

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA

The Victoria will have a brilliant spectacular production of "Cinderella" on May 11 and 12. It will be staged on a scale of magnificence and gorgeousness in all its details. It will be presented by an excellent company. The children's fairy story, mother's and father's remembrances, a superior array of specialty artists, new and original music, entrancing electrical and scenic effects, artistic properties and costumes, beautiful fairy land scenes, dazzling prince's palace, the living mice and rats, the living lizards, the ponderous pumpkin, will all be transformed into an elaborately jewelled coach and Shetland ponies before the eyes of the audience. There will also be a transformation scene, unequalled in the history of the stage, and a superb specialty company, including Robert Leando and J. C. Stock, the famous acrobats; Ali Zada, the great Oriental necromancer; Miss Ada Sowers, queen of the slack wire; Little Irene, wonderful child actress, and the Coles in their startling mid-air flights.

Nellie McHenry is receiving much well deserved praise for her action at a railway platform at Springfield, Mass., recently. A child stepped out on the track in front of the coming train and would certainly have been killed had not Miss McHenry leaped upon the track and rescued it just in time to save it from such a fate. When the danger was over Miss McHenry immediately did the ordinary womanly thing, fainted.

Alexander Salvini and W. M. Wilkinson have just purchased an extensive fruit ranch in the San Fernando valley, twenty miles from Los Angeles.

Brutus, by Tacoma amateurs, has been cancelled. Col. Fife, who takes the leading role, goes to Chicago as aide-de-camp to Gov. McGraw.

Mrs. W. J. Florence is receiving flattering press notices for her acting in The Mighty Dollar and Old Love and the New.

Miss Mabel Jenness, lectures at The Victoria on the evening of May 9,

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subject: Dress Reform and Physical Culture.

An underground theatre is being built in Chicago, with a seating capacity of about 15,000.

Gentleman Jack, with Jim Corbett in the title role, comes to The Victoria May 17.

Hattie Wells, soubrette and dancer, will be with Vernona Jarbeau next season.

Charles Windham has postponed his American tour until the season of '94-'95.

Fanny Rice has been booked by The Victoria management for next season.

Julia Marlowe will go abroad at the close of her present season.

Gray & Stevens' Vesper Bells will be seen here May 22 and 23.

Nat Goodwin has changed his date from June 7, to 5 and 6.

IN DOUBT.

One day the swell artist was passing the house of the younger one, and the latter called to him: "Mr. Chrome, I have just finished two pictures, entirely different in subject, and would like to have your opinion of them."

The great man said he would be only too happy to look at them, so, ushering him into the house and opening the parlor, the owner pointed to two pictures hanging on the wall, and said: "There they are. One picture is of my father, copied from an old fashioned ambrotype: the other is a painting of Lily Pond." The artist, after adjusting his eye glasses and looking carefully at the painting a moment, turned and asked: "Which one did you say was your father, Mr. Madder?"

A MAN OF STEAM AND STEEL.

Prof. George Moore, a Canadian inventor, has recently constructed an "iron man," which walks about with a steam boiler in his body, and steel rods and gearing in his arms and legs. In appearance the "iron man" is like a knight in armor. He breathes out steam through his nose, and the smoke from burning gasoline escapes through his helmet. The movements of the average man in walking are said to be closely imitated, and the figure walks at the rate of four or five miles an hour, and so vigorously, that two real men cannot hold him back. The same inventor has been at work for eight years building a much larger iron man than this one, which is six feet tall. It is expected that the new giant will be finished this year and placed on exhibition. The new figure is designed for use in the streets, and will be powerful enough to draw a wagon containing as many as ten men.