

THE STAGE

"All the world's a stage
and all the men and women
merely players."

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

At the Chatham Grand:-

Wednesday, Feb. 18.—Pittsburg Orchestra, assisted by George Hamlin, tenor.—Good musical production.

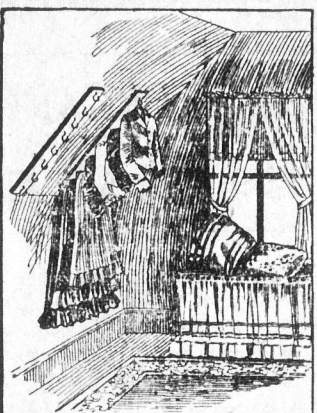
Pauline Johnson, under auspices of A. O. U. W., Feb. 19th.

March 4.—City Football Club Minstrels, local production under the musical direction of Wm. H. Brackin.

THE ATTIC ROOM.

How to Arrange Clothes Hooks on a Slanting Ceiling.

An attic room with a slanting ceiling, which generally is considered to be the poorest place in the whole house for hanging clothes, may easily be made one of the best with just a little effort on the part of the handy man. Let him get some strips of smooth wood—pine will do—and nail them to the sloping ceiling, taking care, of course, to place them where they will come against some of the timbers under the plaster,



AN ATTIC CLOTHES RACK.

so that the nails shall take a firm grip. Into the strips of wood hooks should be screwed six or eight inches apart, and upon the hooks wire garment supporters may be hung. This plan, so clearly illustrated by the drawing, will admit of disposing of a great deal of clothing in small space, yet each article may be taken down in a twinkling without disturbing any of the others. If thought advisable, a curtain may be hung in such a way as to protect all the clothing from dust.—Ladies' Home Journal.

A Debutante's Bouquets.

A clever mother recently solved the problem of what to do with a debutante's bouquets at the reception which she gave recently to introduce her daughter. Instead of having them scattered about the drawing room, as they usually are at coming out teas, and decorating the mantelshelf she had a screen made for them, on which they were hung and placed near the door of her library, where she and the pretty girl received.

This screen was made of wire and was about six feet high and three and a half feet wide. It was entirely covered with smilax, and tips of Florida palm leaves edged it all around. Wire rings were fastened on it in rows and served as holders for the bouquets, the handles of which were placed through them. The ribbon bows which always trim the handles of the debutante's bouquets hid these rings and added to the bright mass of color. The effect was exceedingly pretty and at a distance suggested a bit of gorgeous brocade on which great bunches of flowers were wrought. The hostess and her daughter stood in front of the screen.

Trying Effect of Black.

That the wearing of black is universally becoming is a great mistake. A woman's figure may look very much better in black than in any color, but there are very few women to whom a dead black against the skin is becoming. It usually adds several years to the apparent age, and so heavy a material as black velvet or black satin cannot be worn without some softening effect round the shoulders except by a pronounced beauty. The soft folds of white lace or chiffon at the top of a black gown are, as a rule, far more becoming than the dead black. This trying effect can, of course, be modified. The gown may be made becoming by the use of passementerie or of jetted lace, for jet is so brilliant in itself that it transforms the dead black of the material.

Japanese Hanging of Acorns.

From that land of artistic prettiness, Japan, comes a fanciful idea for a hanging for a doorway. All that is necessary to make this unique portiere is to procure a bushel basket of acorns and some dark brown cord that will tone well with them. This should be heavily waxed and the acorns pierced and threaded in long lines of golden yellow, rich tan, russet brown and deep green. The color scheme is effective, and the acorns gently tinkle as they swing to and fro. They are not as heavy nor as easily broken as the beaded hangings and are fully as pretty and useful.

Too Much For the Goats.

Because sweetbrier became too abundant in Tasmania goats were introduced to head them off, as it were, by eating them, but the brier came out ahead by killing the goats.

PUNISHMENT.

Social progress has done away with a great many forms of punishment once administered under the laws of enlightened people. But nature never changes or modifies her penalties. She still has the same punishment for the man who neglects or abuses his stomach as she had in the far off days "when Adam delved and Eve span."



The physical discomfort, dullness, sluggishness, irritability, nervousness and sleeplessness which are visited upon the man who eats carelessly or irregularly have been from the beginning the evidences of disease of the stomach and its associated organs of digestion and nutrition.

Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery cures the diseased stomach and enables the perfect digestion and assimilation of food, so that the sluggishness, irritability, nervousness and sleeplessness which result from indigestion are cured also.

"I was taken sick nine years ago with fever," writes Mr. M. M. Wardell, of Lawwood, Leavenworth Co., Kansas. "Had the doctor and he broke up the fever all right, but I took druggists right away. He couldn't cure it and it became chronic, and then he gave up the case. I got so weak with it and had piles so badly I couldn't lie down, nor hardly sit up. Was that way two or three months; thought I would never be well again, but picked up one of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery in the house that was got for mother. You recommend it for catarrh of the stomach, so I went to taking it. The next bottle nearly cured me. I got two bottles next time and took one and one-half and was well. I haven't been bothered with diarrhea since."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure biliousness.

JINGLES AND JESTS.

Life's Contraries.

Why cannot things be nicely fixed,
And why does fate delight
To mock us with contrary acts
Which all our pleasures blight?

Why, when I write a thrilling tale
And hope upon it banks
For funds much needed, does it come
So prompt, "Returned with thanks?"

But when an umbrella fine
Or book I lend, what blanks
Are left within my house, for they
Are never "returned with thanks."

Now, why should not kind fate exchange
These ways, when each one fails?
Why not be loans returned with thanks
And editors keep tales?

Not Well Received.

The Player—You mean to say your mother doesn't believe I am an actor?
Why, she saw me from a box the other night.

The Girl—Perhaps that is the reason.

Pursued Inquiries Too Far.

Penman—You say you like my books?
Wright—Well, I'm stuck on two of them.

"Which two?"
"The two I bought."

Discouraging.

Of course there's much room at the top
Where the lucky are lazily sunning,
But what can we do when the sign
States briefly,

ELEVATOR NOT RUNNING.

Odd and Even.

"Madge says she is twenty odd years old."

"That makes her more than forty."
"How do you figure that out?"
"Count the even years too."

The Saddest Thing of All.

"What, in your opinion, is the worst thing about death?"
"Generally it is the thing they give out as having been the dead man's favorite poem."

A Modified Ambition.

From fancy to fact I reluctantly turn;
Strange doubts are oppressing my soul.
No more do I yearn
For money to burn;
I merely want commonplace coal.

The Difficulty.

Mrs. Kelly—Does your husband get good pay, Mrs. Rooney?
Mrs. Rooney—Well, he would, Mrs. Kelly, if it wasn't for shirking so often for better pay.



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The Wood Company,
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Arizona Kicklets

The Editor of the Kicker Makes a Few Explanations

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A NEWSPAPER in Columbus, O., gravely announces that we are personally to blame for at least twenty lynchings that have taken place here within the last year and that nothing seems to assuage our thirst for blood. There have been only three lynchings here in five years, and we happened to be out of town in every case. As for our thirst for blood, we never shoot a jack rabbit without feeling conscience stricken over it.

The citizens of Grass Valley did not attempt to lynch us one day last summer, as stated in a Santa Fe paper with a great show of complacency. On the contrary, on the occasion referred to we were invited by forty-nine different citizens to take a drink with them, and each and every one of them subscribed to the Kicker.

We have not threatened the lives of over 500 citizens in this territory in the last five years, as published in a San Francisco sheet. On the contrary, our own life has been threatened 750 times, and we have had to do some lightning dodging to save it.

The paragraph going the rounds to the effect that our mother-in-law died under suspicious circumstances gets wabbly in the knees when we state that we are still an old bachelor and never had a mother-in-law to kill off.

The charge made against us in an Omaha paper that we encouraged dog-fights on Sunday has not a grain of truth in it. As a matter of fact, we lead the church choir on Sunday forenoon and assist in the Sunday school afterward, and we have no time to be had even if we wanted to.

According to an item published in a St. Paul journal, we as postmaster have driven inquirers for mail out of the office at the muzzle of a pistol. According to the truth, we even get up at midnight to sell a two cent stamp or hand out letters, and the only persons ever driven out were those who had fired at us through the general delivery window.

We do not secure advertising for the Kicker by calling upon business men and displaying our guns, as stated



WE DO NOT SECURE ADVERTISING BY DISPLAYING OUR GUNS.

In a Cincinnati paper of a late date. If we carry our guns with us when out on an advertising tour, it is merely to protect ourselves in case the argument should run into politics or religion.

We have not made threats to shoot any man who had the nerve to run against us as candidate for the mayorality of this burg, as announced by several papers in Indiana. At each election for the last six years there has been a rival candidate, and if he was snowed under it was because the electors loved and trusted us.

A Kansas weekly stops its press to let the world know that we shot down in cold blood a Mr. Stevens, principal of the Union school in Givensdam Gulch, because he disputed us on a historical point. The only schoolteacher here is a Miss Green, and we had the honor of escorting her to a birthday party less than thirty-six hours ago.

We have not shot and wounded three different members of the Givensdam Gulch common council within the last year, as stated in a Denver paper. We simply on one occasion split Alderman Finnegan's ear with a bullet to make him understand that he was out of order.

The statement of a Cleveland paper that we have shot down three different horse editors connected with the Kicker would be malicious if not so absurd. Each one of the trio received his death miles away from the office and by the hands of others, and in each case we paid the funeral expenses and expressed our grief to surviving relatives.

Sleighting.
Hark, the sleigh bells' merry jingle
O'er the crackling ice and snow!
Seems to set your blood a-tingle,
On the go!

With your dearest girl beside you,
Shuffled up in furs and fluff,
And the starry night to hide you,
That's the stuff!

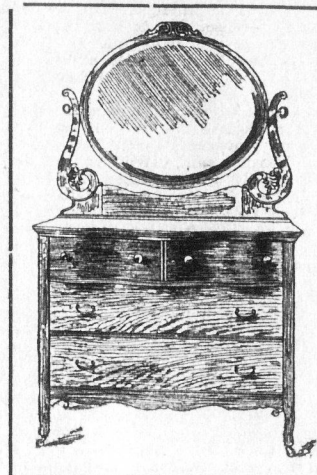
Funny how the old horse scampers,
Though you drive with just one arm.
Something else the other hampers:
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