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Winter Book," said Mrs. Cadwalader. "We get enough of that in the awful Daily Papers."

MORAL: People may be opposed to a Vulgar Rastime and yet be Posted.

There was a case-hardened old First-Nighter who claimed that all the real Actresses and funny Comedians had been dead for fifteen years. He longed for the Palmy Days when he used to lean back and Haw-Haw and be an Encore Fiend. Seemingly he overlooked the fact that when Comic Opera hit him hard and the Minstrels made him Laugh until it Hurt, he had been a gingery Kid with a keen interest in Life. At that time he didn't know that he had a stomach. Now he could sit down at any time and write a History of his Liver. He was a Victim of the Peppin Habit. Also he was well known in the Doctor's Waiting Room where People sit around and hate one another while reading last year's Magazines.

The old First-Nighter would go to the Play-House and sit there brooding over his Internal Organs. He wouldn't have laughed for seven dollars. When the Actors looked down and saw that "Before Taking" Face in the Bald-Head Row, they would get rattled and forget their Cues. After the performance the Kicker would go out and tell the Manager what a purk Show it was, that the Comedian was about as Humorous as a Glue Sandwich and the Sou-brette was a Varnish.

After failing, for years, to put on a Show that pleased the First-Nighter, the Manager decided to make one Supreme Effort. He arranged a Bill that was a Corker. Melba did a Slack Rope Act and Mansfield gave a Pedestal Clog. The inevitable Double Sextette consisted of Mary Irwin, Madame Modjeska, Mary Mannering, Lillian Russell, Amelia Bingham and Julia Marlowe in the Front Row, while E. H. Sothorn, John Drew, Francis Wilson, Joseph Jefferson, Nat Goodwin and Kyrle Bellew did the "Tell Me, Pretty Maiden" Business. Mrs. Patrick Campbell broke Glass Balls with a 22 Rifle and the De Reske Boys did several Popular Ballads with Dance Steps in Between. The Salary List looked bigger than the National Debt. It was the greatest bunch of Stars ever got together.

"There can be no Kick coming on this Show," said the Manager, but even as he spoke he saw the First-Nighter coming out with a look of Disgust on his face, although six Champion Prize-Fighters had just walked out on the Stage to do a Dramatic Skit.

"How do you like the Show?" asked the Manager.

"The worst I ever saw," was the Reply. "The Plot is not Convincing and the Music is Reminiscent."

"I pass you up," said the Manager. And after that he went back to catering to the ordinary, low-browed Public.

MORAL: It is the Gift of Disagreement that makes First-Nighters.

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A Rampant Canadian.

There has been some tall talk in the Canadian parliament about "disastrous negotiations" with the United States, in which the British government has "sold out the interests of the people of Canada for what they supposed to be imperial interests." This seems to refer to the controversy over the Alaskan boundary, and a bellicose member from Nova Scotia is hot for a fight over it. He improves upon Artemus Ward's patriotic offer to sacrifice all his wife's relations on the altar of his country, declaring that he would go into the trenches himself, take his wife and children with him and stay there for two years if need be to fight for the rights of Canada. He is simply spoiling for a fight.

Because the mother country will not "let loose the dogs of war," he turns upon her rulers who make "cowardly concessions" that crush his spirit and rends them as if they had been casting pearls before the people of Canada. He calls them the "little blockheads that sit in the great hall of St. Stephen's," and swears that "if they sacrifice one foot of Canadian soil we will hang them as high as Haman." His wrath and defiance mount to such an altitude that he finally proclaims that "if it is necessary to fight the Yankees we will fight them in twenty-four hours, and after six months we will capture their capital and annex their country to Canada."

Whew! Is it possible that this fire-eater, the Hon. Mr. Gourlay, of Colchester, N. S., is a genuine "blue nose"? He should have been born in Kentucky. If he and the Hon. Mr. Wheeler could be pitted against each other in a twenty-four-foot ring, with all restraint upon the use of language removed, it would contribute to the gayety of nations, if it did not settle any international controversies. But one is constrained to inquire what is the matter with this ebullient Nova Scotian? In the language of the serene philosopher Emerson, "Why so hot, little man?" It is an advantage of Canada's colonial status that it does not have to fight any battles of its own. It depends upon the power of Great Britain to protect it from itself and its enemies, if it has any, and this gives its statesmen large liberty to indulge in beligerent talk. Perhaps it relieves them, and it does not hurt us. We can afford to smile at their vamping, but if such men were to have sway beyond the border, it would be fortunate for them that their country is not dependent and responsible as a nation—New York Mail and Express.

Struggle With Burglar.

Chehalis, March 6.—At 3 o'clock this morning a masked robber entered the office of the St. Helens hotel in Chehalis and at the point of a revolver compelled Night Clerk Roy Cabot to turn over to him \$4.50 in money. The robber then forced Cabot at the point of his gun to go to the dining room with him and made him open a window.

Then the robber went about bagging the silverware, etc., from the tables, telling Cabot he was going to clean out the place. Cabot told him he didn't think he was man enough to do this and attacked him.

A terrific struggle ensued during which Cabot was shot in the left leg, receiving an ugly flesh wound. Four shots were fired at close range, three by the robber and one by Cabot who had got a chance to use his revolver on the robber as the latter was making his escape. The one shot took effect, however, apparently striking the robber's hand or arm, causing him to leave a great trail of blood on the table linen of a table he passed.

The robber is believed to be some local party. Cabot is a young man under 20 years old, being an attendant at Chehalis public schools.

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Three Parties Now in the Field

Old Work Being Connected and New Base Lines Run on Many Creeks.

Three different parties of land surveyors have taken their departure either today or yesterday to engage in work that can be performed as well with the snow on the ground as when bare. One party in charge of Mr. Charles Macpherson will be engaged several weeks in the Indian river district. Base lines will be run on Montana, Bishop, McKinnon and Barker creeks, the base lines of Montana, Eureka, and Black Hills creeks will be connected and a survey will be made of the government claims on Eureka that were sold at auction. Mr. H. Rolph will assist Mr. Macpherson, the party numbering eight men.

The work of Mr. A. J. McPherson and his party extends from Dawson up the Yukon as far as Thistle creek, it being the intention to run a base line on Thistle and also survey some of the claims. The survey along the Yukon will be for the purpose of connecting surveys that at different times have been previously made and establishing permanent mounds.

Mr. James Gibbons will have charge of a party that will be similarly engaged on the Klondike as far up as Flat creek. The Gibbons party will also run a base line on All Gold creek.

The work laid out will not last only to about the breakup of the ice and the disappearance of the snow when there is a vast amount of creek surveying to be done.

Oregon Short Line.

Los Angeles, March 6.—Four corps of engineers have begun work east of Los Angeles making preliminary sur-

veys for the Oregon Short Line Railroad. It is the intention of the railroad company, as already announced, that the new road shall enter this city over the tracks of the Southern Pacific, building to a point on that line that has not yet been selected. But lines will be run by the engineers through the intervening country to the city, as well as from several points on the Southern Pacific line, including Mojave and Benning, to the present western end of the Oregon Short Line. There remains but a little more than 300 miles of road building to complete the Short Line to Los Angeles and officials of the road announce that the work will be completed in twelve or not to exceed fifteen months.

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