



There are so many attractive matinee features on the Savoy's programme this week, including Sager Midgely and Gertrude Carlisle, with their dainty little sketch, "After School," and Millie Spellman's troupe of trained bears, that the management has decided to reserve the seats for the afternoon performance on Saturday, although the prices will remain unchanged. The bears give a performance that will tickle the fancy of the little folks and interest older people. Sager Midgely's hilarious sketch, with its wholesome humor, dainty singing and dancing, is another act that will appeal strongly to children. "A Heavily Healed" the skit in which Marty Healy and Beatrice Vance appear, is still another distinct matinee feature. In addition Manager Appleton has arranged a reception for the children, when they will be permitted to go on the stage after the performance and see the bears at close range.

Grand Opera is Coming.
The Van Den Berg English Grand Opera Company, which is to be seen in Toronto next week, comes to the Grand here for two nights the week following. The organization is a large one and highly spoken of.

Henry W. Savage's big operatic organization, which includes William Russell and Louise Gunning, will be seen here shortly in the English comic opera, "Tom Jones." The company numbers eighty people, and carries an orchestra of twenty.

A Message From Mars.
"A Message From Mars," which will be seen here at the Grand next Monday evening, is a comedy that has "made good." It was written by an American and had its production in London by a London manager. It was so great a success there that it was played at the same theatre for more than one thousand nights continuously. When it was brought to America, it was installed in one of the Broadway theatres, and there it remained for more than seven hundred nights. "A Message From Mars" possesses those characteristics which appeal strongly to the taste of the great body of playgoers, such as a plentiful use of light comedy, varied by occasional touches of pathos, a dash of melodrama, a slight flavor of the supernatural, and an unimpeachable purpose of moral. Seats will be on sale to-morrow.

Twilight Recital.
Mr. Hewlett will give his thirty-first organ recital in Centenary Church on Saturday afternoon next. The programme will consist entirely of the compositions of Handel, Mr. Leonard Kennedy, soprano, and Arthur O'Leary, violinist, will be the assisting artists.

Actor in Luck.
Toronto, Jan. 30.—Frank Graham, an actor at the Gayety Theatre, received word from Queensville, Miss., yesterday, that his father had died four hours after his stepmother, and that he was heir to a legacy of \$50,000.

Graham will quit acting and go down to the south to look after his business interests. His father, who was 89 years of age, married a rich widow a short time ago. Last week Mr. Graham was advised by a Queensville solicitor that his stepmother had drawn up a will which provided that if she died first her entire fortune would go to her husband. Should he die first the fortune was to go to the State of Mississippi for charitable purposes.

On Tuesday at 11 o'clock the stepmother died. She was 85 years of age. At 3 o'clock in the afternoon the aged husband passed away.

Frank was the only son.

At Bennett's Theatre.
A larger and more satisfied crowd was never seen at Bennett's than that evening. The popular numbers were "The Hip, the baby elephant," and "The work out distributing programme," and at the door, but he took his time, and supplied. Estelle Nordette and Jules Kusel, in "The Honey-moon in the Catskills," secured another triumph, as did the pantomime. Van Brothers' excellent comedians, one being particularly absurd. Both are no mean players on the xylophone and saxophone. An act which never fails to give pleasure is that of Ameta, the dancer. Her imitations of a butterfly, fly, fire and a Spanish girl are clever, while the addition of brilliant lights and mirrors make the turn unique. Henry and Francis, the wit and humor being of a gilded variety. Willie Weston's career is very popular, and a great career is prophesied for this young comedian. "The Watermelon Trust," which immediately preceded the pictures, is a bright, original and laughable number. The men, being laugh-makers and the girls excellent singers and dancers. The show next week will include the famous dramatic, "The Futurity Winner," a circus of dogs, monkeys and an anteater, discussing views, a pantomime, a pianist, a mind reader, and two colored entertainers.

Amateur Night at Grand.
The Earl Burgess Stock Company, which is playing at the Grand this week, will hold an amateur night to-morrow evening, at which three cash prizes will be given. The amateur contest will take place immediately after the close of the performance of "Rose of Virginia." En-

tries are now being received at the box office of the theatre. To-morrow there will be a special matinee, when the company's new bill, "Human Spiders," will be offered. Tonight "The Schmers" will be given at the Saturday matinee, and "Human Spiders" repeated Saturday night.

Miss Langrill's Pupils.
The mid-winter recital of the pupils of Miss Margaret Langrill was given last evening, in the recital hall of the Conservatory of Music, and was well attended by the friends of the pupils. Miss Anna Laidlaw and Miss Gladys Marshall assisted. The programme was:

Trio—Steiner's March Hammerl
Misses Hought, Goldstein and Crawford.
Polka—On a Summer Night Pauline
[Story]

Miss R. Shacknov. Handel
Miss Grace Norton. Duet
Miss Clara Dowdwell. Duet
Quartette—Comrades at Arms Cowen
Misses Goodwin, Smith, Meyers and
Trancon.

Vocal Solo—Judith Concione
Miss Douglas Anderson.
Concerto in G Minor Mendelssohn
Miss Mamie Langrill and
2nd piano.

Gaiety de Coeur Sidney Smith
Miss Kathleen Sullivan.
Overture to the Bohemian Girl Balfe
Miss Douglas Anderson and Miss Dorothy Wade.
La Fileuse Raff
Miss Marjorie Taft.

Hark, Hark, the Lark Schubert-Liszt
Miss Dorothy Wade.
Vocal duet Mr. Dixey
Miss Marshall and Miss Laidlaw.
Andante in E Major Beethoven
Miss Mamie Langrill.

Fifth Nocturne Chopin
Miss S. Goldstein.
Vocal solo—Two Little Irish Songs—Lohr
Miss Douglas Anderson.
Overture to Der Freischutz Weber
Misses Hought, Conville, Gay and Taft.

Between the Acts.
Henry E. Dixey, appearing in a clever little sketch founded on an episode in the life of David Garrick, who will be the chief headliner at the Savoy Theatre next week, has received many appreciative notices from the leading critics of the continent. Alan Dale, of the New York American, says Mr. Dixey's "Garrick": "Dixey to-day is as young, graceful and agile, and magnetic as he ever was, besides being a far better actor. Dixey as Garrick was in fine feather, nimble and volatile, and Miss Nordstrom, as the girl, was charming. The Earl Burgess Stock Co. presented "On the Frontier," a thrilling melodrama, last night before a fair sized audience. The work of June Agnott, as Prig, was the feature of the performance.

One of the special features at Bennett's for the week after next is the Fadette Women's orchestra of Boston. It is comprised of talented young ladies to the number of forty, and the programme to be given will be composed of pieces of a popular and classical character.

AT THE ALEXANDRA.
At this popular roller rink there is something doing all the time. Last night's two-step competition brought out a large crowd of spectators and skaters. As the judges, Messrs. McLeod, Constable and Chubb, decided on Miss A. O'Connor and Miss Earla Rogers as the winners to go into the finals a week from Wednesday. To-night there will be held the second and last of the couples' two-stepping competition series, the winners of which will go into the finals, to be held next week. To-morrow night there will be put on, by special request, continuous music, consisting of twenty-four skating numbers, by two special bands. The greatest opportunity to witness a real good basketball game ever offered will be given Hamiltonians next Monday night, when the Buffalo Centrals meet the local Y. M. C. A. team on the big floor of the Alexandra rink.

EMPTY CAR LOSS.
Chicago, Jan. 30.—A special meeting of the American Railway Association was held here for Chicago, Feb. 7, for the purpose of adopting measures to stop the tremendous loss occasioned by the present movement of empty cars on the railroads of the country. It is proposed to suspend the operation of the per diem rules beginning March 1, and continuing until the situation again demands a penalty. Railroad men declare that the present situation has never had a parallel.

TO START UP.
Chicago, Jan. 30.—Officials of the Illinois Steel Co., announced last night that plate mills Nos. 1 and 2 will resume operations next Monday and furnish employment for 1,500 men. The mills were closed two weeks ago for repairs.

Fire at Truro, N. S., on Wednesday gutted two or three stores, causing a loss of fifteen thousand dollars. The color in her cheeks, once so rosy, the buoyancy of spirit and vigor she has, friends, this girl needs Ferrozene—needs it to restore the nerve force of her fresh youth have exhausted, one—which will restore her color, brightness to her eyes and vivacity to her strength—then she can do things. In a way morning tiredness and languor. e happy, healthy, winning—who values a good spirit, nothing can compare with per box, or six for \$2.50. Get it to-day.

Do You Know This Girl?

Perhaps she is sixteen—good to look at, she reflects the grace and charm of self and others. But she is not strong, has faded away—her eyes are listless—once possessed as sadly lacking. Parent needs it that her blood may be renewed that growth, sturdy, and the development this girl will become a queen with Fort bring back her old-time energy—give her spirit. In Ferrozene every girl finds Ferrozene there is endurance—that drive For the girl or woman that wants to be rosy cheeks, laughing eyes and abundant Ferrozene. Sold by all dealers, 50c.

k at, and pretty—quite interesting because give promise of happiness to herself and others. But she is not strong, has faded away—her eyes are listless—once possessed as sadly lacking. Parent needs it that her blood may be renewed that growth, sturdy, and the development this girl will become a queen with Fort bring back her old-time energy—give her spirit. In Ferrozene every girl finds Ferrozene there is endurance—that drive For the girl or woman that wants to be rosy cheeks, laughing eyes and abundant Ferrozene. Sold by all dealers, 50c.

OBITUARY.

Death of Mrs. Crawford—Miss Buckle Called Away.

The funeral of Henry Bryant took place yesterday afternoon from A. H. Dodsworth's undertaking establishment to St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, where service was conducted by Rev. Mr. Henderson. There was a large attendance of friends, who wished to pay their last respects to the deceased. The pallbearers were six members of Mount Bridges Lodge. Interment was made in Hamilton Cemetery.

Mrs. Susan Crawford died at her late residence, 216 Robert street, early this morning. Deceased had been a patient sufferer for many years with paralysis, and death came as a happy release. She was in her 76th year, and was the relict of James Crawford. Deceased is survived by five sons and six daughters. The sons are Fred, of St. Catharines; William, of Devils Lake, N. D.; and James, George and Jackson, of this city; and the daughters, Mrs. B. McDonald, of Baltimore; Mrs. H. Kintore, of De-cueville; Mrs. W. McLaughlin, of Toronto; Mrs. John Campbell and Misses Edna and Etta, at home. She was a faithful member of James Street Baptist Church for many years. The funeral will take place on Friday afternoon at 4 o'clock to the G. T. R. Station. The remains will be taken to Nelles' Corner for interment in the family burying ground.

The many friends of Miss Louise G. Buckle will regret to learn of her death, which took place this morning at her home, 167 Catharine street, after an illness of seven weeks' duration. She was the youngest daughter of the late Nicholas Buckle, and sister of Mr. John J. Buckle. The funeral will take place on Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Among those who were present from Gait to pay their last respects to the late Mrs. (Dr.) MacDonald, whose funeral took place yesterday, were: Mr. John Milroy, Mr. and Mrs. A. McPherson, Miss McKim, Miss Sheppard, Mrs. Adair, Mrs. T. Keachie, Mrs. J. Scrimmer, Mrs. J. Douglas, Miss Smith, Miss G. McPherson, Miss B. White, Miss M. McKenzie, Miss Baird, Mr. and Mrs. J. Turnbull, Mr. Thos. Hunter, Mr. P. Patterson, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Jos. Stauffer, Mr. and Mrs. A. Lake, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hunter, Mrs. Wm. McKenzie, Mrs. Cameron.

SCOTTISH RITE.

Last Day of the Reunion At-Home This Evening.

This is the last day of the 28th annual reunion of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in the Valley of Hamilton, and there is a large gathering of Masons of high degree at the hall. The degrees from 25 to 32 were being conferred by the Moore Consistory. The officers present were: Past Commander-in-Chief—Hon. J. M. Gibson. Commander-in-Chief—F. J. Howell. Second L. C.—A. T. Neill. G. S.—W. M. Logan. G. T.—W. H. Ballard. Almoner—Thos. Leeson. G. M. of G.—John Hooper. G. E.—Thos. McCallum. G. A. E.—F. F. Dalley. G. C. G.—D. J. Peace. Musical Director—C. L. M. Harris.

Among the late visitors present from out of town were: P. H. Lester, 32, Omaha, Neb.; Clinton W. Sherman, 32, Buffalo, R. E. Stanton, 32, Montreal; F. J. Cross, 32, Honolulu, Man.; Louis Jacobs, 32, Montreal; Chas. B. Mitchell, 33, Cleveland; Wm. G. Burns, 32, Toronto; John W. Lester, 32, St. John, N. B.; Arthur Monteith, Rossau.

The work will be completed this afternoon, and to-night the reunion will come to a close with an at-home to which all the members of the craft and their wives are invited. There will be a fine musical programme, followed by dancing. The hall has been magnificently decorated for the occasion, and the affair promises to be a brilliant success.

HONORED OFFICERS.

Presentations to Two Ladies of St. Andrew's Church.

On Wednesday afternoon, the Ladies' Aid Society of St. Andrew's Church held its annual at-home. A large number of members and friends were present, among them being visitors from Erskine and other churches.

During the afternoon Miss Kelday recited, and Mrs. Arthur Wooley sang very acceptably. An interesting feature of the afternoon was a presentation to two of the officers, Mrs. Wallace, the retiring president, who has for many years been one of the most indefatigable of workers, and Mrs. J. M. Robinson, the faithful secretary. Mrs. Wallace was presented with a dainty English tea set, and Mrs. Robinson received a handsome jar, with dainties and pedestal. Both ladies, though very much surprised, expressed their thanks suitably.

Tea was then served, and a social time spent.

Money and Exchange.
(Yesterday's N. Y. Herald.)
Money loaned on call on Stock Exchange at 1 1/2 per cent. with the last day at 1 1/2 per cent. for sixty days, 4 1/2 per cent. for ninety days, 4 1/2 per cent. for four, six, and seven months and 5 per cent. for one and twelve months.

Commercial paper was 1/2 a 6 per cent. for sixty and ninety days, endorsed bills receivable, 3/4 a 6 per cent. for choice four to six months single names and 6 1/2 a 7 per cent. for names not so well known.

New York Clearing House exchanges, \$242,586,500; balances, \$11,767,254, and Sub-Treasury debit balances, \$2,000,580. Sterling exchange was variable. Posted rates were 4.81 for sixty days and 4.88 for demand. Rates for actual business at day close were: sixty days 4.830; ninety days 4.824; demand, 4.810; cable transfers, 4.815; commercial bills, 4.824 a 4.825. In continental exchange francs were quoted at 5.18 1/2 less 2.32 and 5.18 1/2 less 3.32, reichsmarks at 91 1/2 a 91 1/2 plus 1.44 and guilders at 40 1/2.

Exchange on New York at domestic central bank as follows: Boston, par; Chicago, 26c premium; St. Louis, 25c discount; St. Paul, 50c premium; New Orleans, commercial par, bank 51 premium; San Francisco, 60c premium.

Undoubtedly. (Toronto News.)
A good samaritan is a man who shoves off his neighbor's walk as well as his own.

Push is a good quality in a young man so long as he doesn't expend too much of it on saloon doors.

BINBROOK

A number of farmers in the neighborhood are preparing to repair their buildings this coming season.

Dr. Holbrook, of the staff of the City Hospital, has been engaged by Dr. Smith to take his practice in his absence.

The Farmers' Institute meetings will be held in this place on Friday, Feb. 5th, afternoon and evening. All are invited. A good and profitable time is expected. A large sleighing party from the city arrived at the home of Mr. John Clough on Monday evening last. After partaking of a supper of oysters and dainties of the morning the crowd dispersed, after singing "Auld Lang Syne."

The Rev. Mr. Amy will conduct service in the Methodist Church on Sunday evening, Feb. 2nd, beginning at 7.30.

ON CANADIANISM.

W. M. McClelland Spoke at Historical Society Causerie.

The Women's Wentworth Historical Society held a causerie at the residence of Mrs. Gartschore, James street south, yesterday afternoon, and it was largely attended. The affair proved profitable and enjoyable. The feature of the programme was an address on "Canadianism for Canada," by Mr. W. M. McClelland, President of the Canadian Club. He was introduced by Mrs. John Calder, president of the society, and spoke at length. He referred to four ways in which Canadianism can be fostered—commercial, political, social and literary. He said the idea of made-in-Canada exhibitions, which originated in the Hamilton society, had been adopted by societies throughout the country and had borne fruit. He said that the Canadian should be developed so that Canadians will put country before party. It should be developed in a social way in the homes. The people of this country should encourage Canadian literature and Canadian authors by buying home magazines, instead of United States ones, and thus supporting native authors.

He was tendered a hearty vote of thanks on motion of Mrs. Hoodless and Mrs. Glasco. The address was freely punctuated with applause. Musical selections and recitations were given by Misses Gartschore, Gibson and Ramsay (Toronto); Mr. Alex. Gartschore and Mr. C. P. Garratt. The last named played two instrumental solos, one being a composition of his own—"Dew Drops." Tea was served at the conclusion of the programme, and the tables were presided over by Mrs. Roach, Mrs. A. Gartschore, Miss Roach and Miss Gillies. Their assistants were: Misses Harvey, Florence Harvey, Young, Southam, E. Ferrie and M. Knox. Among the other ladies present were Mesdames Lyle, Gillard, Myler, A. A. McKay, W. F. Walker, O'Connor, Powis, Fessenden, Wilgress, McLagan, F. Wanzer, Sanford, Smith, McClelland, Mills, E. Watkins, Nesbitt, Galbraith, Lothrop, Waddie, Bostick, Misses Gillard, M. Bell, Lynch-Staunton, McKay, P. McKay, Calder, Ghent, Clark and Wilgress.

The next at-home will be held in April, and it is likely that Major W. Hendrie will deliver the address on "British and Colonial Soldiers," which he was to have given at yesterday's causerie, but was prevented by illness from doing so.

Lawyers in Germany.

"Lawyers form a very small percentage of the professional men of Germany," said Charles P. Bergson, young lawyer of Montreal, Canada, who has spent several months in Germany, where he investigated the procedure of the courts. "In a city of 14,000 people I found only four attorneys," continued Mr. Bergson, "and every one of them seemed to have time to devote to his afternoon walks in the forests, where I frequently met them. When I inquired of them in regard to their law, they were inclined to avoid the subject. I was told that the number of civil cases coming to them had been reduced to the minimum because every case of that kind has first to be referred to conciliators appointed by the Mayor of the city."

"If the judgment of these conciliators is not accepted by one of the parties to the suit the case can then be taken to court. Litigants are made to understand that in Germany, using their suit in court must pay all the costs, including the charges of both attorneys, and the decision of the conciliators therefore generally is final. These conciliators receive no salary, but are appointed to the office by the Mayor of the city."

"Only in slander cases are they authorized to impose a fine, which varies from \$10 to \$50, and is payable to the district insane asylum. A declaration signed by the offender and expressing regret for his doings is published in the official paper."

"In courts I found that witnesses are brought in singly, so that their testimony is not heard by others concerned in the proceedings. An oath is seldom administered, and if taken it is surrounded by so much solemnity that it cannot fail to make a deep impression. Testimony is nearly always drawn by the Judges, not by attorneys."—From the Washington Post.

JAPAN'S NEW YEAR CAKE

Lasts a Year, and Supposed to Bring Good Luck.

Important in the celebration of New Year in Japan is the making of the New Year's cake, which every family must have if good luck is to follow it during the coming year.

This cake is made of a peculiar variety rice, boiled and pounded in a great wooden mortar until it is of the consistency of dough. Although the pure white dough is often colored yellow or pink, the shape of the cake is always the same. It is a mirror, and is one of the three sacred symbols of the Shinto faith. A piece of this cake, writes Clara W. Kaji, in Leslie's Weekly, is offered to the Shinto deities because it is of the shape of the sacred mirror which wooed the sun goddess to come out of the cave where she had hidden herself in wrath, and thus saved the land from total darkness. Each member of the family takes a hand in the manufacture of the New Year's cake. Even the baby is carried out and his baby hand guided in lifting the heavy wooden mallet for a "good-luck" blow.

Enough is made to last nearly the whole year through, and it occupies an important place in the daily menu.

Dec. 30 being the anniversary of the birth of the late Mr. W. E. Gladstone, his statue in the Strand, London, was decorated with laurels, lilies and holly.

THE RIGHT HOUSE

HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE.

Friday--special value day

Last day of great January sales--be early

Smart warm coats

\$2.88, formerly \$7.00.
\$3.95, formerly \$8.50.
\$4.95, formerly \$10.00.
\$5.95, formerly \$12.00.

Made of heavy warm winter Tweeds in smart new patterns. This season's stylish 3/4 length loose back styles.

A sale of dress goods

39c, formerly 75c to \$1.00.
59c, formerly 85c to \$1.00.
69c, formerly \$1.00 to \$1.25.
88c, formerly \$1.50 yard.

Every kind, color and weave, including black. All the popular patterns, designs, and textures. This season's newest Suitings and Dress Materials.

Last days of linen sale

Best day of the sale. Better secure a full year's supply at the bargain prices—Table Cloths, Table Linens, Napkins, Towels, Towelling, Glass and Tea Cloths, Sheetings, Sheets, Pillow Cottons and Pillow Cases, all at tremendous savings.

Embroidery "wind up"

Remarkable savings on just the dainty sorts every woman will want for her spring sewing. Tomorrow is the best day of the sale, and the savings will be a full fifth to a third—Edgings and Insertings, Matched Sets, Muslin Allogers, Ruffled Skirtings, Blouse Frontings, Corset Cover Embroideries, Bandings, etc., etc.

Natural mink furs

Fine quality rich full-furred natural mink muffs, in large full size, pillow style, with 3 or 4 exquisite stripe markings.

\$21.85, real value \$42.
\$29.85, real value \$40.

\$40 MINK STOLE, \$43.50.
Extra long length and deep shoulder effect; double stripes around collar and down front, trimmed with heads and tails, a very superior quality, handsome stylish stole.

\$7.50 separate skirts \$5

Materials are good Vienna Cloths in rich navy, brown, green, cardinal, Bordeaux, cream and black. There are cluster pleated and fancy pointed panel effects; extra full at bottom. They are tailored in very smart style.

\$1.50 underskirts 88c

Made of good richly finished black satens; deep flounce, daintily trimmed with frills, tuckings and shirrings, value \$1.50, specially purchased to sell at \$1.19, Friday price only 88c.

Flannelette nightgowns

39c, real value 50c.
49c, real value 75c.
88c, real value \$1.00.
99c, real value \$1.25.
\$1.19, real value \$1.50.
\$1.39, real value \$1.75.

Plain white or pink in neat stripe designs, superior quality, warm, fast colored English Flannelettes, cut in full generous sizes, and neatly finished.

Sale of plain silks

30c, reduced from 50c.
50c, reduced from 75c.
60c, reduced from \$1.00.

Plain Taffetas, Tannolines, Mes-salines, Moires, and some Checked Tannolines. Fancy Taffetas and Black and White and Navy and White Checks, dainty light to medium and rich darker shadings, good, firm, serviceable qualities, with a rich, bright finish.

Men's lined winter gloves

75c, reduced from \$1.00.
95c, reduced from \$1.35.
\$1.25, reduced from \$2.00.
\$1.45, reduced from \$2.25.
\$1.7, reduced from \$2.50.
\$3.50, reduced from \$4.75.

Perfect fitting, stylish, good-wearing, warm qualities, in all sizes, very superior Mocha, with wool, silk or fur linings, correct brown and grey shades.

Last day of carpet sale

37 1/2c, reduced from 55c.
70c, reduced from \$1.50.
\$1.25, reduced from \$1.75.

All made, laid and lined free. Friday will be the last day. Come early. Large assortments for selection.

\$1.25 lace curtains 78c

Lace Curtains, that would look dainty hanging in any window. Large, full sizes, neat patterns and effective borders, regular \$1.18 and \$1.25 qualities, Friday 78c the pair.

Full details of our greatest February sale of beds and bedding in Saturday's papers

Corner King East and Hughson Sts. **THOMAS C. WATKINS** Hamilton Ontario

Fun for Times' Readers

True Kindliness.
Little girl of 4 (standing entranced before the window of a toy shop)—Oh, mother, if you was my little girl, wouldn't I take you in and buy you some of these lovely things!—Tatler.

A Parliamentary Stratagem.

It was at an informal session, after one of the regular meetings of a religious convention, that the Hon. Humphreys minister told some of his best stories. "There is one man in our church," he said, "who is as good as gold, but so long-winded that he tires everybody out."

"At one time it was suggested by one of the deacons that in order to avoid the extreme length of this good man's remarks at prayer meeting, we might make a five-minute limit."

"This I inaugurated at the next meeting, and it was cheering to us all to see that when the long-winded man arose to speak he held his open watch in his left hand."

"When the limit was all but reached, he said, 'Finding, my dear friends, that I have only a few seconds left in which to speak, and having much to say, I will throw the rest of my remarks into the form of a prayer.'—Boston Traveller.

Since Mary Joined the Sob-Squad.
She utter write up pieces for the Home Palladium.

And there wasn't none could match her in a-making big words. Her sunsuits were all gorgeous, and her sunrises all grand.

And, in fact, for scrumptious writin' she was there to beat the band.

But her field was circumscribed, so she allus utter talk.

And she jumped and grabbed an offer for a paper in "Noo Yawk."

And she's doin' murder cases, and a-doin' 'em up brown—

She's the leader of a sob-squad in Pop Knickerbocker's town.

She jest piles the woes on heavy, till 'twould make an image weep.

For when it comes to pathos she makes all the rest look cheap.

And me and maw are cryin' every night we read her stuff.

Since Mary joined the sob-squad and deals out the heartache guif.

She kin paint a shady female like an angel all in white.

And she'd wrough out Nora's heartstrings with the dope that she kin write; And that pattern' sound is teardrops, fallin' at the public's feet.

Since Mary joined the sob-squad on a yaller journal sheet.

Appraising a Thirst for Knowledge.
"Caller—I wish you would tell me what the real difference is between a Stradivarius and any other violin."

Information Editor—Well, sometimes it is as much as \$5,000.

Uncle Allen's Gloomy Forecast.

"They say," reflected Uncle Allen Sparks, "that this new singer—what's her name—Tettery something or other—Tetrazinni, is it? Thank you—well, they say she's a greater singer than P