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HE primary idea of this Programme is, of course, to enlighten the audience as to the personnel of the artists taking part in the performances, incidentally to serve as a guide to the plot of the piece, and generally to give such information as will tend to the enjoyment of the auditor.

Reading matter of a miscellaneous nature, is however, liberally supplied, that may be peruscd with interest and advantage. Quips and Quirks give zest to the solid matter, as sauces do to meats, but there is a fund of information in the advertisements that may be seriously considered with profit.

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Sixteen million children were fuund to be enrolled in the schools of this country in June of this year.

We never know the true value of friends. While they live we are too sensitive to their faults; when we have lost them we see only their virtues.

Do not judge a man by the clothes he wears. (iod made one and the tailor the other. Do not judge him by his family, for Cain belonged to a good family.

Each Malagasy noble has a dye color of his own, which nobody else is allowed to wear.

The island of Ceylon produces a tree that is without bark. The leaves are perfectly square and fold upat sundown.

Fringe tail fish, which are cultivated in Japan, sell for \$100 apiece. Many such fish are found in the aquariums of wealthy New York families.

Old Gitumps-Sure that girl loves you instead of your money ? Son - Alsolutely. Why. she actually keeps count of the kisses I give her. Old Grumps-That's bad. She may keep it up after marriage.

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## HAD CHANGED HIS TUNE.

Striking Switchman-" IIello, Leggitt: Ain't we holding 'em level? Blamed near every road in the city tied up, and-"
Leggitt-"I know it, confound your hide ! Why couldn't you let I'ullman and his carpenters settle their quarrel without sticking your nose in it, hey?"
" Say, what's the matter with you, anyhow? Are you the same Leggitt that's always encouraged railroad strikes and always had so much to say about soulless, grasping corpora. tions ?"
" Yes, but I live in the suburbs now. I've been two hours getting to the city this morning. Darn your strike.'

## W. M. Strione.

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Japanese aim to have all their delts paid on New Year's Day.

Mr. J. Lancaster, who spent five years upon the west coast of Florida in the study of the habits of aquatic birds, of which he has made a specialty. asserts that he has seen frigate birds fly for seven consecutive days, night and day, without ever resting. According to his observations the fatigue of these birds is not excessive, even in such long continuances in the air. In fact the frigate bird can easily and almost withont the flap of the wing, not only maintain herself, but also fly with a speed of nearly a hundred miles an hour. The spread of the wings extended varies between eleven and thirteen feet.

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I)uring the action of the play, MR. SMITH O'BRIEN will sing several of his latest successes. At the opening of Act 2 , Norimne's Birthday Party. Mr. Felix Hancy, in Irish Songs
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Act I.-Interior of Mrs. Deelish's home.
Act Il.-Scene I-The old Irish Homestead. Scene 2-The Eagle's Crag. Act III.--The Lakes of Killarney.
Aet IV.-Scene i-The country road leading to the tower. Scene 2-Wx. terior of the Ivy Tower. Scene 3-Interior of the Tower.

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## Why he got the flute.

Wool-- How do you like your new flat?
Van lelt-All right, except that the man across the hall is learning to play the flute Wool-You ought to get an accordion
Van Pelt-I did; that's why he got the flute.

Australian Bushmen are the least intelligent of the human race.

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W. T. STRONG, Dispensing Chemist

## 184 Dundas Street.


Judge-Name? Prisoner-Smith Judge -Occupation? Prisoner-Locksmith. Judge -Officer, locksmith up.
Feit hat makers in New York are much interested in an experiment undertaken on the Delaware coast, where rablits were turned loose on an island with the expectation that the creatures would in tme multiply so largely as to furnish a great number of skins for felting.

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lirst Chorns (iirl-Why did Mme. If note get divorced from her hasband? Second Chorus (iirl--She couldn't stand it any longer lle never got up a single quarrel with her that any newspaper would think important enough to print.

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Mother-What ? Been in swimming? And this time of the year? Mercy! $W$ hen I went out to-day I wore my winter eoat. Little Johnny, with teeth ehattering-l'es, ma, it was so-so-so eold we ha-had to jum-jump into the wa-water to ke-keep wa-warm.
The Owingsville, Ky., Outlook says:James W. Hasty, a 65 -year-old baehelor, was born within two miles of this plaee. IIe is a gunsmith and wateh-fixer, and has not been five miles a way from here in twenty five years. He never kissed one of the fair sex in his life. mwnmmincmanmiximinnmminme.
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There are more muscles in the tail of a rat than there are in the human hand.
When the north wind blows in South America, it brings an epidemic of erime.
On an average, the lungs eontain alout 280 cubic inches, or nearly five guarts of air.

The heart ordinarily beats about seventy times a minute, and throws abont two ounees of blood at cach eoutraction.

Prohibitionist-Young man, seek happiness elsewhere. There's a limit to the pleasures of a saloon.
Toper-All right, Dominie, I'll go to a brewery.

## NO TROUBLE ABOUT FIELDS.

"I think," said the professor to the father of the late graduate, "that your son will now need a wider field."
'All right," said the old nian, "come along, John ; I've got ten aeres!"'

## A MYSTERY CLEARED UP.

" Ilow is it that your boss' sweet wines cost so much more than the sour ones?" asked a gentleman of the liquor dealer's boy.
"Do youl suppose the looss gets his sugar for nothing?" was the ineautious reply.

## HIS WAY OF PUTTING IT.

Yan Ishe-So she refused you ?
Ten Brok (sadly)-Yes ; in faet, she told me to go to-(whispers).

Van Ishe-Dear me! Why, I-
Ten Brok-That is, she told me to ask her father, and, as he's dead, I suppose that's what she meant.

## STUDYING TO PLEASE.

Sharposed woman - Seems to me your paper's all too high prieed.

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It is related as an instance of royal thrift that the queen of Denmark still mends her kingly husband's clothes.

A Cambridge, Mass., court has decided that the delivery of ice cream on Sunday is a work of necessity and charity.
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"So they say."
"And the men are back at work."
"Yes."
" And everything quiet."
"Yes. You seem positively sorrowful over the improvement of affairs."
' Oh, no, I aunt. Of course I don't want to put my personal needs before the public welfare. Only after being able to tell your wife that you were waiting for news from Chicago, and getting her interested every midnight, it's pretty hard to hare to go back to sitting up with a sick friend."

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## SNINNINNININNINININNI

 HE FELT FLATTERED.Willie Nibbles had been talking about a jest he once made until the young woman became weary
"I coukin't help thinking it was far fetched," she remarked.
" $\mathrm{Ol}_{1}$, y a-a-s, incleed," replied Willie, delighterlly, "Genuine imported ahticle, you

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