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HUMAN INTEREST.

The people who write advance notices for theatrical performances adopt as their pet expression the phrase "heart interest" and as a rule pad out on this quality of the plays. They realize what an attraction a little touch of human nature possesses, and depend on it for their box office receipts. Everybody sympathizes with friends in trouble, everybody watches with anxiety the developments in any personal incident. An example of this is seen in the case of one Hicks, concerning whose experiences despatches have been printed regularly for the past two weeks. Hicks is a miner and was entombed by a disaster near Los Angeles early in the month. A rescue party at once went to work, a pipe seventy feet long was sent through the mass of earth between Hicks and fresh air, and through this food and drink were passed. The rescuers have been unceasing in their efforts and now after seventeen days have worked in so far that they are able to touch the buried man. There is, however, danger that another mass of earth may fall in on him and for this reason the digging must be carefully carried on. The interest in the west is intense. Hicks' life is hanging by a thread, the slightest accident may spoil everything, and in addition there is the fear that this miner who gave himself up for lost, but who for some weeks has been almost frantic over the prospect of escape, may lose his senses.

It is not often that one man's life is considered worthy of repeated despatches all over America, but in this case the Associated Press recognizes the human interest involved.

PENSIONS FOR I. C. R. EMPLOYES.

Hon. Mr. Emmerson's splendid effort in bringing the Intercolonial to a paying basis has received the approbation of his colleagues in the cabinet, in that they have approved of the pension bill which he will in a few weeks bring before the house. This proposition has been under consideration for some years, but it was not deemed advisable to establish such a fund until it had been shown that the road could be profitably operated. This has been done, and there is every reason to believe that under the efficient system of management which exists at present, there need be no fear of future deficits.

The government will be asked to set aside a large sum of money and the employes of the road will also contribute to the fund. Both parties will benefit, and it will undoubtedly be found that this pension instead of involving a heavy annual expenditure, will result in the financial betterment of the Intercolonial. A number of employes, faithful but practically useless, are now drawing pay, and filling the places which should be thrown open to younger and more competent men. The old servants cannot well be dismissed without some provision being made for their future, and anyway it is only right that they should be able to look forward, after a life's work, to at least food and shelter in their latter days. A number of these men can, under the proposed arrangement, be dropped from the regular pay roll and their salaries saved, the places of others will be filled by more active employes, and by this means a larger amount of work will be performed without increased cost. Hon. Mr. Emmerson's proposal is a clearly defined plan calculated to benefit both the railroad and the employes, and it will no doubt be warmly received by all interested.

A CLUB FOR MEN.

The organization of a men's club, such as is proposed shal be formed in the Waterloo street mission hall, is a move in the right direction. Perhaps some of those people who are nervous about occupying other people's pews in churches may feel more at home in the club. This is practical religion well applied, and more real good can be done by such an institution than by half a dozen churches whose congregations sit back in self satisfied complacency and thank fortune that they are not as others. Many young and middle aged men find themselves, through various causes, induced to spend their evenings on the streets, having no attractive place where they can put in the time. To such as these the new club should appeal, and if conducted along the lines proposed, cannot but meet

A husband was being arraigned in court in a suit brought by his wife for cruelty.

"I understand, sir," said the judge, addressing the husband, "that one of the indignities you have showered upon your wife is that you have not spoken to her for three years. Is that so?"

"It is, your honor," quickly answered the husband.

"Well, sir," thundered the judge, "why didn't you speak to her may I ask?"

"Simply," replied the husband, "because I didn't want to interrupt her."

Little Johnnie, having in his possession a couple of bantam hens which laid very small eggs, suddenly hit on a plan. Going one morning to the fowl-run, Johnnie's father was surprised to find an ostrich egg tied to one of the beams, and above it a card with the words:

"Keep your eye on this and do your best."

"And shall you carry out your plan of visiting the blue grotto at Capri this year, Frau Lammer?"

"Alas! no, Frau Spitz; we are in mourning this summer, so we are going to the Black Forest."

THE ONLY QUAKER ACTRESS

Coming Here With the Robinson Opera Conpany.

Miss Esther Wallace, one of the prima donnas with the Robinson Opera Company, which opens an engagement in this city, has the distinction of being the only member of the Quaker religion on the stage. The members of the Quaker persuasion place a strict ban on theatricals, all forms of amusement and mery making being considered by them as sinful. When a girl of fourteen, Miss Wallace, who is a birthright member, was persuaded by a friend to go to the theatre to see an operatic performance, and so taken was she with what she saw, that she resolved that her sole ambition for the future would be to become a great actress. One year later she ran away from home, but was soon captured and brought back to her mother. Her strong will was, however, undaunted, and the following year she again escaped from Quaker thraldom and went on the concert stage. Two years later she went into musical comedy, which line she has followed ever since. When playing last season in Philadelphia as leading woman in "The Show Girl," the management advertised that in honor of Miss Wallace the theatre would be reserved one night exclusively for Quakers. The result was an audience that filled the theatre to overflowing, consisting entirely of people who had never seen the inside of a theatre before. Miss Wallace is the lucky possessor of a soprano voice of marvellous range and beauty which will delight audiences during the stay of the Robinson Opera Co. here.

"An Englishman came to our town," said John Corwin of Chicago, famed as a story-teller, "and some of his friends showed him the place, for he had been very kind to them in London. They couldn't interest him much. He was rather bored at everything. Finally in desperation they took him to see a vaudeville show. The big act of the night was an 'impalement' act, where a young woman stood against a board and a man threw knives at her, outlining her on the board.

"The Englishman watched for a few minutes. Then he yawned and said: 'Well, old chaps, let's be going.'

"'What!' his hosts exclaimed, 'don't you like that act?'

"'Deuced bore, I call it,' replied the Englishman. 'E's thrown at her 'alf a dozen times and 'asn't 'it 'er once.'"

SATURDAY SERMONETTE

THE YEAR THERE WAS NO CHRISTMAS.

I don't remember how it came about nor what happened to bring it about but there was a year when there was no Christmas. It was before the children's grand-mothers were born and that must be the reason they never heard about it.

I think St. Nicholas had heard that there were people who did not believe in him, and that some of them went so far as to doubt his existence. Just as Sarah Gamp told Mrs. Prigg that there was no such person as Mis-arris. I imagine that the sunny, cheerful disposition of Santa Claus had been soured and that he had come to the conclusion that the best way to convince people of his existence would be to go away into retirement for a year and see how the world would get along without him.

Another reason for the old Saint's retirement was that he became disgusted when he found that there were families to whom he had taken presents who began to look for the tags on them (as soon as his back was turned) to find out their cost. And he found one young lady crying as if her heart was broken when she thought that her friend had been given a much costlier fur than hers. The children Santa Claus told me, were getting too exacting. The little girls wanted dolls that could walk and talk, and had Paris hats and dresses. And the little boys wanted "real live meat ponies," instead of rocking horses. One man wanted the mortgage paid on his house. Another wanted an automobile, and one old maid would not speak to him for a week because he had not taken her a man.

The parsons were getting discontented with slippers that were not mates and book marks without books to put them in, and donations that were charged to salary. They wanted reviews, magazines, fur lined coats and vacations. Ministers' wives wanted salaries if they were to do the work of ten women and be criticized for doing it by the sewing circle. "I could not stand the fault-finding," said Santa Claus, and I said I would take a vacation myself."

That was a terrible year when there was no Christmas. It was like the "Black Friday" in New York; like the earthquake in San Francisco. It was the deluge.

One minister started for his study one morning telling his wife he must not be disturbed, he was going to write his Christmas sermon. He had written one page when his wife came in with consternation in her face. "My dear, such news, I have just heard," she said, "there is no Christmas this year and what will the children do?"

There were no Christmas services that year. The sermons that were to tell of "Peace on earth good will toward men," were never written. No feuds were wiped out, no quarrels adjusted, friends who had become estranged were not united.

It had been so different during the years when there had been Christmas.

Hard business faces had been relaxed and instead of careless nods, cheery salutations were given. "A Merry Christmas," "And to you." Men who had not spoken to each other for a year had to speak to each other for the spirit of Christmas was in the air. Lovers who had quarreled made up at Christmas.

The children who had been away from home for a year, spent Christmas at home, or if they could not do that, sent loving remembrances.

The years slipped from the shoulders of old men; and aged women whose faces were care-worn, looked almost young again at Christmas.

But the year that there was no Christmas more aged people died than was ever known before; men grew colder, harder, more selfish and grasping.

Judge Jeffries came back to the court that year, and the heaviest penalties were given for the lightest offences. Jailers and wardens were cruel and they made life a hell for the convicts. Convicts broke prisons and were shot down by the guards, "but death," the convicts said, "was better than life in prison, with devils for jailers."

The year without a Christmas was the year when there was no brotherhood among men. It was a year without kindly words and loving deeds.

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DEATHS.

TITUS.—At his home, 63 Sheriff street, 1.30 Friday afternoon, after a lingering illness of heart trouble, Ernest H. Titus, in the 36th year of his age. Besides his mother he leaves a widow and two small children.
Funeral from his home at 2.30 Sunday afternoon.

LAWSON—Suddenly at Andover, December 21, Thomas Lawson, leaving a wife and four children.

URQUHART—In this city on the 21st inst., Francis A. Urquhart, the youngest and loving child of Tilley and Agnes Urquhart, aged one month and eight days.
The remains will be taken to Belleisle. Service will be held at 8 o'clock Saturday, at 86 Winter street.

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Their Howling Arouses Neighborhood and Investigation Shows "Mother" Dead.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—Dismal howls were heard yesterday from a flat in the Rue Albert, occupied by an old woman named Mary Ford, who was known in the neighborhood as the "dogs' mother" and who at one time kept no fewer than thirty stray and lost dogs. The howling was so persistent that at length the police were advised and broke into the flat. They discovered that Mary Ford was dead, and that the dogs—there were fifteen of them—were mourning their friend.

The police were about to remove the dogs, which seemed conscious of their approaching end in the lethal chamber, when the neighbors in the house decided to claim one animal each and to give it a home. The police made no objection, and it is declared that the instant the decision was made the dogs began to show the most evident signs of rejoicing.

Advertising is, indeed, one of the great developments of the century.—From an article in Self Culture Magazine.

POLITICAL RIOT IN PORTUGUESE PRISON

Two Factions—the Republicans and the Monarchists — in a Fierce Conflict.

LISBON, Dec. 22—A remarkable political riot took place at the Setubal convict prison today between two factions of prisoners.

The inmates were devided into Monarchist and Republican groups, and the bitterness between them was so great that the force of infantry stationed at the prison was unable to preserve order.

The climax was reached this morning, when the Republicans, by way of revenge for sundry attacks by their opponents, set fire to the dormitory of the Monarchists.

The building was soon a mass of flames, notwithstanding the prompt arrival of the warders and soldiers with fire apparatus.

While they fought the fire the exultant Republicans sang Republican songs, and jeered at their "homeless" opponents. The refractory prisoners were not subdued until they had been thoroughly drenched with water from five lines of hose.

A number of them were wounded in encounters with the opposing faction.