

NEW YORKISMS.

From Our Own Correspondent. New York, Dec. 22, 1898.

If in a former letter I made any disparaging remarks about

CHRISTMAS TOYS, I beg to be forgiven. I believe I said that few or no new ones had put in an appearance this winter, but a recent visit to Maiden Lane—for years the headquarters of the toy trade—has convinced me that I was precipitate.

In the first place, the velocipede—not the old-fashioned concern with three wheels and perpendicular arms—but the recent Parisian new thing, has invaded the Maiden Lane toy stores, and is there to be purchased, full size. There are smaller sizes for children, and modifications, with cushioned seats and three wheels, for ladies.

Still I feel a conscientious triumph in the conviction that I was right when I informed the *Sinfonino* readers of THE EVENING TELEGRAPH that the doll market continued very dull. A boy doll has, indeed, been invented, who parambulates with feet of the average size for boy dolls, but who is attached to a wheelbarrow, which he is fondly believed to be trundling, while, in fact, it is the wheelbarrow that is trundling him. When this boy and his barrow are wound up they circumbulate the apartment for the space of a flash of lightning, and are altogether an immense success.

Another reproduction of a toy that is not old is the "White Fairy," a sort of miniature ballet, calculated to excite in the infant mind a taste for the Jarrett-and-Palmerism whose day is well-nigh past.

At the Japanese warerooms on Broadway some of the most ingenious and extravagant trifles in the way of toys are sets of dancing monkeys. These win vast attention, which is natural when we remember that men are but gorillas of a smaller growth.

AT ST. ALBAN'S, the ritualistic chapel, preparations of the most ritualistically magnificent character are in progress. At 9 to-night will be observed the first Vesper of the Nativity to be observed there, and at midnight the first celebration of the Holy Eucharist. On Friday morning there are to be choral matins at 10, and the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, with sermon immediately after.

Thanks to the investigations of Mrs. S. S. Norton, chairwoman of the committee of investigation appointed by the Workingwomen's Association, it appears that the

SAOPICKERS OF NEW YORK are twelve hundred in number; that about one-half of them form a colony in Willett street, and the other half a colony to the west of Central Park. These rappers have doubtless gone to the ant, considered her ways, and become wise after their fashion; for they dress while it is yet night, namely, about an hour after midnight, and scour the city of all the rags, paper, bones, scraps of bread, broken glass, and garbage of every description. Some of them make only 40 cents a day; others as much as \$12 per week.

POSTMASTER KELLY has had his house robbed, and I hope that the new uniforms he has indicted upon the letter-carriers have nothing to do with it.

This uniform consists of a due admixture of a sack-coat, vest, and pants of the same material, with gilt buttons and black stripes.

The entire cost of the uniform is reckoned at \$42, but the existence of the uniform itself does not seem to comport with our institutions.

MR. R. H. STODDARD has retired from the *Aibon*, of which he has been for many years the literary editor. I believe he is to be succeeded by Mr. K. C. C. C.

The Brooklyn Board of Aldermen has met to consider the subject of the

EAST RIVER BRIDGE. The result of that consideration was the adopting of a series of resolutions subscribing \$3,000,000 for the construction of the bridge.

This looks as though the projected tunnel was not going to be left alone in its glory.

You will have been informed ere this, probably, that

GEORGE W. CHILDS is going to erect, at his own expense, a stone statue of Benjamin Franklin in Central Park.

The Park Commission were only too glad to accept Mr. Childs' handsome offer, and henceforth Philadelphia's visiting New York will have a new reason for thinking Central Park equal to Fairmount.

THE THEATRES are busy in their provisions for the holidays.

Lois Thompson's *Fortunio* has been produced at Pike's for the purpose of bringing out Mollie Irma again, between whom and Tustee exists—shall I say a generous rivalry? We all know how generous prima donnas can be.

It is an attenuated production, that has more musical tune than the *Fortunio*.

Grover's new enterprise at Tammany Hall is announced to commence during the holidays. All is chaos there at present, but every artist connected with it was expected to report yesterday to the stage manager.

ART BABA.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The City Amusements.

AT THE CHESTNUT there will be performances by the circus troupe this afternoon and evening. On Christmas Day there will be three performances.

AT THE WALNUT Mr. Charles Walcutt will have a benefit this evening, when the *Merchants of Venice* and Robertson's comedy of *Society* will be performed. Mr. Walcutt will appear in both pieces.

AT THE ANCHOR Daily's drama of *Under the Gaslight* will be performed for the first time this evening. The management promise to put this piece on the stage in the best style, with new scenery, appointments, etc.

AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC Mrs. Scott-Siddons will make her debut in Philadelphia on Thursday evening as "Rosalind" in *As You Like It*.

MR. P. T. BARNUM will lecture at Concert Hall this evening on "The Art of Money Getting, or, Success in Life."

AT THE PRINCE CONNAUT'S Miss Susan Galton will appear this evening as "Fanchette," in Levy's opera of that name. The performance will commence with the farce of *The Phenomenon* in a *Smock Frock*.

MISS HENRIETTA MARKSTEIN, assisted by a number of eminent artists, will give a concert on Friday evening at Concert Hall.

CITY ITEMS. We have the evidence each day of numbers who purchase of us, after having examined other stocks, which, under different pleas, are being "sacrificed" that our goods are sold at lower prices than any other clothing in Philadelphia.

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WE WOULD call the attention of business men and bankers to the advertisement in this issue of burglar proof safes. Fire proof safes are made which have withstood the greatest heat from burning buildings.

Safes claiming to be burglar proof have heretofore been made, but at the Paris Exhibition the best were opened in less than five hours. Since that time the Messrs. Marvin & Co. have brought out this new invention. The *Scientific American*, good authority on the subject of inventions, says of it:—

"The material is the well-known chrome iron, the one of which occurs in masses, and crystallized, and is so hard, when mixed and cast, that no tool known to the mechanic can penetrate its structure. It can only be worked by the use of the diamond. In fact, the safe is a globe, hollow, and resembling a spherical mortar shell, the opening for the face forming the aperture of the door. The door is made of various sizes, and may be placed in the ordinary fire proof safe. The thickness of the safe varies according to the diameter of the safe, being in general from four to six inches thick. It is formed of the double arch or perfect sphere, making it immovable to the heaviest blows of the sledge. The door being fitted on a series of shoulders, prevents the use of wedges or chisels; and being built of wrought iron and the best hardened steel, it cannot be chipped or drilled. The lock spindle is also made of hardened steel, and of tapering form, so that it cannot be driven in. By the use of this safe, banks, insurance companies, and merchants, may be assured of the security of their valuables."

MUSIC FOR THE MILLION.—"Hitchcock's Half-Dime Series of Popular Music," published by B. W. Hitchcock, No. 98 Spring street, New York, commends itself to all lovers of social harmonics. The best and most popular songs of the day are given on good, thick paper, at the low price of five cents.

The series is convenient for folding in the pocket. There are no loose leaves to drop out, and it is handy to hold at the piano while singing. Many persons who are fond of social stinging are prevented from largely increasing their stock of sheet music on account of the extravagant price. "Hitchcock's Half-Dime Series" obviates this difficulty entirely. Five cents is low enough for the poorest, while the merits of the edition are such that it will not appear out of place in the most fashionable drawing-rooms. The songs given in this series are the best and most popular of the day, and we doubt not but that the publisher will reap a plentiful harvest of half-dimes by his enterprise.

T. R. PETERSON & BROS., No. 306 Chestnut street, will publish Mrs. Southworth's new novel, entitled "Fair Play," this week. This is the work from which Charles Reade and Dion Boucicault are more than suspected of having "converted" the leading incident of their respective plays, *Two Years in London* and *Two Years in Italy*. Mrs. Southworth's novel usually averages from three to four hundred pages, but her "Fair Play" will contain nearly 700 pages, at the same price (\$1.50) as each of her previous publications. It will be the cheapest book, as regards quantity of letter-press, published in this country since the beginning of the war.

Messrs. Peterson are disposing of their large stock of miscellaneous works at a reduction of from 25 to 40 per cent, during the present holiday season. Their supply of Gift Books, for all ages, is extensive and choice.

A HACKING COUGH is one of the most distressing as well as dangerous forms of cough one can be afflicted with. Its continuous action fatigues and irritates the lungs, and thus engenders consumption. Upham's Fresh Meat Cure will cure the cough, soothe the irritated bronchiae, and give tone and vigor to the lungs and whole system.

A single bottle will convince any one of its purity. Sold one do. per bottle. JOHNSTON, HOLLOWAY & COVENEY, No. 602 Arch street.

EMPLOYERS CANNOT reward their faithful employees more kindly, or at less expense, than by a Christmas gift of a policy of insurance in the National Life Insurance Company, of U. S. A., which, for the age of 23, would cost only \$14.50 per annum for one thousand dollars.

COAL, COAL COAL for the million. Now is the time to lay in your winter's store of fuel. Old King Frost is drawing pictures on the windows, and the moist snow is wetting your feet. Bold bright fires and bid the cold defiance. But to build the fire you must have good coal—and where should you purchase it if not at the celebrated Alter's, No. 97 North Ninth street (office Sixth and Spring Garden streets). He has it in abundance, too—notwithstanding the recent strike in the coal regions—and is ready to furnish customers with all sizes and kinds, at the very lowest prices.

WILL OUTWEAR THE GARMENT.—I find the Grover & Baker stitch will wear as long as the garments do—outwear the garment, in fact. The stitch will not break on bias seams, when stretched, as others do, and neither does it draw the work.—Testimony of Mrs. Dr. Whiting, No. 4 East Twenty-fourth street, New York, before the Commissioner of Patents.

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SALE OF BOOTS AND SHOES.—The early attention of the trade called to the fact that the large assortment of boots and shoes to be sold by Messrs. L. D. McMillen & Co., auctioneers, at 10 o'clock, by C. D. McMillen & Co., auctioneers, at their store, No. 906 Market street.

EDUCATIONAL.

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SPECIAL NOTICES.

[For additional Special Notices see the Inside Pages.]

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'Tis Holiday Time, And we'll sing our rhyme As the merry bells chime On the frosty air. And we'll sing with glee Of the sights we see; Clothes for you and me, Just the things to wear.

Good old Jack Frost, We know to our cost, Our path hath crossed, And he freezes our nose. No matter, old Jack, For your frosty track; We'll put on our back Some good warm clothes.

Oh! GREAT BROWN HALL Both short folks and tall May joyfully call For the clothes they need; From miles and miles To the stately piles Of magnificent styles, Folks all proceed.

'Tis a holiday joy To take your boy, And let him enjoy THE GREAT BROWN HALL, And see the child With delight grow wild At the garments piled For good boys all.

'Tis an excellent plan For the grown-up man, Whenever he can, To give us a call, And notice the price Of the goods so nice For the frost and ice, At the GREAT BROWN HALL.

'We're going to take stock! So we gave a knock To the price of the stock At the GREAT BROWN HALL. And it isn't slow The way the clothes go, At prices so low, To the happy folks all!

The public flock to look at the stock, and they say 'tis so nice, and so low is the price, and they never saw at all better or cheaper clothes than the like of those that they carry away, from day to day, from the

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