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DETRIMENTAL TO ART.

The vaudeville war now being carried on in the United States threatens to have more serious and far reaching results than the mere merging into two or three opposing corporations of the principal theatres in the east. There is reason to fear, and this is what is creating the deeper interest, that the legitimate drama will be made subservient to vaudeville; that the artistic will be compelled to give way to the extravagant; and that dividends, large ones, must be paid even at the cost of lowering the standard of the stage.

The present content is almost entirely due to one firm of theatrical managers, Klaw & Erlanger, who, noting the success which attended the Kieft circuit, came to the conclusion that the field was worth sharing. Accordingly this concern has enlisted the support of the Shuberts, another wealthy company, along with several others of more or less prominence in the theatrical world. The merger just completed gives to the new combine more theatres than are operated by Kieft, will transform into vaudeville houses a number of those now devoted to drama, and will without doubt induce a financial competition in the securing of attractions. Outside of these two large circuits are several well known independent managers who have steadily refused to unite with the new combine. Chief among these is David Belasco, probably the best known manager of dramatic productions in America. He expresses the opinion that independent men are now better off than before the Klaw & Erlanger combine was formed, believing that the two big circuits being now brought into direct competition, must inevitably suffer through bidding against each other.

Whatever may be the outcome, the present conditions have brought joy to the hearts of all high class vaudeville performers, for they are now being offered very large amounts for their services, contracts in some cases being made at twice the salaries previously paid.

BETTER TREATMENT ELSEWHERE.

British naval officers, although they greatly enjoy the hospitality of friends in United States ports, are not by any means anxious to visit these ports, owing to the almost insane desire of the husbands of their wives to desert. Rear Admiral Sir George Nevill has found this to be the case in his visit to the Jamestown naval review. Upwards of thirty men on his own ship have deserted and other ships have suffered in equal proportion. The men on shore practically defy their officers, claiming that they are on American soil and must not be interfered with. One of the British blue jackets, discussing the question with a representative of the New York Sun explained this tendency toward desertion in the following language which may perhaps be described as more picturesque than polite. Gunner Knights is the speaker, and he is supposed to be the second best gun layer in the British fleet.

"It's the way you Americans treat the sailorman that makes our chaps desert," said he. "Eve's over there gone from the Good Hope's mess tonight, some of them the crackiest gunners an' torpedo men in the British Navy. An' w'y, says you?"

"It's the w'y, because you Americans don't treat your sailormen ashore like dirty dogs. You don't kick them out of your public houses. You don't treat the poor blokes up in the jug that minute they get a little Brannigan on nor make them sit in the top row of the gallery at your theatres. You Americans respect your fightin' men. The tuppence henny shopkeepers a-mak' of their measly shillin' be'ind the counter at 'ome, they scoff at the British fightin' man as a brawler and a low down cuss."

"An' when the German Kaiser begins a-mobilizin' his bloody ships at Kiel, then the little rat of a tradesman bellers out for the fightin' men to get into the line. Then it's me brave boys, the gallant tars of old England and that sort of bloody rot wiles we gets our ships stripped to the buff ready to be targets for the German's shells."

Rev. J. K. Cooke, of Long Island, pastor of a fashionable church, created a sensation a few days ago by eloping with a young lady member of his congregation. Bishop Burgess lays the blame on society. Mr. Cooke himself has attributed it to his own. What ever may have been the cause—apart from human passion—it is pleasing to note that a case has at last arisen in which the blame is not laid on the woman.

Owing to the conditions at North Sydney the mail special from Montreal will run only to Rimouski and mails will be transferred there.

THE DREAM.

(By Louise Morgan Hill.)
Last night I dreamt of daffodils—
They tell me now the night was cold,
That rugged winds swept barn and fold—
I only saw the daffodils.

They did not grow in clustered guise,
But, one by one, by bush and tree,
Their joyous eyes looked up at me,
O'erbrimmed with candor and surprise.

Forgot in this subdued delight
No sound of winter reached the dells,
Where, like a peal of fairy bells,
The brooks were chiming all last night.

And though old winter, bold and stern,
Went raging, 'twas no other thing
Than the shy soul of unborn spring
That whispered in my dreaming ear.

"Look, Bobbie! that's Ramona's mummy."
"Bobby—And what was her name, Auntie?"

"Tommy—Pop was writing done on tablets of stone in the old days?"
"Tommy's Pop—Yes, my son."

"Tommy—Gee! It must have taken a crowbar to break the news."
"The gay Mrs. Finch has remarried, you know; she came to the city three husbands ago."

"Saplegh—I'm learning to play the aw-harp, doncher know?"
"Miss Causitque—Indeed! Has your physician given up all hopes?"

"Bigger says Brightly is a 'skep'—What does he mean?"
"He means that Brightly denies something that Bigger believes is true, that's all."

There had been a fatal railroad accident and the reporter sought information.

"See here," said the official testily, "you fellows must think we have accidents for your benefit."

"Perhaps you wouldn't mind telling me whose benefit you do have them for?" rejoined the reporter.

But even touching this point the official was reticent.

GOING TO KILL MYSELF, SHE PHONES NEIGHBORS; DOES

Iowa Woman Tells Friends She Is Burden To Her Husband, Then Drinks Concentrated Lye.

GUTHRIE CENTRE, Iowa, May 9.—To fully assure terrified neighbors, who were listening on the telephone, Mrs. George Betts calmly announced that she meant to commit suicide as soon as she was through talking. She carried out her threat, and was dead before the neighbors reached her. Her husband, who was left alone on the place, asked central to ring up all the people on the rural line. It is said that fully twenty-five receivers were taken down. Then a voice was heard, which said:

"Now, all you neighbors, listen. This is Mrs. George Betts. You know I have been very sick a long time. George has had bad luck financially, and I am a burden to him; our doctor bills are awful and we can scarcely pay the rent. George has gone to town; I have beside me here a can of concentrated lye. As soon as I hang up this receiver I'm going to drink it. That's all. Good-bye."

Frantic efforts were made by the women to call Mrs. Betts to the phone, but she would not respond. The men rushed off to prevent the suicide, but the woman died alone. She was 35 years old. Her husband is almost crazed with grief.

DREAM OF HIDDEN GOLD PROVES FARMER'S RUIN

Told of Treasure by Seance Fakir, He Loses Home in Search.

MACAWHOB, Maine, May 9.—It is a fair, who made a precarious living by selling patent cur-calls in the daytime and holding second-night seances at night, hadn't put up three years ago at the home of Samuel Gordon, the chances are that Mr. Gordon would be a prosperous farmer today. Instead he is dead, his farm has gone to ruin and his children are scattered through the West.

When the fakir put up at the Gordon home he said he would give the owner a second-night seance for his keep. More to accommodate him than anything else, Gordon consented, and that night invited in the neighbors. After some weird incantations the fakir went into what appeared to be a trance and told of a spot in the woods not far from Gordon's home where a vast amount of Indian gold, taken from white men more than two centuries ago lay buried. He was far from exact in locating the spot, but he did mention a peculiar boulder, and the entire community was so impressed that they secretly set out next day to find the place.

Gordon found within a week a boulder resembling that described by the fakir and bought the property upon which it was situated. To do this he was forced to mortgage his farm, but this he did cheerfully, as he had great faith in seances. He then began to dig. The more he dug the more determined he became to locate the wealth and the more he neglected his farm duties. But though he dug long and faithfully he discovered nothing more valuable than stones and earth.

His children believed their father had been fooled and sought to persuade him to desist, but their efforts amounted to nothing, and finally, one by one, they left home, saying that they would return when the gold fever was over. After that Gordon lost his farm and his health failed. Finally he became morose and semi-insane, and remained in this condition until his death, recently.

BEECHAM KNEW THE VALUE OF ADVERTISING

A Woman Gave Him an Idea Which Proved to be Worth a Fortune—The Pill Industry.

LONDON, May 9.—The death of Mr. Thomas Beecham, the founder of the famous pill business of St. Helena, has called attention to the value of an idea and the value of advertising.

In a recent law suit it was stated that Mr. Beecham's fortune brought him in an income of \$50,000 per year of which at least \$15,000 came from his pills alone.

As a young man he had a stall in the market place at St. Helena where he stood selling pills for the pennyworth per day. One day a woman went up to him and said that his pills had done her so much good that they were worth a guinea a box.

The phrase gripped Mr. Beecham and he spent hundreds of thousands of dollars every year to advertise it and point to the moral in the value of his pill.

Mr. Beecham and Mr. Holloway were among the first to study the palates of the people, and when the latter found an article which suited their constitutions as well as the older forms of medicines, but without the same amount of disagreeableness, they asked for a box of pills in place of a copious draught of disagreeable soups or other barbs. The output of some of the largest pill manufacturers in England is enormous. The "last word" in pill making machines is a machine which will turn out about ten thousand pills per hour, and the end is not yet.

SCARCITY OF LABOR IN QUEENSLAND REFINERIES

The Deportation of the Kanakas Brings About Serious Difficulties—Australia's Sugar Output.

SYDNEY, May 9.—By the deportation of the Kanakas from Australia the Queensland sugar planters have been placed in a serious difficulty. Before the next sugar season over 3,000 of the laborers on whom the planters have depended will have been sent back to their homes, and there are not enough white men to take their places. Only by immigration can the industry be saved, and steps have already been taken with the support of Mr. Deakin to bring over laborers from Europe who are willing to work on the plantations. Immigrants will be obtained from the United Kingdom if possible, but failing them the populations of Germany, Italy and the Scandinavian countries are to be drawn upon. The necessary permits have been issued and have evoked a cry of protest from a certain section of the labor party whose object is to keep Australia not only white but empty.

Australia is now producing a good deal more sugar than she can use herself, the excess last year being 15,000 tons. The total production reached 204,631 tons, while the consumption was 189,540 tons. This is the first time that the Commonwealth refiners have turned out more sugar than was required for Australian use though for the last three years there has been a gain over the consumption figures. In 1904 the production was 164,470 tons and the consumption 185,000 tons. In 1905 the production was 174,000 tons and the consumption 185,000 tons. Last year \$10,000 was paid in drawbacks on sugar used in the production of jam, a light increase over 1905.

LIVING ON BREAD MADE FROM ACORNS AND WOOD

Pathetic Appeals From Starving Russians—Supplies are Scarcely Needed.

ST. PETERSBURG, May 9.—At a recent sitting of the Samara Government Zemstvo Organization it was terrible to hear the appeals of the starving people who are starving and subsisting on bread of which important constituent elements are acorns and wood. And the difficulties encountered in relieving these people are ten times worse now owing to the practically impossible condition of the roads of the country. Any quantities of meat-pie or tinned meats manufactured by any of the firms of England or America will be it is announced be eagerly welcomed and received with boundless gratitude: it is enough to say that such gifts given now will be the means of saving thousands and thousands of lives.

THE PRAYER OF AGUR.

Remove from me vanity and lies; give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with food convenient for me: Let I full and deny I be poor and say: Who is the Lord? or lest I be poor and steal, and take the name of my God in vain.—Proverbs, xxxiii:9.

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THE FRUIT FLY A NEW MENACE IN AUSTRALIA

Farmers in Dread of an Insect Which Threatens to Do Great Damage to Crops.

MELBOURNE, May 9.—A new terror for fruit farmers has arisen in New South Wales and Victoria. This is the fruit fly whose advent, unless strong measures are taken, gives promise of becoming as disastrous to the orchards as the introduction of the rabbit was to the pastures. How to get rid of the insect when once it has established itself is a problem for which a solution is being anxiously sought by cultivators not only in the states that have been attacked, but in other parts of the mainland and in Tasmania where inspecting officers are feverishly examining all imported fruit with the knowledge that sooner or later the enemy will certainly defeat them. The only sure remedy that can yet be suggested is the drastic step of the destruction of infected orchards, for it seems that no amount of spraying will avail against the fruit fly which multiplies with alarming rapidity. Experiments are, however, being made by Mr. George Compere, government entomologist for Western Australia, who has brought from the south of China specimens of the parasite wasp, which in that country drinks up the pest effectually to keep within limits the ravages of the fly. Whether they will perform the same work in the climate of Australia remains to be seen.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT.

CODY'S STATION, Queens Co., May 9.—Frank Griffiths appeared before James Roberts, parish court commissioner and stipendiary magistrate, here today, to answer to the charge of attempting assault upon Ella Lorenson, the eleven-year-old daughter of Fritz Lorenson. The complainant swore that in her mother's house at Cody's last August a man named Little, Dorothy Kineale and the prisoner were there drinking whiskey. She swore that on three occasions Griffiths went to her room and attempted to assault her.

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DEATHS.

OBORNE—May 9th, died in Toronto early this morning, Alice Maud Barrie, wife of Jas. Osborne, general superintendent of the C. P. R. Interment at Montreal on Saturday.

JOHNSON—In this city on 9th inst. Murray M. Youngest son of John and Violet Johnson, in the second year of his age.

Funeral from his parents' residence, 71 Somerset street on Saturday at 2:30 o'clock. Asleep in Jesus.

CHALMERS—At her late residence, 79 Mackenzie street, on the evening of May 8th, Madeline A., widow of Capt. Alexander Chalmers.

Funeral from her late residence on Saturday, the 11th inst. Service begins at 9 o'clock.

LIVINGSTONE—In this city, on May 10th, after a severe illness, Margaret Livingstone, in the 75th year of her age, leaving a husband, one son and three daughters to mourn their loss.

Notice of funeral hereafter.

MUNFORD—Suddenly, on May 9th, Daniel D. Munford, third son of Walter P. and the late Barbara Munford.

Funeral Sunday at 2:30 from his father's residence, 42 Spring street. Friends and acquaintances respectfully invited to attend.

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