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**MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.**

The Stowaway, an English melodrama, began a two-nights' engagement at The Victoria, Thursday night. The house was well filled, and a thoroughly enjoyable performance was given. The safe-cracking scene by the reformed burglars was not the least interesting feature by any means.

Sol Smith Russell's engagement at The Victoria has been limited to one night. He will appear in "A Poor Relation," which has been revised. Sol Smith Russell is undoubtedly the greatest comedian on the American stage, and The Victoria will scarcely be able to contain the audience that will be present on the evening of the 21st.

Nellie McHenry, the charming comedienne, who is making such a phenomenal success in her new and original comedy drama entitled "A Night at the Circus," achieved her first reputation in the profession in a production of the old time comedy "Green Room Fun." The performance of this lady and her clever company at The Victoria, Monday and Tuesday evenings, came up to the anticipations of the large audience that attended the first night.

The following are the plays for this week on the London stage:

Adelphi.....	The Lights of Home
Lyceum.....	Henry VIII
Haymarket.....	Peril
Garrick.....	A Pair of Spectacles
Gaiety.....	Faust Up to Date
Prince of Wales.....	La Statue du Commandeur
Toole's.....	Walker, London
Comedy.....	The Private Secretary
Court.....	The New Sub, Faithful James and A Pantomime Rehearsal.
Globe.....	Ned's Chum
Royalty.....	The Cross of Honor
Sadler's Wells.....	Sota
Surrey.....	The Trumpet Call

**TALL MEN.**

Turner, the naturalist, declared that he once saw, upon the coast of Brazil, a race of gigantic savages, one of whom was twelve feet in height. M. Thevet, of France, in his description of America, published at Paris in 1575, asserted that he saw and measured the skeleton of a South American which was 11 feet 2 inches in length. The Chinese are said to claim that in the last century there were men in their country who measured 15 feet in height. Josephus mentioned the case of a Jew who was 10 feet 2 inches in height. Pliny tells of an Arabian giant, Gabara, 9 feet 9 inches, the tallest man in the days of Claudius. John Middletown, born at Hale, in Lancashire, in the time of James I, was 9 feet 3 inches in height; his hand was 17 inches long and 8 1-2 inches broad, says Dr. Platt in his "History of Staffordshire." The Irish giant, Murphy, contemporary with O'Brien, was 8 feet 10 inches. A skeleton in the museum of Trinity College, Dublin is 8 feet 6 inches in height, and that of Charles Byrne, in the museum of the College of Surgeons, London, is 8 feet 4 inches. The tallest living man is Chang-tu-Sing, the Chinese giant. His height is 7 feet 8 inches.

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