

## MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

"Jane," which will be seen at The Victoria Monday and Tuesday evenings, is said to be so full of ludicrous situations that the auditor, unless he be almost incredibly grave, is kept in constant laughter. This is the story of "Jane": Charles Shackleton is a young man of prospects. Left a portion by his aunt on condition that he marries before securing any of the money, so long as he is able to conduct all his business by correspondence he succeeds in making his guardian believe that he has a wife and child. He has involved himself in debt, and has blamed it all on the extravagance of his wife, when Mr. Kershaw, the old guardian, desires to visit him and remonstrate with the lady. This makes it necessary for the young man to provide himself with a wife. William, his servant, selects Mrs. Chadwick, a widow of mature years, to play the part, and when Kershaw arrives introduces her as Mrs. Shackleton. She accepts the situation in hope of becoming in reality his wife. But Shackleton, having thought of everything and found no better way out of his embarrassment, notices his bright housemaid, Jane, and proposes that she play the part for a consideration of 100 pounds. She accepts, and he at once sends her out to fit her dress to her new station. Jane plays her part to the perfect satisfaction of her master and his guardian, but to the great consternation of William, whose real wife she became that morning. The situation becomes more ridiculous with each of the three short acts, and Jane has the ready wit to meet every emergency, even to borrowing a baby, when the old guardian asks after the hopeful heir, whom his young scapegrace of a ward has pictured in his correspondence. But this display breaks down William's patience, and he upsets the whole game. Jane is driven to confession; is forgiven for her cleverness, and Shackleton, having been forgiven by his sweet-heart, Lucy Norton, becomes a married man in truth and receives his fortune.

The following are the dates for The Victoria, so far as billed: Jane, June 20-21; Carroll Johnson's Gosssoon Co., 23-24; Blue Jeans, 28-30; Sam T. Jack's "Creole" Co., July 1-2; Midnight Alarm, 5; Gorton's Minstrels, 8; Fast Mail, 11-12; Police Patrol, 14-15; Natural Gas, 18-19; Duncan Clarke's Female Mastodons, 21; Cruikshank Lawn Co., 27-28; McCarthy's Mishaps, 29-30.

Mr. F. A. McKeown, the representative of Gilmore's famous band, was in Vancouver this week making arrangements for the appearance of the band there in the autumn.

Mrs. Lloyd, who has been living in Victoria for the past four or five months, will join the Bandit King Company at Seattle.

Mrs. Tom Thumb and her aggregation of Lilliputians will be in the Vancouver Opera House this afternoon.

The Hebrew Dramatic Society will produce Siberia at an early day.

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