

Music and Drama.

The return engagement of "Bunch of Keys" at the Grand last week was very successful. The play is an exceedingly clever bit of comedy, intensely funny and strikingly original. The company which presented the piece is composed of some of the most talented artists on the American stage, and the several characters represented were so natural and life-like as to evoke roars of laughter and unbounded applause. "Shadows of a Great City," the latest New York success, is running this week.

Montford's last week was crowded nightly, the attraction being the Georgia Minstrels. This troupe is one of the best that has visited the city for years, and the entertainment provided is exceedingly chaste and unobjectionable. This week the Osborne Comedy Company.

TWO STARS.—Miss Clara Louise Kellogg, the American queen of song, and Miss Agnes Huntington, the young contralto who has gained such a deservedly high reputation during the past season, appear together in concert in Toronto on Friday evening, April 10th, supported by Miss Edith Huntington, pianist, and the string quartette of the Buffalo Philharmonic Society. Mr. J. F. Thompson, the enterprising manager under whose direction Miss Christine Nilsson, Mme. Emily La Blache, Gilmore's Regimental Band and Dr. Damrosch's Orchestra Concerts were given in Toronto, has the honor in charge, and its brilliant success is therefore assured. Special railroad rates have been arranged on all roads, and may be had at the different depots upon presentation of a concert ticket. It is many years since two such brilliant stars have been heard at one time in Canada, and the concert will no doubt be one of the brilliant musical events in the history of the Queen City. It is announced as under the patronage of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Roblinson, and it is expected that his Excellency the Governor General and Lady Lansdowne will be present.

Edwin Booth denies the report that he contemplates retiring from the stage. Germany and Austria together boast as many as ninety special opera-houses.

Mr. Cowen, the leading English composer of the period, remarked the other day to a reporter that "Italian opera in a few years, perhaps from five to ten, will be a thing of the past; its downfall will be hastened if the best singers would only sing in English." One of the most important musical publications of the year is a new method of teaching singing by the famous Professor Stockhausen. In it he not only shows how certain things are to be done, but why. He objects to the common method of practicing with one vowel only. His method of practicing the trill insures a pure and even execution, which so few singers have acquired.

Saper-Obriest-Lieutenant N. Radwanowicz, of St. Petersburg, writes to the Leipzig *Zeitung* that he has discovered the art of manufacturing the varnish used by Amati and Stradivari, as proved by chemical analysis. In reference to Herr Schradick's claim that the old Italian violins were made of a special balsam pine which now grows in Canada and Virginia, he states that in North Italy up to the middle of the last century the balsam tree (*Abies balsamea*) did not grow, but has disappeared, not being suited to the climate.

It is for a man to decide for himself how he shall make his circle. It depends on many things and circumstances of which he alone can be judge. The common belief is that if we attend to many things, nothing will be done well, has enough justice to prevent us from frittering away our powers over a multitude of unnecessary things, but it has no weight in relieving us of a single well-defined duty, be it ever so small. Our individual life and happiness, the welfare of our families, the prosperity of our friends, the very success of our whole community, and can never be sacrificed. If it suffers, so shall we; and, though we may not be wise enough to trace the exact workings of the law, the law it can never be infringed.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

L. T. L., Kingston.—Thanks for contribution sent, but it is hardly up to the mark.

D. J. B., Orillia.—Mr. J. Oliver, foot of Bay St., Toronto, is a dealer in fancy wood and froth work.

J. M. G., Portage la Prairie.—Sir Walter Scott died on the 21st September, 1832; Charles Dickens, in 1870.

LETT.—A pair of gentleman's kid gloves were left in *Truth* office some days ago. Will the owner call for them?

S. R.—Only where the words "marriage" and "divorce" are given are considered in the present Bible competition answers.

H. BAKER, Hamilton.—No, "pheasant" and "nephew" are never spelt with an "f." The man who told you so was very phoolish.

HENRY V. AILES.—A bed 4 by 225 feet will take 1,000 asparagus roots to plant it. One ounce of radish seed will be sufficient for 100 feet of ground.

A. J., Rogersville.—Certainly, the New Testament is a part of the Bible, and the most important part, too. Answers from that are always in order if correct.

R. S. SMITH, Norcliffe P. O.—The only Canadian importer of wild animals we know of in Canada is Harry Piper, Esq., of Toronto Zoo. The leading American importers are P. T. Barnum, and Forepaugh.

E. CLARK.—The children of such parents as you mention are certainly more liable to be deformed, idiotic and so forth, than those of parents not related by consanguinity, though it does not necessarily follow that all will be.

"ALTA," Mimico.—The highest mountain in the world is Mount Everest in the Himalayas in Thibet; its altitude is 29,002 feet, or 53 miles. Mont Blanc, in the Alps, is only 15,766 feet, or 3 miles, though it is the highest mountain in Europe.

H. H. H., Collingwood.—The number of major-generals in the American army is limited by law to three, and they are Winfield S. Hancock, who entered the army in 1844, John M. Schofield, 1853, and John Pope, 1842. The number of brigadier-generals is limited to six.

YOUNG CANUCK.—(1) You can get Blaikie's "How to get Strong," &c., at P. C. Allen's bookstore, No. 35, King St. E., Toronto. (2) The best time to use umbrellas is mid-way between meals if possible; before breakfast is better than last thing at night, but you should take a glass of milk and a cracker first.

A NEW SUBSCRIBER, Collingwood.—(1) The periodicals you enquire about are published in the following cities: *Argosy*, London, Eng.; *The Current*, Edgar L. Wakeham, editor and publisher, Chicago; *Harper's Magazine*, Harper & Brothers, publishers, Franklin Square, New York; *The Century*, Century Publishing Co., 33 East 17th Street, New York. (2) The nature of each is literary.

Worth Knowing.

A friendly reader of *Truth* sends the following. Others may confer a favor on fellow readers by similar contributions, but be sure and send only such suggestions as are known to be of value:

TO RESTORE CANE CHAIR BOTTOMS.—Turn the chair bottom upward and with hot water and a sponge wash the cane work well, so that it is well soaked; should it be dirty, use soap. Let it dry in the air, and it will be as light and firm as new, provided none of the canes are broken.

SKIRT FOR A CHILD.—A good way to utilize ribbed socks when the feet are past wearing is to cut the legs off straight above the heel, open up the back, sew or crochet enough of them together to give width for a child's skirt, making shell trimming for the bottom, and sew into a band at the waist. These are warm and pretty and little trouble to make.

A REMEDY FOR TOOTHACHE.—If the tooth is hollow drop four drops of laudanum in the ear on the side affected. If not relieved in fifteen minutes repeat the dose, and it will remove the pain immediately.

I am sure this will cure
If properly applied
It's not hard to endure,
It's been frequently tried.

Exchange Department.

Advertisements under this head are inserted at the rate of twenty-five cents for five lines. All actual subscribers to *Truth* may advertise one time, anything they may wish to exchange, free of charge. It is to be distinctly understood that the publisher reserves to himself the right of deciding whether an exchange shall appear or not. He does not undertake any responsibility with regard to transactions effected by means of this department of the paper, nor does he guarantee the responsibility of correspondents or the accuracy of the descriptions of articles offered for exchange. To avoid any misunderstanding or disappointment, therefore, he advises Exchangers to write for particulars to the addresses given before sending the articles called for.

A small press, chaco 4x3, for sale or exchange, with font of type. All new at Xmas. Thorough outfit. What offers? R.D., Box 2030, City P.O.

Eggs from high-scoring, prize-winning, white Leghorns. Send stamp for circular. C. E. Hisselt, Proprietor. I. X. L. Poultry Yards, Lovilia, Monroe Co., Iowa.

S. G. SMITH, St. Catharines, Ont., wishes to exchange a nickel watch, value \$7.50; good thinkeeper, won in *Truth* competition, for chickens, pigeons, or best offer.

For 15 cents in silver I will send a price list of the values of old U.S. gold, silver, and copper coins, as given me by a dealer in coins of all kinds. Address: R. D. SUGARMAN, 179 Ind. St., Chicago, Ill.

To any person sending me 10 cents I will send them 50 elegant chrome cards, no two alike, with their names printed neatly on them. When sending stamps please send one cent stamps. C. H. HODDER, 135 Silver Street, Toronto, Ont.

A good violin and bow (Stainer) and a new "Excelsior" printing press, with two fonts of fancy type, in exchange for a good magic lantern, with slides, (no toy) suitable for small entertainments. Value of violin, press, and type, \$17. FRANK SPRING, Box 83, Fergus, Ont.

Mr. H. McLaughlin, Atherley P.O., Ont., has one double barreled, breech loading shot gun, valued at \$20; and one double barreled, muzzle loading shot gun, valued at \$15, one of which he wishes to sell or exchange. Both are genuine twist barrels and in good order. Nearly new.

I have for exchange a pentagraph, new, and in perfect order, cost \$1.33, and a dollar edition of Shakespeare's Works, of about equal value; poems of Campbell, Robert Browning, or Goethe, preferred. Offers solicited. Write first. O. A. HAGEN, Highgate Centre, Vt.

The following old coins for sale or exchange. Best offer for four weeks: 1 copper coin. George 3rd, 1775; silver coin, William 4th; East India half rupee, 1835; copper coin, Copole, 107; copper coin, Philip 3rd, 1018; silver coin, Napoleon, 1248; shilling, 1774; Japanese coin, silver, 1710. G. F. THOMSON, Box 347, Oshawa, Ont.

Anybody sending me the largest number of stamps before the 30th of April, will receive a new copy of the Union Jack; if more stamps are received than expected, 3 or 4 prizes will be added. Only Canadian 2 and 5 cent register, law, bill, &c. and United States Interior, Justice, State, and Navy stamps to count. Address: A. F. BORGES, Drawer 42, Woodstock, Ont.

PEARLS OF TRUTH.

A merry heart doeth good like a medicine. Honor makes a great part of the reward of all honorable professions.

It is very unfair in any writer to employ ignorance and malice together; because it gives his answer double work.

Human nature is pliable; and perhaps the pleasantest surprises of life are found in discovering the things we can do when forced.

Parents should modify their methods according to the temper of their children; no two are alike or require exactly the same treatment.

Sincerity is an openness of heart; 'tis found in a very few people, and that which we see commonly is not it, but a subtle dissimulation to gain the confidence of others.

Nothing hinders the constant agreement of people to live together but vanity and selfishness. Let the spirit of humanity and benevolence prevail and discord and disagreement would be banished from the household.

The philosopher and lover of man have much harm to say of trade; but the historian will see that trade was the principle of liberty; that trade planted America and destroyed feudalism; that it makes peace and keeps peace.

"What she could," not what she could not do, now what she thought might be done, not what she would like to do, not what she would do if she had more time, not what somebody else thought she ought to do, but "but what she could do."

When we are in company of sensible men, we ought to be doubly cautious of talking too much, least we lose two good things—their good opinion and our own improvement; for what we have to say we know, but what they have to say we know not.

We must never imagine that it is only the poor and unfortunate who need our

services. We have some power for good over all with whom we mingle, and our benevolent desires will multiply and strengthen in proportion as they culminate in wise action.

Real forgiveness is that which we accord to a child who has been naughty and now is penitent. Forgiveness is the right thing from us all to each other. Full of faults and shortcomings as we know ourselves to be, cannot we forgive the like frailties in others?

Moral beauty cannot co-exist with radical defects of principle. The character that is unable to resist temptation, or unwilling to cling faithfully to duty is no more beautiful, whatever be its generous impulses or amiable traits, than a figure which cannot support its own weight. Parts of it may be admirable; but as a whole, as a unity, it cannot be rightly called a beautiful character, it lacks for the foundation.

Man must have occupation or be miserable. Toil is the price of sleep and appetite, of health and enjoyment. The very necessity which overcomes our natural sloth is a blessing. The whole world does not contain even a briar or thorn which nature could have spared. We are happier with the sterility which we can overcome by industry than we could have been with spontaneous plenty and unbounded profusion. The body and mind are improved by the toil that fatigues them. The toil is a thousand times rewarded by the pleasures which it bestows. Its enjoyments are peculiar. No wealth can purchase them, no indulgence can taste them. They flow only from exertions which repay the laborer.

Important.

When you visit or leave New York City, take Baggage Express and Carriage Hire, and stop at the GRAND UNION HOTEL, opposite Grand Central Depot, 600 elegant rooms fitted up at a cost of one million dollars, -1 and upwards per day. European plan. Elevator. Restaurant supplied with the best Horse cars, stages and elevated railroads to all depots. Families can live better for less money at the Grand Union than at any other first-class hotel in the City.

There is a gift that is almost a blow, and there is a kind word that is munificence; so much is there in the way we do things.

If you are suffering from a sense of extreme weariness, try one bottle of Ayer's Sarsaparilla. It will cost you but one dollar, and will do you incalculable good. It will do away with that tired feeling, and give you new life and energy.

Of course the snows of winter fall on the youthful as well as the heads of the middle-aged people, but the fires of youth melt them away, while the cooling blood of advancing years allows them to remain as indelible marks of approaching age.

One trial of Mother Graves' Worm Exterminator will convince you that it has no equal as a worm medicine. Buy a bottle, and see if it does not please you.

The University of Cairo, in Egypt, said to be nine hundred years older than Oxford, has ten thousand students who are being educated as Mohammedan missionaries.

The people of this country have spoken. They declare by their patronage of Dr. Thomas' Electric Oil, that they believe it to be an article of genuine merit, adapted to the cure of rheumatism, as well as to relieve the pains of fractures and dislocations, external injuries, corns, bunions, piles, and other maladies.

The character of a wise man consists in three things—to do himself what he tells others to do, to act on no occasion contrary to justice, and to bear with the weaknesses of those about him.

We do not believe there is any force in to-day to rival or recreate that beautiful yesterday. We linger in the ruins of the old tent, where once we had bread and shelter and organs, nor believe that the spirit can feed, cover and nerve us again. We cannot again find aught so dear, so sweet, so graceful. But we sit and weep in vain. The voice of the Almighty saith: "Up and onward for evermore!" We cannot stay amid the ruins.

There are cheap panaceas for various human ailments continually cropping up. Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Discovery and Dyspeptic Cure has no affinity with any of these. Unlike them, the article is derived from the purest sources, is prepared with the utmost chemical skill, and is a genuine remedy and not a palliative for biliousness, Constipation, Kidney troubles, impurity of the blood, and female Complaints.