

ST. JOHN STAR, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1905.

Queer Little African Pygmies Will Go Back.

They Have Enjoyed Life in London—One of Them Is in Love—The Mysteries of the Gramophone.

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The beauty of the English girl has been too much for one of the Pygmies brought over by Mr. Hoffman. This particular Pygmy has fallen violently in love with a pretty fair-haired girl who is employed as a type-writer by the Gramophone Company.

In the presence of his friends from Central Africa the youngest of the Pygmy band boldly declared his love and to avoid any mistake as to the identity of the chosen one, he pointed out the object of his affections with a steady looking spear.

"Would you like to take her away and marry her?" asked the interpreter. "Yes, that one, that one," he replied. "That was no man, but they were dancing, keeping time to a banjo solo that was issued from a monster gramophone."

Armed to the teeth with bows and arrows and spears, dressed in their most gorgeous costumes, and decorated with beads, bracelets, earrings, nose rings, anklets, etc., the diminutive warriors crossed London from the Hippodrome to the offices of the Gramophone Company in a four-wheeled cab. At each window stood an armed man ready to guard against a surprise attack. The two women of the party sat silent, only speaking when spoken to and carrying the drum and other impediments of their life.

The object of the visit when the warriors from the heart of Africa lost their heart to the fair-haired English girl, was to procure suitable records of the voices of the Pygmies. Once inside the record-taking chamber at the gramophone office the eyes of the Pygmies opened in absolute astonishment. They could hear a man whistling in the corner, but could not see him. They were told there was no man, but they were incredulous. A council of war was held and then, under the direction of the Chief Bokani, the warriors spread themselves across the room, and crouching forward, each with his spear in his right hand, slowly advanced.

WHAT ST. JOHN WOMEN WEAR, AND ARE LIKELY TO WEAR.

A little Commonsense Chat, not on New York or Paris Styles, but Home Styles.

By POLLY CADABOUT.

SHOPPERS WERE SOMEWHAT INTERFERED WITH BY THE RAIN THIS WEEK, but the late clear-up has boomed things again. It's really terrible the way inclement weather hurts businesses in which women are depended upon to make success, for St. John ladies seem to be a great deal like Lot's wife after she looked behind that, is salty. It at least seems so for an old saying has it that persons afraid of a little shower or two—or even a few days of it on end—are made up some what of "sugar and salt." Be that as it may the fact remains that a rainy day works unbecome wonders in dry goods stores and any other stores in which women are the chief visitors.

Garment by garment, hat by hat, shoe by shoe, summer gery is disappearing. In a week more little, if any, of it will be seen on the streets. As warm weather clothes are wiped out of vision, cool-time apparel comes up. Skirts of flaring, yet pretty greens; headpieces of velvet, chenille, all having the now raging wings or cool feathers, are coming to the front in generous sprinklings. After real style tests, the millinery openings they will be decidedly more numerous. Automobile veils seem to be gaining favor, man-

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THEATRICAL CHIT-CHAT.

The local theatrical season has started in real earnest, both theatres having been opened during the past week and the support on the part of the general public has been so far excellent. During the past week very bright, and provided the various managements will do their part in securing the best of houses possible, there seems little reason to doubt but that the season just entered upon will be one of the most successful ever put on in local theatrical circles for some years past. The wish of all devoted Theatricals will surely be America.

On Monday night Gorton's minstrel held away at the Theatre. Their performance was of a very ordinary type, but the costumes were really good. The minstrel was really good, but the costumes were really good. The minstrel was really good, but the costumes were really good.

What is described as the "farewell return" of Lewis Morrison in Faust, is announced for Friday and Saturday next at the Opera House. Mr. Morrison has a reputation for his impersonations of Mephistopheles all over America, which His Satanic Majesty has well earned.

John Philip Sousa's Sunday night concert at the Hippodrome, New York, form an exceedingly popular feature of amusement life in the big city and have thus far drawn immense audiences to the vast, wonderful show edifice in the world. One of the features of the Hippodrome, of which little or nothing is known, is an emergency hospital back upon the stage.

It seems to be the general impression that "Beauty and the Beast" is rather too English in tone to meet with the wholly undivided favor of this community. Everybody concedes, however, that Nat Goodwin's impersonation of the elderly sea captain who is the most prominent figure in the story, is quite the most delightful example of stage drollery this master artist of the comedy world has given to the public in many years. It is the setting and not the jewel that has evoked criticism and led to the likelihood of a change of finding as many plays as may be required for the successful direction of the season. It is supposed that he shall remain at the Lyceum until well into the winter.

Richard Mansfield, who is recovering from the effects of two operations, is to produce Schiller's "Don Carlos" this season. Mr. Mansfield's success with "The Sign of the Cross" has been such that he is expected to be a big draw for the production.

"The Misanthrope" leads him once more to cast aside the traditions and take the plunge, this time diving deep into the German classics. His preparations for the production of the play, which is to be given at the Lyceum, are being pushed forward with great rapidity.

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WOMEN IN CHURCH.
(London Telegraph.)

The following remarkable notice has been issued by Rev. G. M. Parsons, vicar of Cranbrook church, Newquay, Cornwall:

"Cranbrook church is closed until further notice except at hours of divine service. The church has hitherto been freely open. It is deplorable that it cannot so remain, as it ought to. This is wholly due to the irreverence of numbers of women, who walking uncovered, presume to enter God's house with no sign of reverence or modesty upon their heads. A small veil or kerchief would be sufficient to be sufficient, but remonstrance during service has proved in vain.

"Such a refusal by men to offer the customary respect of uncovering would justify their exclusion from God's house. The corresponding refusal by women to cover their heads obliges it. The church is closed with deepest regret and shame for the cause. It will mean much loss to the church of the devotion and offerings of the reverent. It is hoped, however, that the solemn protest thus made in God's name will bring thoughtful persons to a better sense of what is due to His presence and glory, so that His house may speedily be set open as freely as before."

DIDN'T SUSPECT HIM.
(Success.)

—Dr. Robert Ball, the English astronomer, is a round-faced, jovial-looking man in appearance, not resembling in the least the ordinary conception of a famous scientist. Once he was engaged to lecture in a remote part of Ireland, and found no vehicle waiting for him at the station. At last a typical Irish servant came up and said, "Maybe you're Sir Robert Ball?" When he found that he was correct in his surmise, the man said: "Oh, sure, your honor, I am sorry to have kept you waiting, but I was told to look out for an intellectual-looking gentleman."

THOUSANDS ARE STARVING

IN SPAIN—TERRIBLE FAMINE.

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Blame is laid upon the government which for centuries has neglected the agricultural inhabitants of the provinces. The intense drought this year has brought things to a crisis.

Meanwhile an attempt is being made to relieve the distress by an abundant distribution of victuals. The archbishop of Seville has opened a public subscription list.

Reports from Arco state that the workless inhabitants have reached such a state of debility that they are unable to masticate the bread which is charitably sent to them. As far as possible they are being kept alive with beef-tea and wine.

Three thousand people belonging to the villages of Casarconuela, Junquera, Pizarra and Alcala have made a pitiful appeal to the government for food. The local treasuries are exhausted, and no more assistance can be given by the authorities.

The town of Trebujena is in a state of riot owing to the construction of a dam being discontinued, and hundreds of men thrown out of work.

In Huelva, near Cordova, the principal square is filled all day with starving people who lie in the sun and look like living skeletons. The town council is at the end of its resources and is in three months' debt to its employees. No grant has yet been made at this particular place by the government. In many places both cows and goats are failing to give milk for want of food.

Throughout the former fertile valley of Andalusia children are living on fir cones and the fruit of the wild cactus. The roads are crowded with persons who have committed no offences, but who have given themselves up to the police as vagabonds. It is impossible to maintain order because of the government's inaction. It is reported that some soup kitchens have finally been opened in the worst stricken villages. The cause of this extreme condition is due to the fact that not a drop of rain has fallen in many of the provinces since March.

There has been no work for the laborer because of the extreme drought. It is feared that the winter months during the coming season will be periods of great suffering from lack of work and food.

The peasant of the interior plateau upon the rocky deserts hardens. He scorns the voluptuousness of the mild, soft regions below. He is a hardy, rugged, and brave people. They go about their work in the cold wind, men, women and children present a stern face to their leather. They are only equalled by that of the rock upon which they fall. They are lean visaged, with complexions like leather. They are only equalled by that of the rock upon which they fall.

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is especially well adapted to the growing of wheat. If the government would only irrigate the land in the wheat growing regions it would not be necessary to buy wheat from beyond the borders. In 1903 there was comparatively no rain. The recent bread riots are the results of the drought. Irrigation would not be difficult, for the rivers, swollen by the melting of the snows from the mountain ranges, flow full banked throughout the dry season. The droughts deprive the laborers of the opportunity to earn even the small wages which they are accustomed to receive.

The suffering of the Spanish peasantry was never greater than it is today, though there has been something of an agricultural and industrial development during the years that have followed the Spanish-American war. The loss of the colonies was not a blessing to all Spain. The commerce of Barcelona and Cadiz, the prosperity of Catalan manufacturers, of Andalusian wine-growers suffered when the market in which Spanish producers possessed a monopoly was cut off. In some ways the results of the Spanish-American war may have been beneficial to Spain, in other respects Spanish commerce has been damaged. But these things, taken in connection with the great drought, make the condition of the Spanish people at the present time anything except pleasant and comfortable.

THE CHILD ASLEEP.

Writing on "The Right of the Child," in the October Delinquent, Dr. Grace P. Murray has some remarks of particular interest for young mothers. "It is difficult to keep mothers and nurses from the old custom of rocking the child to sleep," she says, "but children and mothers alike should be emancipated from such bondage. When the time for sleeping has arrived the child should be put in his cradle or crib and left to too sleep on his own account. Scarcely, indeed, have we trained the child after this manner, may say that it is easier said than done. Not if you will begin with the child from the very first. The child should not be tempted to sleep by means of his bottle. He should be kept awake to finish his meal comfortably, and the bottle should be put into the child's mouth for any reason whatever. Besides its uncleanliness, it may make the mouth sore and distort it; and it causes an excessive flow of saliva. Children sleep better when they are not rocked. Do not permit the baby to be educated into habits and ways in regard to his sleeping and napping that will make him a little tyrant in the family."

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