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## DRAMATIS PERSONAE.

Richard, a Pirate Chief
Samuel, his Lieutenant
Frederio, a Pirate Apprentice.
Major-General Stanley, of the British Army
Edward, a Sergeant of Police

- Mabey, General Stanley's Youngeat Daughter
- K_te,


Ruth, a Piratical "Maid-of-all-work"
General Stanley's Danghterz, Pirates, Policemen, eto.

SCENE.
Aor 1st.-A Rocky Seashore on the Coast of Cornwall, England. Act 2d.-A Ruined Chapel on General Stanley's Estate.

# THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE; 

## THE SLAVE OF DUTY.

Somen-A rocky sea-8hore on the coast of Cornoall. Rocks L., sloping down to L. C. of stage. Under these rocks is a cavern, the entrance to which is seen at first entrance $L$. A natural arch of rock occupies the R. O. of the stage. In the distance is a calm sea, nn whtich a schnoner is lying at anchor.
As the curtain rises groups of Pirates are discovered, some drinking, some playing cards. Samull, the Pirate Lieutenant, is going from one group to another, filling the cups from a flask. Frederio is seated in a despondent attitude at the back of the scene, C. Ruta leneels at his fect.

Opering Chorus.
Pour, oh pour the pirate sherry ! Fill, oh fill the pirate glass !
And, to make us more than merry, Let the pirate bumper pass.

Solo.-Samuiel
For to-day our pirnte 'prentice
Rises from indentures freed.
Strong his arm and keen his scent is ;
He's a pirate now indeed I
All.
Hero's good luck to Frederic's ventures !
Frederic's out of his indentures!
Solo.-Samuel.
Two-and-twenty, now he's rising, And alone he's fit to fly ;
Which we're bent on signalizing With unusual revelry.

## All

Here's good luck to Frederic's ventures !
Frederic's out of his indentures !
So pour, oh pour the pirate sherry, etc.
(Frkdento rises and comes forward with Pirate King, who enters from R. U. E.)
Kino. Yes, Frederio, from today you rank as a full-blown meinber of our band.

Ald. Hurrah!
Frederio. My friends, I thank you all, from my heart, for your kindly wishes. Would that I could repay them as they degerve!

King. What do you mean?
Frad. To day I am out of my indentures, and to-day I leave you for ever.

Alis. Leave us?
Frad. For ever!
King. But this is quite unaccountable. A keener hand at scuttling a Cunarder or cutting out a White Star never shipped a handspike.

Fred. Yes, I have done my best for you. And why 1 It was my duty under my indentures, and I an the slave of duty. As a child I was regularly apprenticed to your band. It was through an error. No matter, the mistake was ours, not yours, and I was in honor bound by it.

Samuel. An error 1 What error?
Fred. I may not tell you. It would reflect upon my wellloved Ruth.
(Ruth comes down C.)
Rutir. Nay, dear master, my mind has long been gnawed by the cankering tooth of mystery. Better have it out at once.
Song.-Ruth.

When Frederic was a little lad he proved so brave and daring His father thought he'd 'prentice him to some career seafaring. I was, nlas ! his nursery-mnid, and so it fell to $m y$ lot To take and bind this promising boy apprentice to a pilot.

A life not bad for a hardy lad, though certainly not a high lot ;
Though I'm a nurse, you might do worse than make your boy a pilot.
I was a stupid nursery-maid, on breakers always steering,
And I did not eatch the word aright, through being hard of hearing.
Mistaking my instructions, which within my brain did gyrate, I took and bound this promising boy apprentice to a pirate.

A sad mistake it was to make, and doom him to a vile lot :
I bound him to a pirate-you-instead of to a pilot!

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I soon found out, beyoud all doubt, the soupe of this disaster ;
But I hadn't the face to return to my place and break it to my master.
A unrsery-maid is never afraid of what you people call work, So I made up my mind to go as a kind of piratienl maid-of-allwork;
And that is how you find me now a momber of your ahy lot, Which yon wouldn't have found had he been bound nppren-- tice to a pilot.

Rutit. (Kneeling at his feet.) Oh pardon, Frederic ! pardon !

- Fued. Riso, sweat one ; I have long pardoned you.
(Rutir rises.)
Ruth. The two words were so much alike !
Fred. They still aro, though years lave rolled over their heads! (Rutn goes up with Samueln) But this afternoon my obligation conses. Individually, I love you nll with nffection unspeakable; but colloctively, I look upon you with a disgust that amounts to alsolute detestation. Oh pity me, my beloved friends, for such is niy sense of duty that once out of my inden-tures I shall feel mysolf bound to devote myself, heart and soul, to your externination.

All. Poor lad! poor lad! (All'weep.)
Kina. Well, Freloric, if you conscientionsly feel that it is your duty to destroy us, we cannot blame you for acting on that conviction. Always act in accordance with the dictates of your conscience, my boy, and chance the conisequences.

Samuel. Besides, we can offer you but little temptation to remain with us. We don't seem to mako piracy pay. I'm sure I don't know' why, but we don't.

Fred. I know why, but, alas! I mustn't tell you; it wouldn't be right.
King. Why not, my boy $?$ It's only half-past eleven, and you are one of us until the clock strikes twelve.

Sam. True, and until then you are bound to protect our intorests.

All. Hear! hear!
Fred. Well, then, it is iny duty as a pirate to tell you that you are too tender-hearted. For instance, you make a point of never attacking a weakor party than yourselves, und when you attack a stronger party you invariably get thrashed.

King. There is some truth in that.
Fred. Then, again, you make a point of never molesting an orphan.

Sam. Of course: we are orphans ourselves, and know what it is.

Fred. Yes, but it has got about, and what is the consequence? Every one we capture says he's an orphan. The last three ships we took proved to be mauned entirely by orphans, and so we had to let 'em go. One would think that Great Britain's mercantile navy was recruited solely from her orphan asylums, which we know is not the case.
(Crösses R.)
Sam. But, hang it all! you wouldn't have us absolutely merciless ?
Fred. There's my difficulty. Until twelve o'clock I would; after twelve c'elock I wouldn't. Was ever a man placed in so delicate a situation ?

## (Ruth comes down C.)

Rute. And Ruth, your own Ruth, whom you love so well, and who has won her middle-aged way into your boyish heart -what is to become of her ?

King. Oh, he will take you with him.
Fred. Well, Ruth, I feel some little difficulty about you. It is true that I admire you very much, but I have been constantly at sea since I was eight years old, and yours is the only woman's face I have seen during that time. I think it is a sweet face.

Ruth. It is-oh, it is !
Fred. I say I think it is-that is my impression. But as I have never had an opportunity of comparing you with other women, it is just possible I may be mistaken.

King. True.
Fred. What a terrible thing it would be if I were to marry this innocent person, and then find out that she is, ou the whole, plain !

King. Oh, Ruth is very well-very well indeed.
Sam. Yes, there are the remains of a fine woman about Ruth.
Fred. Do you really think so? Then I will not be so selfish as to take her from you. In justice to her and in consideration for you I will leave her behind. (Hands Ruth to King.)
King. No, Frederic, this must not be. We are rough men, who lead a rough life, but we are not so utterly heartless as to deprive thee of thy love. I think I am right in saying that there is not one here who would deprive thee of this inestimable treasure for all the world holds dear.
All. (Loudly.) Not one!
King. No, I thought there wasn't. Keep thy love, Frederic-keep thy love! (Hands her back to Frederic.)
Fred. You're very good, I'm sure.
King. Well, its the top of the tide, and we must be off. Farewell, Frederic. When your process of extermination begins ${ }_{2}$
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Fred. I will. By the love I have for you I swear it. Would that you could render this extermination unnecessary by accompanying me back to civilization !

King. .No, Frederick, it cannot be. I don't think much of our profession, but, contrasted with respectability, it is comparativoly honest. No, Frederick; I shall live and die a pirate king.

## Sona.-Pirate Kina.

Oh better far to live and die Under the brave black flag I fly, Than play a sanctimonious part With a pirate head and a pirate heart. Away to the cheating world go you, Where pirates all are well-to-do; But I'll be true to the song I sing, And live and die a Pirate King! For I am a Pirate King?
All. You are! Hurrah for our Pirate King!
King. And it is, it is a glorious thing To be a Pirate King!

All. Hurrah, h:rrah for our Pirate King!
King. When I sally forth to seek my prey I help myself in a royal way. I sink a few more ships, it's true, Than a well-bred moriarch ought to do ; But many a king on a first-class throne, If he wants to call his crown his own, Must manage somehow to get through More ditty work than ever $I$ do, Though I am a Pirate King :
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(After Seng, the Kina, Samuel, and all the Pirates, excent Frederio and Ruth, go off R. and R. U. E. Frederic comes down C., followed by Ruta.)
Ruth. Oh take me with you! I cannot live if I am left * behind.

Fred. Ruth, I will be quite candid with you. You are very dear to me, as yon know, but I must be circumspect. You see, you are considerably older than I: a lad of twenty-one nsually looks for a wife of seventeen.

Ruth. A wife of seventeen! You will find me a wife of a thousand I

Fred. No, but I shall find you a wife of forty-seven, and that is quite enough now. Ruth, tell me candidly and without reserve : compared with other women, how are you?

Ruth. I will answer you truthfully, master: I have a slight cold, but othorwise I an quite well.

- Fred. I ain sorry for your cold, but I was referring rather to your personal appearance. Compared with other women, are you beautiful?

Ruth. (Bashfally.) I have been told so, dear master.
Fred. Ah, but lately?
Ruth. Oh no ; years and years ago.
Fred. But what do you think yourself?
Rute. It is a delicate question to answer, but I think I am a fine wonan.

Fred. That is your candid opinion?
Ruth. Yes : I should be deceiving you if I told you otherwise.

Fned. Thank you, Ruth. I believe you, for I am sure yon would not practise on my inexperience. I wish to do the right thing, and if-I say, if-you are really a fine woman, your age shall be no obstacle to our union. (Shakes hands with her.)
(Chorus of girls heard in the extreme distance, "Climbing over rocky molntains," etc. See entrance of girls.)

Fred. Hark! surely I hear voices. Who has ventured to approach our all but inaccessible lair? Can it be custqn-house? No, it does not sound like custom-house.

Rutr. (Aside.) Confusion! It is the voices of young girls ! If he should see them I am lost.

Fred. (Climbing rocky arch R. C. and looking off L.) By all that's marvellons, a bevy of beautiful maidens!

Ruti. : (Aside.) Lost! lost! lost !
Fred. How lovely, how surpassingly lovely, is the plainest of them! What grace! what delicacy ! what refinement! and -Ruth-Ruth told me she was beautiful!

Recit.
Fred. Oh false one, you have deceived me l
Ruth. I have deceived you?
Fred. Yes, deceived me l (Denouncing her.)

## Duet-Frederio and Ruth.

Fred. You told me you were fair as gold.
Ruri. (Wildly.) And, master, am I not so?
Fred. And now see you're plain and old.
Ruth. I am sure I am not a jot so.
Fred. Upon my ignorance you play.
Ruth. I'm not the one to plot so.
Fued. Your face is lined, your hair is gray.
Ruth. It's gradually got so.
Fred. Faithless woman, to deceive me !-I who trusted so!
Ruth. Master, master, do not leave me; hear me eve you go! My love, without reflecting, 0 do not be rejecting.
Take a maiden tender, her affection raw and green,
At very highest raling
Has been accumnlating
Summers seventeen, summers seventeen.
Don't, beloved master,
Crush me with disaster !
What is such a dower to the dower I have here?
My love, unabating,
Has been accumulating
Forty-seven year, furty-sevan year!

## Ensemble.

Rute.
Don't, beloved master, Crush me with disuster, etc.

What is such a dower to the dower I have here 1 etc.

## Fred.

Yes, your former master Saves you from disaster.

Your love would be uncomfortably fervid, it is clear, If, as you are stating, It's been accumulating
Forty-seven year, forty-seven year!
(At the enll he renounces her, and she goes off R. in despair.)

## Recit.-Fred.

What shall I do $1 \cdot$ Before these gentle maidens I dare not show in this deserted costume. No, better far remain in close concealment until I can appear in decent clothing. (Exit R.)
,Hides in cave as they enter from $R$. and L., climbing over the rocks at L. of the stage and through arched rock $R$.

Fred.
Climbing over rocky mountain, Skipping rivulet and fountain,

Passing where the willows quiver By the ever-rolling river,

Swollon with the summer rain : Threading long and leafy mazes, Dotted with unnumbered daisies, Scaling rough and rugged passes, Clinb the hardy little lasses, Till the bright seashore they gain.

Edith.
Let us gayly tread the measure, Muke the most of fleeting leisure, Hail it as a true ally, Though it perish by and by.

All
Hail it as a true ally, Though it perish by and by.

## Editr.

Every moment brings a trensure Of its own especial pleasure : Though the moments quickly die, Greet then gayly as they fly.

## Kate.

Far away from toil and care, Rovelling in fresh sea-air, Here we live and reign alone, In a world that's all our own.

Here, in this our rocky den, Far away from mortal men, We'il be queens and make decrecs :
They may honor them who please.
All.
Let us gayly tread the measure, etc.
Kate. What a picturesque spot! I wonder where we are?
Edith. And I wonder where papa is? We have left him ever so far behind.

Isabel. Oh, he will be here presently. Remember, poor papa is not as young as we are, and we came over a rather difficult country.

Kate. But how thoroughly delightful it is to be so entirely alono! Why, in all probability we are the first human beings who ever set foot on this enchanting spot.

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Isabri. Except the mermaids ; it's the very place for mer-maids-

Kate. Who are only human beings down to the waist-
Edith. And who can't be said strictly, to set foot anywhere. Tails they may, but feet they cannot.

Kate. But what shall we do until papa and the servants arrive with the luncheon 1 (All listen and come down.)

Editin. We are quite alone, and the sea is as smooth as glass. Suppose we take off our shoes aud stockings and paddle?

All. Yes, yes-the very thing !
(They prepare to carry out the suggestion. They have all taken off one shoe, when Frederic comes forward from cave.)
Fred. (Recitative.) Stop, ladies, pray!
Ail. (Hopping on one foot.) A man!
Fred. I had intended
Not to intrude myself upon your notice
In this effective but alarming costume,
But under these peculiar circumstances it is my bounden duty to inform you
That your proceedings will not be unwitnessed.
Edith. But who are you, sir? Speak! (All hopping.)
Fred. I am a pirate!
Alc. (Recoiling, hopping.) A pirate? Horror!
Fred. Ladies, do not shudder.
This evening I renounce my vile profession, And to that aid, 0 pure and peerless maidens, O blushing buds of ever-blooming beauty, I, sore of heart, implore your kind assistance.
Edite. How pitiful his tale!
Kate. How rare his beauty!
All. How pitiful his tale! how rare his beauty! (Put on their shoes.)

> Song -Frederio.

Oh is there not one maiden breast Which does not feel the moral beauty
Of making world y y interest
Subordinate to sense of duty ?
Who would not give up willingly All matrimonial ambition
To rescue such an one as I From his unfortunate position 1 (Crosses R.)
All. Alas! there's not one maiden breast Which seems to feel the moral beauty Of making worldly interest Subordinate to sense of duty.

Fred.
Oh , is there not one maiden here
Whose homely face and bad complexion
Have caused all hope to disappear Of ever winning man's affection?
To such an one, if such there be, I swear, by heaven's areli above you,
If you will cast your eyes on me, However plain you be, I'll love you.

All.
Alas ! there's not one maiden here Whose homely face and bad complexion
Have caused all hope to disappear
Of ever winning man's affection.
Fred. (In despair.) Not one?
All. No, no, not one.
Frid. Not one?
All. No, no.
(Mabel enters through arch R. C.)
Mabel. Yes, one!
All. 'Tis Mabel!
Mabel. Yes, 'tis Mabel!
Recit.-Mabel.
0 sisters, deaf to pity's name?
For shame!
It's true that he has gone astray But, pray,
Is that a reason good and true Why you
Should all be deaf to pity's name?
For shame!
All. (Aside.) The question is, had he not been
A thing of beanty,
Would she be swayed by quite as keen A sense of duty?

## Solo.-Mabel

Poor wandering one,
Though thou hast surely strayed,
Take heart of grace ;
Thy steps retrace.
Be not afraid,
Poor wandering one.

If such poor love as mine
Can help thee find
True peace of mind, Why, take it-it is thine, Poor wandering one!
Tuke heart ; fair days will shine, Tuke any heart--take mine!
Alc. Take heart I though dangers lowers ; Tuke any heart-but ours !
(Mabel and Fred exit L.)
(Mabel and Fred go to mouth of cave L., and converse. Kate beckons her sisters, who form a semicircle around her.)

## Edith.

What ought we to do, Gentle sisters, pray?
Propriety, wo know, Says we ought to stay,
While sympathy exchums,
"Free thein from your tether;
Play at other games ;
Leave them here together."

## Kate.

Her case may any day
Be yours, my dear, or mine ;
Let her make her hay
While the sun doth shine.
Let us compromise
(Our hearts are not of leather),
Let us shat our eyes
And talk about the weather.
(Edith, Kate, and girls retive up, and sit two and two, facing each other, in a line across the stage.)
(Chattering Chorus, during, which Fred and Mabel fondle.)
How heautifully blue the sky !
The glass is rising very high.
Continue fine I hope it may,
And yet it rained but yesterday;
To-morrow it may rain again
(I hear the country wants some rain);
Yet people say, I know not why,
That we shall have a warm July.

## SoLo.-Mabel.

(During this the girls continue their chatter pianissimo, but listening eagerly all the time.)
Did evor maiden wake
From dream of homely duty
To find ber daylight break
With such exceeding beauty?
Did ever maiden close
Her eyes on wakening sadness,
To dream of, Goodness knows,
How much exceeding.gladness?
Fred.
Oh yes, oh yes, this is exceeding gladness.
(Frederic and Mabel turn and see that the girls are listening; detected, they continue their chatter, forte.)

Girls.
How beautifully blue the sky! etc., etc.
Solo-Fred.
(During this the girls continue their chatter, pianissimo, as before, but listening intently all the time.)
Did ever pirate roll
His soul in guilty dreaming,
And wake to find that soul
With peace and virtue beaming?
Did ever pirate loathed
Forsake his hideous mission,
To find himself betrothed
To a lady of position ?
Mabel.
Ah yes, ah yes, I am a lady of position.
(Mabel and Fred turn as before. Girls resume their chatter, forte.)

## Ensemble.

Mabel.
Did ever maiden wake, etc.

Fred.
Did ever pirate loathed, tet.

## Girls.

How beautifully blue the sky, etc.

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\text { Rec. - }-\mathrm{F}_{\mathrm{RED} .}
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Stay ; we must not lose our senses
Men who stick at no offences
Will anon be here.

## l'iracy their dreadful trade in ;

Pray you get you hence, young ladies, While the cosst is clear.

Girls.
No, we must not lose our senses, If they stick at no offences. Piracy their dreadful trade isNice associates for young ladies ! Let us disappear.
(During this Chorus the Pirates enter stealthily from R. U. E., and form in a semicircle belind the girls. As the girls move to go off each Pirate seizes a girl.)
All. Too late!
Pirate. Ha! ha!

- All. Too late!

Pirates.
Ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha!
ENSEMBLE.
Pibates.

## Ladies.

Now here's a first-rate oppor- We have missed our opportunity tunity
To get married with impunity, Of escaping with impunity, And indulge in the felicity Of unbounded domesticity.
You shall quickly be parsonified,
Conjugally matrimonified,
By a doctor of divinity
So farewell to the felicity Of our maiden domesticity. We shall quickly be parsonified, Who resides in this vicinity. Who resides in this vicinity. Mabel (roming forvard), Recit.
Hold, monsters ! ere your pirate caravanserai
Procceds against our will to wed us all, Just bear in mind that we are wards in chancery, And father is a Major General!

## Samuel

We'd better panse, or danger may befall ; Their father is a Major-General.

## All the Ladies.

Yes, yes, he is a Major-General.
(The Major-General has entered unnoticed on rock L U. E.)

General. Yes, I am a Major-General !
Ali. You are! Hurrah for the Major-General I
General. And it is a glorious thing to be a Major-General!
Ale. It is! Hurrah for the Major-General!
Sona-Major-Genemal.
I am the very pattern of a modern major-ginernl ; I've information vegetable, animal, and mineral ; I know the kings of England, and I quote the fights historical, From Marathon to Waterlon, in order categoricil ; I'm very well acquainted, too, with matters mathematical ; I understand equations, both the simple and quadratical ; About binomial theorem I'm teeming with a lot of news(Botlereel for next rhyme.) Lot o' news-lot o' news(Strack with an idea) With many cheorful facts about the square of the hypotenuse ;
(Joyfully.) With many cheerful facts about the square of the hypotenuse !

## All.

With many cheerful facts about the square of the hyfotenuse !

## General

I'm very good at integral and differential calculus ;
I know the scientific names of beings animalculous;
In short, in matters vegetable, amimul, and mineral
I am the very model of a modern major-gineral!

## All.

In short in matters vegetables, animal, and mineral He is the very model of a modern major-gineral!

## Geveral.

I know our mythic history, Kirg Arthur's and Sir Caradoc's; I answer hard actostics ; I've a pretty taste for paradoxI quote in clegiacs all the crimes of Heliogabulus; In cronics I can floor peculisrities parabolous;

- I cim tell undoubted Ruphaels from Gerard Dows and Zoftanies;
I know the croaking chorus from the Frogs of Aristophanes; Then I con hum a fugue of which I've heard the music's din afore-
(Bothereel for next rhyme) Din afore? din afore? din afore?(Struck with an idect.) And whistle all the airs from that internal nonsensu, Pinafore,
(Joyousty.) And whistle all the airs from that iulernal nonsense, Pinafore.


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 r-General ! about the nare of theotenuse !
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x-
and Zof-

And whistle all the airs from that infernal nonsense, Pinafore.
Gereral
Then I cau write a washing-bill in Babylonic cuneiform, And tell you every detail of Caractacus's uniform. In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral I am the very pattern of a modern major-gineral !

## All.

In short, in matters vegetable, animal, and mineral He is the very pattern of a modern major-gineral !

General.
In fact, when I know what is meant by " namelon" and "rarelin "-
When I can tell at sight a chaseepot rifle from a javelinWhen such affairs as sorties and surprises l'm more wary nt, And when I know precisely what is meant by "commissariat"When I have learnt what progress has been made in modern gunnery-
When I know more of tactics than a novice in a nunnery, Iu short, when I've a smattering of elemental strategy-
(Buthered for the rhyme.) Strategy ! strategy !-
(Struck with an idea.)
(Joyously.) You'll say a better major-general has never sat agee.

> Ali..

We'll say a better major-general has never sat agee.

## General.

For my mililary knowledge, though I'm plucky and adventury, Has only been brought down to the beginning of the century ; But atill, in learning vegetable, animal and mineral I am the very model of a modern major-gineral.

## All.

But still in learning vegetable, animal, and mineral He is the very model of a modern major-gineral.

General. And nuw that I have introduced myself, I should like to have some idea of what's going on.

Kate, Oh, papa ! we-
Samuel. Permit me; I'll explain it in two words: we propose to marry your daughters.

Generalu Dear me!
Gurls. Against our wills, papa--against our wills !

Genrral. Oh, but you muntn't do that. May I aak-this in a pictureaque unifurm, but I am not familiur with it-what are youl

King. We are all aingle gentlemen.
Geniral Yea, I gathered thuth Anything eleo 1
King. No, nothing olso.
Edita. Papa, don't believe them. They are piratne-the famous Pirates of Penzance I

Genarala The Pirates of Penzance I I bave often heard of them.

Mabel. Yen, all except this gentleman (indicating Frederio), who wae a pirate once, but who is out of his indentures to-day.

Generala But wait a bit. I object to pirates as sona-inlaw.

Kina. We ohject to major-genemils as fathera-in-law. But we waive that point; we do not press it, we look over it.

General. (Aside.) Hah! au iilea! (Aloud.) And do you mean to say that you would deliberately rob me of these the sole remaining props of my olld age, and leave me to go through the remainder of life unfriended, unprotected, and alone 1

King. Well, yos ; that's the idea.
Genkral. Tell me, have yon ever known what it is to be an orphan 1

All tee Pirates. (Dis!lusted.) Oh, dash it all!
Kina. Here we are again!
General. I ask you, Have you ever known what it is to be an orphan?
King. (Sighing.) Often.
General. Yes, orphan. Have you ever known what it is to be ene?

King. I say, often.
Alc. (Disgusterl.) Often! often! often! (Turning avoay.)
Generil. I don't think we quite understand one another. I ask you, Have you ever known what it is to be an orphan $?$ and you say "Orphan." As I understand you, you are merely repeating the word " orphan" to show that you understand me.

King. I didn't repeat the word "often."
General. Parion me; you did indeed.
King. I only repeated it once.
General. True, but you repeated it.
Kisa. But not often.
Genrral. Stop! I think I see where we are getting confused. When you said "orphan" did you mean "orphan," a person who has lost his parents, or " often," frequently ?

Kiva. Oh, I. beg your pardon! I see you mean frequently.

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e getting con"orphan," a ently? an frequently.

Geremain Ah, you said "often" frequently.
King. No, only once.
Genrral. Exactly you anid "oflem, frequently," only anca.

## Finale

Recti.-Genemaln
Oh men of dark and dismal fate,
Forego your cruel employ ;
Have pity on may lonely atate-
I am an orphan boy!
Kine.
An orphan boy?
Generals An orphan hoy!
Pilatras. How sad I an orphan boy 1
Solo.-Grneraer
These children whom you see
Are all that I can call my own.
Pirates. Poor fellow 1
Generaln Take them away from me,
And I shall be indeed alone.
Pirates.
Poor fellow I
Geveral. If pity you can feel,
Leave me iny sole remaining joy.
Sec at your feet they kneel ;
Your hearts you cannot steel
Against the sad, sad tale of the lonely orphan boy.
Pirates. (Sobbing.) Poor fellow !
See at our feet they kneel ;
Our hearts we cannot steel Against the sad, and tule of the lonely orphan boy.
King.
The orphan boy 1
Sam. The orphan boy!
All. The lonely orphan boy ! Poor fellow.

## Fngexble

General Girls. (Aside.) Piratrs. (Abide.)
Tm telling a terrible He'stelling aterrible If he's telling a torstory, story, rible story,
But it docsn't dimin- Which will tend to He shall die by a ish my glory; diminishhisglory, death that is gory-
For they would have Though they would One of the cruellest taken my daugh- have taken his slaughters ters daughters That ever was known Over the billowywa- Over the billowy wa- in theso waters; ters, ters.

General. Girls. (Aside.) Pirates. (Aside.)
If $I$ hadn'tinelegant It's easy in elegant And we'll fiuish his
Indulged in an inno- Tocallit an innocent By a very complete cent fiction, fiction, malediction,
Which is not in the But it comes in the As a compliment valesame category
same category dictory,
As a regular, terrible As a regular, terrible If he's telling a terstory. story. rible story.
King.
Although our dark career
Sometimes involves the crime of stealing, We rather think that we're

Not altogether void of feeling. Although we live by strife,

We're always sorry to begin it, And what we ask is life

Without a touch of poetry in it.
All (Kneeling)
Hail, Poetry, thou heaven born maid ! Thou gildest e'en the pirate's trade. Hail, flowing fount of sentiment.! All hail, divine emollient !

King.
You may go, for you're at liberty ; our pirate rules protect you, And honorary members of our band we do elect you.

## Ensemble

Pray observe the magnanimity $\left.\begin{array}{l}\text { We } \\ \text { They }\end{array}\right\}$ display to lace and dimity, Never was such opportunity To get married with impunity; Bat $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { we } \\ \text { they }\end{array}\right\}$ give up the felicity Of unbounded domesticity, Though a doctor of divinity Is located in this vicinity.
Kiva. For we all are orphan boys !
All. We are! Hurrah for the orphan boys!
(imexeral. And it sometimes is a useful thing to be an orphan boy.
An.
It is! Hurrah for the orphan boy!
(Aside.) finish his ffliction y complete tion, liment vale-
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0 be an or-
(Girls and Gentral go up rocks In Group while Pirates indulge in a voild dance of delight on stage $\mathbf{R}$. and $\mathbf{R}$. C. . The General produces a British flag, and the Pirate King fon arched rock R. C. ) produces a bluck flag with skull and crossbones. Picture.)

END OF ACT I

## A.TI II.

Scene.-A ruined chapel by moonlight. Aisles C. R. and L., divided by pillars and arches; ruined Gothic windows at back. General Stanley discovered seated R. C. pensively, surrounded by his daughters.

## Crorus.

Oh dry the glistening tear That dews that martial cheek;
Thy loving children hear,
In them thy comfort seek.
With sympathetic care
Their arms around thee creep, For oh, they cannot bear To see their father weep.
(Enter Mabel and Fred)
Solo.-Mabel.
Dear father, why leave your bed At this untimely hour,
When happy daylight is dead And darksome dangers lower 1
See, heaven has lit her lamp, The midnight hour is past, And the chilly night-air is damp, And the dew is falling fast
Dear father, why leave your bed
When happy daylight is dead!
(Fred enters R. U. E. and down C.)
Mabel. Oh Frederic, cannot you reconcile it with your conscience to say something that will relieve my father's sorrow?

Fred. I will try, dear Malel, but why does he sit, night after night, in this draughty old ruin 3

Geireral. Why do I sit here? To escape from the piratea' elutches I descrihed myself as an orphan, and I am no orphan. I came here to humble myself before tho tombs of my ancestora, and to implore their pardon for the disgrace $I$ have brought upon them.

Fred. But you forget sir. You ouly bought the property a year ago, and the stucco on your baronial castle is scarcely dry.

General. Frederic in this chapel are ancestors; you cannot deny that. I don't know whose ancestors they were, but I know whose ancestors they are, and I shudder to think that their decendant by purchase (if I may so describe myself) should have brought disgrace upon what I have no doubt was an unstained escutcheon.

Fred. Be comforted. Had you not atted as you did, thest reckless men would assuredly have called in the nearest clergyinan, and have married your large family on the spot.

General I thank you for your proffered solace, but it is unavailing. At what time does your expedition march against these scoundrels?

Fred. At eleven, and before midnight I hoped to have atoned for my involuntary association with these pestilent scourges by sweeping them from the face of the earth.-And then, my Mabel, you will be imine !

General. Are your devoted followers at hand $?$
Fred. They are; they only wait my orders.
Recit.-General. Then, Frederic, let your escort lion-hearted be summoned to receive a general's blessing ere they depart upon their dread adventure.

Fred. Dear sir, they come!
(Enter Police, marching in single file from L., 2d E.)
All. Good luck! they bear them bravely!
(The Police form in line, facing audience.)
Song.-Sergeant.
When the foeman bears his steel-
All (Using their clubs as trumpets.) Tarantara ! tarantara! Sergeant. We uncomfortable feel;
All. Tarantara!
Skrgeant. And we find the wisest thing-
All.
Tarantara! tarantara!
Sergeant. Is to slap our chesta and sing-
All. Tarantara!
Sergeant. For when threatened with emeutes-
All $\quad$ Tarantara! tarantara!
Sbrgeant. And your heart is in your boots-
All.
Tarantara!

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Sergrant. There is nothing brings it roundAll. Tamintaral tarantaral Sergeant. Like the trumpet's martial sound-

## All.

 Tarantam!Serghant. Tarantara-ra-ra-ra-ra-ra! etc. Alı. Tarantara ra-ra-ra. ra-ra!

Mabel (from L., addvebsing Seraeant.)
Go, ye heroes. go to glory !
Though you die in combat gory,
Ye shall live in song and story-
Go to immortality!
Go to death and go to slaughter ;
Iie, and every Cornish daughtef
With her tears your graves shall water-
Go, ye heroes, go and die!
All, Go, ye heroes, go and die!
Seraeant. Though to us it's evident-
All. Tarantaral tarantara!
Sergeant. These attentions are well meant-
All. Tarantara!
Sergeant. Such expressions don't appear-
-ll. Tarantara! tarantara!
Sergeant. Calculated men to cheer-
All.
Tarantara!
Sergeant. Who are going to meet their fate-
Alin $\quad$ Tarantara! tarantara!
Sergeant. In a highly nervous state-
All. Tarantara!
Sergeant. Still to us it's evident-
Als. Tarantara! tarantara!
Sergeant. These attentions are well meant-
All.
All. Yes, to them it's cvident, etc. etc.
Edith (from R., addressing Seraeant.)
Go, and do your best endeavor, And before all links we sever We will say farewell for everGo to glory and the grave !
For your fues arc fierce and ruthless, False, unmerciful and truthless; Young and tender, old and toothless, All in vain their mercy crave.
All. Yes, your foes are fierce and ruthless, etc.

## Chorus of Policr.

We observe too great a stress-
Tarantara! tarantara!
On the risks that on us press-
Tarantara!
And of reference a lack-
Tarantara! tarantara!
To our chance of coming back-
Tarantara!
Sergeant. Still, perhaps, it would be wise-
Police. Tarastara! tarantara!
Sergeant. Not to carp or critise-
Alle Tarantara!
Sergeant. For it's very evident-
All.
Tarantara! tarantara!
Sergeant. These attentions are well meant-
All.
Tarantara!
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { All. } & \text { Yes, to us it's evident } \\ & \text { These attentioue are well meant- }\end{array}$
Tarantara-ra-ra-ra-ra! etc., etc.
Go, ye heroes, go to glory ! etc, etc.
General Away! away!
$\begin{array}{ll}\text { Police. } & \text { (Without moving.) Yes, yes, we go } \\ \text { General. } & \text { These pirates slay. } \\ \text { Pouice. } & \text { Yes, yes, we go. }\end{array}$
General.
Ponce.
Then do not stay.
We go, we go.
Generat. Then why all this delay?
Police. All right! We go, we go ;
Yes, forward on the foe!
Ho! ho! ho! ho!
We go, we go, we go !
Tarantara-ri-ra-ra!
General. Then forward on the foe!
All. Yes! forward!
Pouce. Yes! forward!
General. Yes! but you don't go!
Police. We go, we go, we go!
All. At last they really go !
Ensemble
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Go to glory and the grave!
Tarantara!

Chorus of All but Police.
For your foes are fierce and ruthless,
False, unmerciful, and truthless ;
Young and tender, old and toothless,
All in vain their mercy crave, etc.

Chorus of Police.
Who are going to their fate-
Tarantara! tarantara!
In a highly nervous state-
Tarantara!
We observe too great a stress-
Tarantara! tarantara!
On the risks that on us press--
Tarantara!
And of reference a lack-
Tarantam! tarantara!
To our chance of coming back-
Turantara!
(Mabel tears herself from Fred, and exits R., folloved by hei sisters, consoling her. The General and others follow the: Police off L. Frederio remains alone.)

Reolt.-Fred.
Now for the pirates' lair! Oh joy unbounded! Oh sweet relief! oh rapture unexampled! At last I may atone, in some alight measure, For the repeated acts of thefts and pillage Of which, at a sense of duty's stern dictation, I, circumstances' victim, have been guilty.
(The Pirate King and Rute appear at the window C., armed.)
Kiva. Ycung Frederic! (Covering him woith pistol.)
Fred. Who calls?
Kivg. Your late commander. (Coming down.)
Ruri. And I, your little Ruth! (Covering him with pistul.)
Fred. Oh, mad intruders !
How dare ye face me? Know ye not, rash ones, That I have doomed you to extermination?
(King and Ruth hold a pistol to each ear.)
King. Have mercy on us! Hear us ere you slaughter!
Fred. I do not think I ought to listen to you.
Yes, mercy shouid alloy one stern resentinent, And so I will be merciful, Say on.

Trio.-Rute, King, and Fred. When first you left our pirate fold

We tried to cheer our spirits faint, According to our customs old, With quibs and quibbles quaint; But all in vain the quibs we heard;

We lay and sobbed upon the rocks,

## Until to somebody occurred

A curions paradox.
Fred. A paradox $?$
King anl Ruth. (Laughing.) A paradox-
A most ingenious puradox.
We've quips and quibbles heard in flocks; But none to beat this paradox.
Ha! ha! ha! ha! Ho! ho! ho! ho!
King. We know your taste for curious quips, For cranks and contradictions queer, And with the laughter on our lips We wished you there to hear. We said, " it we could tell it him, How Frederic would the joke enjoy!" And so we've risked both lite and limb To tell it to our boy.
Fined. (Interested.) That paradox.
King and Ruth. (Laughing.) That paradox, That most ingenious paradox.
We've quips and quibbles heard in flocks, But none to beat that paradox!
Ha! ha! ha! ha! ho! ho! ho! ho!
Chant.-King.
For some ridiculous reason-to which, however, I've no desire to be disloyal -
Some person in authority-I don't know who; very likely the astronomer-royal-
Has decided that although for such a beastly month as February twenty-eight days as a general rule is plenty,
One year in every four his days shall be reckoned as nine-andtwenty.
'Though some coincidence-I shouldn't be surprised if it ware owing to the agency of some ill-natured fairy -
You are the victim of this clumsy arrangement, having been born in leap-year on the twenty-ninth of February;
And so, by a simple Arithmetical process, you'll easy discover,
That thongh you've lived twenty-one years, yet, if we go by birthdays, you are only five and a little bit over!
Ruth and King. Ha! ha! ha! ha! Ho! ho! ho! ho! That paradox, ctc.
Fred. Dear me! Let's see: (Counting on fingers.)
Yes, yes,-with yours my figures do ag.ne.
Ha! ha! ha! ha! Ho! ho! ho! he!
(Frederic more amused than any.)

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How quaint the ways of Parndox! At common sense she gaily mocks. Though, counting in the usual way, Years twenty-one l've been alive, Yet, reckoning by my natal-day, I am a little boy of five!
All. He is a little bny of five, ha! ha! At common sense she guily mocks, So quaint a way has Paradox! Ha ! ha! ha! ha!
King. Ho! ho! ho! ho!
Rutr. Ha! ha! ha! ha!
Fred. Ha! ha! ha! ha!
All. Ho! ho! ho! ho!

## (All throw themselves back on seats exhausted with laughing.)

Fred. Upon my word, this is most curious, Most alsurdly whimsical. Fivo and a quarter! No one would think it to look at me.
Ruti. You are glad now, l'll be bound that you spared us. You would never have forgiven yourself when you discovered that you had killed two of your comrades.

Fred. My comirades?
King. I'm afraid you don't appreciate the delicacy of your position. You were apprenticed to us-

Fred. Until I reached my twenty-first year.
Kina. No, until you reached your twenty-first birthday (producing document), and, going by birth-days you are as yet only five and a quarter.

Fred. You don't mean to suy you are going to hold me to that ?
King. No, we merely remind you of the fact, and leave the rest to your sense of duty.
Fred. (Wi/dly.) Don't put it on that footing. As I was merciful to you just now, be merciful to me. I implore you not to insist on the letter of your bond just as the cup of happiness is at my lips.
Rutr. We insist on nothing. We content ourselves with pointing out to you your duty.

Fred. Well, you have appealed to my sense of duty, and my duty is only too cleur. I abhor your infamous calling, I shudder at the thought that I have ever been mixed up with it, but duty is before all. At any cost, I will do my duty.
King. Bravely spoken! Come, you are one of us once more.
Fred. Lead on I follow! (Suddenly.) Oh, horror!
King and Ruth. What is the matter?

Fred. Ought I to tell you! No! no! I cannot do it ; and yet, as one of your band-

King. Speak out, I charge you, by that sense of conscientiousness to which we have never yet appealed in vain.

Fred. General Stanley, the father of my Mabel-
King and Ruta. Yea! yes!
Fred. He escaped from you on the plea that he waş all orphan $?$

King. He did.
Fred. It breaks my heart to betray the honored father of the girl I adore, but as your apprentice I have no alternative. It is my duty to tell you that General Stanley is no orphan.

King and Ruti. What?
Fred. Nore than that, he never was one!
King. Ain I to understand that to save his contemptible life he dared to practice on our credulous simplicity? (Ened nods as he weeps.) Our revenge shall be swift and terrible. We will go and collect our band and attack Tremorden Castle this very night.

Fred. But-
King. Not a word! he is doomed!

## Trio.

King and Ruth.
Away! away! my heart's on fire;
I burn, this base deception to repay ;
This very day my vengeance dire
Shall glut itself in gore. Away! away!

King. With falsehood foul He tricked us of our brides;
Let vengeance howl-
The pirate so decides! The pirate so decides!
Our nature stern
He softaned with his lies, And in return This night the traitor dies.

Alle
Rutr.
King.
Fred.
Ruth.
King.

Frid.
Away! away! ere I expire.
I find my duty hard to do to-day.
My heart is filled with anguish dire;
It strikes me to the core, Away ! away!

Yes, yes, to-night the traitor dies! To-night he dies.
Yes, or early to-morrow. His girls likewise 1 They will welter in sorrow! The one soft spot-

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Fred. In their natures they cherish
Ruth. And all who plot-
King. To abuse it shall perish.
All.
Yes, all who plot
To abuse it shall perish! Away! away ! etc.
(Exennt King and Rutr. Fred throws himself on a stone L.C. in blank despair. Enter Mabel.)

Recit.-Mabel.
All is prepared ; your gallant crew await you. My Frederic in tears? It cannot be That lion heart quaila at the coming conflict?
Frad. No, Mabel, no. A terrible disclosure Has just been made.
Mabel, my dearly-loved one, I bound myself to serve the pirate captain Until I reached my one-and-twentieth birthday.
Mabel. But you are twenty-one?
Fred. I've just discovered That I was born in leap-year, and that birthday Will not be reached by me till 1940.
Mabel. Oh horrible! catastrophe appalling!
Fred. And so tarewell!
Mabel. No, nol Oh, Frederic, hear me!
Duet.-Mabel and Fied.
Mabel.

Fred.
Stay, Frederic, stay !
They have no legal claim. No shadow of a shame Will fall upon thy name.

Stay, Frederic, stay !
rred. Nay, Mabel, nay! To-night I quit these walls. The thought my soul appalls, But when stern duty calls I must obey !
Mabel. Stay, Frederic, stay !
Fred.
Mabel. Nay, Mabel, nay!

Fiemd. But duty's namel But duty's name d The thought my soul appalls, But when stern duty calls I must obey!

## Ballad.-Mabet.

Oh leave me not to live Alone and desolate 1
No fate seemed fair as mine-
No happiness ao great--
And Nature day by day
Has sung in accents clear
This joyous roundelay,
"He loves thee-he is here!
Falal falalfala!
He loves thee-he is herel"
Fred.

I'll then return and claim you, I declare it !
Fred. $\quad$ Swear that till then you will be true to me.
Mabel. (Aside.) Yes, I'll be strong.
(Aloud.) By all the Stunleys dead and gone I swear it !

## Ensemble.

Oh here is love, and here is truth, And here is food for joguns laughter:
$\left.\begin{array}{l}\mathrm{He} \\ \text { She }\end{array}\right\}$ will be faithful to his $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { his } \\ \text { her }\end{array}\right\}$ sooth.
Till we are wed, and even atter.
What joy to know that though $\left\{\begin{array}{c}\text { he } \\ I\end{array}\right\}$ must
Embrace piratical adventures,
He
She $\left\{\right.$ will be faithful to $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { his } \\ \text { her }\end{array}\right\}$ trust $\cdot$
Till $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { he is } \\ \mathrm{I} \text { am }\end{array}\right\}$ out of $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { his } \\ \mathrm{my}\end{array}\right\}$ indentures !
Fred.
Mabel. Вотв.

Farewell! Adicu!
The same to you!
Farewell! Adieu!
(Fred rushes to window and leaps out.

## Relit.-Mabel.

Distraction! Frederie! loved one! oh rotnru! With love I burn!
(Recollecting.) Stay! I'm a Stanley I Even to the grave I will be brave.
Hia conscience bids him give up love and all At duty's call ;
Mine teaches me that though I love him so, He is my foe.

Rectr.
(Feeling pulse.) Yes, I am brava! 0 family descent! How great thy charm! thy sway how excelleat! Come one and all, undaunted men in blue, A crisis now affairs are coming to.

Enter Police from R. I. E., marching in single file.)
Sergeant. Though in body and in mind, tarantara! tarantara!
Wo are timidly inclined, tarantara !
And anything but blind, tarantara! tarantara!
To the danger that's behind, tarantara!
Yet, when the danger's near, tarantaral tarmura !
We manage to appear, tarantara!
As insensible to fear, tarantara! tarantara!
As anybody here, tarantara!
Tarantara! tarantara.ra-ra-ra-ra-ra!
Mabel. Sergeant approach. Young Frederick was to havo led you to death and glory.

All. That is not a pleasant way of putting it.
Mabel. No matter. He will not so lead you, for ho has allied himself once more to his old associates.
Aul. He has acted shamefully!
Mabel. You speak falsely; you know nothing about it. He has acted nobly!

All. He has acted nobly!
Mabrl. Dearly as I loved him before, his heroic sacrifice to his sense of duty has endcared him to ne tenfold; but if it was his duty to constitute himself my foe, it is likewise my duty to regard him in that light. He has done his duty; I will do mine. Go ye and do yours. (Exit Mabel, R. I. E.)

All. Very well.
Seraeant. This is perplexing.
All. We cannot understand it at all.

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Srrazant. Still, if he is actuated by a sense of duty-
Alch That maken a difference, of courwe. At the ame time, wo repent we cannot undertand it.
Smbemant. No matter. Our course in clear; we must do our best to capture these pirates alone. It is most distressing to us to be the agente whereby our erring fellow-creatures are deprived of that liberty which is so dear to all, but we should have thought of that before we joined the force.

All. We should.
Aememant. It is too late now.
All. It ie.
Song.-Sergarant.
When a felon's unt engaged in his employment-
Arin $\quad$ His employment,
Sergeant. Or maturing his felonious little plans-
Ali. Little plans,
Skrgeant. His capacity for innocent enjoyment-
Als. Cent enjoyment
Sergeant. Is just as great as any honest man's-
Ale. Honest man's.
Skraeant. Our feelings we with difficulty smother-
Ali. -Culty smother,
Sbrgeant. When constabulary duty's to be done-
All. To be done.
Srrgant. Ah, take one consideration with another-
All. With another,
Seroeant. A policeman'e lot in not a happy one-
All.
Happy one.
When constabulary duty's to be done-
To be done-
The policeman's lot is not a happy one-
Happy one
Seromant. When the enterprising burglar's not a-burgling-
Acs. Not a burgling,
Seroeant. When the cutthroat ien't occupied in crime-
All. -Pied in crime,
Sbrgeant. He loves to hear the little brook a-gurgling -
All. Brook a gurgling,
Srrgeant. And listen to the merry village chime-
All. Village chime.
Sergeant. When the costor's finished jumping on his mother-
Ald. On his mother,
Sergeant. He loves to lie a-basking in the sun-
All. In the sun.
Sergeant. Ah, take one consideration with another-
Ale. With another,

Sbrogant. The policeman's lot is not a happy ondHappy one 1
When constalulary duty's to be duncTo be done,
The policeman's lot is not a happy oneHappy one 1
Chonus of Piratks Outhide, in the Distanuk.
A rollicking band of pirates wo, Who tired of tossing on the sea, Are trying their hand at a burglaree With weapons grim and gory!
Skno. Huah! hush! I hear them on the manor poaching : With stealthy step the pirates are approaching.
Chorls of Pirates resumed Neambi.
We are not coning for plate or gold-
A story Generul Stanley told-
We seek a penalty fifty-fuld
For General Stanley's story.
J'osicer. They seek a peunlty.
l'mates. (Without.) Fifty-fold!
We seek a penalty fifty-fold!
Als. We $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { seek a penalty fifty-fold } \\ \text { for General Stanley's }\end{array}\right.$
Polack. They come in force,
The bold, burglarious elves ;
Our obvious course
Is to conceal ourselves.
Indice conceal themselves in aisle L. As they do so the Picites, with Rutn and Fredenic, are seen appearing at mimed windinn C. They enter cautiously, and come down staye on tipitor. The King is laden with burglarious tools and pistols, etc., "h.)

Chonus.-Pirates.
(Viry loud.) With cit-like tread
Upon our prey we steal-
In silence dread
Our cautious way we feel.
Police. (Pianissimo.) Tarantara! farantara!
Pileates. No sound at all :
We never speak a word;
A fly's footfall
Porder.
Would be distinctly heard. Tarantara! tarautara!

Pirater Ha! ha!
Ho! ho!
So stealthily the pirate creeps
While all the household soundly sleeps.
Gurr! gurr!
Gurr ! gurr! (Imitating snoring.)
Ha! ba! Ho! ho!
Policl. (Pianissimo.) Tarantara! tarantara!
(Forte.) T'arantara!
Recit.-Fred.
Hush! not a word! I see a light inside.
(Looks through key-hole L.)
The major-general comes, so quickly hide.
Major-General. (Withuut.) Yes, yes, the major-general comen
Pirates. He comes!
Major-General. (Entering in dressing-govon, cariying a light.) Yes, yes, I come!
1'olioe. He comes !
Major-General. Yes, yes, I come.
Aun The major-general comes,
Solo.-General;
Tormented with the anguish dread Of falsehood unatoned,
I lay upon my sleepless bed, And tossed and turned and groaned.
The man who finds his conscience acke
No peace at all enjoys;
And as I lay in bed awake
I thought I heard a noise.
Pibates. He thought he heard a noise I
Ha! ha! ha! ha! ha! ha!
Poutce. He thought he heard a noise !
Tarantara-ra-ra!.
General. No, all is still
In dale on hill
My mind is set at ease.
So still the scens It might lave been The sighing of the breeze.

Ballad.-Gereral.
Sighing softly to the river
Comes the loving breeze,

Setting Nature all a-quiver, Rustling through the trees.
All. Through the trees.
General. And the brook in rippling measure Laughs for very love, While the poplars in their pleasure Wave their arms above.
Polioe and Pirates. Yes, the trees for very love. Wave their leaty arms above. River, river, little river! May thy loving prosper ever! Heaven speed the poplar tree! May thy wooing happy be!
General. Yes, the brecze is hit a rover!
When lie wings away,
Brook and poplar mourn a lover, Sighing "Well-a-day !"
All. Well-h-lay !
General. Ah, the doing and undoing That the rugne could tell! Whell the breeze is out n-wooing, Who call woo so well!
Pouce and Pirates. Slucking tales the rogue could tell ;
Nobouly can woo so well!
Pretty brook, thy dream is over,
For thy love is but a rover.
Sind the lot of poplar trees
Courted by a fickle breeze!
(Enter the General's dau!hters, led by Mabel, all in white peignoirs und nighteaps, and carrying candles.)
Girls. Now, what is this ? and what is that ? and why does father leave his nest
At such a time of night as this, so incompletely dressed $\}$
Dear father is, and always was, the most methodical of men;
It's his invarable rule to go to bed at half-past ten.
What strange occurrence can it be that calls dear father from his nest
At such a time of night as this, so very, so very incompletely dressell
Kisg. (Springing up.) Forward, my men, and seize that general there!
His life is over.
General The pirates! Oh, despair!
Mabel and Glims. The pirates! oh, the pirates!
Oh, despair!
Piratas. Yes, yes, we are the pirates, so despair I

King
With base deceit
You worked upon our feelings;
Revenge is sweet,
And flavors all our dealings.
With courage rare,
And resolution manly,
For death prepare,
Unhappy Geneml Stanley!
Fred. (Coming forivard.) Alas! alas I unhappy General Stanley !
Generil. Frederic here? Oh joy! oh rapture !Summon your men and effect their capture.
Mabel. Frederick, save us! Fred.

Beautiful Mabel, I would if I could, but I am not able.
Pirates. He's telling the truth ; he is not able.
Police (Pianissimo.) Tamintara! tarantara!
(They bind the General to broken pillar C.)
Mabel. (Wildly.) Is he to die, unshriven and unannealed?
Girls. Oh spare him!
Mabel. Will no one in his cause a weapon wield?
Girls. Oh spare him!
Polios. (Springing up.) Yes, we are here, though hitherto concealed.
Giris.
Oh, rapture!
Police. So to our powers, pirates, quickly yield!
Gircs. Oh, rapture!
(A struggle ensues between Pirates and Police, Rutu tackling
Sergeant. Eventuaily the Police are overcome and fall prostrate, the pirates standing over them with diawn swords.)
General. To gain a brief advantage you've contrived, But your proud triumph will not be long-lived!
King. Dun't say you are orphiens, for we know that game.
Sergeant. On your allegiance we've a nobler claim:
We charge you yield in Queen Victoria's name!
King. (Bafled.) Yon do?
Police. We do!
We charge you yield in Queen Victorin's name!
(Pirates h:neel; Police stand over them triumphantly.)
King. We yield at once with humbled mien, Because, with all our faults, we love our queen.
Police. Yes, yes, with all their faults they love their queen.

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(Police, holding Pirates ly the collar, take out handkerchiefs and veeep.)
General Away with them and place them at the bar!
Ruti. One moment; let me tell you who we are.
We are no memhers of the common throng;
We are all noblemen who have gone wrong.
Geriral, Polick, and Giris. What I All noblemen?
Kina and Pirates. Yes, all noblemen!
General, Police, and Girls. What! All?
King.
Well, nearly all.
All. They are nearly all noblemen who have gone wrong.
Then give three cheers both loud and strong,
For the twenty noblemen who have gone wrong !
Then give three cheers both loud strong,
For the noblemen who have gone wrong!
General No Englishman unmoved that statement hears,
Because, with all our faults, we love our House of Peers!
(All kneel.)
Alc. Hail, ever hail, O Honse of Peers 1
To wishom that mankind reveres
We listen with respectful ears,
For oh we love our House of Peers I
(All rise. Each Pirute takes a Girl.)
Recit.-Genrral.
I pray you pardon me, ex-pirate king ;
Peers will b: peers, and youth will have its fling, Resume your ranks and legislative duties,
Aud take my daughters, all of whom are benuties.

## FINALE.

Ruti. At length we are provided, with unusual facility, To change piratic crime for dignitied respectability.
King. Combined, I needu't say, with the unparalleled felicity
Of what we have been longing for-unbounded domesticity.
Mabeln To-morrow morning early we will quickly the parsonitied-
Hymeneally coupled, conjugally matrimonified.
Sergeant. And this shall be accomplished by that doctor of divinity
Who huppily resides in the immediate vicinity.
Chorus. Who happily resides in the inmediate vicinity.

Genfral My military knowledgo, though I'm plucky and Has only been brought down to the beginuing of the century ;
But still in getting off my daughters-eight or nine or ten in all-
I've shown myself the model of a modern majorgeneral.
His military knowledge, etc.
All
(Dance.)

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