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TALES OF THE TOWN.

*"I must have liberty
Withal, as large a charter as the wind
To blow on whom I please."*

THE observation of the anniversary of the 74th birthday of Our Sovereign Lady the Queen, in Victoria, was creditable to all concerned. Even the behavior of the elements was above reproach, which, I am told, in the Queen city is not an unusual thing on occasions of this kind. The sports were most enjoyable, and Victoria muscle asserted itself in nearly every contest. The home team won the baseball match, and, in lacrosse, with the assistance of THE HOME JOURNAL champion player, the Victoria club covered itself with honors. The aquatic sports were a source of much enjoyment and pleasure. The illumination Wednesday evening intoxicated the senses with its Oriental grandeur. Altogether, the day was one which will long be remembered, not alone by the residents of the city, but by the visitors as well.

George Russell, the tonsorial artist, has incurred the displeasure of a number of his brother barbers who decided to combine for the purpose of compelling the patrons of barber shops to have their Sunday shave on Saturday night. This was a very unkind move; but George frustrated their design by holding out and declaring that his patrons should have their Sunday shave after all. The consequence has been that George has been called some very hard names. I am informed that the men employed in the various shops are anything but unanimous on the question of a close Sunday. They say, the majority of them, that if a satisfactory equivalent is given them, they are willing to work Sunday morning, as at present. Now, in George Russell's establishment the hours are so arranged that a man is compensated for working the half day Sunday; in the other shops the system varies, but in none of them, with the exception of that mentioned is the custom such that the men are enabled to make up fully for the Sunday work. Perhaps this is the cause of complaint that requires remedying, and is one very easily adjusted.

But let us consider the Sunday shave question as it affects the public. It is more important to the latter than the Sunday closers perhaps imagine. Here is a man working hard during the week, with only a chance or two to get a hurried shave. Saturday comes, and he contemplates having a clean up of surplus whiskers, with all the comfort which attends the operation at the hands of a skilled knight of the razor, but something occurs to detain him, he has to work late, or has to go somewhere, and is either too tired or

too late to attend the barber's. He has not a razor, or is unable to shave himself. I would ask the Sunday closers is that man to carry his two or three days' growth of beard through the streets to church or elsewhere on Sunday, and, when Monday comes, he, perhaps, has not the time to get shaved? But there is another example—the traveller who arrives in a city Saturday evening tired, dusty and smeared with travel. Not feeling disposed to attend the barber's, he has a dip at the hotel and retires with the intention of having a shave and shampoo the following morning. What will his impression be of a town where he is unable to get a shave on Sunday morning? He will think he has struck some backwoods town where the country editor is mayor and council, sheriff, policeman, magistrate, general storekeeper, postman and barber, and that this individual of many professions has gone out for the day. Aside from this, however, the Sunday shave is a public convenience for whose abolition there is no reason whatever. There are many hundreds of men who cannot possibly get shaved on Saturday, and there are as many others who, though they may be shaved on Saturday, also need and like to have another clean up on Sunday. It is refreshing to the latter, and a necessity to the former; and while there is a barber open on Sunday, he will be patronized.

There is another point though in this difference of opinion among the barbers, and it is a point that calls, perhaps, for censure. I refer to the action of that portion who invoked the aid of the City Council in coercing a man to close his establishment. This was a step something of the nature of a man crossing a river and destroying the bridge, never thinking that he might want to cross back again. These men have a perfect right to close their shops if they wish, but it looks to me suspiciously like interfering with individual rights to compel another man to follow your wishes when he is perfectly honest in his desire not to.

The flock that has been running wild for so many months up at the hill has now got a shepherd in whom, I think, they will find a man of strong personal character, and who, whatever his religious propensities may be, will not brook any nonsensical vagaries from those under his immediate control. This was amply shown in more than one little event which did not escape my attention during the proceedings of receiving and welcoming the new bishop. His reply to the address of welcome was refreshing. The address was short, but it had enough condensed servility and fawning flattery in it to turn a multitude sick. It spoke of Dr. Perrin's self denial and other self sacrificing acts

in consenting to minister in this benighted west, but the reverend gentleman's frank, manly and ingenuous disavowal of any martyrdom on his part was a severe rebuke to this piece of religious hypocrisy. I am too patriotic a British Columbian and Canadian to think that any man is paying us a compliment by coming here under any circumstances, and more especially when he is getting a handsome salary and a good position in the community by doing so, and I think these people who, in welcoming such a man as Bishop Perrin, speak of self denial and other such rot, are nothing more than the rankest hypocrites. These, too, are the men who thought Canada had not a man good enough to manage the affairs of the church in this Province, but who will accept the people's money as good enough for their salaries. I hope they appreciate the first snub the new bishop gave them.

The Montreal Shareholder offers a suggestion to those who, to avoid heat and enjoy rural life, will soon remove their household goods to resorts near the water, where boating and bathing can be freely indulged in. As the Shareholder says there is a fascination for the young people about boating which frequently leads them to attempt too much. This is sometimes attended with fatal results. Apart from these causes drowning accidents frequently occur, but no matter what the cause, the cases of resuscitation of the victims of drowning accidents are not as numerous as they might be. This results from want of a proper knowledge of the treatment of the bodies of the drowned when recovered, as they sometimes are within a reasonable time after their disappearance. Every one should be intimately acquainted with the treatment to be adopted and the rules to be followed in such a case. A knowledge of these would be of incalculable advantage.

In order that these rules, which are simple and easily understood by any person of ordinary intelligence, may be available to every one, it is suggested that printed copies be procured and posted up where they could be read, studied and learned by heart by every one coming in contact with them. The cost would be trifling, but the advantage might be great. If, perchance, it should be the means of restoring to life but one single victim it would confer a benefit in excess of the cost of printing. Last summer was one noted for the number of deaths by drowning, and this summer will no doubt have its quota of accidents. What a cause of rejoicing would it be to any one enabled to apply the treatment referred to and bring back to life a fellow being! The time lost in sending for a physician might make restoration im-

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possible, but prompt, energetic and appropriate treatment might result successfully. The suggestion is worth a trial. Let every public boating house, every private boating house and every watering place have its placard "Treatment of the Drowned," and let the information contained in the rules referred to receive general dissemination. If the accident insurance companies would take the matter in hand, they would realize a benefit from it, for, putting it in practical manner, one life saved on which there was a policy of assurance would give the companies a handsome profit. If the suggestion is accepted in the spirit in which it is made no one need be in ignorance of the best treatment to adopt to effect restoration. In many cases when all hope was gone, perseverance was crowned with success. Such is indeed a case where "perseverance is its own reward."

On Thursday, June 1st, four municipal by-laws to sanction Corporation loans will be submitted to the public. The first of these is to raise \$700,000 for sewerage purposes, in three separate issues of debentures. There is a proposal to borrow \$70,000 to provide for and improve the electric lighting of the city. Then \$85,000 have to be raised for educational purposes, while, in addition, it is intended, if the public will endorse the departure, to borrow \$10,000 in order to improve Beacon Hill Park. The amount of the loans and the interest and sinking fund to be raised annually on their account is:

	Amount of Loan.	Interest and Sinking Fund
Sewerage Loan.....	\$700,000	\$37,947 00
Electric Lighting Loan..	70,000	3,770 58
Educational Loan.....	85,000	4,580 00
Beacon Hill Park Loan...	10,000	540 00
Total.....	\$865,000	\$46,837 58

This means an annual levy of about three and a quarter mills upon all the real estate in the city. So far from objecting to this, I consider that every dollar to be raised in this way is designed for a legitimate and beneficial purpose, and I, therefore, trust that the vote will endorse the by-laws which I, however, am sorry to think were rushed through the Council in a somewhat precipitate manner, which did not afford the councillors the required opportunity of duly weighing all the provisions of the enactment which are expected to be in operation for the next fifty years. At times, the Council work like beavers, and really do something, but, at others, they yarn and yarn in such a way that the wonder is they are not tired of the sound of their own voices. A little more equalizing of matters would be for the benefit of all parties interested. I may add that His Worship the Mayor, in my opinion, is too much given to the practice of lecturing the Council and of treating them as if they were a lot of convicts condemned to a term of imprisonment at hard labor.

I have received the following letter this week. I know nothing of the circumstances alluded to; even the names mentioned are not familiar. However, if what is charged be true, the poor unfortunate woman is to be pitied. If charitably disposed persons feel like interesting themselves in the woman, all

they will have to do is to call at THE HOME JOURNAL office and her name and address will be given. I am inclined, however, to suspect that some of the grievances complained of are imaginary. For instance, the Victoria city directory does not contain the name of the person said to have betrayed the woman, and it is quite possible that there is no such person in existence.

"Victoria, May, 21, 1893.

"SIR—About three months ago a woman was taken to the police station charged with having an empty pistol in her possession. She was locked up all night and next morning was fined \$20, or a month in prison. Now, this woman only a few months before this happened was brought from England to Victoria, where she was deserted—a stranger in a strange country—by a man who holds a good position in society. I write to you as you are the only one in Victoria who dare say what you think. In last night's paper I find that a Chinaman fired a pistol in the bear pit. Yesterday morning, he was taken before the Magistrate and discharged. He pleaded ignorance of the law. I did not know it was illegal to carry a pistol, and an empty one at that. I would like to ask through your paper are there two laws. I am writing to Ottawa and putting my case before them. I think this is a great injustice to the white people. All I ask for is fair play. Can you inform me if I can appeal against my fine, or is it too late? The judge said the fact that I had a pistol in my possession was sufficient cause for a fine of \$20, or a month in jail. Through having to pay \$20 I am at the present time destitute; while the man that brought me over is living in luxury. I called on his sister, Mrs. ———, where he lives, for help, and was told that I would be locked up if I annoyed her. Can you inform me what I am to do? I cannot get a situation, because of having been in the police station. I have the wedding ring he gave me, A— to B—, engraved on the inside. Can you inform me if I can get a ticket from the English consul here to my home in London, England? I am a button-hole worker by trade. My mother lives in Liverpool. I have no friends here."

With regard to the fine, I would remark that it appears to me that the Magistrate was very lenient, when he imposed a fine of only \$20 for carrying concealed weapons. The offense is a serious one, and should be punished severely. The fact that the pistol was empty is no excuse whatever. "Not loaded" pistols have killed more people than any other kind, and \$20 for the privilege of carrying one appears to me quite reasonable.

There are certain subjects with which a paper conducted on the lines of THE HOME JOURNAL is loath to deal. Very often a great amount of good could be accomplished by exposing viciousness, which is known to exist, but, to do so, one would have to lay bare matters of which the impressionable youth, at least, should be kept in the dark. Of course the damning phari-

saical doctrine of the superior virtue of Victoria will be advanced, but what can that profit us. Every one knows, or should know, there are houses in Victoria which are used for immoral purposes. It is a well known fact and much to be deplored that men claiming to be respectable, for the sake of gain, are renting their houses and buildings for immoral purposes. In one block alone, situated in the heart of the city, men and women by paying the required amount, can secure rooms, and "no questions asked." Yet the owner of this block moves in good circles and associates with the most respectable people in the city.

The spread of the social evil has become alarming. Respectable people are compelled to live next door to women of evil repute. Here is an instance of the annoyance to which some are subjected: Shortly after 11 o'clock, last Thursday night, a hack containing two men drove up to the door of the house of a respectable man of this city. The men got out of the hack and held up a light to the window of the room in which the lady of the house was sitting. They then rapped loudly on the door, and, in a boisterous tone, inquired if this was "No. so and so," referring to a number a short distance away occupied by evil women. The lady of the house, who is of a nervous temperament, quite naturally became frightened at the intruders, and is now suffering from nervous prostration. The arrival of a gentleman on the scene reassured her, and the lascivious brutes took their departure. If any one doubts the truth of this statement, they can get at the facts by inquiring at THE HOME JOURNAL office.

If prostitution is a necessary evil, and I am far from thinking that it is, why are these women not compelled to live to themselves? Are respectable people to be annoyed at all hours of the night by men of the character referred to above? Are young children to be made familiar with the scenes to be witnessed every evening in and around brothels? I am far from accusing the police with neglect of duty, but I do think that people who are disposed to live respectable should be guaranteed some protection. If a change is not made in the system of managing the social evil in the city of Victoria, and that soon, the courts may have a tragedy to deal with before long.

The Montreal Star has begun a crusade against blasphemy and cruelty to animals. The arguments of the Star are so applicable to Victoria, that I take the liberty of adapting them. What is most sorely needed just now, is the arrest of a few persons flagrantly guilty of one of these two most common forms of public offence. There is no way of convincing the criminal class of the existence of law at all comparable with the Kindergarten method of showing them the law in operation. The filthy minded ruffian who pollutes the air at the street corner probably fancies that there is no law in the land to protect the passer-by from his deliberate and, oftentimes, cruel ruffianism. His own arrest, conviction and stern punishment would quickly convince him of his error; and not only that, of course,

for the enforcement of the law against one offender would serve as an object lesson to a whole host of others.

The need of taking a little trouble and expense in this matter cannot be doubtful to many of our citizens. One need not be much upon the streets to see far too frequently cases of the most maddening cruelty to dumb brutes, especially that patient sufferer, the horse. In no other way, perhaps, is the spirit of the coward so often shown in public. A horse becomes naturally frightened at some new terror it does not understand—like a fire-spitting trolley car—when the brute who drives it seeks to reassure the timid animal by lashing it with a whip. Or the horse may misunderstand some stupid direction given it by himself, when he again strikes it viciously, with the coward's consciousness that it cannot strike back. A few arrests of this class of criminals would have a wholesome effect, and this deterrent medicine can be easily applied if those who are compelled to witness these outrages will simply follow their natural impulses to give the offenders into the hands of the law. The word "natural" must there be read in a perfectly civilized sense, of course, for the impulse of the wholly natural man would be to take the law into his own hands. However, the law is quite strong enough to deal with such cases; and all that it is necessary for private citizens to do is to invoke its interference.

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PERSONAL GOSSIP.

The Arion Male Voice Glee Club will repeat their concert on Monday evening, 29th inst., in the Institute Hall, View street, for the benefit of the Jubilee Hospital.

The Castle Hall of the Knights of Pythias, Duck's Building, Broad street, was formally dedicated, last Saturday evening. The officers and members of Far West Lodge, No. 1 and Sunset Lodge, No. 10, were present in full force, also a large number of invited guests and distinguished visitors.

The Foresters' social in the Pythian Hall, Wednesday evening, was an enjoyable affair. There were a number of visiting Foresters from the Sound cities and from Vancouver and New Westminster. A concert programme was rendered, after which refreshments were served and dancing was indulged in until a late hour.

A pleasant At Home was given, Thursday afternoon, in the St. James Hall by the Ven. Archdeacon and Mrs. Scriven to the church workers of St. James parish, giving them an opportunity to meet His Lordship the Bishop and Miss Perrin. An address of welcome from the Incumbent and church wardens of St. James was presented to His Lordship by Lt. Col. Wolfenden. Among the large number present were Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Goffin, Mrs. Matthews, Mr. and Mrs. G. Jay, jr., Miss Bowden, Mr. and Mrs. Atkins, Mr. and Mrs. W. Northcott, Mr., Mrs. and Miss

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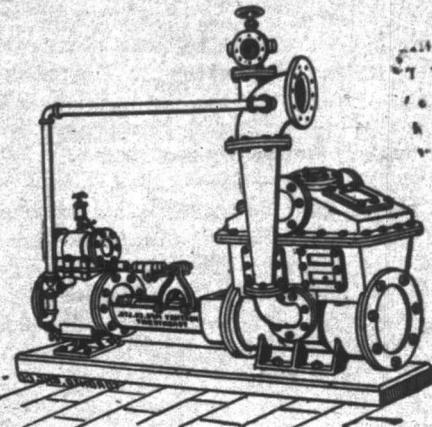
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SOUNDS AND ECHOES.

THE man who gesticulates most wildly in an argument isn't always the man, who promulgates the most valuable ideas. He is very liable to be beaten, in the opinion of the crowd, by the quiet man who doesn't move a finger, but whose low voice utters steady common sense.

A PISTOL duel has taken place between two ladies near Berlin, four other ladies acting as seconds. The ladies were not amazons, and owing to their awkward handling of the weapons the incident had no evil consequences, but it illustrates the progressive spirit of the time for women thus heroically to avenge their wrongs.

THE reckless prodigality with which, in ancient Egypt, the upper classes squandered away the labor and lives of the people is perfectly startling. In this respect, as the monuments yet remaining abundantly prove, they stand alone and without a rival. We may form some idea of the almost incredible waste when we hear that 2,000 men were occupied for three years in carrying a single stone from Elephantine to Sais; that the canal of the Red Sea alone cost the lives of 120,000 Egyptians; and that to build one of the pyramids required the labor of 260,000 men for twenty years.

THE lacrosse match next Saturday afternoon, the third in the championship schedule, is to be played in the Caledonia grounds, between Vancouver and Victoria. Vancouver will place a strong team in the field, while Victoria will do her best in that line and a good match may be expected. A. Macnaughton and Z. Ketchum will form the new additions to the Victoria team, while Ed. Quigley and one or two others who did not play with Vancouver against Westminster on May 13, will be on hand and in fine condition. Our boys are again out to practice and are determined to win.

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HOW TO DETERMINE DISTANCE AT SEA.

The rules for determining the distance of objects seen at sea are very simple and should be known by all. Suppose that the eye of the observer is 18 feet above the level of the ocean. In that case we double 18, which gives us 36, the square root of which is 6. Therefore, the horizon lies at a distance of 6 miles when the observer sees it from an elevation of 18 feet. From a height of 30 feet (which is about that of the eye of an observer on a vessel the size of the City of Rome) we double the distance of the eye above sea level, which gives us 60, the square root of which is 7.8. Hence an object may be seen at a distance of 7.7 miles from a steamer of the size mentioned. If the depth of the part of a distant ship's hull below the horizon is known, the distance of that ship beyond the horizon is obtained in the same way. Then, suppose the depth of the part concealed to be 12 feet, then we take the square root of twice 12, or 24, giving 4.9; showing that the ship's distance beyond the horizon is 4.9 miles. Hence, if a ship is seen with 12 feet of the hull down (that is with 12 feet of the hull invisible), we may correctly infer that its distance is 4.9 miles beyond the distance of the horizon (which, by the figures alone, is proved to be at a distance of 7.7 miles). We add the two sets of figures together and find that the incoming or outgoing vessel is 12.3-5 miles away.

ORIGIN OF THE ROTHSCHILDS' OPULENCE.

Towards the end of the last century, Meyer Amschel Rothschild carried on the business of a banker in the Judenstrasse, Frankfort, and among all those who knew him he enjoyed the reputation of combining great commercial probity with extreme shrewdness. In those days there lived the old Prince Elector of Hesse, who, like an old miser, had hoarded up an immense treasure, by fair means and foul, valued at 8,000,000 thalers, or nearly five millions of our money. When the French invaded his dominions in 1795, they were particularly eager to possess themselves of this treasure, and the Elector, in his emergency, asked Rothschild to take care of it. Rothschild consented. The immense hoards of gold and jewels were conveyed to his residence in the dead of night, and buried in his garden at the moment when the French scouts entered the city. They at once made for Rothschild's house, where they expected to find the coveted treasure, but so well were these millions hidden that the marauders were glad to lay hold of Rothschild's own money, amounting to about 6,000 thalers. When the invaders had left Frankfort, Rothschild dug up some of the Elector's money and devoted it to business transactions. In this he was so successful as to become one of the wealthiest bankers on the banks of the Rhine. After the treaty of the peace of Luneville, in 1801, the Prince Elector returned to his states. While in exile he had heard of Rothschild's house having been pillaged by the ragged regiments of the French Republic, and so he naturally inferred that his beloved treasure must have vanished into thin air. How great and joyful was

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IT is frequently noticeable that the slender woman covers her neck with illusion when wearing a low cut dress, but even a beautiful neck is often more lovely if fitted over with a seamless yoke of transparent or semi-transparent material. A tiny edge of ruffle may finish the yoke at the neck, or it may there be drawn full with a dainty, narrow ribbon, or, again, it may simply disappear under a necklace.

Never have jewels played such a prominent role as they do now in ladies' attire. They are worn in profusion at night, and are not even relinquished, as in years gone by, for afternoon receptions. Turquoises are in great demand, for, although they are at best but second-class gems, and not to be ranked with diamonds, rubies, emeralds, sapphires or pearls, yet they are the jewel par excellence for blondes. Many years ago, coral went out of fashion, but now very pale pink coral set with diamonds is quite the rage. The last vagary of the tyrant Fashion is to bring once more to the front the long despised amber, this half-miraculous production which has electrical properties, and which one grand, old philosopher held to be a living thing! It is now intermingled with pearls and sometimes with diamonds, made into very long necklaces.

"I will give you a wrinkle for a driving veil, or one to wear in windy weather," said a fashionable young woman, one which is the most comfortable thing going, as it is impossible to blow off or get out of position. Buy a large square of any colored grenadine you like, and fasten at each corner a small, heavy button. Throw the whole veil over your hat, leaving two corners hanging behind and two in front. Then take the two front ends and tie them around the neck under the hair at the back, over the two back ends. The buttons being heavy, keep the whole thing in place, and tying the two front ends back prevents all the unbecoming

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folds over the face, which are so ugly when the fullness is all gathered up at the sides. I got this idea from my mother, who tells me that when she was a young girl they all wore their veils over their big hats in this way."

Now, here's a word for all of you to whom nature has been generous in the matter of flesh, and for those who are scant of health and given to palpitations on slight provocations. If you would get up stairs as easily and comfortably as though walking on a level, straighten yourself into a perfectly erect position, with shoulders well back, and then set each foot squarely on the step above, heel and toe pressing alike. Then you'll get to the top, as you started at the bottom, with unquickered pulses and even breath. It is the bending forward and stepping on the toes alone which makes the ascent so distressing. If you don't believe it, make the experiment and rejoice in the result.

Ever so much beauty can be acquired. It is possible to be charming by using a little intelligence. The streets of a city are filthy, yet eleven girls in a dozen have heads down and their eyes on the grounds. Why don't they look up? A high head gives beauty, dignity and height to the carriage. Queen Victoria, whose seventy-fourth anniversary we celebrated last Wednesday, is a very short woman, but every inch a queen, and it is all due to the way she carries her head. Frowning and scowling are not only bad habits, but they disfigure the face by "lining in" the forehead with horizontal and vertical wrinkles. More than that they are repulsive.

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Why can't a girl be serious without scowling so horribly? A wag in a dry goods store declares that "miling shoppers are as rare as black-eyed blondes."

Don't say that it does n't matter, how you look around the house, for it does matter a great deal. It matters for the general credit of the establishment, of which the feminine head is the creditable or questionable representative; it matters in its example to the children and to the help; it matters to the husband and father, who usually, if he is half a man, feels a sense of pride in the appearance of his family. It is poor encouragement to him to find confusion and carelessness in dress, and waste and destruction running riot about his dwelling. It is one of the important duties of every woman to keep herself and her house in a condition as presentable as possible, considering the circumstances.

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

MR. NAT C. GOODWIN, who is justly accorded the title of the greatest American comedian of the present day, will present, for one night only in this city, his great success of last year "The Nominee." It is an uproarious comedy throughout, and, from the rise of the curtain to its fall on the last act, it is a series of absurd situations, hearty laughs and genuine fun. The Nominee is one of those ro'icking French plays which appeal so strongly to the American sense of humor. The idea of the piece is very amusing, decidedly original and cleverly carried out. The lines are crisp, bright and breezy, and Mr. Goodwin as well as every member of his company, makes the most of them. His impersonation of Jack Medford is natural, easy and magnetic. In the cast is Miss Mabel Amber, who is not only superbly beautiful, but lends a sweet, womanly charm to the part of the deceived yet trusting wife. Mrs. Jean Clara Walters as the querulous mother-in-law, and Miss Minnie Dupree who acts the sister Rose with much vivacity and looks very chic in her riding habit, are deserving of special mention. The Nominee is preceded by a one act comedy also from the French, entitled "Art and Nature," which gives Miss Amber, who plays the part of M'lle Dumesnil, a chance, which she fully improves, to do a charming bit of acting. "A Gilded Fool," in which Mr. Goodwin has made such a great success this season, will be produced during his engagement at The Victoria June 6 and 7.

The fame of "The Mighty Dollar" which Mrs. Florence will present here on the evening of the 30th, is world wide. Perhaps no American play presenting so distinctly certain types of U. S. national and political life. Certainly no American play has won such enduring and deserved success. The satire, while always keen, is good humored, and, while the laughter is loud and long, the auditor is compelled to pause and think. The whole play is intensely human. These are the reasons why The Mighty Dollar must always attract and interest American audiences. The dresses worn by Mrs. Florence in The Mighty Dollar are said to be marvels of taste and elegance,

and as novel in design as they are beautiful. In the last act of the play, the merry widow appears in a magnificent ball costume which has created a sensation, and is made to represent a gorgeous peacock. This is quite an original idea, and is a perfect triumph of the dressmaker's art. This brilliant creation of splendor and harmony in color was designed expressly for Mrs. Florence by the great Felix of Paris.

Robert Gaylor as Sport McAllister, at The Victoria June, 2, will be an event of interest to the great body of theatre-goers, for it will present a popular actor in a new role. This is Robert Gaylor, a comedian of national repute. Comedian Gaylor is the style of specialty performer who compels the mirthful approbation of even the sticklers for the legitimate drama. Somehow, one doesn't feel that he has wasted his time and belittled his intelligence after having seen Gaylor in a comedy. He feels that it is real art, although infused in a farcical comedy, the art is at all times worthy of respect. One goes away with his mind full of fancies about the quaint individual whose simple and quizzical manner can set a crowded house in a roar. In "Sport McAllister," a satire on Gotham's "400," Mr. Gaylor has ample opportunity to display his many peculiar talents, and he has written a number of new songs which are destined to become exceedingly popular here as they proved to be during his famous engagement of over fifty consecutive nights at the Bijou Theatre, New York. The names of the songs are: After the Ball, The Cat Came Back, The Man that Broke the Bank at Monte Carlo, McCormack's Wake and The Irish Comallyer.

The astonishing report that Marie Wainwright would retire from professional life at the close of the present season seems to be, perfectly true. That talented and successful actress will make her final appearance on the dramatic stage in Milwaukee, Wis., June 24. Miss Wainwright will retire at the very zenith of her glory and before her fame has a chance to decline or be eclipsed by others.

A five years' contract has been signed whereby Frederick Warde and Louis James will remain in combina-

tion for that length of time. This company closed its most profitable season at Trenton, N. Y., May 6. Henry VIII. will be added to the repertoire next season.

A celebrated actor who had been driven to his theatre in a hansom paid only the legal fare. Cabby, looking gloomily at the money, said:

"Are you the gentleman wot plays Shylock, the Jew, at that 'ere theayter?"

"Yes, I am," was the reply.

"Ah, I thought so," retorted the cabby, "and you does it first-rate; it's quite natural to you."

The presentation of Our Boys, by an amateur company at The Victoria, was a great success. The honors were carried off by Messrs. Rhodes and Webber, although all in the cast acted remarkably well.

April Weather is the title of Clyde Fitch's new play, written for Sol Smith Russell and to be soon brought out by him in Chicago.

Kate Jordon is to be the prima donna of the opera company at Queen's theatre, Montreal, Canada, for the summer.

Alba Haywood company playing New Edgewood F. lks, will close at Omaha, Neb., June 3.

Manager Hanna of the Seattle theatre has secured a lease of the Tacoma theatre also.

Mark Murphy in O'Dowd's Neighbors has been booked at The Victoria for Ju'y 26.

Newton Beers' Lost in London company will appear at The Victoria August 9.

A Seattle man is endeavoring to open the Imperial with a stock company.

D. R. Ker leaves for Chicago on Monday.

Chas. Baxter of the C. P. N. Co., and Mrs. Baxter left for the east this morning.

Dr. Douglas Corsan, of Montreal, has come to Victoria to remain, and will be associated with Dr. Duncan.

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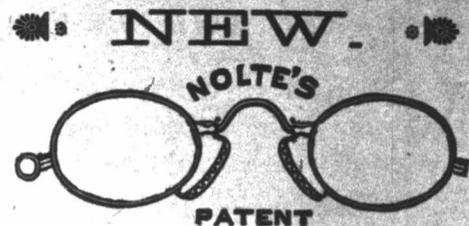
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