

NEW PLAYS FOR OUR STAGE.

THE MUSICAL FARCES AND ONE PLAIN RUSTIC PIECE.

Plays in "The Messenger Boy" and "George Waldron and Higgins in 'Up York State'—Grand Opera's Home Invaded by "The Ladies' Paradise."

The best of practically seven London variety farces was produced last night at Daly's and called "The Messenger Boy."

The tunes did not incite memories, as the themes often were their own familiarity was in the orchestration, which was conventional, though not impressive.

The costumes and scenery, embracing such varied modes and localities as a London hotel, a Brindisi steamship pier, a Cairo street and the Paris Exposition grounds, were handsome.

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Various subplots unfolded themselves concerning a Frenchman and a German, antagonistically related, a matchmaker and a fugitive husband, latterly the possessor of a harem in Egypt, and two lyrical lovers.

The play had been written to fit the personalities and abilities of a permanent organization and the choice of successors to those actors was not altogether a happy one.

The title role had been refashioned to harmonize, in every particular, with the native humor and acquired methods of comic expression of James T. Powers.

It was the touch of nature in speech, so deftly shaded as not to detract from the humor of the role that made Mr. Powers' performance so striking, and the dancing was distinctive in an odd humorous gracefulness.

The stars who held over at our theatres were William Faversham in "A Royal Rival," Andrew Mack in "The Moore," John St. John in "The King of the Harem," E. H. Southern in "Richard Lovell," Bertha Galland in "The Forest Lovers," and the Rogerses in "The Englishman's Boy."

Two of the lesser parts stood out, one because of the acting and one because of the excellent of the material. George De Long, a newcomer to Broadway, revealed rather uncommon ability. He played the usual excitable Frenchman as staid, and the French national as dignified, with peculiarly distinguishable for their pedantic gyrations and absurdity of pronunciation, suggestive of no dialectal condition ever discoverable.

But there is no excuse for throwing jokes at "Up York State." It is a middling good play in its class. Darius Green figures in it as a man of tender heart and gentle temper. He lives in an Adirondack settlement, where he earns and saves enough money to pay the costs of his experiments in aerial navigation, but so significantly devote it to the support of a box which eventually can be saved only by a costly operation, and the big's sister, whom the

GUARDIAN LOVE AND AT LENGTH MARRIES, AFTER AN INVENTION MORE VALUABLE THAN THE FLYING MACHINE HAS BROUGHT HIM A SMALL FORTUNE.

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J. HOOKER HAMERSLEY DEAD.

MEMBER OF DISTINGUISHED NEW YORK FAMILY.

His Surviving Son, If He Outlives Lady William Berosford, Will Inherit Millions Left by Louis C. Hamersley, First of Lady Berosford's Three Husbands.

James Hooker Hamersley, at his country place, Garrison-on-the-Hudson, on Sunday evening, he was the member of a family which has been settled in this city for over two centuries, and which has been distinguished for five or six generations by its social position and noteworthy alliances.

Mr. Hamersley was born in New York in 1844 and was graduated from Columbia College when 22 years old. Two years later he was graduated from the Columbia Law School and practiced law for some years.

Mr. Hamersley's death revives interest in the ultimate disposition of the large estate left by Louis C. Hamersley, who died in Paris, France, in 1887.

By the terms of his will, therefore, Louis Hooker Hamersley, the only son of James Hooker Hamersley, and now about 10 years of age, will inherit the bulk of the fortune.

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"What's what" in clothes this Fall?

Come and see. Autumn suits and overcoats have been ready some time, even if weather hasn't.

Straw hat season is now officially closed. The Alpine holds the middle of the stage. Alpines, \$3, \$3.50 and \$5.

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SMUGGLED FINERY SEIZED.

MR. AND MRS. MULHALL HAD \$10,000 IN CONTRABAND.

Cushions and Clothing in Their Trunks Were Stuffed With Laces and Dress-makers Materials—They Came From Europe on La Bretagne on Sunday.

The luggage of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Mulhall of 111 East Forty-eighth street, who arrived from Europe on La Bretagne Sunday was formally seized by the Customs House authorities yesterday. It contains a large quantity of laces, trimmings and dress-makers' materials.

An examination was made yesterday morning by Col. Storey, assistant inspector of the Custom House, and Col. Dudley F. Phelps, chief of the law division of the Custom House. Col. Phelps said afterward:

"I look upon this as one of the most glaring cases of attempted smuggling, as well as one of the most ridiculous. In view of the case with which I am familiar, the fact that the Mulhalls had seen in some of the packages of rugs were four cushions, which on being opened were found to contain feathers. The feathers, they should have contained a lot of laces. There was nothing but laces in the cushions and any one who would have known that the Mulhalls' trunks did not contain feathers such as they should have been filled with."

"Usually when smuggling in this way is attempted a few feathers at least are put in. A long deck chair cushion was also found to be stuffed with laces and trimmings. Beneath the lining of Mr. Mulhall's Persian lamb skins, and a long wrap of Mrs. Mulhall's was found to be lined with laces."

On opening the trunks of the Mulhalls a great number of laces, trimmings and other dress-makers' materials were covered concealed in the linings of skirts, pockets of coats and in other ingenious ways as well as several new dresses. We also found hidden in Mrs. Mulhall's overcoat two trunks, one of which contained a large number of goods of a similar description to the goods seized, the total amount represented by these bills being \$1,000.

"It is probable the articles which have been seized represent an American value of \$10,000. The Mulhalls' trunks were only declared when they arrived goods to the value of \$300."

British Steamer Sunda Ashore. CHARLESTON, S. C., Sept. 16.—The British steamship Sunda, loaded with phosphate rock, which cleared yesterday from Port Royal for European ports, went ashore to-day on the North Breakers, at St. Helena Bar. Two tugs were sent from the city to-night to attempt her rescue at high water.

Robin Slayers Heavily Fined. Marshall Day of Fairview, N. J., arrested three wild-doves yesterday. He refused to give their names for shooting robins yesterday. They had four dead robins and were fined \$82.40 or \$20.00 for each bird. They had only \$60 among them, and the balance was held as security for the balance.

Business Notices. Mrs. Winslow's Washing Starch for children keeps soft, white, and healthy. It is the best. It is the best. It is the best.

BOOTH.—On Monday, Sept. 16, 1901, Mary Maud Brewster, wife of William Bruce Booth, died at Montrose, Pa.

HAPPENINGS.—On Monday, Sept. 16, 1901, suddenly, James Foster Hamersley, of New York.

HEALTH.—On Sunday, Sept. 16, 1901, at 8 A. M., Frances M. wife of Charles P. Hart, died at her home, 100 West 10th street, New York.

Steinway & Sons. beg to announce that they have opened for the convenience of their patrons Retail Warerooms at Windsor Arcade Fifth Avenue, Corner 46th Street. in addition to their present warerooms at STEINWAY HALL, 100 E. 14th St. NEW YORK CITY.