

AN IRREPARABLE LOSS.



Professor Softy hears in the upper air a lovely Tenor voice.



He discovers the singer in the chimney sweep ; tries his voice.



Falls on his neck and embraces him ; assuring him that he has a fortune in his throat.



The Professor prescribes a bath, and a diligent practice of the scale.



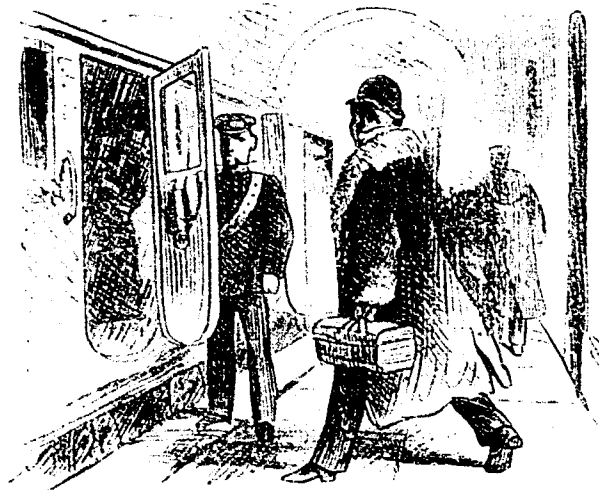
The ballet-master instructs him in stage business.



His first engagement ; the public are taken by storm.



The impresario engages him for \$400. The chimney sweep is in the seventh heaven.



The impresario of Northville hears of the new voice, and takes the first train to secure him.



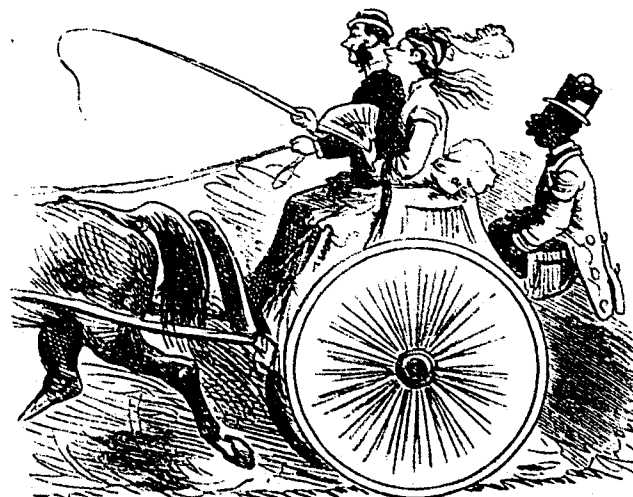
To his disgust he stumbles upon the manager of the Westville opera, offering \$1,000 to the Tenor.



The impresario of Northville, after hearing him in Tell, bids \$3,000. A contract is on the point of being signed, when—



Appears the manager of Southville, with an offer of \$7,500. The manager of Eastville raises the prize to \$15,000.



Finally comes Miss Trampelston with an offer of her heart and \$100,000 per annum, and—Germany loses her first tenor.