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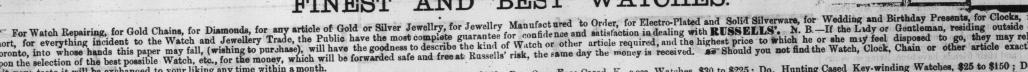
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cepted him with satisfaction, and he appears

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Her son Henry III. gave him his quaint

nickname of Beaux Joyeux in recognition,

it is said, of his ingenuity in suggesting

ballets and other musical diversions for the

king's amusement; and in 1581,

when the king was marrying his favorite,

the Duc de Joyeuse, to Mdlle. de Vande-mont, the queen's sister, his services were

tainment for the occasion. The ballet of

"Ceres and the Nymphs," commonly called

the "Ballet Comique de la Reine," was the

answer of the Piedmontese to the royal com-

mand, in which Beaux-Joyeux claims to

have "blended together music, poetry and dancing in a manner which, if ever done be-

fore, must have been in such remote anti-quity that it may now well be called new."

to the success of the ballet d'action or ballet pantomime, the characteristic of which is a developed and often elaborate plot; where-as the ballet divertissement is no-

interpreter of Theophile Gautier's "Giselle, or the Wilis," and the author's admiration for her was intense. Looking back with the regret of a true artist to her theatrical career, he says in his "Portraits Comtemporaies": "Elle avait la voix et elle avait les giles g'etait un pissay parfait." Fanny

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THE BALLET.

History of the Giddy Dame—The French Are Not the Inventors of the Ballet.

(From the St. James' Gaze tte.)

Ellsler had no voice, but she was a more finished actress; and then the strange tie which had at one time bound her to Friedrich von Gentz threw a sort of romance about her early dancing days. It was in her infantine pleasure in flowers and about her early dancing days. It was in her infantine pleasure in flowers and the Inventors of the Ballet.

(From the St. James' Gaze tte.)

The honor of having invented the ballet does not strictly belong to the French, although it was on the French stage that, it was first presented. Signor Baltazar, or Baltazarini, was sent from Piedmont to Paris, with his fiddle and his taste for densing as a present from Marshal Brisses.

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This may be looked upon as the origin of the ballet heroique, as well as the ballet historique, in France; and, indeed, as the proper progenitor of ballet pantomine everywhere. The plot, we are told, was by Claude de Jeune, and the songs which occurred in it by MM. Beaulie and Salmon of the king's band, while the entrees de ballet, as they are called, were by Baltazar himself. as they are called, were by battacar has self.

Even in our days, good looks have not always been essential to a dancer's success. Mile. Fitzjames could hardly have owed to her personal attractions the occult influence that was attributed to her in French politics in the reign of Louis Philippe. Her thinness became a proverb; and Alphonse Karr, seeing her one evening at the operadancing, with a gauze scarf, remarked, "Son dirait une arraignee qui danse avec sa toile." It was reserved for M. Laporte, who introduced Taglioni, Cerito, Carlotta Grisi and Fanny Ellsler to the London stage, to bring together a troupe which combined beauty, dancing, and in more than one instance acting of no mean order. This latter talent was absolutely necessary to the success of the ballet d'action or ballet

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as the ballet divertissement is nothing but a stringing together of consecutive dances. It is a question whether this, the highest branch of the choreographic art ever became thoroughly popular in this country. The genius of Theophile Gautier, the music of Adolphe Adam, and the grace and cleverness of its interpreters may have made it a fashion for a while; but Mr. Lumley dates the decadence of the ballet altogether from the disinclination of the habitaes of "Fops' Alley" to follow an elaborate plot told by pantomimic action; and unquestionably Cerito, who was nothing but a dancer, was always more popular than either Fanny Ellsler or Carlotta Grisi. The latter was the first interpreter of Theophile Gautier's "Giselle, BOOTS AND SHOES Suitable for the Fall Trade, at very reasonable prices All goods marked in plain figures. Fine Boots made to order. A Su-perior Fit Guaranteed.

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