

## ..The Planet.

A STEPHENSON. — Proprietor.

## "THE ENCORE" NUISANCE.

"Walter Damrosch's refusal to allow encores at the Sunday night concerts at the Metropolitan Opera House, is already beginning to have excellent results," says the New York Sun. "The audiences, which had declined discouragingly, are now coming back to their former size. It is easy to understand this result. It was always a small minority of the audience that insisted on encores. There was never any discrimination in the applause to indicate that the noise makers knew one song from another or made the least distinction in the degree of their approval. This had more than anything else to do with the public loss of interest in these entertainments, which have just begun to recover their vogue since the introduction of Mr. Damrosch's reform. So long as the concerts are made merely the excuse for a riot of applause the only persons who enjoyed the evening were the men who made the noise. Now that they have been suppressed the general public will undoubtedly return with enthusiasm."

This reference to the encore fiend will be appreciated by many music-lovers in Chatham, whose enjoyment of a musical performance has been frequently spoiled by the exasperating indiscriminate applause of a few persons. A proper amount of applause is appreciated by both audience and performers, but when it comes to compelling professional performers to double the program surely it is time to protest. This is no exaggeration; the program is doubled often by a few people who persist in clapping and stamping until an encore is given and the performance allowed to continue. The result is a surfeit of music and an unduly long evening. The response to an encore is a courtesy only, not a right, and it is bad taste to force an unwilling response. What would the encore fiends say if the musician were to come into their places of business and say, "I found that tea I bought from you simply delicious; give me a pound of it for nothing! And we never enjoyed anything so much as those pickles; present me with another bottle!"

Pretty soon, in this city, business men who sign petitions will be thankful if they are allowed to remain in town.

Of course, in the eyes of the Banner News the "Four Hundred" may not amount to much, but some of them may pay more or less taxes in this town.

The statement that the Ontario Government had decided to prohibit the export of natural gas from Essex county across the Detroit river, was a little premature. The Government has merely taken the matter into his serious consideration. And there it is likely to stay.

In reply to a request for help by the Mayor of Ottawa, Andrew Carnegie has agreed to spend \$100,000 on a public library for the capital, provided the corporation secure a site and guarantee a sum of \$7,500 per annum for the library's maintenance. Evidently Ottawa is not going to suffer from a lack of reading matter for the asking.

It would be infinitely better to treat the disloyal vaporings of a man like Bourassa with silent contempt. The notice taken of him by the premier and others gives an importance to his utterances in the minds of outsiders that is just what Mr. Bourassa wants. He may be a friend of Sir Wilfrid's but he should not be encouraged.

The bill appropriating land grants to war veterans has been redrawn since its first reading, and makes the following eligible in addition to those first included: Imperial soldiers who were stationed on the frontier in 1866, now resident in Ontario; persons resident in Ontario, who were members of the company known as the Chicago Volunteers, and who came to Ontario in 1866 to serve for the defence of the Province; volunteers in Ontario who were in active service at the frontier in 1870; newspaper correspondents from Ontario who went to South Africa.

Count Tolstoi, it appears, has just been formally excommunicated. The notice of excommunication, which was published in the official organ of the synod of the Greek Church, declares that Count Tolstoi "has by speech and writing, unceasingly striven to separate himself from all communion with the orthodox church," and this "not only clandestinely, but only, and in the knowledge of all persons." All attempts to dissuade him from this course of conduct having proved unavailing, the orthodox church "no longer considers him to be one of its members, and cannot regard him as such, and as long as he does not repent, and does not become reconciled to the church."

## NOT HEREDITARY

In the main, consumption is not hereditary; it is infectious. People are too afraid of heredity; better not think of the subject at all. Infection occurs continually.

Low vital force is hereditary, which gives consumption its chance. And infection plants it.

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## PAPA'S DEFINITION.

Baltimore American.  
Johnny—Paw, what's a hiatus?  
Paw—A hiatus, my son, is that part of a saloonist's life which was marked from a visit from Mrs. Nation.

## AND ENJOY THE FRUITS.

Toronto Star.  
The Ontario canners have formed a combine naturally to preserve prices.

## BY THE WAY.

The Schoolmaster.  
Lincoln's greatest triumphs were when he stood absolutely alone.  
A man sometimes doesn't know what he does want until he gets what he doesn't want and then he knows.  
There is always room at the top if you can push the other fellow off.

## THE LIGHTHOUSE CHILDREN.

Idly we rowed across the bay.  
The tide was calm, and the wind was fair.  
We drifted in past the jagged rocks  
To the lighthouse, and anchored there.

In the lonely brightness of sea and sky  
If seemed like some far enchanted isle.  
Where the footsteps of man had never been,  
And good spirits kept watch the while.

Along the sands, and the upward path,  
To the lighthouse door we made our way.  
There in the slanting shadow sat  
Three children, at happy play.

There was no one else; on the island's slope  
No other mortal, from sea to sea;  
The winds and the waves and the  
skies were all—  
And the sunburnt children three.

Unstartled, fearless, a lovely group!  
Brown cheeks, brown eyes and  
brown tangled curls—  
They ceased from their playing to  
stare at us.  
A boy and two pretty girls.

We were friends as soon as we smiled  
and talked,  
We were children, too. For a long,  
sweet hour  
We sat on the sands, and played with  
them,  
In the shade of the lighthouse tower.

"Father and sister had rowed to town,  
But Ben would take care of them,  
Ben was brave,  
And mother is with us"—the pointing hand  
Showed a lonely mounded grave.  
Oh, strong, pure faith! She had given  
on them life,  
And loved and left them; yet near,  
so near,  
Was the yearning strength of the  
mother's heart,  
That her children could not fear.

The wild waste seemed like a hallowed  
spot,  
And we lingered on till the sun went  
down,  
Nor pushed from shore till we saw,<  
at last,  
The boat coming back from town.

And often I think of that golden day,  
The lighthouse rising against the  
sky,  
The lonely grave, and the small brown  
hands  
That waved us a last good-bye!  
—Magdalene Bridges.

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## THE DRESS MODEL.

Gold decorations are the rage, and their vogue will last all winter. Tailor skirts are stylishly varied in form and effect to correspond with the numerous basque, jacket and redingote styles.

In the fancy effects among tweeds, etc., the heather mixtures are chosen by many experienced shoppers for the reason that they are reversible.

The genuine royal red is a brilliant scarlet, but the ruby and rosin shades which appear conspicuously in fashionable gowns are like a deep-bued velvet petal of geranium blossoms.

Costumes for general afternoon uses are made of different weaves of tailor cloth of very fine quality in the new shade of pale terra cotta, Roman red, silver blue, gray, brown, black and Russian green.

Strappings of cloth or braid continue to terminate on many tailor costumes in small buckles, buttons, and satin, peau de soie, pappe velvet and other handsome vest or "dress" costumes have one or two rows of expensive gold buttons down the front set on in straight or diverging double-breasted fashion.

Notwithstanding the marked vogue of the long, straight street garments of the season, the snug, natty, faultlessly fitted and finished jacket bodices, walking coats, French cutaway styles and all the numerous figaro, ulkado, Eton, bolero and small square Russian jackets continue to maintain a very strong hold on fashionable favor.

Following the latest edit of the French regarding mourning attire many weaves of silk with dull surface are used in deep mourning. Certain ornaments and furs are allowable, including astrakhan, otter, seal skin, black fox, baby lamb and long, black bearskin. Ermine, chinchilla and Alaska sable are added to "half" mourning gowns.

## CURTAIN RAISERS.

"The Corpse" is a new Tolstoi drama. Mrs. Bandmann Palmer has acted Hamlet over 300 times.

Bertha Galland probably will be among next season's new stars.

"The Casino Girl" will shortly be played in Australia by an American company.

The last surviving member of the famous Rossini family committed suicide recently at Milan.

Stephen Phillips' drama of "Herod" and J. M. Barrie's "The Wedding Guest" are to be published in book form.

In the Yiddish theaters of New York sometimes the plays of Shakespeare and others of the classics are made over.

Judge Thomas has decided in favor of the theaters in Denver in the cases brought by Dean Hart to prevent Sunday theatrical performances there.

Wilton Lackaye, who has scored so heavily in "Quo Vadis," is to become a star before the end of the season, appearing as Valjean in "Les Miserables."

May Irwin is an actress of thrift as well as good humor. She declines to sing other ballads than those on which a royalty is paid to her by the publishers. The Kansas City theater goers were fined in one of the police courts of that town a few days ago for hissing and cat-calling at actors on the stage of one of the theaters.

Miss Christie MacDonald, the charming southeaster now playing in New York in "Hodge, Podge & Co.," has announced her engagement to Mr. William Jefferson, son of the veteran actor, Mr. Joseph Jefferson.

## THE ROYAL BOX.

The Prince of Wales first took his seat in the box of honor on Feb. 5, 1895. He wore the splendid scarlet and ermine ducal robes over a general's uniform.

The children of the czar are all girls—the Grand Duchess Olga, who was born in 1895; the Grand Duchess Tatiana, who came into the world in 1897, and the Grand Duchess Marie, born in June, 1899.

The Princess of Wales and her daughters will spend the winter at Sandringham, but the February will make a Mediterranean cruise and visit the royal family of Greece at Athens.

The king of the Belgians has just signed a decree by which every Belgian resident in Belgium at least 65 years of age, workman or ex-workman, in necessitous circumstances may obtain from Jan. 1, 1901, an annual pension of £2 12s.

Queen Victoria holds the title of duke of Lancaster. Most people imagine that her title of duke of Lancaster merges in her superior title of queen, but that is not so, as she would remain duke of Lancaster even if she ceased to be queen.

## TOWN TOPICS.

It is up to Buffalo now to beat the Paris exposition—Philadelphia Ledger.

The "hood up" men are beginning their usual winter operations. It is time, apparently, to bring out the police drag net.—Cleveland Leader.

At a recent London book sale a "View of New York in 1674" cost the purchaser \$2,000, which is less than if he occasionally costs the stranger to get a view of New York in 1900.

New York's divorce mill, where evidence was manufactured to suit all customers, is another evidence of the metropolitan tendency to thoroughly systematize all branches of business.—Washington Star.

Talk about organizing vigilance committees to disperse the criminals in Chicago is sheer nonsense. The Chicago police department never would tolerate such an interference with its business.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

## FLOWER AND TREE.

The gladiolus can be forced in the window by getting early sowing seeds. Put a box of earth—rich, well sifted garden soil—in the cellar for use next spring in case you wish to start seeds in the house.

The sweet bay tree, or laurel, was sacred to Apollo, and in both Egypt and Rome its leaves were used to decorate the victors in games or in war. These leaves are much used now in the culinary art, the practice having been borrowed from the French.

There is no need to have worms in the soil of pot plants. A little liniment, made by putting a piece of unglazed line as large as an egg in a large one in five quarts of water, will destroy them. Use this to water the plants, thoroughly saturating the soil.

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## STOLE MILLION BY SWINDLING

Dead Millionaire Gilman's Half-brothers Make Sensational Charges in New York.

New York, March 14.—Surrogate Fitzgerald has granted letters of administration in the New York end of the estate of George F. Gilman, the wealthy Bridgeport, Conn., tea merchant, to Theophilus Gilman, a half-brother, and Edward L. Norton, a grand nephew, who represent the interests of the two classes of natural heirs.

Frazier Gilman, another half-brother, has brought suit for all the New York real property of the estate, nine parcels, aggregating in value over \$2,000,000.

The unknown quantity in the contest is Mrs. Blakeley Hall, formerly Helen Standish, an actress, who claims the entire estate of \$2,000,000 as her own, and retains possession of the mansion in Bridgeport, Conn.

Frazier Gilman resides at Atlanta, Ga., where his family is in moderate circumstances. He stands 6 feet 3 in. in his stockings, is broad-shouldered and has heavy, square jaws. When asked why he had come from his home in Georgia, he said:

"To get justice. Once upon a time I walked the streets of New York and lived upon 10 cents a day. It was for George Francis Gilman that I did this. He had used up \$5,000,000 of our father's money and tried his best to starve us to death."

"While we were starving he lived like a prince. He swore that the \$5,000,000 of our father's money left by our father was only \$1,000,000. He wouldn't even allow us car fare."

"Finally we forced him into a settlement. That was in 1890. We met him one day on Broadway and he became frightened and made a settlement. It called for \$65,000 for each of us, but what we really got was \$24,000 apiece."

"Then he lived in deadly fear for the balance of his life and was forced to flee to his Black Rock palace. There he enjoyed what he might have called a good time, but I am satisfied that he never had a really contented and happy day."

"And, best of all, he had to leave his beloved millions—the millions of which he had robbed us—behind. It was to recover some of these millions that were stolen from us that I am here. They belong to us, and I for one will fight for them—fight to the last ditch. No actress, nor anyone else, shall have one cent until those that George Francis Gilman in the heyday of his wealth and strength robbed come into their own."

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## TO CONTRACTORS.

Bulk and separated sealed tenders for labor and materials will be received by the undersigned architects, addressed to John Malone, Esq., Chatham Township, up to Friday 7 p. m. March 15th, 1901, for all trades required in the erection of a brick veneered residence. Plans may be obtained at the office of the architect. Lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted. JAMES L. WILSON & SON, Contractors. JOHN MALONE, Esq., Proprietor. 1w

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## Municipality of Raleigh.

Take notice that the Municipal Council of the Corporation of the Township of Raleigh will meet in the Township Hall on Monday, the 19th day of March, 1901, for the despatch of business.

By order.

A. B. ROBINSON, Clerk.

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