

"Cavalleria" and "Le Villi" Again Pack the Metropolitan Opera-House

Caruso's Art at Its Best as Turridu-Emmy Destinn's Fine Santuzza.

BY SYLVESTER RAWLING.

ANOTHER overflowing audience at the Metropolitan Opera-House last night heard a repetition of "Cavalleria" and "Le Villi" in double bill.

AWARD OF \$2,000 FOR LOSS OF HER BOY SET ASIDE

Justice Benton Says the Sheltering Arms, a Charitable Institution, Is Not Responsible.

Justice Benton, who sat in this county for two months, forwarded from his home in Rochester to-day a decision setting aside a verdict awarding \$2,000 damages to Mrs. Elizabeth Cunningham, widow, from the Sheltering Arms for the loss of her nine-year-old son David, who was sent to clean the window of the room on the third floor where he and his younger brother, Walter, slept, and fell out of the window, breaking his neck.

Mrs. Cunningham was paying \$2 a month for David's board, clothing, schooling and care. Her suit was based on first the alleged negligence of the Sheltering Arms to keep her boy safe from harm, and second, on the contract, which, it was contended, was set up when the institution took her \$2 monthly.

The defense was that the Sheltering Arms is a purely eleemosynary institution, and under the law is not responsible for damages in a case like this. Justice Benton said:

"The evidence establishes that the Sheltering Arms is a charitable institution. It is not run for profit, has no stock, pays no salaries, only to employees for services rendered. It was endowed by private benefactors and holds its funds in trust for charitable purposes. The law has been considered settled and well nigh universal that such a charitable institution is not liable, as the directors and managers receive no financial benefit. The decision grants a new trial.

'ROUND WORLD FLEET ENTERS THE RED SEA

American Battle-Ships Due at Suez Next Sunday Report Good Voyage.

SUEZ, Dec. 29.—The American battleship fleet under Rear Admiral Passafium, at the entrance to the Red Sea, at noon to-day. All on board the fleet are well. The vessels are due here the morning of Jan. 8. The warships enjoyed perfect weather on the Indian Ocean since they sailed from Colombo nine days ago. It is expected that they will make a quick passage through the canal and disperse to the various Mediterranean ports, according to their itinerary, with the least possible delay.

Christmas was heartily observed on board the sixteen vessels of the fleet. There were various athletic sports among the crews, and each vessel gave a vaudeville show, had boxing matches, dancing and cakewalks. The run from Colombo has 7/8 of the pleasant experience at 1/2 of the entire cruise. This supply ship Cutco is two days ahead of the fleet and the repair ship Panther two days behind.

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Table with 2 columns: Price Range and Reduced Price. Coats—Reduced Prices: \$35.00 CARACUL CLOTH COATS. Reduced to 18.00. \$40.00 CARACUL CLOTH COATS. Reduced to 22.00. \$25.00 BROADCLOTH COATS. Reduced to 15.00. \$40.00 FUR LINED COATS. Reduced to 28.00.

Table with 2 columns: Price Range and Reduced Price. Furs—Reduced Prices: \$60.00 RUSSIAN PONY COATS, 42 in. Reduced to 39.75. \$75.00 RUSSIAN PONY COATS, 50 in. Reduced to 47.50. \$100 CARACUL FUR COATS, 50 in. Reduced to 68.00. \$30.00 BLACK LYNX SETS. Reduced to 18.00. \$25.00 SABLE SQUIRREL SETS. Reduced to 16.50.

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Table with 2 columns: Original Price and Reduced Price. Women's Suit Dept. \$50.00 Suits, reduced to \$29.50. 60.00 " " " 39.50. 75.00 " " " 50.00. 100.00 to 150.00 Suits, at 75.00.

Table with 2 columns: Original Price and Reduced Price. Women's Dresses & Costumes. \$60.00 Dresses, reduced to \$39.50. 75.00 " " " 49.50. 100.00 " " " 75.00. 150.00 to 200.00 Dresses reduced to 100.00.

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