NEW YORKISMS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

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THE SOROSIS

every now and then gives one reason to believe it has not altogether died out.

Thus, it met some days ago at Delmonico's, and discussed, as usual, the right of woman to be and to do, but more particularly to *be*.

The subject which excited the chief attention of the meeting, was the necessity of women governing the fashions, instead of allowing the fashions to govern them.

A series of resolutions thereon was adopted unanimously.

The idea of the Sorosis is to attempt not so much a reform in fashion as freedom in it, the permissibility to be in fashion or out of it, without becoming a fit subject for obloquy.

Among the new members admitted were Miss Virginia Penny, Miss Dunning, Mrs. Dr Lozier, and Mrs. Tobitt.

But, as I have intimated before, these Sorosis meetings savor too much of the dilly-dallying of *dilettantism* rather than of the purposeful efforts of concentrated womanly strength.

They smell too much of Phalon's perfume, and too little of the fresh breezes of nature.

THE SEVENTH AND TWENTY-SECOND REGIMENTS

gave their respective entertainments at the Academy of Music and the 22d Regiment's Armory, with almost equal *eclat*.

The 7th Regiment's arrangements were mos perfect, inasmuch as the cards were limited to 2500. Consequently, everybody had room without the dancing-floor being disfigured by any of those dreary-looking, deserted patches which do sometimes occur when such an attempt at exclusivism is made.

At the Armory all were crowded and uncomfortable, and many a woman of fashion was yesterday bewailing the ruin of expensive satin and lace.

The next grand ball that is looked for is that of Abel and Risley, the celebrated "ballists" o Philadelphia.

Uncommon efforts to achieve uncommon success have been made by these gentlemen, and the Academy of Music, which they have selected as the scene of their operations, although it will not compare with the Philadelphia Academy in chaste richness, is so constructed as to display to the utmost advantage the *toilettes* of the audience,

A GRAND AND A GRANT

reception was that of Mrs. Marshall O. Roberts to General Grant.

Every portion of the immense mansion was fitted up with flags and flowers. One thousand guests were present, and large as the house is, it would have been overcrowded had not a special supper-room been erected over the spacious court-yard of Mr. Roberts as well as that of his neighbor.

THE SEASON OF SNOW

having set in, all the skaters of New York are anxious and trembling for the inauguration of their favorite amusement.

Only one individual, and that individual a young lady, has as yet been permitted to try the new skating rinks, called the Empire City, on Second avenue, above Sixteenth street.

There has been no skating yet at Central Park, but should the weather prove propitious, all the skating parks will be open to-day.

On the 31st of the present month

JOHN T. HOFFMAN

is to be escorted to Albany, there to undergo his inauguration as Governor.

He will be escorted by the 71st Regiment, and the 71st Regiment will be escorted to the depot, going, by the 22d Regiment, and from the depot, returning, by the 12th Regiment.

The latest news about

THE ERIE

is contained in a succession of "cards" by Commodore Vanderbilt and Mr. James Fisk, Jr., from which it appears that neither party had "anything to do with it."

This afternoon the

TENTH STREET STUDIOS

are to be opened, and the public are expected to admire the works of such artists as J. G. Brown, whose specialty is children; Mr. M. J. Heade, who has two new pictures, one called "Spring," and the other "The Salt Marsh;" J. B. Irving; Gignoux, with a "Frosty Morning;" the De Haas brothers, who present studies from Long Branch and the Hudson.

The collection of new pictures is not large, and, though the studios will probably be crowded, there will be less than the usual amount of interest manifested, owing to the dearth of new subjects. ALI BABA.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The City Amusements.

AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC the last performances of Mr. Max Maretzek's Italian and German Opera season will be given this afternoon and evening. At the matinee *Il Trovatore* will be performed, and in the evening Weber's opera of *Der Freischutz*, with the following cast:—"Agatha," Madame La Grange; "Anna," Madame Rotter; "Max," Herr Habelmann; "Caspar," Herr Formes; "Prince," Herr Reichardt; "Cuno," Herr Benringer. The incantation scene will be made impressive by new properties.

AT THE CHESNUT there will be performances by the circus troupe this afternoon and evening. James Robinson, the great bare-back rider, will appear on both occasions.

AT THE WALNUT Rowe's tragedy of *Jane Shore* and the domestic drama of *Madelaine* will be given this evening, with Mrs. D. P. Bowers in both pieces.

On Monday, Mrs. Bowers will appear as "Nell Gwynne" in Tom Taylor's and Charles Reade's play of that name.

The Orange Girl, a Christmas story, is in active preparation for a holiday piece

AT THE ARCH Colonel Fitzgerald's new drama of *Wolves at Bay* will be performed this evening.

AT THE AMERICAN there will be attractive entertainments given this afternoon and evening.

AT THE THEATRE COMIQUE the price of admission to the matinee to-day will be twenty-five cents. The performances at this house are very pleasing.

MR. KENNEDY, the Scottish vocalist, will give one more entertainment in this city on Monday evening, at Concert Hall, previous to his departure for California.

THE AMERICAN CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC, established in 1857, will begin its third year on the 11th of January, 1869, on which day the regular Winter Quarter will be inaugurated. This institution has already established an excellent reputation for thoroughness of discipline, artistic education, and general good management.

New pupils are expected to enter their names before Christmas.

AN INTERESTING amateur performance will be given on Tuesday evening next at the "Amateurs' Drawing-Room," Seventeenth street, above Chesnut, on which occasion the very amusing comedy of *Everybody's Friend* will be produced. The theatre is complete in every respect, and all the appointments are of a superior kind. The auditorium is finished in a most elaborate style, and rivals our Academy of Music. A limited number of secured seats may be had by personal application to C. W. A. Trumpler, the popular music publisher, No. 926 Chesnut street.

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