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S AN amateur performance, the presentation of Monte Cristo Thursday night, at The Victoria, may be said to have been a success. The scenic and mechanical effects were really creditable. In the title role Mr. Philo tulfilled the expectations of his admirers. Mr. Kurtz, played the part of Danglers with Forestian precision. Mr. Sillman was at home in the character of Nortier, while Mr. Hall was deserving of much praise for his presentation of Villefort. Mr. Murphy as Caderousse and Mr. Penketh in the double characters of Albert and Morel were deservedly applauded. Mr. Sehl was good as Fernande, and Joseph Philo made a very acceptable Abbe Faria, and the same might be said of Mr. Penketh. Of the ladies, Mrs. Newman made a very handsome Mercedes, and Miss McCandlish was equal to any professional as Carcoutte. Miss Roberts made the most of a minor part. Altogether the performance was one of which the participants need not be ashamed.

Much unfavorable comment has been made by the press of the Pacific Coast regarding the admission of a large number of Chinese actors and actresses who are to take part in the reproduction of a Chinese village which they propose to present at Chicago during the World's Fair. The principal objection urged against their admission is, of course, that there is already too many Chinamen here and that the admission of several hundred more in this mann.r would be enabled to evade the vigilance of the officials and slip into our various ports of entry and thereby materially increase our population of almond eyed celestials. But if these Chinese actors will carry out their project to the letter and produce, in the midst of the great Exposition, a real Chinatown scene, with all ot its disgusting details, such as the people of this city and San Francisco are so familar with, and give the people of the Eastern states an opportunity to witness a phase of the Chinese question which they at present know nothing whatever about, it may give them better ideas on the subject than they now possess and be one of the means which will tend to cause legislation to be passed which will keep the pig-tailed gentleman in the Flowery erer of statistics, but with a kindly THE HOME JOURNAL, \$1 per year.



The Delmonico Music Hall opens next Monday night.

Hoss and Hoss is drawing well in New York.

## AN INNOCENT SERGEANT.

The New York Sunday Mercury gets off the following at the expense of Victoria: At Victoria, B. C., some private theatricals were secently being "got up". During one of the acts some ladies had to go through drill. Wishing to do it correctly and according to regulations they procured a sergeant from a troop quartered in the neighborhood to teach them. This worthy man, on the first occasion of drilling them, commenced :

"Now, ladies, please stand properly to "Attention," 'eels together and in line; toes turned hout at an angle of forty-five degrees, knees straight, the arms 'anging easily from the shoulders, the 'and open, thumb to the front and lightly touching the scam of the pants-"

This ended the drill for that day.

## A HUMAN FAILING.

An old gentleman, evidently a gath-

face which shaded off to something like philanthropy about the edges, was gazing abstractedly down Government street.

Suddenly he stepped up to a gentleman who was awaiting a car, and, touching him lightly on the shoulder, said : 'Excuse me, bat did you drop a five dollar bill?" at the same time holding out his hand the sum mentioned.

The gentleman questioned gazed a moment at the bll, assumed a look of excitement, made a hasty search of his pockets and said : "Why, so I did and I hadr't missed it." holding out an eager hand.

The old man slowly drew forth a note-book and said: "I thought so." He then took the name and address of the loser, and putting the bill in his pocket, turned away.

"Well," said the other, "do you want it all as a reward ?"

"Oh, I did not find one," returned the benevolent old man, "but it struck me that in a large city like Victoria there must be a large quantity of money lost, and upon inquiry I find you are the thirty-first man who has lost a five-dollar bill this vcry morning.