

dramatic there is the caricature of character, and that is what the successful plays are—caricatures of eccentric character set in a weak dramatic framework.

The Blaque Bey, whose name appears in connection with the hideous Turkish atrocities in Bulgaria, once figured in the United States in very different scenes. In August, 1870, a concert was given at the old Green-brier White Sulphur Springs, for the benefit of the little Episcopal Church at Lexington, Virginia, in which Gen. Lee worshipped. The soprano singer was a lady from Brooklyn; the alto, Miss Maria Hunt, of Lexington, Kentucky, a cousin of the famous rabler, John Morgan; the tenor, a gentleman from Savannah, Georgia; and the bass was Bey, then representative of the Turkish Government at Washington. The concert put \$200 into the pocket of the church.

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