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MUSIC AND DRAMA.

A Girl's Expenses in Germany.

THE question of the expense incurred whilst studying in Germany is one so frequently discussed in Halifax, which sends so many girls abroad every year to pursue their musical studies, that we thought many of our readers might be interested in the following statement given to us by one who has been through a five years' course in Berlin. This lady informed us that the average cost of living of the girl student is from fifty to seventy-five dollars a month. To keep her expenditures within the former sum of course necessitates the exercise of rather strict economy. If this money be spent judiciously, however, she may have a taste of all of the comforts of life, and even of some of its luxuries. The lessons from the masters cost from five to ten dollars each, and the girl who brings sufficient training from home will profit much from her weekly audience with a great teacher. Rooms in the fashionable quarter of Berlin are expensive, although after the third story is passed there is a decrease in price the nearer one gets to the top. The style of living is much more simple than in America and the plainest meal is generally well cooked and nourishing.

In Leipsic neither living nor instruction is as expensive as in Berlin.

New York Notes.

English opera at moderate prices is meeting with considerable success at the Metropolitan, but of course the standard of the performances is far below that of the regular French-Italian season, which usually begins in the latter part of November. The company is made up of the Castle Square aggregation, with some new talent added. Most interest was felt with regard to the appearance of Miss Phoebe Strakosch in the role of Marguerite. She was somewhat of a disappointment, however, her voice lacking in freshness of quality. She is pretty and has a good stage presence.

Mme. Sembrich will give eight song recitals during the month of December, before the arrival of her opera company, which is to give its first performance in January.

Sig. Bevigiani, who is to be its conductor, will arrive late in November.

Peter F. Dailey has a money winner in his new musical comedy which is being produced at the Madison Square Theatre. He is assisted by a strong company, including Christie Macdonald, the clever Nova Scotian girl, who has come so rapidly to the front of late.

Mr. Daniel Frohman announces that the Orientally picturesque "San Toy," will remain only five weeks longer at Daly's Theatre. Mr. Richard Mansfield in "Henry V." is to be only three weeks longer at the Garden Theatre.

"When Knighthood was in Flower," one of the most popular books of last season, has been dramatized, and is being played with great success by Julia Marlowe.

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