

Adele Ritchie, George A. Schiller and James E. Sullivan, in "Fascinating Flora," which comes to the Princess next week.

HOBBY OF AN ACTRESS.

Amid the fads and hobbies with which hardworking professional people amuse themselves none is more interesting than that of Viola Allen, the actress, who, as a collector of rare books, is acquiring volumes at a rate and with a discrimination in selection which she has won upon the stage.

In the library of Miss Allen's New York home are some remarkable samples of early art in bookbinding, turned out prior to Gutenberg's invention of the printing press and when books were laboriously written by hand on parchment and illustrated in colors with gold decorations. Chief among these treasures is a missal that once belonged to Mary Queen of Scots, and bears that unhappy woman's name upon the flyleaf in faded angular characters.

During her recent trip to London Miss Allen found and secured one of the first type editions of Shakespeare, with marginal notes, made by someone who is anonymous, but was evidently close to the immortal bard. It is believed, indeed, by experts who have seen this volume, that a study of it might throw some light on the occasional raving discussions concerning the identity of the author of the Shakespeare plays.

Another rare piece in Miss Allen's collection is an illustrated manuscript copy of Galileo's theory of the solar system, which is well authenticated. There are also two original manuscripts of Dickens, one of Dickens and one of Carlyle. It is, indeed, in these manuscript copies of famous works that the collector is particularly rich.

Unprecedented. Pierre Cartier, a Parisian jeweler of the beautiful and gay Rue de la Paix, said the other night in that city that American women wore jewels with better taste than any other women in the world.

"Can they be deceived in jewels?" a girl reporter asked. "Will counterfeiters deceive American women?" "My dear young lady," said M. Cartier, "an expert, given the right conditions, can be deceived. Who, indeed, cannot be deceived—deceived in the matter of jewels, of furs, of anything?" "Here's a case in point—the deluding of a very sharp, smart, quick lawyer."

"Mr. Beer," a gentleman, said to this lawyer at a dinner, "I would like your opinion on a knotty point of law. An uncle of mine has a peacock, and last

fal, it got into a neighbor's garden and laid an egg there. The neighbor claimed the egg, my uncle claimed it as well, and the two have been fighting and scuffling over the matter ever since. Now, sir, what is the law on the question?" "It is an easy question to settle," said the lawyer, with a patronizing smile. "Admitting that the egg was laid on the neighbor's ground, the neighbor nevertheless has no claim to it unless he can prove that the owner of the bird took no steps to prevent it from straying. In a precedent case—"

"Excuse me," said the other man, "but this case has no precedent." "Well," said the lawyer, "you know more law than I, do you? I remember distinctly a precedent case where—"

"No you don't," said the other. "What do you mean," exclaimed the lawyer, angrily. "I mean," was the firm reply, "that you never heard before of a peacock laying an egg."

An Odd Job. Caruso, the great tenor, told at a dinner in New York how he once tried to write a grand opera.

"It was in early youth that I made this attempt," he said. "I knew nothing of harmony or counterpoint. The work in consequence was a ludicrous and absurd as—"

The tenor laughed. "—as the Roman's effort to get a job," he went on. "A Roman peasant, you know, applied one day for work to a rich man. The rich man said: 'Have you got a boat?'"

"Yes, sir," the peasant answered. "Well," said the rich man, "do you see that driftwood floating down the river?"

LOVE ON THE STAGE.

Should it be one's fate to come back to earth again, after the fashion of transmigration of soul theorists, one devoutly hopes not to be an actor of unrequited love parts.

Love parts are harrowing enough, anyway. Very much more wearing are those of unlucky supplicants at Cupid's shrine.

One has in mind the sort of part in which a bachelor pays court to a capricious wife, or a maiden is made love to by a married man. Now for some reason or other men and women of inferior beauty and charm are as a rule chosen for such parts. One's heart is positively ached for an actress who may be described as "20 years after," who has to soliloquise, "Ah, this fatal beauty of mine. To be so lovely and yet so young," or words to that effect. Even Mr. Man comes in for a little sympathy.

When the foolish wife repents and returns to her hubby her partner's flirtation is invariably cut off or subdued while she rejoices in the career of her lawful partner. Since she has been as much to blame one feels like advising the poor man to cheer up and there are others.

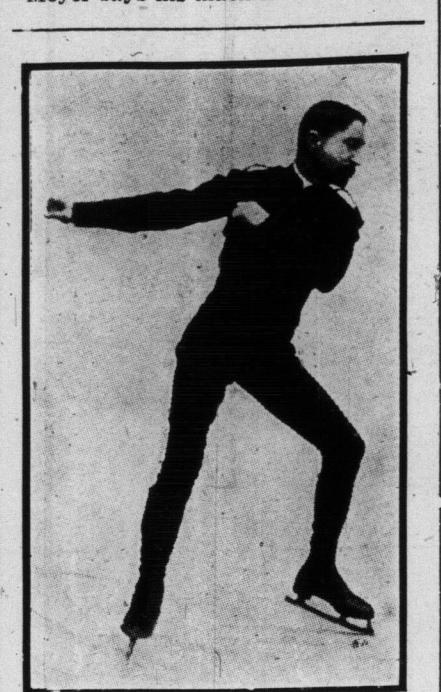
—on the stage!

INVENTS CURE FOR DEAFNESS. Many men and women, some of them absolutely deaf and all with hearing more or less defective, yesterday climbed the narrow, dark stairs that lead to the apartment of Eugene Meyer, on the third floor of 222 East 76th-street, says The New York Herald.

Meyer is a fireman who drives en-

tering No. 68, attached to the house at 1880 Ogden-avenue, the Bronx. He is a good mechanic, good electrician, has painted some fair landscapes and has the reputation of knowing a little something about everything, except, as he says, the science of making money.

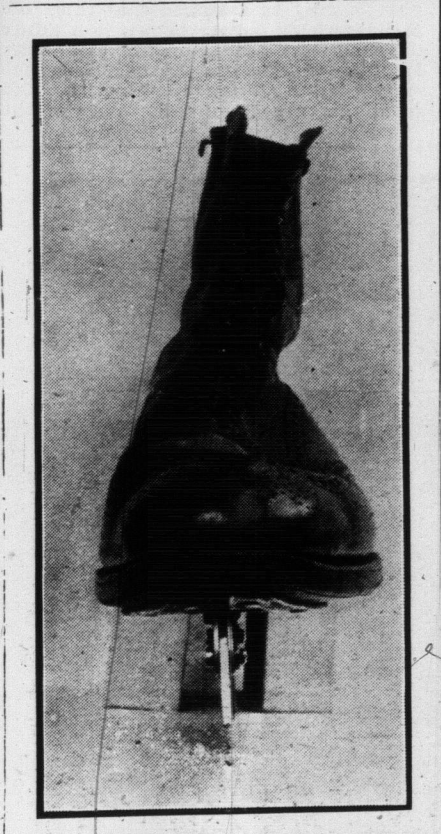
After ten years of hard work and study Meyer has perfected and patented a singular little machine which he calls the "Auricular Pressure and Suctional Vibrator." It involves an odd combination of electricity and compressed air in its functions.



TOE CIRCLING. "Perpetual Motion," as demonstrated by George A. Meagher of Toronto, who is one of the most expert skaters of the world.

ordinary case of deafness, and at least a score of persons who have tested it declare they have benefited greatly.

"When nature creates a human organism," he said, "it is usually perfect, and whenever anything gets out of place there is a way of correcting the trouble if we only know how to apply the forces nature has provided. That is particularly true of disorders of the ear. Physicians realize that the ear, because of its peculiar construction, is the most difficult part of the human anatomy to treat successfully, and after



CORRECT POSITION OF SKATE. Photo brought from Paris showing how the skate should be placed a trifle to the inside of the foot.

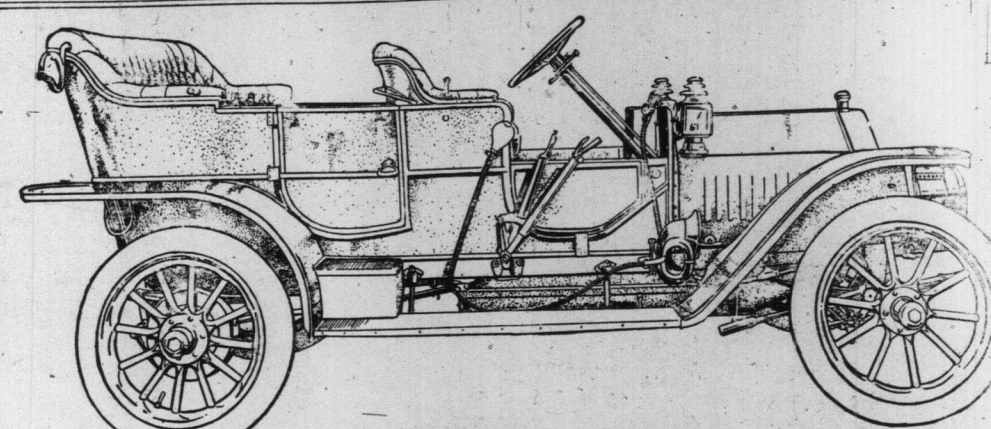
suffering with partial deafness for several years I realized that God. So I went to work to find a way of curing myself. I succeeded, and now I want to help as many others as I can.

He explained he discovered his invention when experimenting with a sound



Madame Bertha Kalich, who will appear at the Royal Alexandra Theatre next week in "Marta of the Lowlands," under the management of Harrison Grey Fiske.

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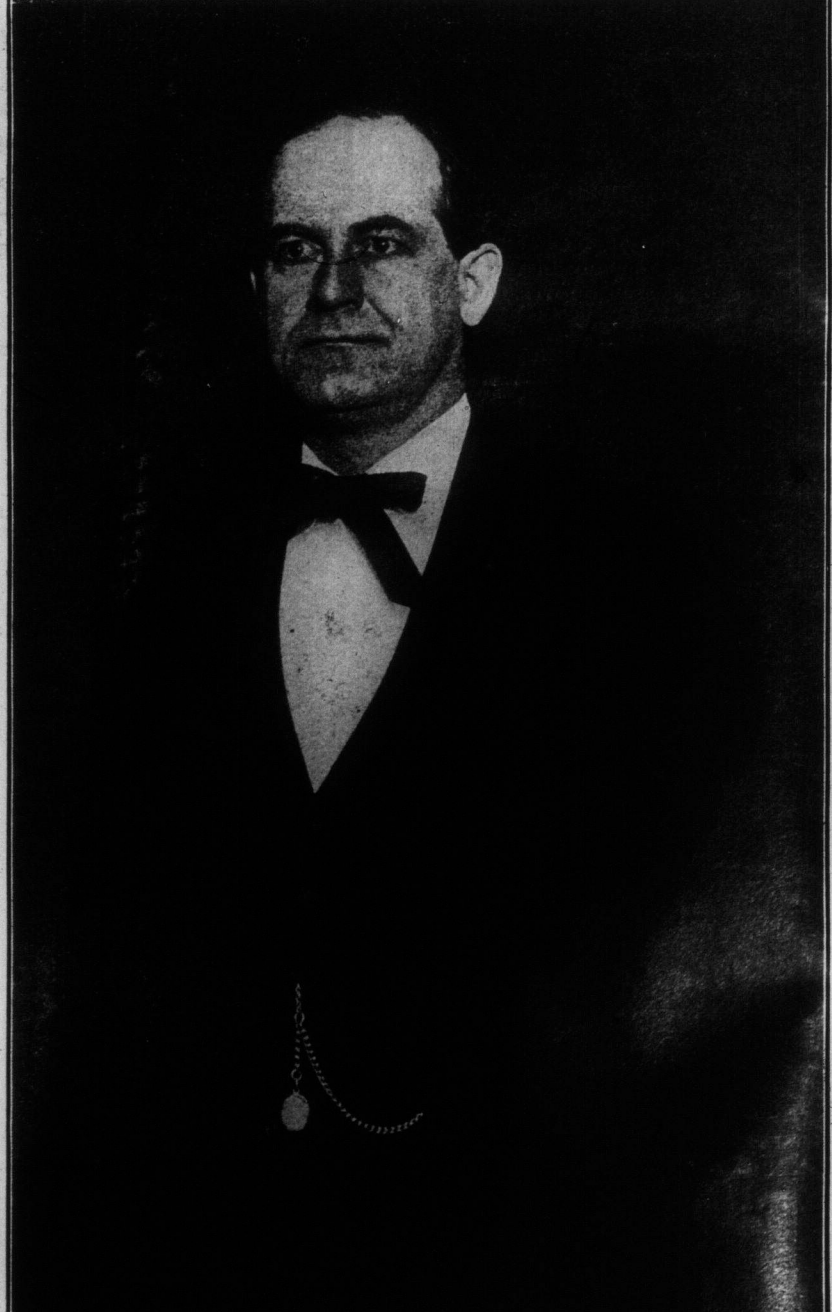
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