

IT LACKED NOVELTY

A COLLECTION OF HEIRLOOMS THAT WEARIED AN OBSERVER.

The System of Renting Out Family Glory and Supplying Ancestral Trappings at So Much Per Hour Has Its Drawbacks.

Two guests were being shown through a Philadelphia mansion in which a nouveau riche broker was entertaining a party of fashionable friends. The splendid array of family heirlooms, all bespeaking a lineage of earliest colonial origin, deeply impressed one of the party. He was a stranger but lately arrived from Baltimore. Oddly enough, his companion, a Philadelphia, seemed flippantly indifferent to these treasured relics of a family's honored history.

"Remarkable collection of heirlooms our host has," remarked the stranger as he stopped before a battle scarred sword of Revolutionary days.

"Yes," drawled the Philadelphia cynically, "very interesting. But unfortunately it lacks the charm of novelty for me. Already this season I've seen the same batch of relics in three other Philadelphia houses."

"Oh, simple enough. It only means that all four families, our host and the three others I refer to, hired their ancestral trappings from the same man."

"Hired them?"

"Yes, hired them. We have in this city an enterprising collector of colonial junk who makes a business of renting out family glory to all who were unfortunate enough to be born without it."

"When?" was the only comment the astonished Baltimorean could utter.

And doubtless many Philadelphians would be moved to say "When?" if they could learn how many members of the Quaker City social elite are constrained to seek the assistance of the heirloom dealer when they wish to give a brilliant function.

It is a deception that is forced upon them, for unless you have distinguished appearing forebears you stand little chance of penetrating the sacred precincts of the local fashionable set.

Ancestry, not cash, is the open sesame, and even if a man can claim some sort of a family tree his pretensions are questioned unless he can show some of the furniture or portraits that his American forefather brought with him on the Mayflower or the Welcome.

Of course if the two vessels named had been as large as the Great Eastern and had been loaded with nothing but heirlooms they couldn't have carried half the stock needed to launch the descendants of Pilgrim fathers into society. Hence the need of an heirloom dealer.

He has his warehouses in Pine street, in a part of the city which was once the center of fashion, but is now deserted by that element in consequence of the westward movement of the city's elite.

Obviously he is a curio dealer, but his revenue is mainly derived from furnishing and hanging the walls of fashionable dwellings with century old portraits.

This clever manipulator of men's vanities has ancient, brack-backed furniture and copper kettles and snuff-boxes and similar relics of ancient grandeur, all at your disposal for a night, when you, poor fellow, with money, but no ancestors, want your friends to know what an old family yours is! He also has rare furnishings for libraries and drawing rooms which you may rent if you have the price.

It matters not from what part of the country the applicant hails or what particular descent he wishes to claim, his needs are promptly filled.

For those who wish to pose as lineal descendants of the stanch old colonial patriots who fought the stamp tax and defied the power of King George at Bunker Hill and drew up the Declaration there is especially attractive stock.

For the haughty cavalier who "came over" with Lord Delaware there are costumes and furniture and portraits of more elaborate style, as befits the past of emigrants who in England basked in the favor of the king and were participants in brilliant court ceremonies.

The Quaker City allegiance to the honored memory of William Penn is a sentiment that the curio dealer has been careful to cherish.

On his walls he has portraits of studious looking Quakers. On his shelves are modest Quaker clocks that did service in the days when the founder was exchanging thirty blankets for Philadelphia.

There are Quaker walking sticks, tinder boxes, documents on all subjects, household utensils a legion.

It is true that this system of supplying ancestors has its disadvantages. Contrivances such as the one revealed at the beginning of this article are bound to occur. The hawklike eye of a connoisseur, trained to recognize instantly the value, authenticity and history of antiques, often pierces the deception and remembers seeing the "treasured family heirlooms" somewhere else. But in the main people are gullible, and the wealthy but plebeian aspirant for social honors vaunts the bluntness of his blood and points with pride to his hired heirlooms without much danger of discovery.

And meanwhile the crafty Pine street dealer smiles, waxes rich and echoes a celebrated remark of Puck's regarding the average intelligence of mortals.

The Hen's Plait.

"What's the matter?" asked the rooster. "More absentmindedness?"

"Yes," replied the hen. "I can never find things where I lay them."—Philadelphia Record.

PIMPLES

And other eruptions which mar the skin are more than a disfigurement and annoyance; they are a positive detriment to the business interests and social successes of the man they mark. Other things being equal, the man with a smooth skin and clear complexion will find it easier to get a good position or a good wife than the man whose face shows the impurity of his blood. That's the real point. The blood is bad. And for that very reason any treatment which is designed to cleanse the skin must cleanse the blood.

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Theatrical

A magnificent revival of Harriet Beecher Stowe's sterling story of antebellum days, Uncle Tom's Cabin, occurs at the Grand, on Friday, May 9th, exhibits every evidence of appreciation of the prodigality shown by Al. W. Martin, manager, to whom credit of the present mammoth production is due. The scenic possibilities of the drama have been taken advantage of in a manner never before attempted, and certainly the cast of an Uncle Tom's Cabin never contained so great a number of well known names. The scene, showing the levee at New Orleans was a spirited one and the cotton picking scene was considerably embellished. Milt G. Barlow is the Uncle Tom. There are a corps of cake walkers and specialty folks, and the entertainment is continuous.

Uncle Tom's Cabin was cast as follows: Uncle Tom, Milt G. Barlow; George Harris, Arthur S. Byron; Simon Legree, Mr. Reynolds; Phineas Fletcher, Geo. E. Robinson; Augustine St. Clair, Francis B. Watts; Lawyer Marks, J. Fauschunnet Stevenson; Mr. Wilson, R. H. Henry; Mr. Shelby, Geo. Cramer; Mr. Haley, Oscar Platz; George Shelby, Mr. Clifford; Mr. Skegs, Geo. E. Blake; William Jackson, H. D. Orris; Alfred Higgins, Willie Hager; Ezekiel, Geo. E. Rice; Zeke, John Jones; Hiram, William Travers; Jerome, William Henry; Adolph, Ollie Shelton; Old Rufus, Henry Miller; Sambo, C. C. Blarney; Quimbo, Tom Johnson; James, Charlie Jennings; Harry Harris; Topsy, Miss Florence Ockermann; Eva, Little May Dickinson; Eliza Harris, Miss Helen Bratell; Emeline, Miss Betty Sterns; Aunt Ophelia, Miss Clara Miller; Mrs. St. Clair, Francis B. Watts; Rosa, Miss Lulu Russell; Samantha, May Long; Aunt Chloe, Miss Daisy Brockton; Lucie, Miss Sadie Black.

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The attraction is classed as one of the biggest scenic productions the American stage has ever seen, it being necessary to utilize two special cars to transport the scenery and equipment. No such amount of money as Mr. Martin has spent on this much neglected and abused but still most successful of American dramas. The company carries two bands, 25 head of ponies, donkeys, horses, oxen, tallyho coach, traps and Eva's golden chariot, log cabin, ox cart and other numerous novelties, and gives the most elaborate and largest street parade ever attempted by a theatrical company. Milton G. Barlow, the famous old time minstrel, heads the cast in Uncle Tom's Cabin.

The announcement that the famous Westminster Abbey Choir Glee and Concert party will be heard here shortly will be received with great enthusiasm. Owing to the Abbey being closed for alterations in preparation for the coronation, Mr. Edward Branscombe, one of the senior lay vicars has been successful in securing leave of absence for a concert party composed of the eight leading adult voices of the choir, who include some of the greatest soloists in London, and the six finest boy sopranos in England, assisted by Madame Marie Booton, contralto. The choir has arrived in Canada, and has been on tour in the Maritime Provinces drawing immense and delighted audiences everywhere. The beauty of the pure, clear soprano voices of the boys, the wonderful and rare quality of the male altos, and the excellence of the basses and tenors are calling for the highest critical praise. The choir will be heard here in a delightful program of old English ballads, glees, part songs and marginals at The Grand, on Tuesday, May 13.

BUGLE & DRUM BAND

The 24th Regiment Bugle and Drum Band made its first appearance Wednesday evening in the drill shed, and made a decided hit. Too much praise cannot be given the Bugle Major, Wm. Plummeridge for his excellent work with the members of the band.

Drums.

Jack LaFrancise.
W. Wrigley.
A. Wrigley.
F. Jordan.
W. Head.
R. Moffatt.
H. Couzens.
— Gardiner.

From Australia.

Francis Yott, an old Chathamite, arrived in the city Saturday from Melbourne, Australia, to visit friends and relatives in this city and vicinity. Mr. Yott left here 14 years ago, accompanying the family of Mr. McLeod, also an old Chathamite, to Australia, where he has since been in the employ of the Massey-Harris Co. He went to Australia as the first representative to explore and work up a business for the firm.

When asked if he was here to stay, Mr. Yott replied, "No, I am just here for six months and then I will return to what I think is God's Country. It was agreeably surprised with the Canadian Pacific Railway, by which I travelled here from Vancouver. It is so much different from the roads in Australia, which are all owned and run by the Government."

"The confederation of the colonies will do a host of good for Australia," said Mr. Yott.

A SAD CASE

There is a poor unfortunate named Miller in the Home for the Friendless. He came from Harwich Township and is suffering from a horrible lupus cancer. The man presents a frightful and loathsome appearance. The cancer begins above his eyebrows and runs down the side of his face to his neck. The unfortunate breathes through the cancer. The Township of Harwich sent the man to the hospital, but as his disease was incurable and the nurses were afraid of the cancer, he was sent to the Home for the Friendless. The man has a separate room and special attendance. At the request of Councillor James McCormick, N. H. Stevens wrote to the Government asking if they had a home for incurables to which the man could be sent. Mr. Stevens said that the council of Harwich were paying for the man's keep now and were willing to keep on doing so. The man's appearance was too disgusting for him to be allowed at large. Mr. Stevens' letter was handed to J. F. Chamberlain, inspector of persons, and an answer was received to-day. Mr. Chamberlain said that Toronto had a home for incurables but it was open only to Toronto. Mr. Stevens says that the need for such a home has been recognized by the Government and he expects that one will be built for the use of Ontario at large.

Hoax—There's one thing that's bound to make a man stuck up. Hoax—What's that? Hoax—Trying to part his hair with a honeycomb.

Kitty—But he is such an indigestible man. Jane—Indigestible? Kitty—Yes; he always disagrees with me.

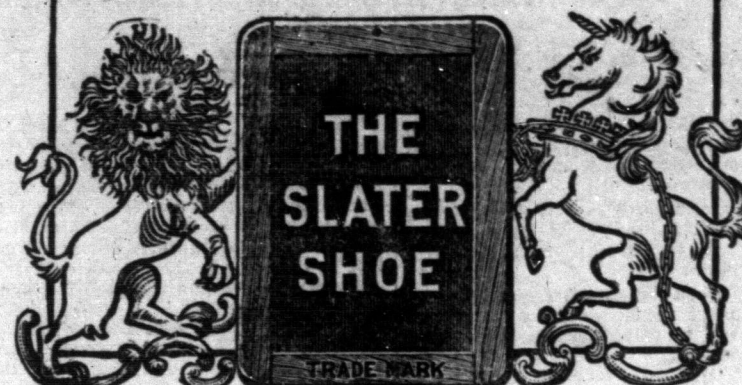
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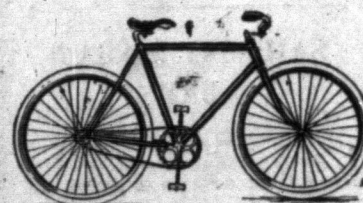
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