civilizations, which resulted in the discovery of America, the land of the future.

The other political work, "Rule Britannia," Wagner wrote at Konigsberg in 1838, while eking out a wretched existence as the leader of a local theatre orchestra.

In addition to these original manuscripts, there has also been found a memorandum in Wagner's own handwriting, which contains the remarkable statement that he was so poor that he lacked funds for postage with which to procure the return of the two overtures from Paris and London, where he had sent them for possible publication.

The "Christopher Columbus" overture was discovered in Paris.

"Rule Britannia" was found in the possession of a manuscript collector at Leicester, England.

A Week of Repertoire.
The Partello Stock Company will open a week's engagement at the Grand to-night. This organization has been doing big business this season, and comes with good recommendations. The bill for to-night will be "The College Girl," a play that has been one of the most successful in the repertoire. The leading role is played by Alice Kennedy. Her support is a capable one. Pleasing specialties will be introduced during the action of the play. The bill for to-morrow night will be "The Way of the West." Seats are now on sale for the entire week.

Recital at Conservatory.
The first recital of the Conservatory Art Culture Club was held on Saturday afternoon, and, considering the inclemency of the weather, the attendance was very good. The first part of the afternoon was taken up with a survey of the life and works of Tchaikovsky, and the address was given by Mr. J. E. P. Aldous. The latter part of the programme was given to musical numbers of the famous composer. The programme was as follows:

Piano duet, 2nd Movement Allegro Con Grazia
4th Movement Adagio Lamentoso
From 6th (Pathetic) Symphony, arranged by the composer
Song Miss Edith Margaret Small
Song Tell Me, Why Are the Roses So Pale?
Miss Anna C. Laidlaw, A. T. C. M.
Piano (a) A Song of Sadness
(b) A Romance in F Minor
Miss Evelyn Dexter.
Song Whether by Day
Miss Laidlaw.
Strings Andante Cantabile
Conservatory String Quartette.
Piano (a) Meditation
(b) Full of Pranks
Miss Herald.
Sa-Hera at Bennett's.

The old theory, "There's nothing new under the sun," has been exploded by the advent of the marvellous "Sa-Hera" to this country. She has just arrived from London, England, after having made a triumphal tour of the old country, and is appearing at Bennett's. It is seemingly impossible what this marvellous woman achieves. In the world of mystification she is conceded to be without a peer. Silent thought transmission and mental telegraphy in the most interesting phases are delivered with wonderful accuracy, and seemingly supernatural phenomena are accomplished by this wonderful woman. The rest of the bill is composed of very strong acts, and the house is bound to be well attended, on account of the large number of Christmas visitors. Barney Fagan and Henrietta Byron, who are appearing in a very bright act, make the fun come last and furious while they are before the footlights. The exhibition of strength and skill displayed by the Schenks brothers, hand to hand gymnasts, is little short of marvellous, and is by far the best of its kind on the road. E. Herbert Cyril, as a London Johnnie, is a clever comedian and mimic. Montgomery and Moore are going to make lots of friends here with their act, which is a winner. Maddox and Melvin, as the soubrette and the messenger boy, are peerless, and will make good; Rae and Brosche carry a delightful vaudeville skit, and Mazzuz and Mazzette will be seen in a most amusing turn. The Bennettograph will show new films.

Fred Mace is Coming.
Fred Mace, the inimitable comedian, who is at the Princess Theatre, Toronto, this week, will be at the Grand next Monday night in his latest musical comedy success, "The Circus Man."

NEW BOOKS

Received in the Library for December.

Harper's Electricity Book for Boys, Adams, 6213; Browning's Italy, Parke, 821832; Pupil Self-Government, Its Theory and Practice, Gordon, 371; The Daughters of Justice, D'Annunzio, 352.79; Fire Fighters and Their Pets, Downes, 352.3; The Romance of Savage Life, Elliot, 572.4; Heroes of Missionary Enterprise, Field, 266; The Rat of Interest, Its Relation to Economic Phenomena, Fisher, 332.8; The Romance of Modern Slaves, Gilliat, 900; Railway Corporations as Public Servants, Haines, 825; The Philosophy of Common Sense, Harrison, 104; Kwaiden (Stories of Japan), Hearn, 915.2; The Cause and Extent of the Recent Industrial Progress of Germany, Kobbe, 786.3; Adventures in the Great Forests, Hyatt, 910.4; Illustrated Cincinnati, Kenny, 917.71; The Last Days of Marie Antoinette, Lenore, 944.035; The Awakening of China, Martin, 951; Primary Nursing Technique for First Year Pupil Nurses, Melsaac, 610.73; Public Ownership and the Telephone in Great Britain, Meyer, 654.62; The British State Telegraphs, Moyer, 64; Imported Outposts, Murray, 942.9; A History and Description of Italian Majolica, Solon, 1738; Heroes of Pioneering, Sanderson, 910.4; Adventures on the High Mountain, Stead, 916.2; Below the Cataracts, Tyndale, 942.082; Letters to a Queen, Victoria, 942.082; The Approach of Literature, Woodberry, 820; Gray Lady and Birds, Wright, 588.2; The Romance of the World's Fisheries, Wright, 799.1; The Dancing Mouse, Yorkes, 599.3; Ancestors, Atherton, 17606; The Domestic Adventures, Bacon, 17617.

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Handsome Black Coats and practical colors for women and misses. All the wanted shades. Warm, fine qualities and newest styles for smart winter wear. A very large assortment of beautiful black coats for selection.

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\$ 6.25, reduced from \$ 9.00
\$ 6.95, reduced from \$11.50
\$ 9.95, reduced from \$14.50
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A splendid sale for Tuesday's lucky buyers. Several scores of handsome new Muffs, Throw Scarfs, Ties, Ruffs, and Stoles. Sable, Marmot, Squirrel, Coon, etc., etc. The season's best styles, in comfortable, effective shapes and excellent Right House qualities, regular \$15 to \$18 each, Tuesday a Christmas snap at only \$10 each.

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Fine Broadcloth Shells; strapped and plaited styles, in good, warm stylish lengths; Hampshire, muskrat or squirrel linings, with warm storm collars of natural lynx, mink or sable, a sumptuous Christmas gift, regular \$75 value, to-morrow \$59.

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Dupont's best French made real Ebony Brushes, imported direct. Beautiful Christmas gifts.

Military Brushes \$1, \$1.50 to \$2.25.
Hair Brushes 65c, 85c, \$1 to \$2.50.
Toiletries \$1, \$1.50, \$2 to \$2.50.
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Beautiful Xmas blouses

The season's prettiest, most effective and daintiest styles in silk, lace, net and combinations. Perfect in fit. They make sumptuous Christmas gifts. \$2.05, \$3.50, \$4.35, \$6, \$7.50 to \$10.

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Direct from Berlin, Germany, have arrived the very latest and prettiest styles in lovely new Fascinators and Shawls for Christmas gifts. All silk and silk and wool. Knit in many pretty patterns. Cream and cream and combinations of dainty evening shades. Fascinators, \$1, \$1.25, \$1.50, to \$2.50.

Knit Shawls, 50, 75c, \$1 to \$5.
Dainty Christmas boxes for these on sale.

Neckwear: Xmas sale

A splendid piece of good luck for Christmas gift buyers. A great special purchase has just arrived from Paris. On sale all day to-morrow at nearly half price. Select your Christmas gift pieces early. The season's daintiest and neatest neckwear are included. In a dainty gift box free.

Five exquisite styles in beautiful Stock and Turn-over Collars in combination of lace and silk with colored silk embroidery work. Real value \$1, \$1.25 and \$1.50, Christmas sale price 69c.

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Superior qualities of white Jap Silk Handkerchiefs for men, women, boys and girls; plain and white embroidered initials in various sizes and neat designs. Narrow and wide hemstitched hems.

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14c, real value 20c
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23c, real value 35c

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Beautiful and novel new ideas in handles, good weaving silk and silk and wool tops, best frames and rods.

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\$3.50, real value \$4.50
\$4.50, real value \$6.00
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\$2.50 LONG KID GLOVES AT \$1.89—An Xmas buying chance of great merit. Fine quality, soft pliable kid, cut to fit perfectly; full elbow length. Black, grey and heaver shades; sizes ½ up to 6½. Better select to-morrow.

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Hearth sizes in Madallion, Persian and Oriental designs in rich color combinations. These are special Christmas bargains. Size 27 by 54 inches \$2.48

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Boys' sweaters reduced

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The only exception is in the case of those who are coming out to friends, and have work provided for them.

BABY SUFFOCATED.

Mother Made Frantic Efforts to Reach Child.

Parry Sound, Dec. 15.—At 10.30 last night, fire broke out in a frame dwelling house on Gibson-street, one-half of which was occupied by the families of Nathaniel Smith and Mrs. Weatherup, a widow. An infant of the Smiths was asleep in a back room upstairs and could not be reached by the inmates, the stairs being on fire and sometime having been taken in rescuing the other children. Chief Fireman Logan, at considerable risk, got into the burning compartment and recovered the child, but it was found that it had died of suffocation in the smoke.

MAKE A CARD TRAY OF IT.

Use Found for the Engraved Copper Plate of the Wedding-Invitation.

The copper plates from which wedding invitations are printed are no longer consigned to the category of things that were. The very newest wrinkle for the bride is to have the plate saved for her and converted into an article that combines sentiment and a degree of utility.

And why not? The copper plate costs anywhere from \$10 to \$15, and heretofore it has been discarded—considered just about as useful as an empty champagne bottle or a check for a seat at last night's theatrical performance. Not until some ingenious soul discovered that the bride was being defrauded of her rights to a certain square of copper did it ever occur to any one to inquire as to its whereabouts.

Having realized that it is hers for the asking the up-to-date bride proceeds to take possession of it. And there isn't anything much prettier, by the way, than a piece of carefully burnished copper.

She doesn't put it away with the rest of her wedding treasures, her white satin slippers, a bit of orange blossom or a prayer book bound in white vellum, as her mother or grandmother would have done.

She ties her to a jeweller and has a card tray made of it. The only thing necessary in the transformation is to round off the corners, bend up the edges just a bit with an extra dent on either side of each corner, and she has a little tray on which all who run may read—if they take the trouble to hold it be-

fore a mirror—her wedding invitation or her announcement.

Or she may be a bride with a certain amount of old fashioned sentiment in her make-up and ideas not so far removed from the orange blossom satin slipper period. If so, she has a frame made from her copper plate, so that it is all ready for the photograph of herself in her wedding gown.

The centre of the plate is cut out, leaving a border about one inch wide. This forms the frame proper. The part that has been cut out, on which is the engraving, forms the supporting back and is fastened to the frame with hinges, the engraved side turned so that it is visible when one looks at the reverse side of the frame.

A border of orange blossoms is engraved on the surface of the frame and a pretty idea, one that brings out to the very best advantage every point of the little conceit, is to place it directly in front of a mirror. Then not only the picture of the bride with its orange blossom frame is visible, but the engraving on the back is reversed and therefore is plainly to be read.

Making a Business of Benevolence.

It takes a practical mind to make a fortune. Men have often said in my hearing: "Oh, how I wish I were rich! If I had money I should do this great work or that." Now, those men will never be rich. They haven't got the purpose and practical bent of mind for it. They think of the fruits of victory without the struggle. I fear it is necessary to fix the mind pretty firmly upon the making of money before it is possible to plan its spending. I remember clearly when the financial plan—if I may call it so—of my life was formed. It was out

in Ohio, under the ministrations of a dear old minister, who preached, "get it, get it, get it, and then give it wisely."

I wrote that down in a little book. I have the little book yet, with that writing in it. I have tried ever since to "get money honestly and give it wisely." There is a great deal of gold shown in the distribution of benevolence. If substance is a trust, then it is very serious business, this matter of dispensing it. One can't simply get rid of it and have a free conscience. A responsibility attaches to the distribution. I have an idea on that point, to this effect: Let us have benevolent trusts—corporations to manage the business of benevolence."

—John D. Rockefeller in Leslie's Weekly.

The Rival.

(By Theodore Himmman Simmons.)
He told my Nell—it was a lie—
He shook his head and said that I
Had smiled upon another maid
Quite unashamed; and she displayed
Her pleasure in her glances shy.

He then went on—the rascal shy—
To sympathize, and, with a sigh—
"Your lover's faithless, I'm afraid,"
He told my Nell.

At first she made a proud reply:
"He faithless? That I must deny!"
But well he lied and long he stayed
Till he convinced her—fickle jade—
And that is how, and when, and why,
He told my Nell!

Coventry's rateable value has increased by more than £17,000 in the last twelve months, and plans have been approved for more than 1,400 houses—a record in the history of the city.