

CURRENT AMUSEMENTS.

THE REVIVAL OF "PINAFORE" AT ALBAUGH'S THIS WEEK.

Last Week's Performance of "The Bat" - Tragedian Downing Gives an Out-Door Production of "Ingomar" at His Country Place - Notes of Theatrical Affairs.

The Lamont Opera Company made a bold endeavor to present Johann Strauss's comic opera, "The Bat," at Albaugh's last week and drew good houses, if not high encomiums. The attempt was not a complete success, although there were members of the cast who would have made it so with proper support.

A Revival of "Pinafore."

Gilbert and Sullivan's first and probably greatest success, "Pinafore," is so old as almost to have become new again. A new generation of theatre-goers has grown up since the charming little opera first set the world to laughing and humming its tuneful numbers, and to those its revival by the Lamont troupe for the thirteenth week of its season at Albaugh's will be a genuine treat.

THE FOURTH AT "EDGEWOOD."

The Fourth was celebrated in a unique and novel manner at "Edgewood," Md., the home of Mr. Robert L. Downing, Washington's tragic actor, by the presentation on the lawn of "Ingomar." With the sky above, the green grass beneath, and around the forests and hills, the imagination easily fancied oneself amid the mountains, the scene of the Massilian story on which the play is founded.

NOTES OF THE STAGE.

Georgia Cayvan has gone to Europe. Joseph Jefferson is the richest American actor. He is worth over a million. Annie Pixley is going to have a new military drama next season. "Kate" is its name.

\$20,000; Popular Concerts, \$20,000, and besides these sums \$20,000 additional for the general encouragement of musical and dramatic enterprises.

Chicago is buried beneath afflictions this summer. The heat is deadly, the fight over the World's Fair site is agonizing, and "Adonis" has been revived at one of the theatres.

Mr. Francon Davies has been engaged to create the leading baritone part in Sir Arthur Sullivan's new serious opera, "Ivanhoe," which will be produced in London in the fall.

Edmund C. Stanton, director of the New York Metropolitan Opera House, has engaged Miss Minnie Hauk for eight performances next season. Miss Hauk will appear in "Carmen" and other operas.

Bronson Howard has been paid about \$90,000 in royalties since his "Shenandoah" was produced last September. He received \$12,500 for "Young Mrs. Winthrop," and got about the same amount for his "Henrietta."

James O'Neill, who for several seasons devoted his strong lungs and rich accent exclusively to "Monte Cristo," is really reported to have made a genuine success with his revival of "The Dead Heart" in Chicago recently.

Despite the ushers' obtrusive uniforms and other drawbacks, the big Madison Square Garden in New York is a success. The receipts for the first week were \$57,000, and the attendance for the second week was 20,000 greater than for the first.

The harrowing announcement is made that Lizzie Evans may appear next season to delight the crowned heads of Europe with a glimpse of "Foggy's Ferry." But then the Kendals are coming over here again, and we may pull through.

"The hustler" is earning his salary in the theatrical calling this season. Advance puffery of the fall and winter productions was never more eloquent. Yet the next dramatic season, viewed from this distance, does not promise to be particularly brilliant or satisfactory.

Europe does not seem to agree with American theatrical people this summer. A large number of those who have gone over have become sick. Nat Goodwin, Arthur Chase, and Richard Golden are the latest on the list. They are reported dangerously ill in London.

From present indications there will be several Joins of Arc in the field next season. Sophie Erre, it is said, will have an adaptation have been done's version, and will shortly leave for Paris to get her costumes. Bernhardt will do the original French version when Mr. Abbey brings her over.

Despite all sorts of fantastic advertising, including overdoes of chloral and fainting fits on the stage, Bernhardt is not drawing well in London. Perhaps the boycott proclaimed against her by the English clergy when she announced her intention to play the Virgin in the "Passion Play" at Paris is being carried out.

Two plays by Jerome K. Jerome, the clever author of "Idle Thoughts of an Idle Fellow," will be produced in this country next season. They are "New Lamps for Old," which has been bought by Augustin Daly, and "Woodbarrow Farm," in which E. H. Sothern will reappear at the New York Lyceum. Jerome's plays, as well as his books, are very popular in England.

Although the McGinty song has become a chestnut so far as this vicinity is concerned, it is still selling briskly in the West and South. The publishers say that over 25,000 copies have been sold. The song has served both author and publishers well. Flynn, who wrote the song, is a variety comedian. At the time the song was written he and his partner, Sheridan, were earning \$50 a week. When the musical news arrived that McGinty had gone to the bottom of the sea the salary of the comedians rose to \$200 a week. The publishers, too, came in for a material share of the profits. At the time the song was published these two young Germans were dragging out a precarious existence in Brooklyn trying to sell pianos on the installment plan and dealing in cheap music.

It has been pretty satisfactorily demonstrated during the past season to at least several of the most prominent theatrical managers of the country that the public have tired of witnessing the infant prodigy as represented on the stage. Notwithstanding this fact, Archibald Claverling Gunter has just completed his latest story, "Small Boys in Big Boots," which, like its predecessors, "Mr. Barnes of New York" and "Mr. Potter of Texas," is destined for the stage. Mr. Gunter holds that the story is a new departure to-day as they were when "Fauntleroy" was originally produced at the Broadway Theatre, and that they are quite as willing, if not anxious, now as then, to witness their children in it. He considers the cause for apparent lukewarmness on the part of these mothers to be the security of the "Fauntleroy" type among their "Young Americans," and therefore he has written a story introducing half a dozen boys with separate and distinct personalities and characteristics for the delight of, as he terms it, "assorted mothers with assorted children." No doubt the book will prove an excellent advertising medium for the ultimate stage production of "Small Boys in Big Boots."

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