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The number of actresses who think that they are divinely designed for the succession of Rosina Vokes is only limited by the number of young women who are starring.

The veteran "Gus" Pennoyer says that during the five years he was connected with the management of Lotta's tour the was scarcely a page in the account book which did not show a "charity" entry, from \$10 to \$300.

Wilkie Collins, at the performance of his own plays, used to sit in a box, with his back to the stage, and watch the effect of every speech upon the audience. He then jotted down the memoranda in a note-book, and whatever failed to "go" was certain to be cut out the next day.

Sarah Bernhardt is going to play the "Second Mrs. Tanqueray" in French.

Mrs. Langtry will sail for America on October 27 and will remain here until June.

William A. Brady, manager of Corbett, Bobby Gaylor, Joseph Grismer and Phoebe Davis, and the melodramatic productions, "The Cotton King" and "Old Glory," is the latest theatrical man that wants to have a theatre of his own in New York. He says if he can't find one ready made he will have it put up to order.

Lincoln J. Carter will produce "The Tornado" in London next month for a run at the Alhambra Theatre. Manager Carter's first play, "The Fast Mail," has been touring the English Provinces for three years and its great success there is the incentive for the production of "The Tornado."

It is rather remarkable that the engagement of Cissy Loftus to cross the Atlantic and appear as the ingenue of Augustin Daly's Company has called forth so little comment. Last summer in London, where she was exclusively engaged at the Palace Music Hall, she was the greatest of all favorites. Her name was more spoken than that of Irving, Bernhardt or Rejane.

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