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Firsteclass in all Appointments.
SPEGIL RITES FOR GOMPANESS.
OHAE. W. DAVIB,
Proprlator.


## Read and Reflect.

DOORS open for matinees at $2 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$. ; curtain rises at $2.30 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

Evenings.--Doors open at 7.30, and curtain rises at 8.I5 p. m. sharp.
Tickets can be reserved two days in advance without extra charge. Office open from $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$. to $9 \mathrm{p} . \mathrm{m}$.

Seats can be secured by mail, telegraph or telephone. Telephone 732.
Seats ordered by Telephone or in Person, and not callec for by 7.30 o'clock on the night of performance, will then be sold to avoid loss to the Theatre.

Physicians are requested to register at the Box Office, leaving seat number, as this will enable Ushers to find them, if called for, without disturbing the audience.

Children in arms not admitted to evening pelformances. Children three years old or over, full price.

Patrons will confer a favor by reporting to the management any incivility or inattention on the part of the empes, and annoyances of any nature.

If the individual members of an audience would stop to think for just an instant, they would undoubtedly appreciate the fact that the habit of rising from their seat and leaving the theatre before the curtain falls, is a most annoying one, and one that should be stopped. We therefore beg our audiences to kindly remain in their seats until the close of the performance.

Electric Cars will be waiting on Richmond St. for all parts of the City, at the close of each performance.

Carriages can be ordered at the Box Office or of the Chief Usher.
For all lost articles, apply at Box Office.
It is strange, but there is a class of people that seem to take an intense delight in bespattering the floor with tobacco juice, and in being boisterous and using profane language. These people should know at once that the courts authorize their immediate expulsion, should the management see fit to exercise its rights.

## A LUMINOUS ROMANCE.

The brilliant career of wo Western girls, with its rather lurid termination, has been outlined as follows :-

An Iowa woman has named her twin daughters Gasoline and Kerosene. The old man's name is prsbably Pete-Roleum.

We hope the babies will grow up a par-afine girls.

The man who marries into that family will strike oil, but we fear sparking in the immediate neighborhood of the girls would be a very dangerous pastime.
Later:-A man named Naphtha popped to one of the girls, and he hasn't benzine since.

## HIS "BRAWSES."

The convenience and safety incident to the American system of checking baggage is not at once appreciated by all foreigners. The Englishman told about in the Chicago Tribune, however, meant to have kept his checks safe, at all hazards.
"Have me bawxes arrived ?" he said to the hotel clerk.
"Hey?"
"Me bawxes."
"Eh! Oh, your trunks. Front, find the gentleman's trunks!"
They were not to be found, and their owner decided to go to the station for them himself.
"Have you me bawxes here?" he said to the agent.
"Huh ?"
"Me bawxes."
"Trunks, d'ye mean? Let's sec yer checks."
"Me checks! checks !" was the puzzled answer. "Bless me stars! Cawn't understand! I-"
"I want your trunk checks. Here, these things," explained the agent, showing a check.
"Oh, it's me brawses you want? I locked them in me bawxes. I'll have to get me bawxes first."
"Well, that beats my time!" ejaculated the baggageman. "Oh yes, certainly, I'll find 'em," and he did.

## A REMARKABLE CHANCE.

Mortification usually follows so closely upon the heels of deception, one would think that men would hesitate much more than they seem to before bringing down upon themselves sucii an uncomfortable reward. But many are still conrting humiliation by much the same methods as those of the artist in this instance :-

A Hungarian peasant went to a Munich painter and asked him to paint the portrait of his mother.
"Certainly." said the painter; "send her to me."
"But she is dead; if she was alive I wouldn't want her portrait."
"Well, have you any picture of her ?"
"No ; if I had I wouldn't want one."
"Well, my friend, describe her to me; what sort of eyes, hair, etc. ?"

He secured that, and appealing to his artist friends who had some Hungarian studies, he painted a head. Secreting his friends about the room, he sent for the peasant. The man came, looked at the picture, his eyes filled with tears; he put up his hand to wipe them away.
"'Yoor fellow," said the artist, patting him on the back. "It is a good likeness, then, it affects you so much ?"
"No," said the man. "Poor mother! to think she has only been dead six months, and looks like that!"

## NO USE WISHING.

Some waste their time longing for the unattainable, and others wastr theirs longing for that which might easily be attained with a very slight effort on their part. Both classes of "longers" are foolish. What's the use in wishing in either case? Iere is a girl who understood this perfectly - -
"You see," he explained to the ingenuous young thing as he showed her the wishbone, "you take hold here and I'll take hold here. Then we must both make a wish and pull, and when it breaks, the one who has the biggest piece of it will have his or her wish sometime.
"But I don't know what to wish for," she protested.
"Oh, you can think of something," he said.
" No, I can't," she replied, "I can't think of anything I want very much."
"But we mustn't spoil the fun that way," he exclaimed, "I'll wish for you."
"Will you, really ?" she asked.
"Why, yes, if you can't"-
"Well, then, there's no use fooling with the old wishbone," she interrupted, with a glad smile. "You can have me."

Walking Delegate : "Yez must shtop doin' thot work unless yez hov a card signed by th' Supreme Exalted Grand Master av th' Union."

Mulcahey: "But it's me wife's wood, misther."

Walking Delegate: "I can't help that. Lave off!"

Muleahey: "Faith, Oi'll not. Oi'm ready to tackle yure Suprame Exalted Grand Masther, but when it comes to a t'ree-hundredjound woman wid rid hair, Oi'm not in it!"

Little Nell: "What's the matter ?"
Little Dick: " Pop,"caught me smoking an' he's going to lick me."
"When ?"
"Quick as he gets through smoking."

THE majority of advertisers fail chiefly because they are timid.

GOODS advertised with posters are half sold-any salesman can finish the deal.

DR. BEEMAN, proprietor of the pensin chewing gum bearing his name, has gone beyond the point of theory in poster advertising to such an extent that he is spending $\$ 150,000$ in putting up great, big, overpowering, convincing arguments-arguments that are run against whenever one turns about.

THE NEW YORK JOURNAL is spending about \$2,000 a month in poster and other out-door advertising. As a result, it is stated on good authority, that they have been unable to print the number of copies ordered.
"' MONEY TALKS' never more forcibly nor more profitably than when properly invested in the right kind of posters. The poster speaks to everyona -to prince and pauper, to banker and laborer. The poet and yeasant, the gay and sad, the ignorant and educated, the high and low, the rich and poor, all without distinction of race, class or condition, individually and collectively, are brought under its magic sway."-Alf. Ringling, in the American Bill Poster.

THE CENTURY, New York, offers three prizes of $\$ 125, \$ 75$ and $\$ 50$ for the three best designs for a poster advertising the uid-summer number. Why don't some of our Canadian artists make an effort to capture the coin ?

THE NEW YORK WORLD offers $\$ 100.00$ for the best poster design, advertising their Sunday issue.

The value of the displayed poster for advertising purposes to day is so thoroughiy recognized in all kinds of business tisat not to use them is to lose trade.

THERE are over 6000 poster collectors in the United States. Canada has about 1000.

PLAIN, pertinent, prominent posters properly posted, publicly proclaim princely possibilities. If plain, they quickly catch the eye; if pertinent, they make an impression; if prominent, they attraci attention. The positive proof of the princely possibilities is best evidenced by those who have made a success of their business.-H. L. Pierce, in American Bill Poster.

THE circulation of an attractive poster is the total population of the town.
C. J. WHITNEY, Lessee.
A. E. ROOTE, Manager. ม

 FOR ONE WEEK,

Gommencing
Monday, May Ilth. Jis
THE VERSATILE LITTLE
ACTRESS


Accompanied
MADGE

## w. T. © askell, TUCKER

SUPPORTED BY A TALENTED COMPANY.

## CHANGE OF PLAY NIGHTLY.

NEW SONGS! NEW PLAYS! NEW SPECIALTIES!

- POPULAR PRICES--10c., 20c. and 30c.

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When you are arranging to give a Banquet Dinner, Reception, or Afternoon Tea.

MVE have a large variety of our manufactured Creams, Taffies and Cream Wafers.

Try our ANGEL
FOOD.
194 Dundas St.
TELEPHONE 546.

BRADFORD \& HODGIIS,
(Successors to A. Bradford.)
CONFECTIONERS.


Stock must be oleared at once.
No reasonable cash offer refused.

## OAETEI OTTOIETE ETLOIRIヨ,

(Suceasors to Carroll \& co.), 234 DUNDAS STREET, London, Ont.


NEEDED IN EITHER CASE, PERHAPS.
"A sailor going to sea, his wife desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety.' Such was the message as given to the parson. It was read out in church like this:-"A sailor going to see his wife, desires the prayers of the congregation for his safety."

## DILUTED AFFECTION.

" When you say I do not love you as much as I did," explained the young husband, " you do me an injustice. You must remember, my dear, that the amount of love I used to condense into a once-a. week now has to do for the whole seven days."

## INCULCATING HEROYSM.

"There therc ?" said Mrs. Blue-Myrrh, picking $u_{r}$ her little boy, who had "stubbed" his toe. "Don't cry. Be a man, like mamma."

Miss Coygirl-" Jack Softleigh told me last night that I caght to accept him, because he was willing to prove his love for me." Her Friend-"What did you say?" Miss Coygirl"I said I couldn't see it in that light." Her Friend-"Then what did he say ?" Miss Coygirl-"Nothing. He just turned the light out."

## Joseph


 Tallor.

NEW GOODS. LATEST STYLES.

262½ DUNDAS StreEt, London, Ontario.

# See Our <br> Graat $\$ 2.00$ Hat <br> For Spring. 

 LATEST STIFFS AND FEDORAS-ALL SHADES. GRAHATV BROS. HATTERS AND FURNISHERS.LONDON.
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## Mondday, $\mathrm{MI}_{\text {Ay }} 11 \mathrm{th}$, "THE BUCKEYE"

## CAST OF CHARACTERS.


$\qquad$
MARY JANE.
MADGE TUCKER

## SYNOPSIS.

ACT I.-The old Buckeye. Mary Jane gives advice to Mr. Walling. Bill Poses, the Burglar. Bill, stay right where you are.

ACT II.-The home of Walter and Gertie. Jonathan and Betsy make a visit. I've got to let off steam or bust.

ACT III.-Exterior of the Buckeye. Jonathan gets on his muscle. I've got a burglar on ice.
ACT IV.-Mary Jane writes a letter to Charlie. The mails got it. Jane finds her father at last. Specialties by Miss Tucker and Mr. Hooper.

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 Johnston's $\quad$ ? STYLISH ${ }^{198} \begin{aligned} & \text { DUNDAS } \\ & \text { STREET. }\end{aligned}$ FOOTWEAR
TRUNKS, VALISES, PURSES, ETC.


## W. T. STRONG.



Headquarters for stronc's baking powder.

## SCIENTIFIC ITEM.

Hicks-The firefly strikes a spark by rubling its wings together.
Dickson-Um! What you might call a fire caused by a defective flew.

## WHY THEY WERE THERE

An interesting conversation in a certain judicial house of detention is given as follows in Kate Field's Washingion:-
"I am here, gentlemen," explained the pickpocket to his follow-prisoners, "as the result of a moment of abstraction."
"And I," said the incendiary, " because of an unfortunate habit of making light of things."
"And I," chimed in the forger, "on account of a simple desire to make a name for myself.
"And I," added the burglar, "through nothing but taking advantage of an opening which offered in a large mercantile establishment uptown." But here the warden separated them.


THE LEADINQ DEALERS IN Stoves, Ranges, ....and....
House
Furnishings.
WE SOLICIT YOUR PATRONAGE.
362
RICHMOND
STREET,
Phone 452. LONDON, Ont.

## "Piano Manufacturers to Her Majesty the Queen of England."

# R. S. WILLLAMS' SONS CO, (Limited), <br> PIANOS 

are pronounced
"The Piano" par excellence by the most severe critics in Canada. A visit to the warerooms of the London Branch will convince the most skeptical that perfection in every detail has been reached.

Pirces and Terms Most Reesonable

## Sheet Music and

Musical Instruments
of EVERY DESCRIPTION CONSTANTLY IN STOCK.营党
Warerooms: 171 DUNNAS $\$ T$ T.
J. A. CRODEN, Manager.

## GILT EDGE NEIK SPRING GOODS. 1896.

 UP-TO-DATE IN VARIETY AND FINISH.CALLS AND SEE

## A. SLATER ,

 $=$ MERCHANT TAILOR. CORNER RICHMOND AND CARLING STREETS.PRICES, STYLE ANI GOODS RIGHT.
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## TUESDAY MAY 12TH

# DANGERS $\underset{A}{\text { OF }}$ GREAT CITY 

## CAST OF CHARACTERS.



## SYNOPSIS.

ACT 1.-The othice of Fielding © Cu., in Maden Lare, N. Y. Hiamond Drohers. Death of Lamyad.
AC'I 11.-The Vanghn Apartments on sth Ave. Fiscape of George-iiy (God, her Lover.
ACT III.-Scene 1 -The Fielting Apartments in Grammercy Patk. Scene $2-$ On the Bowery. Scene 3Mother Thunder's Lodging House at the Points.

ACT 1 N .-The deserted factory. No. 22 Mutberis St., New Vork. The Dangers of a (ireat City.
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geve MARRIAGE LICENSES, WEDDING RINGS,
and OPERA GLASSES from
RICHMOND STREET.

THOS. GILLEAN,
Jeweler ard Optician.

##  ....Artistic Photographer.

See his "Carbonetts," the Latest and Best Invention in Modern Photography:

STUDIO: OVER 189, 171 and 173 DUNDAS STREET.



## 213 Dundas Street.

 A DOUBTFUL COMPLIMENT.
Mrs. Asher -How do you like our table?
New Boarder-I was just thinking how little there was left to be desired.
"So you are baving your house redecorated, Mr. Hawkins?" "Yes ; the workinen began last week." "Are you making radical changes?" "Yes-very." "What is to be the main feature of the new houce?" "You-if you'll consent."

## ON THE BOWERY.

Customer (in a restaurant)-Bring one Welsh rarebit and an order of pig's feet.
Waiter (through slide)-One Taffy on a doorstep, one Trilby from the rooter !

SHE HAD REVENGR.
As soon as closed the final scene Of each act he withdrewIn brief, went out the act between To see a man he knew.
No tears adown her fair cheeks :an; She donned her sweetest smile,
And firted with another man Who sat acioss the aisle.
-New York Press.

## A.SCREATOH \&CO.


Ordered Clothinc:


## Perhaps You Didn't Know

THAT WE EARRY
ONE OF THE FINEST STOCKS OF

## SUITINGS <br> OVERCOATINGS

IIN LOINDOIN.

WIE DO, and can make them up as they ought to be made-that means to fit well, to look nobby, and made for a reasonable price.

## A.SCREATON \& C 0 . <br> 134 DUNDAS STREET and 135 CARLING STREET.

LONDON, - ONTARIO. Toronto, Hamiliton, Woodstook, Windsor, Sarnia, Ottawa, Barrie, Chatham, Ingersoll, 8\%, Thomas, Stratford, Peterboro.

Telephont 559.
J. K. SPRY, Manager.

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## WEDNESDAY, MAY 13TH..... <br> THE TRAIN WRECKERS

CAST OF CHARACTERS.


## SYNOPSIS.

ACT 1.-The strike on the E. \& O. "Not a wheel shall turn." The riot.
ACT 11.-Sce:ie $x_{4}$ - The Rutherford Gardens. Scene 2.-Mill Creek Bridge. The Wreckers at work. The train is rushed into the river. Ill flag that train or die.

ACT 111. -The prison in Sing-Sing. Escape of Jack. For liberty.
ACT IV.-Kutherford apartinents on Fifth avenue. Locked in the vault. Jack Barry just in time.

## THE GERHARD HEINTZMAN PIANO

0 U_USED IN THIS OPERA HOUSE WAS SUPPLIED BY——o
Warerooms : 229 Dundas St., London. . -:- W. MCPHILLIPS.

## ELECTRIC CARS WAITING OUTSIDE.



S/f WALTER RALEIGH, history says,
Is quite entitled to our praise
As belng first to introduce
Tobacco for our present use.
He gave it to society
Without the least anxiety,
But slnce SIr Walter had his day
A few long centurles away,
Improvement has kept pace with need
In makling up the fragrant weed.
Cigars, of course, are very old,
And some wers worth their welght in gold,
But none you can purohase near or far
Are better than VARIETION or GRANO OPERA CIGAR.
Its aromatlo smell is nloe,
its flauur good, 5 -cents the price.

## JOE NOLAN,

OPRRA GIGAR STORE MASONIC TEMPLE

Any person or firm who is desirous of creating a quick demand for his or their wares, should use posters in preference to all other avenues of publicity. Nothing is one half so prompt. Proof of this fact is found in the fact that circus and theatrical managers have learned through years of experience that they bring a response that is almost instantaneous. For this reason itinerant organizations rely upon them almost to the entire exclusion of all other forms of advertising, save distributing matter.

If you want to advertise anyihing anywhere at any time, and desire to procure inaximum results at minimum outlay, use the billboards.

## $\left\lvert\, \begin{aligned} & \text { (OAL } \\ & \text { DAYS }\end{aligned}\right.$

DON'T put off for to-morrow the Coal you ought to order to-day.
It may snow-the cold snap's coming!

COR. BATHURST AND clarence sts.

# NEXT ATTRACTION. 

tUesday, MAY 19th.

## Stuart Robson rem

 "THE HENRIETTA."
## THE LONDON STREET RALLWAY CO.

Will supply special Cars for Evening Parties, Theatre, Etc., at reasonable raies. Apply for rates.
c. E. A. CARR, Branager:

## A New Windke in Pholography.

 Sol Superseded.-Time Annihilated.By an entirely novel method of artificial illumination,

## MR. JOHN NICHOLSON the Photographar, of

521 RICHMOND ST., CITY, is prepared to make views at your own home of Wedding Parties, Receptions, Theatrical Groups, Society Entertainments, and Individual Portraits, just as well as if done in a well-appointed Studio, with the additional advantage of home surroundings.

The apparatus used is cleanly in the extreme, causes neither strangling smoke, obnoxious fumes, nor disagreeable dust, which facts Mr. Nicholson will be pleased to demonstrate to all who honor him with a call at the above address.

## When You Have

Lithographing,
Bill Posting,
Distributing,
Country Work,
or Advertising
Of any kind to do,
Don't forget the
LONDON $<$
BIL山
OOSTING HGENGY

## Long Waist, Gorrect Shape, Best Materlal,

 Combined with the best filling in the world, makes the " Featherbone Corset " unequalled.
## PIRE AK PEATR.


"War," said the lecturing philanthropist, " is a horrible evil. The warrior is a survival of barbarism-What's that! A drum! Soldiers coming !! Open the window. I want to see them. "-Boston Transcript.


## Speaking about Tragedy!

There have been several narrow escapes in London recently.

## A Broken Plank

was the cause. You possibly have a poor stretch of walk in front of your premises. Our Telephone No. is 653.

## And Lumber is Cheap.

Before you place an order for Inside Finishing, remember that we have an elegantly equipped factory and a gr. it reputation on that class of work.

## GEO.H. BELTON

Lumber Yard, YORK STREET.
atrons of this Theatre will eonfor 2 fevor by reporting any discoutcosy on the part of employees, to A. E. ROOTE, Manager.

Parties finding lost articles in any portion of the theatre will please leave them at the Ticket Office.
Parties losing any articles in this Theatre will please inquire at the Box Office.


## Harry McKenna,

${ }_{\text {ormatr }}$ me

## @boice GOBACCONIST'S Goods.

Always Opfin after the Opera.
225 DUNDAS ST. hetail ard Wholesale
 SAVING.
"I much commend Jeanette and John, Their thrift could never be outdone, Though twenty chairs are in the room,

Night after night they use but one."
-Boston Budget.
UNNECESSARY.
"In popping the question, he did prefer To do it in manner firm and steady ;
He did not go on his knees to herFor she was on his knees already." -Life.

## ACCOUNTED FOR.

Foot Tighes-" Hungry ! Dere's an appetizing odor about you dat reminds me of the roast goose of me childhood. Hev you hed any ?

Ilungry IIawkes - "Nope! But I slep' in an onion bed last night."

# This Space is for Sale．Try it． You will be benefited and want more． 

## ONE ON WOMAN．

Oh，woman，lovely woman，were it not for thee，
Man，indeed would have a fit and die from apathy．
Thou art fair as the lily，and beauteous as the rose，
For，coming down to beauty，you＇re in it，＂I＇ll tell you those．＂
Oh，woman，lovely woman，thy charms are ever great，
Thou dost keep the men all guessing some－ times at a lively rate，
How often hast thou caught them with thy smile so fair to see，
Oh，woman，lovely woman，come，wilt＂smile with me？＂
Oh，woman，lovely woman，chief attraction－ nay，save one，
And that one is our office，where the finest Printing＇s done．
Our printing is par excellence in quality，and the price，
When you see the work we do you＇ll say＂It don＇t cut ice．＂
Oh，woman，lovely woman，thy influence with man
Has always held full sway e＇er since the world began．
Exert it in a profitable way o＇er fathers，lovers and brothers，
And tell them when they printing want－ forget that＂there are others．＂
Then woman，lovely woman，thou hast not lived in vain，
Pleasant dayto morrow，if indeed itdoes not rain
We＇ll sing your praises truly，your charms both rich and rare．
Some day you＇ll have a harp and wings，and go＂up in the air．＂
PRINTERS．LITHOCRAPHERS．ENGRAVERS． The London Printing ard Lithographing
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# BELTON \＆ROOTE Bill Posting 

 C Distributing AND $=$ General Advertising Agents．Control all the Bill Boards and Dead Walls through． out the City．Population of City，40，000．

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## OFFICE ：BOX OFFICE，OPERA <br> HOUSE．


He－＂I＇d like a flower in my coat when I go．＂She－＂I＇ll put it in now．＂
＂Going to take your family abroad，Hicks？＂ ＂Yep．＂＂Where do you expect to be in August ？＂＂In bankruptcy．＂

Wife－＂＂What do you think of Bridget＇s cooking ？＂Husband－＂I think if she tried to boil water she＇d burn it．＂

She（reproachfully）－＂You said you would die for me．＂He（stiffly）－＂I was referring to my whiskers，madam．
＂Say，guide，what does that memorial stone commemorate？＂＂I put it there．It is upon that spot where a tourist once gave me five marks．＂

Painter（to his model）－＂Now you can rest a ieit whil？I paint in the background．＂ Peasent weman（bashfully）－＂Ach，then I suppose I shall have to turn＇round．＂

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