

Dramatic Notes.

THE MERRY WORLD.

Novelty seems to be the order of the day in things theatrical, and in "The Merry World," which comes to the Grand next week, there are said to be enough novelties to keep the ordinary "continuous theatre" running for a week. Everything in the line of comic opera, vaudeville, farce-comedy and spectacular-burlesque comes in for treatment at the hands of "The Merry World's" famous fun-makers, and if a person cannot find something on the programme to please him, he must indeed be hard to suit. The company numbers something like 60 people, carries all its own scenery, costumes and effects, and is without doubt one of the leading attractions of the season.

NOTES OF THE FOOTLIGHTS.

Dublin is to have a new theater. The New Orleans French opera season opens in November. The full seating capacity of all the London theaters is 200,000. Mme. Albani is to begin her Canadian tour at Halifax, November 17. The theatrical season has opened with marked signs of improving business. Vienna managers have agreed not to produce two new plays on the same night. Fregoli, the protean actor, carries 110 trunks and requires the assistance of fifteen dressers. Pittsburg has two continuous performance theaters; New York, five; Philadelphia, one. Myron W. Whitney, the well known basso, will devote a part of his time this season to teaching in Boston. Lewis Morrison's production of Faust this season is reported to be a remarkable exhibition of scenic and electrical effects.

Hermann announces that at the close of the present season he will open a school of instruction in the art of magic. He is to be backed by a stock company, and the school will be fitted with mechanical and chemical paraphernalia.

In Daniel Sully's play, The Millionaire, the operation of building a railroad and driving the last spike is one of the features.

It is rumored that Arthur Nikisch, formerly Director of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, will bring the Leipsic Gewandhaus Orchestra to this country next season.

Hugh Chivers, baritone, formerly of the Royal Italian Opera Company, Covent Garden, London, and Nellie Bragins, prima donna, have been engaged to support Della Fox.

A sign in a New Orleans theater: "Notice to ladies—It is illegal to wear your hats during the performance. The usher will check them free of cost." The law has met with no serious opposition.

A Berlin paper reports the discovery of a new tenor "on whom great hopes are based." He is an American, Friedrich Carlen, educated in Germany, and he has been engaged for the Dresden opera.

Mrs. Drew, it is reported, has retired permanently from the stage. She, with Mrs. John Drew and Mrs. Henry Miller (Bijou Heron), is going abroad shortly with the intention of remaining four years.

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