THREE NEW PLAYS SEEN LAST NIGHT.

As you left the Knickerbocker Theatre last night you were sore distressed in mind—at least I was, because I wanted to be literary and intellectual, so as to be in keeping with my neighbors who ejaculated "Beautiful!" "Intense!" and "Superb!" But somehow I couldn't, and when the curtain was rung down on "The Sunken Bell" I wandered out into the storm and pondered as to what it had all been about. It reminded you every now and then of Hanlon's "Fantasma," or "Humpty Dumpty," because Miss Virginia Harned was constantly disappearing through trapdoors, and so was Mr. Rowland Buckstone.

That it was most scholarly I haven't the courage to doubt, inasmuch as it was all verse, blank verse, the word "blank" not being used as the equivalent to a profane expression, and for over three hours an even sixteen persons rattled it out like the discharge of a rapid-fire gun. Some people may like three hours of verse. It is the correct thing to say so, anyhow. But, with the fear of the future before me, I confess I do not. It grows frightfully tiresome. It is all right to read it at the seashore, in relays of twenty minutes each, but to have it hurled at you from a stage is just beyond the limit.

"The Sunken Bell" is said to be a classic from the German by Gerhart Hauptmann. It was done into English verse by Charles Henry Meltzer. There were no calls for the adapter last night, but a long-haired gentleman in Row G said it was a masterly rendition. Some of it was and some of it wasn't. Miss Harned had a kittenish bit to recite with four fairies, ladylike little fairies, in which she danced around the stage, and said things that sounded like that dear old rhyme of childhood:

"Swing around the mulberry bush—mulberry bush—mulberry bush,
Swing around the mulberry bush, on a Sunday morning."

It certainly didn't have any more sense than is conveyed in that ditty, and Miss Harned looked positively foolish, I thought.

But a very sweet and winsome young woman she appeared, and Mr. Sothern very handsome and manly, and we must all admit that, whether the drama was enjoyable or not, it was splendidly presented, and in many respects a welcome relief from the bed-room French farce and stocking-model comedies. And that it was artistic and a somewhat daring venture on the part of the joint stars is equally certain.

You must excuse me from trying to tell you what it was all about, for I don't know myself. It had a moral, which was that a man who deserts his wife and children for an elf with long golden hair is a wicked person and will ultimately get all that is coming to him. This is a good and wholesome moral, and should be worked in worsted on perforated cardboard, and hung above the parlor mantel in every well-regulated household.

Just what the sunken bell had to do with the desertion of the wife and offspring is problematical. Probably the German author knew, but it is doubtful if Mr. Meltzer did. The bell was made useful in the fourth act, when it rang out with melodramatic effect, and gave Mr. Sothern and Miss Harned the opportunity of doing some excellent emotional work.

The last act struck me as very flat and tame. Of course it was a fairy tale where mortals mixed with sprites and other people of a mystic world, but you got tired of seeing Miss Harned doing the disappearing demon act down a well, in which place she was spending her honeymoon with another disappearing demon called the Nickelmann.

This gentleman was Mr. Buckstone, and every time he appeared above the well curb he would ejaculate something that sounded like the frog chorus from "Antigone." You have heard it yourself. Yale undergraduates have immortalized it on many a foot ball field. What it meant goodness only knows. Perhaps Mr. Meltzer will issue a card to the public giving the explanation.

Good work was done by Miss Rebecca Warren, Mr. Norman Parr and Mr. Buckstone. The other characters, save that of the vicar, personated by Mr. Arthur Lawrence, were of little importance.

"The Sunken Bell" is booked for but two weeks, and I fancy that will be quite long enough to give us the artistic atmosphere. It is far from bad—I may even say it is good—but I think Mr. Sothern's admirers will admit they would prefer to see him as D'Artagnan or Lord Chumley than as Heinrich, the bell-founder.

WILLIAM RAYMOND SILL.

"BOHEMIAN GIRL" AT THE AMERICAN.

The ever-delightful airs of the "Bohemian Girl" had a large and appreciative audience at the American Theatre last night, the opening of a week's revival of the opera. The Castle Square Company furnished an excellent cast and the chorus gave the usual spirited support. Adelaide Norwood is a pretty Arline. She sings the part acceptably. The Devilshoof of Louis Casavant and the Count Arnheim of William Pruette are notably good. Reginald Roberts as Thaddeus got an ovation for his fine singing of "You'll Remember Me" and "Fair Land of Poland."

NEW VERSION OF "OLD CURIOSITY SHOP."

Belasco was out and Dickens came in last night at the Herald Square Theatre, come in by way of a four-act adaptation from "The Old Curiosity Shop," made by Harry P. Mawson. The production was very well received by an audience which didn't suffer in numbers by reason of the two competing openings.

The roles of little Nell and the Marchioness, once a favorite part with Lotta, were carried by Miss Mary Sanders, who made an agreeable impression, despite the nervousness attending a first New York appearance. Max Figman was a capital Dick Swiveller, and P. Aug. Anderson, as Quilp, might have stepped out of Dickens's very pages. The veteran John Jack was handicapped by a severe cold, but if he couldn't speak Grandfather Trent's lines with all clearness he looked and acted the part to perfection.

Herbert Sparling was a rather effective Brass and Anne Caverly a sufficiently unfeminine Sally.

The six scenes required for the play were adequately furnished forth.

Mr. Mawson took a stage call after the third act and spoke the thanks of Miss Sanders.

"TWELVE MONTHS AFTER" IS BRIGHT AND AMUSING.

There is plenty of laughter in "Twelve Months After," which had its first hearing at the Madison Square Theatre last night, but it is not equal to "The White Horse Tavern," to which it is a sequel.

The story is light and is built of complications resulting from the amorous pursuits of an elderly widower who is also a father-in-law.

Leo Ditrichstein distinguished himself as Lieut. von Zeck, the comedy lover, and Bessie Tyree was a captivating portrait painter. Annie Sutherland and Frederick Bond, as the landlady and landlord respectively of the famous tavern, did excellent work.

PAID A DEBT WITH HIS LIFE.

Radice Stabbed by Bootblack to Whom He Owed $12.

[illegible] to pay $12 he borrowed cost [illegible] Radice his life. He died to-[illegible] in the New York Hospital from a [illegible] found in his body. His ante-[illegible] statement was taken this morning [illegible] Coroner.

[illegible] Cracco, who stabbed Radice, [illegible] in the Mercer street [illegible]. He is a bootblack, mar-[illegible] 130 West Houston [illegible]

He was playing cards last night with friends when the bootblack entered and demanded the twelve dollars. Radice ignored him.

For an hour Cracco said nothing, then drawing Radice aside, he renewed his demand, coupling it with a threat to kill unless the money were paid.

There were angry words, and then, before any one could interfere, Cracco used his stiletto. Then he fled.

Proprietor Girardi and the porter caught him on the sidewalk, where a desperate struggle took place. The bootblack struck at them repeatedly with the blood-stained knife, but they held him until Patrolman Murphy made him a prisoner.

FAIRLY RAINED MEAT.

Whole Sheep, Hams, Legs of Beef and Mutton On Fourth Ward Door-Sills.

Dwellers in tenements in Cherry, Oak and Water streets when they opened their doors this morning found whole sheep carcasses, legs of beef, hams and the like on the sills.

Thomas Hannaford was arrested, staggering under a whole mutton.

Burglars broke into the butcher shop of [illegible] Franklin street, and carried off [illegible] worth of meat. It is [illegible] the thieves had a wagon which [illegible]

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LYNCH MOB IN BATTLE.

Negro Hanged and Riddled at Belair, Maryland.

BELAIR, Md., March 27.—Lewis Harris, the negro who was arrested here day before yesterday, charged with assault upon Miss Anne McIlvaine, was taken from the jail last night and lynched after a brief struggle between the Sheriff and the mob, in which two men were slightly wounded.

Shortly before midnight it was announced that a mob was on its way from Aberdeen, a neighboring village, and a general movement toward the jail took place. Presently about two hundred men appeared, some of whom were masked, and an attack upon the jail began.

A fusillade of shots were exchanged between the Sheriff and his deputies on the one hand, and the mob on the other, resulting in the wounding of Robert L. Bull, of this place, and one of the crowd from Aberdeen, whose name could not be learned.

Bull was shot in the shoulder and the other man in the hand, neither wound being serious. The jail door was finally forced and Harris was taken out. While in the hands of the mob he exclaimed: "If I did it, men, I was drunk and did not know what I was about. I have no recollection of it."

The mob hustled him to a neighboring door yard in which stood a large poplar tree, and placing a noose around his neck, flung the other end of the rope over a limb.

As he was hoisted from the ground, the limb upon which the unfortunate wretch was suspended snapped short and Harris fell to the ground. He was lifted up again, moaning and groaning, and quickly hanged a second time, this time effectively. Several shots were fired into the body, the loose end of the rope was tied to a gate post and the corpse left hanging until this morning, when it was taken down.

Miss McIlvaine, Harris's victim, is about fifty-four years of age, and lives alone near the railway station. She was called to her door at midnight Saturday and attacked by a negro, whom she afterward identified as Harris.

It is asserted that Miss McIlvaine was with the mob when the jail was attacked last night, but this cannot be confirmed, and it is certain that she was not present at the actual hanging.

INTERRUPTED BARONDESS.

Labor Man Was Talking to Strikers When Drunken Listener Broke In.

Joseph Barondess talked to the Bohemian National Hall full of striking women and men, former employees of the Kerbs, Werthelmer & Schiffers Company, this morning.

A drunken man got on the platform during Barondess's speech and cannot [illegible] that Barondess had

GREAT MILITARY SHOW STARTED

Third U. S. Cavalry, of Rough Riders Make a Big Hit.

With Madison Square Garden transformed into a huge "markee," with long banners of red, white and blue everywhere, the fourth annual Military Tournament began last night and continued to-day.

It is soldiers' week now, ushered in properly because Gov. Roosevelt smilingly reviewed the performers first of all, and was cheered till the steel girders rang.

Last night every one went away talking of the Third United States Cavalry rough riders. Nothing like them, it is said, has ever been seen in the Garden before. They appear each night.

The programme for to-night follows:

Landing party and gun drill by First Division, Naval Militia, N. Y.

First and Second Signal Corps, N. G. N. Y., Capt. Oscar Erlandson, commanding, drill (wig-wag), the alphabet and numerals, by the two corps united. Competitions in telegraph pole climbing, one heat, between teams of six men, the winning team being the one which within the time limit, three minutes, climbs the poles the greatest number of times, each climber hanging a number on a spike near the top of the pole. Mounted courier relay race, one mile, four changes, one heat. The final heats in both events to take place on Saturday evening.

Rough riding and drill by West Point Cavalry detachment; Gatling gun drill by Second Battery, Fifth Brigade, N. G. N. Y.; rough and cossack riding and hurdle jumping by Third United States Cavalry; mounted platoon drill, exhibition of driving and other evolutions by Light Battery E, Seventh United States Artillery. Athletic events—100-yard run handicap, final heat; sack race, trial heats; 880-yard yard run, novice, trial heats; one-mile bicycle race, military championship; 440-yard run, handicap, trial heats.

PRAISE FOR BRAVE MEN.

Two Policemen Commended and Mayor's Guardian Can Accept a Watch.

Two policemen were commended for their bravery by the Police Commissioners to-day. They were Patrolman Francis Reilly, of the Bicycle Squad, who on March 7 stopped a runaway on East Eightieth street, near Central Park, and Patrolman William Kehoe, of the Steamboat Squad, who on Feb. 25 captured a burglar in a store at the corner of Canal and West streets.

Roundsman William Kennell, the handsome officer who guards the Mayor's office, was given permission by the Police Commissioners to accept a gold watch from Frank J. Goodwin, a Tammany leader in the Ninth Assembly District, and other members of the Municipal Assembly, who wish to show their [illegible]

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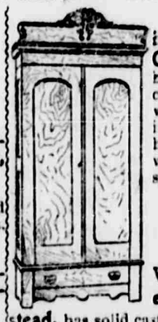

Elegantly polished Solid Oak Wardrobe, handsomely carved on top, with large drawer in base, brass handles; actually worth $18.00, special this week. **$10.75**

Handsome White Enamelled Iron Bedstead, has solid cast brass bars and brass caps, 8 brass rosettes on head and foot; actual value $10.00, on sale this week at **$5.99**

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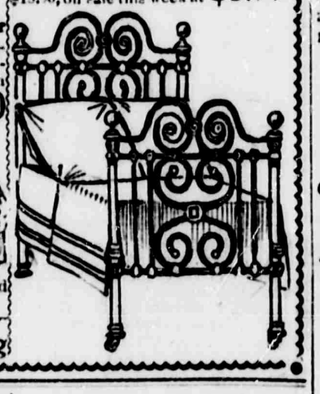

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A Walton (N. Y.) Man's Odd Advertisement for a Mate.

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Mr. Holmes is a politician and a wealthy man of this section who owns one of the finest farms in the vicinity of Walton. His lonely life since the death of his wife and the absence of marriageable women among his circle of acquaintances led him to advertise.

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Ernest Sharp's Song Recital.

Ernest Sharp, a baritone, recently returned from studying in Europe, gave a recital at Mendelssohn Hall yesterday afternoon. His selection of songs covered a wide range, from Scarlatti to [illegible]

J. C. CREAMER JUDGED INSANE

Attorney-General Griggs Witness Against Rich Lawyer.

WASHINGTON, March 27.—Joseph C. Creamer, a wealthy New York lawyer, was to-day declared by a Marshal's jury to be of unsound mind.

The Court will be asked to appoint a committee to take charge of the person and estate of Mr. Creamer.

This action was taken upon petition of Attorney-General Griggs, who was of opinion that if Mr. Creamer were permitted to remain at large the rights of persons and property would be jeopardized and the preservation of public peace imperilled.

The Attorney-General was the principal witness to-day. He said he considered Mr. Creamer a gentleman of culture and literary ability, but had noticed a change in his mental condition during the last two years.

Mr. Creamer conducted his own case and displayed considerable legal ability and brilliancy. All the medical witnesses agreed that Mr. Creamer was not in a condition to look after his affairs properly.

Help and Hope Concert Postponed.

The benefit concert announced for to-night at Carnegie Hall in aid of the Women's Help and Hope Society [illegible]

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