

AMUSEMENTS

Women who resemble the wife in "The Thief," men who resemble the husband in "The Thief," youths who resemble the son in "The Thief," are to be found and live just such lives in the smallest village in the land. "The Thief" is the name of the great French play which Charles Frohman's company is to produce at the Grand this evening, and the dramatic critics everywhere declare that it is a good play for husbands and wives to see—husbands especially.

AT BENNETT'S THEATRE.

The vaudeville season promises to make a notable exit at Bennett's Theatre this week. Capacity business will doubtless rule, judging by the advance sale, which has been unusually large. Three notable features will head the bill which should prove one of the most pleasing vaudeville entertainments seen here yet. Thomas J. Ryan and Mary Richfield, who scored a big hit here a year ago, returning in their latest comedy success, "Mag Hagerty's Father," required no introduction to Hamilton Theatre patrons. They are clever artists and their refinement about their work that is sometimes lacking in farcical sketches. As Mike Hagerty, an old Irishman, dragged to town and compelled by an ambitious daughter, to put up at a swell hotel, where he has to fork out tips in regal style, Mr. Ryan has a role that gives him wide scope for funmaking. The International Zouaves, seventeen in number, in their spectacular military spectacle are sure to attract much attention. The act has a very elaborate stage setting, the finale showing a battleship in the distance, attacking the fort, which is defended by the Zouaves. The gaudy costumes used in the performance is an English model, firing six hundred shots a minute. The offering opens with the bugles sounding reveille at dawn and the salient features of a soldier's work for the day are gone through in realistic fashion. In the evening, introducing some marvellous gun drill. George H. Beatty, a company having an offering that is said to be a whirlwind of comedy. Their ridiculous travesty on a military drill is full of pleasant surprises. The bill will also include the Hein children, juvenile entertainers, Evans and Leo, in their great dancing specialty, Princess Waldemoff and Kretoer, an eccentric musical.

EDITH MILLER'S SUCCESS.

Never has a concert party in a tour of Canada made such a notable impression on the musical public as has Miss Edith Miller and her company. It may be difficult for many people to realize the success which this great Canadian has achieved from her massive works like "The Dream of Gerontius" to a recital programme. It is as Delilah in Samson and Delilah she has perhaps received highest praise, and she will give selections from Saint-Saens' work with Alfred Heather, the tenor, who is now regarded as the legitimate successor of Ben Davies, in England, and with Thorpe Baringham, who has been acclaimed by critics in Canada as the finest baritone heard in this country in recent years, and this in cities where he has followed closely in the wake of the popular De Gogorri. Miss Edith Miller, a charming violinist, completes an altogether exceptional company. The recital in Association Hall to-morrow night will no doubt be attended by a large and fashionable audience. Seats are on sale at Northmead's.

FOR EARL GREY TROPHIES.

Montreal, April 26.—Saturday night was Toronto night in the Earl Grey dramatic contest. It was the closing night of the contest and brought out a large and enthusiastic gathering. An interesting event was the decision given at the close of the evening's work of the winner in the musical part of the contest. This was awarded to the orchestra of the Conservatory of Music of Ottawa, the winners of last year's trophy. Their work was excellent, and there had been no doubt about their ability to again carry off the palm. In the dramatic contest the work of several of the competing clubs was so uniformly good that Judge Corbett, New York, was unable to make a decision, and asked for more time in which to make up his mind. The decision is expected on Wednesday of this week.

The work of the Toronto players on Saturday night was delightful, and compared most favorably with any of the clubs. The first part was given by the amateur players of Toronto, who presented Bernard Shaw's "Candida." The play is full of Shaw's own theories on socialism, love and life, and afforded a fine opportunity for good acting. The difficult role of the busy city clergyman was ably played by Mr. J. Beverley Robinson, and that of the lovesick poet, Eugene Marchbanks, by Mr. E. T. Owen. His acting was of an extremely high order, and excited much favorable comment.

The second play was given by the Garrison Dramatic Club, of Toronto, who presented "Caste," a comedy by T. W. Robertson. The play was a pleasant change from the somewhat sad and tragic one which preceded it, and the players at once won their way to the hearts of the audience. Polly Eccles, in the person of Miss C. Cretar, of Hamilton, was a rollicking madcap type of a girl, in love with Sam Gerridge, the plumber. Her acting was spirited and vivacious. Mrs. M. Chapman, as Esther Eccles, was also exceedingly good. Her role was difficult, but the part did not suffer in the least in her hands.

MR. KNOWLES' ENGAGEMENT. W. G. Knowles' engagement at the Grand to-morrow, Wednesday and Thursday evenings in his humorous lecture will undoubtedly prove most educative and interesting. Mr. Knowles will introduce his new style of entertainment, which he calls "Fables in Foreign Lands." The titles of his subjects are "Living in London and Beautiful Rural England," "Ireland as It Is," "Auld Scotland to New Zealand, via Ceylon and Australia," "Fisher Folk of France, Flanders and Holland," "Old Worlds Through New Eyes," "New York—Things You Have Not Seen," and "Happy-Go-Lucky Tours—Here, There and Everywhere." Ryan Walker, the celebrated cartoonist, says: "An evening spent with W. G. Knowles, his talk and his pictures, is better than all the books on travel ever written."

"PARSIFAL" COMING.

The immortal Richard Wagner was a great student and reader. It was only by constant research and study that he was enabled to provide himself with the

TIMES PATTERNS.



LADIES' SHIRTWAIST.

No. 8428.—A shirtwaist is doubly useful if developed in madras, colored linen, pongee, or similar fabrics, as it is useful as a house waist or for wear with a coat suit. The design here shown has the sleeve tucked from elbow to wrist. The fullness of the body portion is disposed of in broad tucks. The back is laid in tucks over its centre to simulate a box plait. The pattern is cut in 6 sizes, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40 and 42 inches bust measure.

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THE FATAL CHAIR.

Murderer Electrocuting in Auburn Prison This Morning.

Had Murdered His Cousin—Family Forgave Him.

Auburn, N. Y., April 26.—Percy Hill was successfully electrocuted in Auburn prison this morning. The execution was devoid of features of any kind, but it was marked by unusual celerity. But two shocks were necessary to kill, and the total time of the two was a scant minute. The physicians were of the opinion that death was instantaneous. The current registered 1,500 volts at eight and one-half amperes. Hill went to the chair calmly. He was attended by Rev. Cordell Herrick, chaplain of the prison, who stated that Hill was reconciled to his fate. Hill's crime was the murder of his cousin, Chloe Hancock, 18 years old, near Cula, Allegheny County, on March 18, 1908. Hill killed the girl with a revolver while he was drunk. A brother of the girl saw the crime committed. Hill was sentenced to die during the week of July 28 last, but an appeal acted as a stay. Hill was the last of his family. He had borne a good reputation prior to the murder, and the family of the victim forgave him his crime.

CAXTON.

D.O.E. Will Not Let Mrs. Barber Resign.

Caxton Chapter held its monthly meeting on Saturday afternoon at the home of the regent, Mrs. R. G. Sutherland. Miss Minnie Woolcott, secretary, and Mrs. Petrie, treasurer, gave satisfactory reports. The regent read a letter from Mrs. Frank Barber, first vice-regent, tendering her resignation on account of ill health. The members unanimously and very decidedly refused to accept it, and voted her leave of absence. Besides being a valuable and intelligent worker, Mrs. Barber is greatly loved for her charming personality. Several new members were voted in. Mrs. Sutherland reported that the patient in the chapter is paying for the San is making very satisfactory progress. All arrangements for the coming production of "The Mikado" are progressing favorably. Miss Woolcott thanked the members for the Easter gifts and other flowers sent during her recent illness.

DEGREE OF B. A.

Queen's University, Kingston, has announced its degree results. Among those who have secured the degree of B. A. are: A. B. Turner, son of Vice-Principal J. B. Turner, of the Collegiate Institute, and Miss Hetta Twoby, of the Public School, teaching staff, this city, and J. B. Sterling, of Dundas.

\$200,000 BLAZE.

Kansas City, April 26.—A fire which for a time threatened buildings in the heart of Kansas City's business district early this morning resulted in the total destruction of the Ridge building, a four-story building. The total loss is estimated at \$200,000.

AN APPALLING

CONDITION. Invariably results when you use a cheap corn salve. Be judicious, use "Putnam's." For fifty years it has cured corns and warts that nothing else could touch. Ask for Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor only.

It is easier to tell when a girl has reached the marriageable age than to know when she has passed it. When spring comes in the furnace goes out.

Daily Health Hint

WHO BLUNDERED?

In Chicago there were last year over 1,500 deaths from typhoid, 6.8 per cent. of the deaths from all causes. The health officer of this same city in his annual report says: "This deplorable result was due to the negligence of the people in not heeding the warnings of the health department, in which it called attention to the polluted water supply and urged that all water be boiled before using it for domestic purposes."

The epidemic of typhoid cost the city about \$300,000. But outside of the warnings sent out by the health officials there is nothing in the report to show what was responsible for the condition that killed 1,500 persons in less than twelve months. Surely here is a striking example of what intelligent preventive methods might have accomplished. When will people and communities learn that it pays to spend money to save human lives?

MORE SHACKS.

Villages Wiped Out—Bodies Recovered—Many Missing.

Lisbon, April 26.—Slight seismic disturbances occurred again throughout Portugal last night. Every one is greatly impressed with the courage and energy of King Manuel, who, after directing the firemen in the city when the first and most violent shock occurred on Friday, set out with physicians and supplies for the districts where the disaster was the greatest. A number of villages have been wiped out. Salvatore and San Stefano were badly damaged. Thirty-nine bodies have been taken from the ruins and 120 persons are missing. Hundreds were injured.

The officials of the observatory of Coimbra University place the cause of the phenomenon on the sea, close to the coast.

PAID UP.

Ennis & Stoppani Receiver Gets Senator McCarren's Cheque.

New York, April 26.—Senator Patrick H. McCarren on Saturday effected a settlement of his account with the suspended brokerage firm of Ennis & Stoppani, giving his certified cheque for \$450,000 to Lindsay Russell, receiver for the firm. The receiver delivered to Senator McCarren the stocks which had been charged to his account. The books of the firm, the net gain to the firm's account from the completion of the transaction with Senator McCarren is stated to be about \$124,000.

ALL SAINTS'.

Question of Extension to be Decided This Evening.

To-night's adjourned meeting of the vestry of All Saints' Church will be of much importance. At the regular meeting on Easter Monday night the subject of church extension was discussed, and since that time the rector and churchwardens and the committee appointed then to report upon the purchase of land and upon ways and means have been busy. The report will be submitted to-night. The proposition is to build a transept so as to add seating accommodation for between 250 and 300. The committee has its plans so well matured that the scheme will likely be adopted to-night and an early start made. As a natural result of the enlargement would come re-seating and re-decoration of the interior of the church, making it one of the most modern in the city. Under Ven. Archbishop Forster's long pastorate All Saints' has had great prosperity, and has done a large amount of mission work, and the extension of its own accommodation has become a necessity.

BIG MERGER.

Harriman Consolidating N.Y.C. and Half a Dozen Other Roads.

New York, April 26.—According to a report circulated in this city, E. H. Harriman has instructed leading corporation counsel in this and other cities to devise a means of merging the New York Central lines into one \$1,000,000,000 corporation, with a central management and one treasury. This, if effected, would operate more than 12,000 miles of railroads, including the New York Central, West Shore, Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago & St. Louis, Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, Lake Erie & Western, Canada Southern, and a number of other lines now controlled by or allied with the New York Central. No details are said to have been decided upon yet, but it is understood that it is not proposed to include the Nickel Plate line.

HUDSON BAY ROUTE.

Mr. J. W. Tyrell, the well-known engineer and explorer, will give an interesting and instructive lecture in the school room of St. Paul's Church to-morrow (Tuesday) evening at 8 o'clock, on "The Hudson Bay Route." The lecture will be illustrated with one hundred views, showing typical scenes along the route from Prince Albert to Fort Churchill and Hudson Straits. This lecture has not been given by Mr. Tyrell in this form before, and as this part of the country is being more and more prominently brought before the public, the lecture should be of particular interest and profit at the present time.

MISSING GIRL.

Boston, April 26.—The police are trying to locate a girl answering the description of Adele Ross, the 14-year-old daughter of Arthur E. Ross, the wealthy silk manufacturer, who disappeared from New York on Friday last. The girl whom the police are looking for obtained work in a Charleston restaurant yesterday, but failed to appear to-day.

GRAND TRUNK R.Y. SYSTEM.

Traffic earnings from April 15 to April 23, 1909:

1908	\$724,631
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Increase	\$61,856

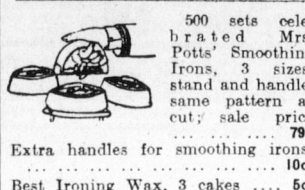
Stanley Mills & Co's Annual Basement Sale

THE EVENT THAT EVERY HOUSEKEEPER LOOKS FORWARD TO

To-morrow there starts an annual sale at this store that commands the interest of every thrifty housekeeper in this city. Right at the threshold of the Spring cleaning season, right at the moment when every housekeeper is planning her annual campaign against dust and dirt, against untidiness and uncleanness throughout the home and when her requirements are legend, comes this great money-saving sale. It is unquestionably the biggest effort this store has ever made to supply you with all kinds of household needs at such wonderfully low prices.

The entire basement stocks are brought into action for this great sale and your every need can be readily and economically filled.

Come to-morrow. Come early if you can. Failing to-morrow, come next day or the next, but make it your duty to attend this wonderful basement sale.



500 sets celebrated Mrs. Potts' Smoothing Irons, 3 sizes, stand and handle, same pattern as cut; sale price 79c

Extra handles for smoothing irons 10c

Best Ironing Wax, 3 cakes 6c

Genuine Co. Door Mats, 12x18, 10x14, 8x12, 6x9, 4x6, 3x5, 2x4, 1x3, 1x2, 1x1, 1x1/2, 1x1/4, 1x1/8, 1x1/16, 1x1/32, 1x1/64, 1x1/128, 1x1/256, 1x1/512, 1x1/1024, 1x1/2048, 1x1/4096, 1x1/8192, 1x1/16384, 1x1/32768, 1x1/65536, 1x1/131072, 1x1/262144, 1x1/524288, 1x1/1048576, 1x1/2097152, 1x1/4194304, 1x1/8388608, 1x1/16777216, 1x1/33554432, 1x1/67108864, 1x1/134217728, 1x1/268435456, 1x1/536870912, 1x1/1073741824, 1x1/2147483648, 1x1/4294967296, 1x1/8589934592, 1x1/17179869184, 1x1/34359738368, 1x1/68719476736, 1x1/137438953472, 1x1/274877906944, 1x1/549755813888, 1x1/1099511627776, 1x1/2199023255552, 1x1/4398046511104, 1x1/8796093022208, 1x1/17592186044416, 1x1/35184372088832, 1x1/70368744177664, 1x1/140737488355328, 1x1/281474976710656, 1x1/562949953421312, 1x1/1125899906842624, 1x1/2251799813685248, 1x1/4503599627370496, 1x1/9007199254740992, 1x1/18014398509481984, 1x1/36028797018963968, 1x1/72057594037927936, 1x1/144115188075855872, 1x1/288230376151711744, 1x1/576460752303423488, 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