THE DRAMATIC MANIA.

YOUNG MEN AND MAIDENS STAGE STRUCK—LETTERS TO THE MANAGERS.

An Eastern correspondent of *The Sacramento Union*, after examining a bundle of 200 letters received within a year or two by a leading theatrical manager, writes as follows: Every class in society was represented in this package. One is from a refined and cultivated young lady, who had fallen in love directly with Edwin Booth; another from an awkward, uneducated, rustic boor, who, having seen a troupe of strolling thespians in some country town, instantly decides that he was born to histrionic fame. Most of the letters, especially those from the ladies, are very long, with long exordiums and long perorations. The writers first beg pardon for intruding upon his attention, then explain at great length their feelings and aspirations, then make their request for employment or advice, and wind up with a labored apology. In many cases the fair writers adopt fictitious names of aristocratic sound, like De Forrest, Montmorency, and the like. Some of them strive to excite the manager's pity; one is a "poor orphan," and pines for sympathy and encouragement; another is fading under the blight of a stepmother's cruelty, &c. One young man, whose early education has evidently been neglected, sends a half page of scrawl, in which he sets forth his histrionic experience in a local Dramatic Club, and inclosses his tin-type, so that his physical advantage may have due weight with the manager. The picture represents a man of 30 odd, fully six feet high, and weighing about 190 pounds, his face composed to a meant-to-be-dignified but actually silly expression, and his right hand extended across his ample breast, clasping a roll of manuscript. All the writers beg for an immediate answer, and not a few seem to assume that the manager will jump at the chance of securing their services. The passion for the stage pervades all classes.

Theatrical managers are continually bored in this way by ambitious youths, whose thoughts soar above the plow or the plane, and romantic young women, who think the profession an easy highway to fame and fortune. Added to these are the people who offer suggestions and advice on matters they know nothing about, and others who coolly ask the manager to give his time and attention to their business instead of his own. *The Boston Commercial Advertiser* publishes a number of such letters, addressed to a manager in its own city. One girl of 16 sends the following:

DEAR SIR: You Will Pardon the Presumption of an Inexperienced young girl in thus Addressing you But Sir What I Wish to Say to you is this. I have Become Completely Infatuated With the desire to become an Actress and Sir, thinking your Experience would give me an Answer I have applied to you I Would Not Wish to Be Connected with the Ballet troupe, But assume the Character at first of Page or some Lover in Connection with Some Comedy or farce. I Rather Myself I am Very well Read and have A Very good Memory Which I Presume is Requisite, for A New Beginner Now Sir I Shall Expect a Reply to this at the Earliest opportunity and Direct to Miss MAGGIE ——, etc.

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DEAR SIR: Thinking of adopting the Profession of an actor I take this method of ascertaining if you would wish to receive more new men I should wish to enter as a walking Gentleman if this meets with your approval pleas address and oblige HARRY ——.

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A young Bostonian expresses his sentiments at length, with various personal remarks, as follows:

SIR: I hope you will please excuse me for thus addressing you in a manner so abrupt and intruding upon common politeness. But Sir the emotions and impulses that prompt me to pen these thoughts to you would consider that any formal rules or services were more secondary and not primitive in a case like this (A few introductory remarks if you please Sir before we come to the subject) It should be the aim of every human being (as we are stepping upon the threshold of manhood or womanhood and see before us the great arena of life diversified with hills and mountains of misfortune and adversity and also interspersed with plains and valleys of fortune and prosperity and the many paths some smooth and more rough that lead and tend in different ways) to try and find such a path among the many that we could do honor to. One that would be coincidence with our nature and thought or as we are preparing our ship of human existence to sail over the sea of life we should go as the inward chart of human nature would guide us if we want to arrive on the bright shore of success. Here many of us are nuisances to ourselves and to humanity br not following out our natural feeling we do not know. But undoubtedly there are a good many. Now Sir, I think I was inwardly made for a stage actor. Don't think but know, that I was I have often had it said to me that I had ought to go on the stage, and I am bound to go. I am a young man 17 years old, and am fast verging on to the day when 18 years will have rolled over my head, and it is now the time I should commence if ever. I always make a practice of committing to memory a certain amount of poetry or prose, and can commit to very easy. I have an Aunt in the city that keeps three boarding-houses and with her I live. Excuse me, sir, for thus relating to you my pedigree but thought that you would want to know something about me. I have not been from school a great while, and that is the reason I want to commence know, when my mind is active. I take the liberty to write this to you to see if you had any chance at the —— or should have soon to whom you could afford to pay fair wages. If Sir you would like to know any more about me I would be happy to give it verbaly or through letters. Most any time verbaily from 3 to 5. Yours, truly, ——.

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No. 277 Madison-ave., south-east corner of Fortieth-st.,
will reopen TUESDAY, Sept. 21.
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MRS. WILLIAMES'S English and French Boarding and Day School for young ladies and children, No. 26 West Thirty-ninth-st., will re-open Wednesday, September 22. Letters addressed as above.

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