

imitations, especially of the music box and the church organ, demonstrated the varied resources of the piano, usually spoken of with contempt, when contrasted with the infinite possibilities of string and wind instruments in reproducing effects. "The Battle of Manassas," a composition by "Blind Tom," presents another difficulty to those interested in arriving at his true character. The composition involves historical knowledge and the depicting of battle scenes. How could an idiot give such a faithful portrayal of events in their natural order? One would look for something wildly incongruous, and not the method and arrangement calling for exercise of intellect.

Lawrence Hanley and George Osbourne have combined this season and supported by a powerful company will appear at the Victoria, Monday and Tuesday evenings. Mr. Hanley, who was for many years leading support for Booth and Barrett, has won great renown as a star for his clever acting in Blanche Maraden's comedy, "The Player," in which Mr. Osbourne also does some clever character work. They will also be seen in a new play "An American Girl," written by the successful young dramatist, Grattan Donnelly, who has the distinction of having evolved more successful plays than any living American playwright.

Last Wednesday, the beautiful little operetta, "Elma, the Fairy Child," was presented to a Wellington audience for the first time by the children of St. Matthew's church. The music is of the most catching nature, and no music sounds as sweetly, as purely, and as touching as when rendered by the clear voices of children. Great care was taken in the presentation of the operetta.

Mrs. R. J. Skinner is over from the Mainland.

Hon. J. H. Turner returned from the Mainland Thursday night.

THE HOME JOURNAL acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a dozen bottles of beer from the Excelsior Brewery. Our expert announces that "it's all right."

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