

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.

HE WON HIS BET.

Satisfactory Course Dinner Served Without Knives and Forks.

Several members of the Transportation club of this city were smoking and chatting over the after dinner coffee a few days ago when the conversation turned to the "horseless age." Trolley cars, automobiles and airships had their share of the talk, when one of the party, a young man well known in New York clubland, said, "I wonder if they will ever invent silverless dinners."

"Silverless dinners!" exclaimed the others.
"Yes; dinners at which one will not have to bother with knives, forks or spoons, where everything will be prepared in such fashion that one can simply take it in his fingers and still not require a pail of water alongside of him."

"I doubt it," said another. "In fact, I don't see how such a thing could very well be."

"Well," continued the man who made the proposition, "I am willing to wager the cost of a dinner that I can get up one which you will call excellent, and we won't have a piece of silver on the table."

The wager was at once taken, and the young man sought the chef. Next night the five men were again together, and each had brought a woman to pass judgment on the meal. It consisted of eight courses, and all those present voted it a perfect success. The menu was as follows:

Oysters on the half shell, to be eaten from the shell.

Consomme in cups.

Frogs' legs, with sauce on the side.

Half of a baked squash, with the leg in paper cap.

Lamb chops, with the ends in paper cap.

Stuffed celery.

Ice cream sandwiches. Coffee.

Improving the Eyes.

A singular story is told about the shape of the eyes of Mme. Jane Hading, the French actress, which are very remarkable. They are of the clear, and purest brown, like that of the mountain brooks or wave washed onyx, and veiled with a thick fringe of black and silky lashes. But this is not all. Her eyes are unusually and extraordinarily long, and this length is due to artificial means. It is a custom among the Turks to lengthen the eyes by cutting the corners. This is done very early, at the age of two or three years, the outer corners being deftly split with a lancet about the twelfth part of an inch.

While the wound is healing the lids are drawn outward every day, and when it is quite cured the eye is still submitted to the drawing process every day for a long time, with the result that it becomes long and narrow. The story about Mme. Hading proceeds to declare that her father was in Turkey and saw the practice and determined to try it on his little girl, then about three years old. Whether the story is true or not, one thing is certain—the admirers of the actress declare she has the most beautiful eyes on the stage.

Says the Druggist Is Passing.

John H. Lanning of Cincinnati rises to assert that the American physician is handling too much medicine on his own hook and not giving the druggist a chance. He says: "The drug trade is badly cut into. Ten years ago all prescriptions were handled by druggists exclusively, but now they don't stand half a chance. In former times no physician carried his own medicines, but at each place visited wrote a prescription. Nowadays he is equipped with a bag, in which in tablet form are all the combinations to combat disease."

"The big drughouses are responsible, together with the fact that nowadays nearly all medicines can be tabletized. The wholesale houses sell to the physician, who in addition to his services furnishes and charges for the medicine. Aside from occasional prescriptions about the only thing left for the druggist is the sale of proprietary articles, toilet sundries and the like."

Cod Migration.

The records of the great banks of Newfoundland show that the cod leave there entirely two months every year—December and January.

An Emergency Compress.

In an emergency to make a compress for a wound, if nothing better is at hand, clean tissue paper makes an excellent application. It is much to be preferred to a strip torn from clothing or a soiled handkerchief, which may be the only other choice.

Ireland's Lord Lieutenant.

The salary of the lord lieutenant of Ireland is £20,000 a year, and he has £1,000 for an outfit.

Oatmeal and Apple.

Well cooked oatmeal eaten with a raw apple is claimed to be an ideal diet for humanity, and a man can keep strong and healthy on this at the smallest possible outlay.

Half and Half.

The dyspeptic may well be represented pictorially as being half masculine and half feminine, and combining the least desirable characteristics of either sex. He has all the stubbornness of the man with the peevish irritability of a sick woman. He's not pleasant company at home or abroad.

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Tons of Food For the Atlantic.

Commenting on the tremendous amount of food consumed on the average Atlantic liner nowadays, a writer in the Springfield Republican says: "At 8 comes the monumental breakfast; at 11 the deck steward fills up the comatose figures in the morgue with their beef tea from those thick, obese English cups; at 1 the magnificent luncheon; at 5 the sleepers assaulted by the deck steward again; at 7 the awesome English dinner; at 9:30 a trifling lunch to ballast you for bed. Besides this barbaric mounds of sandwiches, olives, cheese, crackers, perpetually stare you in the face in the smoking room. Food, food, food; the sight and smell of it pursue the unwilling stomach in every corner of the place; food tasted, wasted, thrown away. There is one port hole on the steerage deck, from the galley apparently, which belches it forth in a continuous stream—half loves of bread, great remnants of meat; we have left a trail of it across the Atlantic. If some one would only estimate the tons of wasted food which are annually thrown into the Atlantic or could calculate how much cheaper these steamship companies could give us our travel if they substituted plain, self-respecting fare for this gilded glutony, it would certainly be interesting and worth while."

The Guillotine and Its Inventor.

One of the most widely disseminated of popular errors is that Dr. Guillotin invented the grim machine which still bears the name. The real inventor of this sinister contrivance was Dr. Louis, a well known medical man and permanent secretary of the Parisian School of Medicine, or Academie de Medicine.

Dr. Guillotin, who died in 1814, energetically but vainly protested against the use of his name in connection with this disagreeable subject—an evidence, if one were wanted, of the great difficulty there is of correcting a popular error. Needless to say that the legend that Dr. Guillotin was among the victims of his friend's ingenious and merciful instrument of destruction is wholly apocryphal. He died at a good old age and in his bed, surrounded by his children, who, however, obtained permission to change their name.

HE CAN SLEEP AND WORK NOW

What Dodd's Kidney Pills Did for Emilien Cloutre.

Cured Him of Pain in the Back and Headache, and Made Him Well and Strong Again.

Val Racine, Que., Feb. 9.—(Special)—Among those in this neighborhood who openly proclaim the benefits they have received from the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills is Emilien Cloutre. M. Cloutre was long a sufferer from that most trying of troubles, Pain in the Back, that adds to its inconvenience the disquieting knowledge that it is one of the surest symptoms of Kidney Disease.

Now M. Cloutre is well and strong, able to do a good day's work and enjoy a good night's sleep. Interviewed regarding his case, he says: "I am not able to do otherwise than praise Dodd's Kidney Pills, for I am cured. I work well. When I go up to bed I get rest. Before I used Dodd's Kidney Pills I got up feeling more fatigued than the night before. I had pain in the back and headache which bothered my rest. I took nine boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills and am cured. I praise them to all who speak to me about them."

Others suffering from the pains and aches resulting from Kidney Complaint have followed M. Cloutre's advice and used Dodd's Kidney Pills. They too are compelled to admit the truth of the oft-repeated statement, "There is no form of Kidney Complaint that Dodd's Kidney Pills can not cure."

HUMOR

"WHY DID THEY TIE HIM?"

Tommy Is Still Mystified Over the Nathan Hale Statue.

Mrs. Worth last week came over from Brooklyn with her precocious nine-year-old son Tommy and walked with him across the City Hall park. Tommy manifested a lively interest in the Nathan Hale statue. He wanted a good, long look at it, and his mother humored him.

"Mamma, what's he tied for?" was Tommy's first question after his searching examination.

"So he can't get away," the proud mother replied.

"Is he alive?" was the next question.

"No, Tommy; he's made of bronze, and there's no life in that."

"Then he couldn't get away, could he, mamma?"

"No, dearest."

"Then what's he tied for?"

"You see, dear, the soldiers caught him and bound him that way, and then they hanged him."

"Did they kill him, mamma?"

"Yes, darling."

"Then he is dead, isn't he?"

"Yes, love."

"Then how could he get away?"

"Um—er—why, Tommy?"

"Then why did they tie him, mamma?"

Only the roar of Broadway could be heard above the intensity of her silence, and as she led the little fellow along he echoed over and over, "What did they tie him for, mamma?"

A Point He Forgot.

It was in a small town up the state. A young lawyer who was counsel for the prisoner in a murder trial was cross examining an old farmer, the chief witness of the prosecution. The testimony of the farmer went to show the time at which he saw the accused pass a field where he was working.

"Now, my man," he commenced, "you declare that you saw the prisoner pass your potato field at 12 o'clock. How did you know it was 12 o'clock?"

"Kind of inward feelin' that it was dinner time," drawled the old farmer. "I don't carry no watch when out diggin' potatoes. But when I got home an hour later it was half past 2 by the kitchen clock."

The young lawyer did not wait to hear more. He turned to the jury and began, "Gentlemen of the jury, you have heard what this old gentleman has said in regard to the time, and—" "Say, mister," interrupted the farmer, "I forgot to tell you that the kitchen clock has been at half past 2 for the last three years."

Philosophic Pills.

Lots of talk about this old world not being a bright one, yet if it went to blazing first thing you'd do would be to call out the fire department.

There's always life in the old land, but the world gets mighty tired digging so deep for it.

The charity of this world covers a multitude of sinners that don't care a straw for any other covering.

Some folks spend so much time in looking backward they never see the train coming till it's too late to step aside.

Serious Matter.

The young man in the dress suit was angry.

"I say," he exclaimed, "it's a deuced outrage!"

"What is?" asked the proprietor of the restaurant.

"I've been mistaken for a waiter twice!" complained the youth.

"Thunder and guns!" cried the proprietor excitedly. "We'll have to find a way to stop that or I won't be able to keep any waiters."—Brooklyn Eagle.

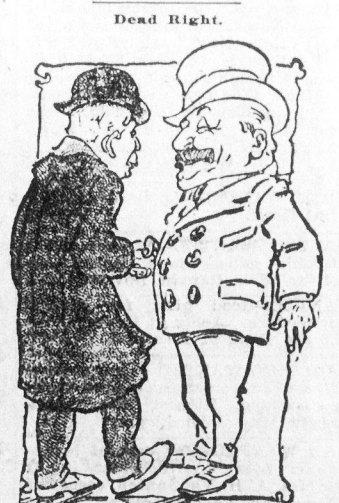
Suspicious.

"I'm afraid my husband doesn't love me any more," said the bride of six months, with an overgrown sigh.

"When did you discover the change?" asked her mother.

"When I discovered that he had quit leaving any change in his pockets," replied the young lady sadly.

Dead Right.



Cynic—One of the greatest nuisances on earth is this custom of shaking hands with every one you meet. Friend—That's right, old man. Shake!—San Francisco Chronicle.

Strong For the Strong.

"Your father has a strong box at home, hasn't he, Willie?" said the teacher.

"Yes'm," replied Willie; "the one he keeps the limburger in."—Yonkers Statesman.

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