

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

CHARLES READE wrote this about Ellen Terry, and she seems not to have changed since his time. "She is an enigma. Her eyes are pale, her nose rather long, her mouth nothing particular, her complexion a delicate brick-dust, her hair rather like tow. Yet, somehow, she is beautiful. Her expression kills any pretty face you see beside her. Her figure is lean and bony, her hands masculine in size and form. Yet she is a pattern of fawn like grace. Whether in movement or repose, grace pervades the hussy. In character impulsive, intelligent, weak, hysterical—in short, all that is abominable and charming in woman. Ellen Terry is a very charming actress. I see through and through her. Yet she pleases me all the same."

An eastern dramatic paper just received says that "Henry Irving has been engaged as cornetist in the brass band of the Joshua Simkins' Company." This the public will learn with sorrow. It was hoped that Mr. Irving would give "Henry VIII," "The Bells," and "The Lyons Mail." Still, if he thinks he can make more money by playing a cornet for "Joshua Simpkins," nobody has the right to interfere, forcibly, with his decision.

Sir Arthur Sullivan is living in strict retirement at Weybridge, busily engaged on the music of his new comic opera to be brought out that the Savoy theatre. It is stated at the whole will probably be ready for rehearsal early in September. The music is said to be in the lighter style of "The Mikado" and "The Gondoliers."

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Lizzie Annandale, the once popular operatic singer, has been forced to appeal for pecuniary aid. She has suffered from sickness and bad luck. She is now in Springfield, Mo.

Mrs. Scott-Siddons is spending the summer in Stamford, C. T., in the house formerly occupied by Lester Wallack.

Manager Jamieson is arranging for a lecture by Ignatius Donnelly, the celebrated author of "the Cryptogram."

Fay Templeton will probably star the coming season in a new musical comedy.

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