genius. Dot's father was Gus Mervin, the low comedian of the theater. They made a strange contrast, these two Gus was short and very stout. His beardless face, lined and wrinkled by the contortions that had amused the public for twenty-five years, loose, ugly mouth and sandy hair, could never have possessed any claims to beauty, while the child was very levely with her big, hazel eyes and golden brown hair.

"Good night, my little one," Gus said, that God only gives to men at a time like that, tugging away at broken timbers and releasing many, a poor soul from torture.

"A woman and child both dead!" I heard a man near me exclaim. I sprang to his side. There lay my darling wife, her white face turned up to mine, but fixed unmeaning, unrecognizing. Our little one lay in her arms, a but the tiny head was crushed and the child's blood had stained the mother's hair and face.

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"I love to dream of new parts," said the child. "Papa, shall I really play Juliet when I am twenty?"

"You won't if you don't grow," replied Gus, laughing, "and if you don't sleep, you won't grow, so run along with Susan." So Dot after kissing as all good night was wrapped up in her fur coat and carried away by her careful nurse.

"All ready for the third act," screamed the call boy and the scramble for "props" and places began.

Neither Gus nor I were of again until the last act and we usually indulged in a little smoke and chat during our wait. He came in my dressing-room to-night as usual, but sat silently smoking his pipe and gazing abstractedly at the dingy ceiling. Gus and I were old friends and I was used to his long fits of silence. So I said nothing and busied myself at my dressing table, putting things to rights and fouching up a refractory cychrow or so.

"Frank, old man." In easid at last, "I want to talk to you about Dot."

"So, it's Dot you've been thinking abort all this time." I replied. "Well, I don't blame you. Gus. She is the sweetest little tot. I ever knew, one off, and by far the cleverest child in the business. Why, it is perfectly wonderful the knowledge that child has of stage business," I continued, warming to my subject. "Last night old Davy missed an important cue and got completely rattled—couldn't think of a word. Dot was up bake—business with the flowers you know—our sne walked down stage, spoke the line for him—twick happened to be my cue—whispered the next line, in the old fellow's ear, and then turned up stage for her business with me. I don't believe a sonl in front noticed anything wong the properties of the dead mother's into the first partial and the mean of the mother's into the first and face.

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"There's where blood tells." I continued; "she has got your twenty-five years of hard work behind her, and I remember your wife before Dot was born. timued: "she has got your twenty-five years of hard work behind her, and I remember your wife before Dot was born. Poor Alice was one of the prettiest and neatest soubrettes in the business. She was a great loss to the stage, old man, as well as to you, but she has given us "The child nestled its little head con-

"The child nestled its little head contendedly into the dying woman's neck and one little hand was laid on her lips. Alice was very weak now, and I had to bend over to catch the few last words. "My little Dot," she murmured. "Our little child, Gus, dear. She will stay with you and love you in my place."

"You remember my wife you say, a sweet, delicate, little creature, too fragile by half for such a life as ours. I don't know what she ever saw in me, but she loved me, and married me, and I tried hard to make the rough path a little smoother for her tender feet to

"Money didn't come as easily then as it does now, but we got along very well. We were playing in the Orleans the winter Dot was born, not this Dot, but our little Dot, Frank," looking up with tears in his honest eyes.

"That was the happiest year of my fe," he continued. "I was making life," he continued. "I was making enough to run the little home and take "I tell you this life of ours teaches

man to prize a home if he ever has one, and if he has a wife and baby in it and money enough to keep things going, he doesn't want much else in this world. "Our season closed in April and Alice

was anxious to get back to New York Summer was coming on, and she thought the baby would be better north, so about the first of May we started by rail for New York.

"I remember now the strange feelin of depression I had when leaving New ns, but I tried to throw it aside as a foolish fancy. True, we had been very happy there, but I had my happi ness, my life, my everything as I be-lieved with me. It took nearly a week modations were not what they are now very comfortable. Alice was a perfect

"There was a sad-faced woman in black, occupying the berth next to us. She was a widow, we understood, not in very good circumstances, and going to New York with her baby, a little girl about as old as our Dot. The two babies were a bond of sympathy between the two women and in a few

days she and Alice were chatting to-

rether like old friends.
"One night, after Alice and baby were His Little Dot and Yet Not His Own Child.

"You will be playing Juliet before yon are twenty, little one," I said, as Dot came running into the greenroom one evening.

"By Jove! she is great," said another. "Best actress in the company and minds her own business, too," said the crusty old stage manager. The exclamations, mingled with caresses, were showered upon the head of one of the brightest and eleverest child prodigies who are playing upon the stage to-day. Little Dot had just come off the scene. She was a great success in the play that was running at the Amphion at that time, and her performance that evening seemed even better than usual. A big roun I of applause attested the appreciation of the audience, and when she came into the greenroom to kiss papa good-night before going home with her nurse she was warmly greeted by every one there, for we all loved the dear little girl as well as admired her genius. Dot's father was Gus Mervin, the low comedian of the theater. They made a strange contrast, these two.

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MARINE YAPNS.

Strange Things Seen at Sea Told by a Sailor.

No matter what queer, strange things a sailor may see during a voyage—what queer, strange experiences may happen to him in distant seas—he will seldom or never talk to you about them if he suspects the particulars are desired for publication. Jack is no friend to the

publication. Jack is no friend to the newspaper. He has been held up to ridicule and contempt as a story-teller, until he is afraid to relate truths which can be backed by affidavits.

During the last year, according to my newspaper clippings, no less than seventeen instances have occurred where portions of shipwrecked crews have been picked up at sea after voyages in small boats from one to fifteen days. small boats from one to fifteen days. In all these instances the particulars

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hundred miles, instead of voyaging through the landlocked Flores and VICTORIA'S CARNIVAL WEEK through the landlocked Flores and Java seas. While open piracy was unknown, there were many suspicious craft in those seas, and at brief intervals traders were plundered or captured outright. We had no cannon, but our crew of eight men had muskets and the streeze after landing our men at night, and by daylight had an offing to the west. We had just done so when we noticed a craft rigged like an Arab dhow coming up astern of us. She was nearly of our size, but could sail three feet to our two in any sort of wind. Such craft confine themselves to the coasting trade, and seldom make long voyages. We could not see why this fellow should be so far from the coast unless on our trail, and we soon felt assured that his business was with us. He shortened sail to keep about a mile astern of us, and hung right there all day.

"His plan is to creep up to us and lay us aboard at night," said the captain, as we talked the matter over. "While streets, was commenced, and three Java seas. While open piracy was un

NOTICE is hereby given that two months after date I intend to apply to the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase the following described land in Alberni District: Commencing at a post hear the mouth of Kennedy River, thence south 40 chains, thence east 40 chains, thence south 40 chains, thence east to river, and mean-dering bank of river to commencement, containing 29 acres, more or less.

Victoria, Aug. 16th, 1891. W. J. SUTTON. aug28-w-2mo

NOTICE is hereby given that two months after date I intend to apply to the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase the following described land in Alberai district: Commencing at a post near a small lake about four miles south east of Kennedy lake, thence west 40 chains, thence south 60 chains, thence sest to lake and meandering lake to a point 80 chains east, thence aorth 60 chains, thence west to commencement, containing 400 acres, more or less.

Victoria, Aug. 10th, 1891.

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permission to purchase the following described and situate south of Escalante Point on the West Coast of Vancouver Island: Commencing at a post at the south-east corner of Henry Drum's claim, thence east 80 chains, thence north 90 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence seuth 80 chains to post.

JESSIE M. DRUM.

Dated the 20th day of August, 1891.

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NOTICE is hereby given that 69 days after date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described lands situate south of Escalante Point on the West Coast of Vanouver Island: Commeno ing at a post on the beach at the south-west corner of Henry Drum's cleim, thence east 8 chains, thence south 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence meandering along the shore to post.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land situate south of Escalante Point on the West Coast of Vancouver Island: Commencing at a post at the south-east corner of Henry Drum's claim, thence east 30 chains, thence south 80 chains, the ce west 30 chains, thence north 80 chains, the ce west 30 chains, thence north 80 chains to post.

PLORENCE A ALLEN.

Dated the 20th day of August, 1891.

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described Ind., situate south of Kscalante Point, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island: tommenoing at a post on the beach about 160 chains south fram Wm. B. Allen's claim, thence east 80 chains, thence meandering along the shore to post. Dated the 20th day of August, 189 . augs w.2m

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ANNIE K. PAULSON.

Dated the 2'th day of August, 1891.

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OTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described and, situate between Escaiante Point and Esc van Point, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island: Commencing at a post on the beach at the south-west correr of Molie C. Norther's claim, thence seat 30 chains, thence south 30 chains, thence west 30 chains, thence meandering along the shore to post.

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Dated the 20th day of August, 1891.
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FOR SALE

ONE Pool Table, nearly new (5x10 ft.) by
Brunswicke-Bake Co., with balls, cues
and usual fittings complete. Can be seen by
applying to the Steward at the Victoria Club,
Fort St., Victoria.

HEREBY give notice that two months after date I intend to apply to the Honourable Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works to purchase the following described land: Commencing at the north-east corner of R. K. Sutton's claim, Alberni district, thence west 40 chains, thence south to commencement, containing 320 acres.

JAMES GRAY.

Victoria, Aug. 10th, 1891.

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F. A POWELL.

Dated the 20th day of August, 1891.

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PATRICK A. COLLINS.

Dated the 29th day of August, 1891.

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NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate between Estevan Point and Hesquoit Mission, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island: Commencing at a post at the north-east corner of P. A. Collins' claim, thence north 80 chains, thence east to post.

J. COLLINS, Dated the 20th day of August, 1891.

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NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate between Estevan Point and Hequoit Mission, on the West Coa-tof Va-couver Island: Commencing at a poet on the beach, at the south e-st corner of P. A. Collins claim, thence north 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence couth 8t chains, thence meandering along the shore to poet.

WM. NORTHEY. Dated the 20th day of August, 1881, au28 w-2m

NOTICE is hereby given that 60 days after date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lends and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate between Estevan Point and Hequolt Mission, on the West Coast of Vancouver Island: Commencing at a post at the not the east corner of P. A. Collins' claim, thence morth 80 chains, thence east 80 chains, thence south 81 chains, thence west to post.

HARVEY PAULSON.

Dated the 20th day of August, 1891.

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NOTICE is hereby given that 80 days after date I intend making application to the Chief Commissioner of Lands and Works for permission to purchase the following described land, situate in Hesquoit Harbor, on the West Cast of Vancouver Island: Commencing at a post in Hesquoit Harbor about 189 chains north of the Hesquoit Mission, thence north 80 chains, thence west 80 chains, thence south 80 chains to shore, thence meandering the shore to post.

MARIUS MOLVIG. Dated the 20th day of August, 1891.

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THE ASSOCIATION

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