

MUSIC AND THE DRAMA.

Lively Times in Theatrical Circles in New York City.

Agnes Huntington's Success in "Captain Thersere"—Miss Marlowe's New Home on the Hudson—"The Gossoon"—Footlight Flash.

A. P. Dunlop, writing from New York under date of February 26th, says: "After a two-weeks unusual theatrical quietude, during which the superlative scaterers who are employed as harbingers and heralds of shows have maintained an enforced rest, a boom ripples this week in the exact opposite direction, bringing with it two new operettas, a fresh farcical play, melodramas and a merry little comedy—enough to brighten things, theatrical at least, for the rest of the week. "Gloriana," produced by Chas. Frohman's players at Her Majesty's theater, is an adaptation by James Mortimer of Chivot & Duru's Palais Royal play "Le True d'Arthur," first produced in 1882, but translated by the London Globe, where it is still running successfully. It made a ringing success here, and, as a laugh provoker, it gave rise to a number of amusing incidents. Miss Henrietta Crossman was Gloriana, a cool, captivating creature, and everything the author could have imagined in the character was capably expressed by the clever actress. The production was rich in individual successes, everyone of Mr. Frohman's players, in fact, did splendid work. The theme of the play is servants and employers masquerading on one another's names and clothes; but here is plenty of new invention in treatment hereof.

"Uncle Celestin" at the Casino, put into English by Georges Milet from Ortonson, and known as "L'Oncle Celestin" with music by Edmond Audran, was produced several years ago in Paris, and a Casino manager has since it over the dramatic circuit for some time. It is nothing more than a musical farce comedy made up of the lightest kind of material, but it has been a great success with audiences who are not hard to please as they have the pleasing limbs of Sylvia Ferris, and the supple contour of Miss Fuller to the music of Edmond Audran.

A planquette opera named "Captain Thersere" has also been seen on the road before it had come to the Union Square on Monday, and it is a very merry and charming Agnes Huntington in a dual character—a beautiful maiden and a bold young soldier. The libretto has been cleverly altered by Louis Feltus, the well-known comedian and author. Although Miss Huntington was suffering from a cold on Monday, she made a distinct success. The people employed in the opera are much above the average, and the production was in every way magnificent.

In the garden Theater Richard Mansfield, after a monetary successful season on the road, has again brought forward "The Englishman," a comedy in two acts of the English swell, but as unlike him as an arrogant Prussian officer of Uhlans of to-day, is to a London dandy. He is also to appear at the Garden Theater in "A Parisian Romance," and in that equally repelling play "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." "Don Juan," now called "The Weather Vane," is also produced by the Garden Theater, and the bold and ambitious actor is meanwhile preparing Emma V. Sheridan's "Little Boat," Mansfield appearing as Titoblat.

"Jane," which left Hoyt's Madison Square Theater to make room for "A Trip to Chinatown," is a very merry and charming play, and it is expected to remain at the Standard for three weeks. At Niblo's Garden a brand new melodrama, "The World of the Wild World," with Helen Blythe as the heroine, was also done on Monday—in fact, it has been quite a week for melodrama, the last including "Hands Across the Sea," "The Two Orphans," "The White Slave" and the above mentioned play, "The Wide, Wide World," which might be a great deal more than a success, and it gets running a little more smoothly with no doubt, and many admirers. Miss Blythe has a commanding stature, a good voice and only a slight tendency to being a lack of easy movements which gives her the appearance of stagginess.

"A Trip to Chinatown," continues to have so powerfully strong a magnet that it will now run out the season at Hoyt's Theater. "A Texas Steer," which was to have taken the place of "The World of the Wild World," is expected to continue running on the road. The Harlemites have, during the week, been amused by Donnelly and Girard's "Natures" and "The World of the Wild World," the modern Patsy Bolivar of Swedish make.

"The Broken Seal" at Palmer's is drawing largely, but as yet, it is not when Mr. Palmer has a good enough play for a run, he has let his theater and looked his company somewhere out of New York. The comedy drama "The World of the Wild World" is therefore to be removed for the Kennells, and when they are done Mr. Palmer will bring out "The World of the Wild World," which is a good, solid run if Augustus Thomas has done the dramatic half as clever as is his "Alabama."

Mr. Thomas, in his "Alabama," is a play, and it isn't quite so bet on a man who writes a play like "Reckless Temple" one month and astonishes everybody by the next month. "The World of the Wild World" continues to draw Mr. Daly's regular patrons, who are in duty bound to see the very thing the master produces, out all the same rehearsals on Lord Tennyson's new play are being pushed forward, and no one knows what the plans of the production may be announced before the frothy success of "Love in Tandem" shows there is nothing underneath."

Miss Marlowe will spend her next vacation on the Hudson, a short distance up the river from New York city. She has leased a pretty little place for a term of years, and when not abroad will spend her summers there. The grounds of the place will turn into a flower garden. This garden will contain lilies, roses, ferns, gilly flowers, poppies, tulips, marigolds, catfishes, marigolds, cucumbers, melons, radishes, bachelors' buttons, chamomile, nettles, clover, daisies, marigolds, pansies, buttercups, and other public, every thing and haremalls. Rather an odd mixture, but all of them mentioned in the plays of Shakespeare in which she appears. The place, which is now known as Casa Rivera, is to be rechristened Strat-Avon—a contraction of Stratford-upon-Avon, and the flower plots are to be named Shakespeare's garden; all damage to the young star's favorite dramatist.

"THE GOSSEON." "The Gossoon," that appears here soon with that popular Irish singer, Carroll Johnson, as the star, is a play for the people, possessing every element that goes to build up the most beautiful Irish story ever offered to the public. Every thing is bright and fresh as a newly-minted coin. "The Gossoon" tells an intensely human and possible story in the Emerald Isle, with an immense quantity of fun. It has music, dances and songs and a still larger amount of strong dramatic interest. The star, Carroll Johnson, is the first Irish comedian of the stage to-day.

Mrs. Brown Potter and her Kyrie Bell-toll take of building a theater in Calcutta. Jennie Joyce goes to England in May for a summer season at the London Concert Hall. Edwin Booth is to make a ten weeks' tour next season, supported by Miss Gale and her company.

Milwaukee is to have a new \$100,000 theater, to be called the present site of the Standard Theater. Pretty Florence Ashbrooke is resting in New York for a short while, recovering from a slight attack of the grip. John Drews is starting tour, Harry Chas. Frohman's management, will open in October, 1892, at Palmer's Theater, New York.

The Philadelphia Music and Drama is becoming a most charming and interesting publication. Its illustrations are excellent. The New York society women are feverishly wondering whether Paderewski does up his hair at night in curl paper, or uses pins.

Scandinavian plays are to be produced in London this spring. David Henderson's new extravaganza, to be produced next summer in Chicago, will be called "All Bachelors, or Morgiana and the Forty Thieves."

Robert Mantel has fairly captured the South with his magnificent production of "The Louisiana," which is his newest departure in the romantic field. Jolly, volatile, clever Nellie McHenry is creating a small-sized furore in that jolly combination of bright people, bright music, etc., "A Night at the Circus."

The American Extravaganza Company, presenting "Sinbad, or the Maid of Balthor," has had a most successful engagement at the Grand Opera-house, Philadelphia. Mrs. Russell, mother of John H. Russell, manager of the "City Directory" Companies, died February 11th at Cincinnati, her home. Mrs. Russell was about 60 years old.

Francis Wilson seems to have worn his heavy theatrical boots with the "Merry Monarch's" last run in New York cost him a heap of money, and now "The Lion Tamer's" draught is becoming ragged on the edges. Henry Miller, who has been Marie Wainwright's leading man since the beginning of the season, will leave that acting company after the closing of February. He will at once join one of Charles Frohman's companies.

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PORTLAND (Or.), Feb. 26th. If present indications go for anything, spring, gentle spring, with its warm, southern breezes, will soon be with us. The pussy willows along the river are expanding, the trees are beginning to show flower buds, and in the gardens a few early violets are peeping forth from a mass of green leaves. As a sure and certain sign, a butterfly was caught the other day in the busiest part of town, hovering over one of our largest buildings. It was a black-and-yellow beauty, but he looked tired and as though he had just found out he was a little too early. I don't think he will leave the ideal winterly existence during his brief and checkered career. He is like the too-precious politician, and will come to a violent end by throwing himself upon the tender mercies of the unfeeling world.

At last Portland is to have a passenger depot befitting her size and dignity as a metropolitan center. The want of a proper depot has been long felt. The new structure will be built at once, and when completed will cost about \$600,000. Our State is evidently well thought of in the East, as some time in the near future large numbers of the curious Kansans, Illinois and Missouri are coming to locate here. They do not seem to be as much impressed with the reports of our beautiful scenery and equable climate as with the idea of never-failing crops, and the sort of take-life-easy existence our farmers lead. The reports are so popular that there is no necessity for our tillers to "rustle" for a living, so they gradually sink into an easy state, from which they are rarely roused by themselves. Perhaps if our farmers were a little more energetic our agricultural interests would not show up so poorly.

Dresses with long trains are quite the style nowadays. But, oh! why will not the ladies wearing these trains on the streets pick them up? It would surely be less trouble to carry the train in one's hands than to sweep the streets with it, which, to say the least, is neither healthful nor cleanly.

The enterprising manager of one of our theaters is soon to erect a fine brick business block containing a modern first-class theater at popular prices. As the gentleman in question is one of our most popular theatrical managers, there is no doubt that the new house will be quite a boon to our theater-going public.

The all-important question of bands of music for the forthcoming Industrial Exposition is now racking the brains of the drummers who are rarely known to get letters from all over the country, but this year seem rather inclined to favor an American band. They are already considering several proposals from national bands. The Directors are always eager for anything new, so for Americans to cater to anything American, when the foreigners are particularly particular about such things, and his spelling might be improved upon by the word "patent," but through the stringency of the State laws governing medicine, he is not allowed to practice, so his talent is wasted upon the "patent" of a medicine, a pathetic note to the State Board of Medicine, which, by their chirography alone, should have found a cure for the specialist in some supinely indifferent, and says he don't care if the whole world is to be cured by his finger, to help them. What a calamity.

Health Hints. To cure toothache saturate a piece of cotton with ammonia and place within the cavity of the tooth. For burns make a paste of lard and turpentine and cover the spot with butter or vasoline. For sore mouth or cankered throat rinse the mouth and throat with a wash made of borax and honey, also drink tea made of sage or slippery elm. Sweet spirits of niter will relieve an itching throat. Hold a teaspoonful of the niter in the mouth over the inflamed part and it will allay the inflammation. Protect the feet by keeping them warm and dry. Many colds may be averted by carrying properly for the feet. Some one has said chest protectors are best worn on the soles of our feet.

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