

TOPICS OF THE THEATRE.

THE IMPORTANCE OF A DEVOTED FRIEND OF THE PLAYERS.

Louis Aldrich's Collapse Attributed to Overwork for the Actors' Fund—Edna Wallace Hopper Pays a High Price for Publicity and for a Record in Self-Exhibition.

The mental breakdown of Louis Aldrich surprised those who did not know of his loss of health. He used to be a particularly robust actor in the late Bartley Campbell's "My Partner," in which he made some fame and more money.

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Mr. Aldrich devoted himself body and soul for many years to the Actors' Fund, of which he was a working President. He devoted his thought and time altogether to that theatrical charity, and Al Hayman, who was elected in his place last week, believes that the overwork was the cause of his mental and nervous prostration.

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RIVAL POLAR EXPEDITIONS.

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MADE MRS. KENNEDY CRY.

Decision to Admit Expert Testimony on Handwriting Disappointed Her.

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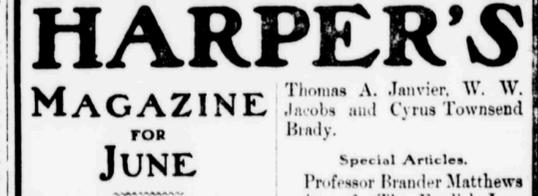
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HARPER'S MAGAZINE FOR JUNE.

Pick It Up at Your Newspaper Stand, Glance at It, and See if You Can Lay It Down.

Harper's Magazine for June, which is out to-day, is not only a fine number from a literary point of view, but it shows better perhaps than any other printed thing the remarkable advance that has been made in the way of illustration and color printing.

The Frontispiece is a reproduction in colors of a painting in oils by Howard Pyle, while further along are five dainty colored reproductions of water colors by W. T. Smedley, illustrating an amusing new story by Thomas Bailey Aldrich.

In addition to Mr. Aldrich's story there are Five Other Short Stories in this number of the Magazine. Among the authors are

Thomas Bailey Aldrich, "A Sea Turn," and "The Portion of Labor," by Mary E. Wilkins, there are twenty-two separate titles in this remarkably attractive number.

FOR SALE EVERYWHERE.

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