THIS WEEK IN THEATRELAND.

NOT A NOTABLE PRODUCTION OF "SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER."

An Opportunity for Wynne Matthison—"Rosmersholm's" Butchering—What the Stout Lady Said of It—A Comparison With "Candida"—Other Stage Gossip.

We have witnessed infinitely better performances of "She Stoops to Conquer" by provincial stock companies than the curiously uneven and unsatisfactory interpretation of Ben Greet and his pre-Goldsmith-ian company at Daly's Theatre. But the old comedy is so crusted with wit and cheery humanity that New York theatregoers are in reality under an obligation to Mr. Greet for his revival. Perhaps the key in which the play was pitched on Monday night was too finical, too modern; certainly later in the week the great players got closer to the text and its meanings. One missed the sparkle, sunshine and boisterous humors of Goldsmith—who was Irish as well as Goldschmidt?—for Mr. Greet seems opposed in principle to relaxing the tight curb-rein he keeps on his actors' spirits. Surely he must have been born under the sign of Saturn!

Wynne Matthison cannot wholly fail at anything she undertakes. Her *Miss Hardcastle* was of an exceeding charm, though lacking in vivacity, ingenuousness, in homeliness—to employ an old fashioned word. Her art is admirable in the depiction of evanescent shades, of beings steeped in their dreams. What a *Melisande* she would make. A true Maeterlinckian actress, she can suggest with fine denotement a whole range of emotions denied to other actresses. But we protest against Ben Greet as a *Pelléas*. He is better as *Tony Lumpkin*. This latter assumption was far from being as amateurish as his *Malvolio*, or as far removed from the intention of the dramatist, as was his thrice melancholy *Jacques*. In a word, Mr. Greet is an excellent utility man; while as a stage manager, notwithstanding his crooked hobbies, he is admirable. The rest of the company worked with interest, though without result. If you have not seen "She Stoops to Conquer" the performance at Daly's will prove entertaining.

We wish in all sincerity that we could commend Mr. Sydney Rosenfeld's production of Ibsen's masterpiece "Rosmersholm," but we cannot. It was wofully slaughtered, wofully cut, and wofully misread. One actor only had more than a glimmer of his part, Sheridan Tupper as the scampish editor. He, at least, looked the character and gave an excellent outlining of its content. The textual excisions simply robbed the play of continuity and darkened its motives so that the comment of a certain stout lady in the audience had a ring of truth in it:

"These people are lunatics, not human beings," and saying this she chewed her gum more vigorously than before. Alas, poor Ibsen!

Now there is Arnold Daly. When he made up his clever mind to attack Shaw's "Candida"—which, when compared with "Rosmersholm," is like a brook unto an ocean—he worked the problems of interpretation and of technical demands out before he rang up his first curtain. His cast was picked with a singular intuition for character, and the outcome was—success. Mr. Shaw must have rubbed his eyes when he was informed by cable that "Candida" had passed her hundredth night, with more to come. The Vaudeville is filled every night and every matinée; people know in advance that a satisfactory reading awaits them.

Theatregoers easily recall John T. Sullivan and many have enjoyed his legitimate work this week at Proctor's Twenty-third street theatre, where he is presenting Sidney Grundy's comedy "Captain Huntington" with his own company. As they say in professional circles, Mr. Sullivan is the "top-liner" now at Proctor's. He played the part originally at the Lyceum, London, with Kate Vaughan.

"Love's Carnival" at the Saint James Theatre, London, is an English version of Erich Otto Hartleben's military drama "Rosenmontag." It is very sentimental and, despite the gloomy finale, effective, even in an English garb; much more so, for example, than "Tattoo," now being given at the Irving Place Theatre.

Alfred Abell, who makes so much of a not very congenial rôle in "Tattoo," has been engaged for the Deutsches Theatre of Berlin. He is a remarkably versatile actor who has not had a real chance since he was here, unless the younger brother in Halbe's "Der Strom" be excepted. In the matter of vivid characterization Abell is easily the equal of either Bonn or Christians.

Margaret Illington is not as nervous now as she was the opening night of "The Two Orphans." She surprised her friends by the fire she displayed then, and also won many pleasant opinions by her modest demeanor. This young actress absolutely refused to be dragged into the picture, though Kyrle Bellew and Clara Morris attempted to lead her to the front when the applause broke forth. She literally tore her hand from their clasp. Isn't this rather unusual nowadays as actresses and calciums go?

Here is the latest form of advertisement as used by a well known mistress of the art in Paris. "Mlle. Liane de Pougy, who has not been seen to smile since she lost her famous pearl necklace, is now beaming in the new *revue* at the Moulin Rouge." Such a puff as this would bring a faint smile to the worn face of *Johannes Rosmersholm*.

ACTOR ARTHUR BUTLER DEAD.

Was an Expert Swordsman Who Appeared in "A Gentleman of France."

Arthur Butler, an actor and an expert swordsman, died suddenly in Philadelphia on Wednesday. He had been instructor-sergeant of the Scots Greys in England, and also had given lessons in the use of the sword at the Bath Club in London. He came to this country three years ago and Kyrle Bellew, who had known him in London, engaged him as his fencing partner for "A Gentleman of France." Their spirited bout in this play was one of its strongest scenes.

This season Butler had appeared with James O'Neill in "The Adventures of Gerard." Recently he and his brother opened a fencing school in Philadelphia. Kyrle Bellew says Butler was the best swordsman he ever met.

DEAN LECTURE RECITAL.

A Talk on the "Stabat Mater" for the Benefit of Charity.

A lecture recital was given yesterday afternoon at the Gerrit Smith studio, 142 East Thirty-third street, by Mr. and Mrs. Dean, for the benefit of the working fund of the University Extension Society. The recital told the story of the "Stabat Mater," and was illustrated with settings.

Miss Isabel Hansen was at the piano and Gerrit Smith at the organ.

Augustus Pitou, Jr., Operated On.

Augustus Pitou, Jr., a son of Augustus Pitou, the playwright, was operated on yesterday for appendicitis in a private hospital at 26 West Sixty-first street. Dr. Richard H. Gibbons performed the operation and it was apparently successful. Pitou was the advance man ahead of Robert Edeson and "A Soldier of Fortune" company.

LIVE TOPICS ABOUT TOWN.

"The people in town," said the suburbanite, "are not aware how backward the season is. My diary for last year shows that on March 17 dandelions were in bloom. On March 21 violets and daffodils were in full flower in the open garden. Arbutus, the maiden's favorite, was found in the woods of Hohokus, N. J., on March 29. To-day the daffodil spikes are just showing above ground, the grass gives no evidence of its true color and the arbutus is far from bloom.

"Umbrellas! umbrellas!" cried a fakir in Park row yesterday. Two men stopped and, looking critically over the bundle in the fakir's arms, selected one with a blue knobbed handle.

"Looks like a pretty good one," one said.

When he got on the Bridge car the man examined the umbrella more critically. Then he remarked that it "really seemed familiar" and looked closer.

"Look here, Jim," he exclaimed, after a moment. Giving the knob a twist, he pulled it off. On the end of the rod was a narrow gold band engraved with a monogram.

"This," said the purchaser, "is the identical umbrella I gave Mary last Christmas. The cover is different, but the handle's here. I took it in a hurry one day and left it somewhere. She always said that I lost it, but I was sure it was stolen. Back to the hall rack for you!"

The wearing of a monocle is such an uncommon thing in this town that when a man with one stuck in his eye walked through West Twenty-third street the other day the sh ppers turned to get a second look at him, and children thought it worth while to quit watching the moving toys on the sidewalk and follow him along toward Broadway.

Weighing machines with phonographic attachments which announce your weight viva voce have been installed in several of the department stores recently. The other day a fat woman weighed down with an armful of bundles step ed onto the platform, dropped in her nt and gazed attentively down the me. ne funnel which was to tell her weight.

"Two hundred and seven!" announced the impassive weighing machine in stentorian tones that could be heard all over the store. The woman's face flushed, and leaning over the funnel she shouted back into it defiantly:

"And I say you're a liar!"

"It's too bad," said a Tammany district leader, "that that Connecticut Judge who told Bryan to sit down didn't say the rest of it and tell him to go way back."

ESCORTS AT 20 CENTS EACH.

A New Industry in East Fourteenth Street Where the Lid Is On.

The detective who arraigned Joe Meyers and Tom Brennan in the Yorkville police court yesterday explained that they had been acting as escorts for women who wanted to enter Tom Sharkey's place in East Fourteenth street.

"What is criminal about being an escort?" asked Magistrate Ommen.

"It's a new business, Judge. It started up since the lid was screwed down. These young men get 15 or 20 cents for each girl they escort into Sharkey's, the Sans Souci on Third avenue and some other concert halls. Since the police got active, those concert halls have put up signs that women visitors must be accompanied by escorts."

The detective said that the escorts lined up each night in front of Sharkey's and the other places. A woman would come along and pick out an escort from the crowd and enter the place. The escort would accompany her as far as a table, leave her after she had paid him and go out for another customer.

The detective said that in the past month the business had increased so much that there were now about fifty young men in the escort business in East Fourteenth street.

The detective's suggestion that Meyers could give some information about the business led to this explanation:

"I get women for the hotels. The hotelkeeper gives me 50 cents for each couple I bring there. It used to be 25 cents a month ago, but things are running quieter now and there is more competition. When the woman leaves the hotel I escort her back to the concert hall."

Magistrate Ommen discharged the prisoners with a threat to send them over to the workhouse if they were arrested again.

ALLIANCE FRANCAIS TO EXTEND.

It Will Have a Summer School at the U. of P. and an Organ After This.

The Alliance Française in the United States held its annual meeting yesterday at 129 Broadway. Ambassador Jusserand presided. Seventy-five cities were represented. Secretary L. V. Gofflot read a report showing the progress the association has made. It now includes 130 societies with a membership of more than 25,000.

It was decided to organize a French grammar class at the University of Pennsylvania and to issue a magazine in French as the organ of the Federation. These officers were elected:

Honorary president, Dr. William R. Harper, president of the Chicago University; president, J. Le Roy White of Baltimore; vice-presidents, Prof. F. de Guichrest of Harvard, Prof. Alcée Fortier of Tulane University, Paul Fuller of New York, Alphonse Gaudin, Jr., Mayor of Woonsocket, R. I.; secretary and treasurer, L. V. Gofflet of New York.

DR. CONRAD GUILTY.

To Be Sentenced on Monday for Attempting a Criminal Operation.

Dr. Edward E. Conrad was convicted last night, before Recorder Goff in the General Sessions, of attempting a criminal operation. He will be sentenced on Monday and may be imprisoned in a State prison for not more than two years or in the penitentiary for not more than six months.

It was said that Dr. Blinn, who was arrested for a like crime and who is now a fugitive from justice, awaited at the end of a telephone wire the announcement of the jury's verdict. The verdict is not likely to hurry Dr. Blinn home.

Dr. Conrad, according to an acquaintance, has lost all his money speculating in Wall Street and in backing a theatrical troupe.

M'ADOO JESTS ABOUT THE LID,

And Mayor Hopes Soldiers' Home Managers Get Away by Daylight.

Several members of the Board of Managers of the Soldiers' Home at Washington called on Mayor McClellan yesterday to pay their respects to him. Just as they were leaving the Mayor's office they were met by Police Commissioner McAdoo, who recognized among them two or three old friends. When he learned that they were leaving town in the evening, he said: "That's too bad, because, if you could have stayed another day, I would have taken the lid off the town for you."

"My, my!" the Mayor exclaimed in mock seriousness, when he heard what his commissioner had said. "I hope those fellows keep their promise and get out of the city before to-night."

Washington Society Notes.

WASHINGTON, March 31.—Sir Liang, the Chinese Minister, gave a dinner to-night in honor of Prof. Alfred E. Sterns, principal of the Andover Academy, and the members of the alumni in Washington.

Miss Roosevelt returned to Washington to-day from a ten days visit to Aiken, S. C., and the President has his entire family under the White House roof once more.

MONEY FOR SALT WATER MAINS

BOARD OF ESTIMATE APPROPRIATES $5,425,000.

The Aldermen Will Consider the Engineers' Report on Tuesday—Mayor Hopes That a Start Can Soon Be Made—The Street Cleaning Question.

It now remains only for the Board of Aldermen to act favorably and then New York will be in a way to have an adequate water supply, salt and fresh, with which to protect the business centre from fire as well as to flush the streets.

In open session yesterday the Board of Estimate appropriated $5,425,400 to carry out the plan submitted by the committee of borough engineers and the chief engineer of the board to the Mayor on Wednesday afternoon.

This report recommended the laying of a new system of water mains for salt water, an improved distributing system for both salt and fresh water, and also strongly urged the importance of flushing the streets.

The matter will come up before the Board of Aldermen at their meeting on Tuesday next. It will then be reported back, and Mayor McClellan said yesterday that he thought it entirely reasonable to believe that it would be up for final, and, as he hopes and believes, favorable consideration by a week from next Tuesday.

"I regard this matter as of the very highest importance," said the Mayor yesterday afternoon. "That the business district covered by the engineers' report is inadequately supplied with water for fire protection is beyond question. The recent fire in lower Broadway was sufficient demonstration of the fact, even if there were not abundant evidence, as there is, of the deficiency from other sources.

"The personal visit which I made to that fire, and the uniform testimony of the engineers of all the engines I then visited, left no room for doubt whatever. The engines were doing only one-half, one-third and in some cases not more than one-quarter the work they were capable of doing had they had sufficient water. In other words, had there been an abundance of water it would not have been necessary to summon one-half, or perhaps one-third the number of engines that actually were summoned.

"With the present plans carried out all this source of danger will be eliminated. Instead of a scarcity of water, we will have a supply that is abundant and unlimited. This applies, of course, to the supplies for flushing the streets as well as for fires. The flushing of the streets seems a matter of the highest importance. Mr. Hill, in his report, brushed aside the question of using salt water and argued that to use water for flushing would be too heavy a drain upon the reservoir, and further, that the employees of the Street Cleaning Department would be unable to use the high pressure hydrants to advantage. The report of the borough engineers easily disposes of this difficulty by the hydrants in the middle of the block and the devices suggested for regulating the pressure.

"There has been a good deal of discussion of the question as to the pollution of the river water and the possible ill effect as to the health of the city from flushing the streets with it. But it has been shown conclusively that all that is necessary to do to get around this difficulty is to go out a few hundred feet into the stream and to avoid the vicinity of the sewers in setting the intakes.

"It has been suggested that flushing the streets might sweep too much débris into the sewers. The report of the borough engineers touches upon that point and suggests a very simple remedy which can be applied very readily. The appropriation seems to be abundant to cover all these points."

A correspondent of THE SUN makes the suggestion that if salt water mains are laid for street flushing and fire extinguishing purposes, it might be a good plan to lay parallel mains of larger size at the same time by means of which snow could be conveyed to the waterfront, his idea being that the salt water mains could be used to flush the snow mains while the snow was being dumped in.

Mayor McClellan said this was a matter purely technical, on which he did not care to speak. The Mayor said he had no present intention of sending a special message to the Board of Aldermen on the subject of the engineers' report.

DUKE OF SUTHERLAND'S TRIP.

Will Travel Across Canada in the Car Built for the Duke of York.

The Duke of Sutherland, who arrived in this country on Wednesday on the Oceanic, left New York last night for Montreal, where he will spend several days as the guest of Sir Charles and Lady Ross before starting on his tour of Canada to the Pacific Coast.

While the Duke's trip through the Dominion will be chiefly for pleasure, some political significance may, it is said, be attached to it, as he is one of King Edward's chief counsellors.

The report that the Duke had come over to look after some railroad interests was denied yesterday by his private secretary, Alexander Simpson.

The Duke will have on his trip to the coast a private train, which will be furnished by the Canadian Pacific Railway The officials of that road as soon as they heard of his arrival in New York on Wednesday sent on from Toronto the private car built for the use of the Duke of York when he made his trip through Canada, a few years ago.

With the Duke, besides his secretary, were Sir Charles and Lady Ross, who came down from Montreal on Wednesday and went out on a revenue cutter to meet the Oceanic. Sir Charles owns Balnagowan Castle in Scotland and is a neighbor of the Duke. He is the inventor of the Ross rifle and the head of the company that manufactures that arm at Hartford and Quebec.

The Duke is said to be the largest landowner in Scotland if not in the British Isles. He owns about 1,858,000 acres. He will be in Canada a month. He had planned to inspect some of the city's new tunnels and parts of the subway with August Belmont yesterday, but was unable to do so. He may return to New York for a day or so before starting West.

FACTORY EXPLOSION KILLS SIX.

A Girl's Carelessness Is Said to Have Caused the Accident—Two More May Die.

SCRANTON, Pa., March 31.—A filled squib carelessly thrown into a stove at the squib factory in Priceburg, this morning, caused an explosion in which six persons were killed. Six more persons were injured, two of whom will probably die. The factory itself was badly wrecked and afterward burned. The property loss is not over $5,000.

The dead are Lizzie Brey, 16 years old; Beckie Lewis, 17 years old; Lillian Mahon, 17 years old; Laure Matthews, 18 years old George Callahan, 3 years old, and Theresa Callahan, aged 6 months.

Miss Mady Gilgallon, forewoman in the factory, and Miss Lillian Howey are critically injured.

There is no doubt that the accident was due to the carelessness of Beckie Lewis one of the girls killed, who threw a lighted squib into the stove. According to the forewoman, Miss Gilgallon, she had been caught doing the same thing on a previous occasion.

Edward Owens was proprietor of the factory and the building, a two story frame structure. In the factory at the time of the explosion were nine persons. Mrs. Thomas Callahan and four children lived over the factory, and two of her children perished. Another was badly burned.

Miss Gilgallon was saved through the courage of Miss Anna Grier, a neighbor, who saw her running with blazing clothing and stripped her. The Wayne Hotel and a butcher shop adjoining the factory were partly wrecked.

JUST ASK JOHN A. SHIELDS

For Any Mortal Thing You've Lost, Boulevard, or Citizen Paper.

A nice looking woman of thirty, maybe, came yesterday into the office of United States Commissioner Shields, whose kindness to a pretty milliner the other day has given him a high standing in the esteem of the fair of which he is very proud. The nice looking woman drew a chair close to the commissioner and looked smilingly confidential.

The commissioner looked confidential, too.

"Are you Commissioner Shields?" she asked. He admitted it.

"Then tell me where my boulevard is," she said, appealingly, stretching out her hands toward him.

The commissioner started and then looked vaguely and helplessly about him.

"Your boulevard, madam?" he asked when he began to recover from the shock.

"Yes. Don't you know?" she murmured, sweet and low. "My ancestors owned the Lafayette Boulevard about 150 years ago. And I must find where it is. It's very important to me."

The commissioner's face lit up with an idea.

"Madam," he said, "whatever appearances may indicate, I am not 150 years old. But my clerk, Mr. Donovan, there, may help you out. Tell him freely all about the lost boulevard."

Mr. Donovan sent her to the Department of Highways.

Before the commissioner had time to recover from his stupor a tall son of Erin came in.

"I got me first citizen's papers in the State coorts," said he, "and I want a duplikit. I lost them."

"Why don't you go to the State courts and get it?" asked the commissioner, blandly.

"The State coorts!" roared the visitor. "Why do ye persheute me from pillar to post? Is it because I was born in Tipperary, or because I'm a Roman Catholic?" He approached the commissioner, menacingly. "D'ye want me to shwear at ye? Here's me right hand; d'ye want me left hand, too?"

Mr. Donovan appeased him.

"The commissioner is Irish himself," said Mr. Donovan, "and so am I."

"God bless the Irish!" said the man fervently, "an' how should John Dwyer know thot? Ye see, I want a job. I can do ony bloody thing, from drivin' horses to docthorin'," and John Dwyer rehearsed what he will do when he comes to the State courts.

Commissioner Shields fell back in his chair limp and tired.

"I shall certainly take out a crank insurance policy," he announced.

BOARD OF ESTIMATE SPATS.

Littleton Gets Jail Money—Downing Brook Will Be Safe for ex-Mayors.

The weekly spat between Comptroller Grout and Borough President Littleton of Brooklyn was over an appropriation of $20,000 for repairing Raymond Street Jail. Mr. Littleton was fighting for it at the Board of Estimate meeting yesterday and got it. Mr. Grout objected that the board ought to have a formal report on the condition of the jail.

"The Board of Aldermen believed me," said Mr. Littleton.

"And I believe you also," interrupted Mr. Grout, with a shocked expression. "Of course, I believe you; but we ought to have a report."

"All right," Mr. Littleton said, "you say you believe me; prove it by voting for the resolution and I will send you a basketful of reports and some stereopticon views of the jail."

The Mayor laughed and Mr. Grout voted for the bond issue, which was authorized.

President Haffen asked for $15,000 for repairs to the Downing Brook drains in Chester.

"This is a most necessary expenditure," he said, when Mr. Grout called for a special report. "Only last year Mayor Low, driving down the boulevard, found himself nearly drowned in four feet of water."

"We must be careful not to let that happen again," said the Mayor, and all voted aye.

CITY GOES SLOW IN BOND SALES.

Less Than $10,000,000 Bonds for Improvement Authorized Yesterday.

The Board of Estimate has begun considering the department applications for money to be raised by bonds for public improvements. It is doing this in executive session, not making public the amounts asked for, which are considerably larger than the amounts that will be allowed.

The Board authorized yesterday less than $10,000,000. More than half is for the new water mains. Then there is $3,000,000 for paving, $700,000 for a relief sewer in Webster avenue and $150,000 for the Johnstone avenue sewer in Brooklyn. The board intends to go slow in bond issues.

Mr. Grout said that the board did not take up the requirements of the Dock and Education departments because both have large unexpended balances.

None of the bonds authorized yesterday will be sold for several months. The city is waiting to see what course the money market will take in the immediate future before starting on additional public improvements.

HALF A BILLION SWORN OFF.

Being 52 1-2 Per Cent. of the Assessment of Personalty for Taxation.

The tax books were closed yesterday. Since Jan. 11, 27,780 persons have attended the offices to have the assessments on personalty revised. In addition the commissioners have received hundreds of swear-off affidavits from all parts of the world. Five came from Africa.

The tentative assessments on individual personalties amounted to $986,663,982. Of this 52½ per cent., or $519,426,834, was sworn off up to March 29, leaving the amount held at $466,237,148. In 1903 the tentative assessments were $1,002,186,191 and $565,249,439 was sworn off, leaving $436,936,752, so that the final assessments this year show an increase of $29,300,000 over last year.

The total assessment on real estate last year was $4,755,963,366, which was corrected to $4,751,550,826. The uncorrected assessment for this year is $5,049,911,689.

NO CENTRAL PARK DRILLS.

Mayor Tests Public Opinion and Finds It Adverse.

Mayor McClellan has given up the idea of permitting the regiments of the National Guard to drill in Central Park.

"The suggestion was made to me by an officer of one of the regiments," said the Mayor. "I thought it was a good proposition, but before proceeding further with it I wanted to find out what the opinion of the public was. Since I mentioned the matter I have heard and read many objections to it and no arguments in its favor So I think we may look upon it as a closed incident."

SWEATBAND FOR A CLUE.

Sent to a Trade Paper in an Effort to Trace a Negro Criminal.

The Haberdasher of this city yesterday received the following letter from a retail furnishing goods dealer in Florence, S. C.:

Enclosed please find an impression taken from the sweatband of a medium shape of hat, one that probably cost from $9.00 to $12.00 per doz.

A few nights ago, during a negro performance at our opera house, a large crowd of negroes had gathered opposite the jail, and, as one of our policemen was passing with a woman whom he had arrested, two shots were fired from the crowd, one taking effect in the policeman's thigh. The man that did the shooting ran and finally escaped unidentified. Your aid in helping us to find out the manufacturer of this hat will also help us to run the criminal where he belongs.

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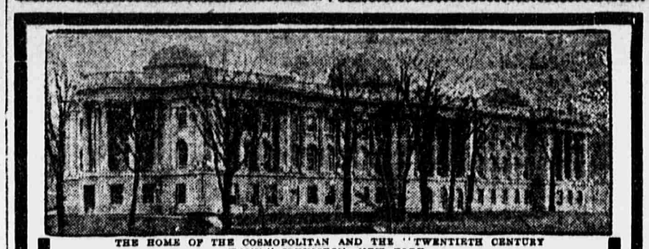

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MOY HUENG A LAWFUL BRIDE.

HER FATHER COMING TO SWEAR THAT SHE IS 19.

No Abduction in the Case, It Is Declared—Mrs. Toy, Whose Arrest for Abduction the Gerry Society Caused, Is Well Known as an Official Chaperone.

Little Moy Hueng, the bride who was taken on Tuesday by agents of the Gerry society because they had heard she had been kidnapped in Boston and sold to Lee Hoy, her husband, for $600, spent yesterday at the Gerry society's headquarters.

The bride can understand a little English, but she can't understand the ways of the Children's Society, and there are a good many others who know the facts in the case who are equally at sea.

There is a possibility that the marital relations of Moy Hueng and Lee Hoy may be straightened out to-day to the satisfaction of the Gerry folks, and then perhaps Moy Hueng can go back to the flat which Lee Hoy had spent weeks in arranging for her reception.

The husband and Mrs. Josephine Toy will be rearraigned in the Tombs police court on the charge of abduction on which they were held on Tuesday. Word was received in Chinatown yesterday from Ah Hueng, the bride's father, who is a Chinese merchant at 35 Harrison avenue, Boston, that he would be here to-day and would tell his story.

According to Supt. Jenkins of the Gerry society, little Moy Hueng does not look to be a bit older than 14. That is one of the reasons why they were suspicious of the match. Lee Hoy and Mrs. Toy both declare, as does the bride herself, that she is 19.

Folks in Chinatown's respectable element who know Mrs. Toy declared yesterday that she was a much abused woman and that the story that she was engaged in kidnapping girls for wives arose through the fact that Mrs. Toy for years has been Chinatown's chaperon.

Mrs. Toy is a Christian and is one of the workers of the Morning Star Mission, a Baptist institution. Her husband, who is an Americanized Chinaman, has a class in the mission, which their own children attend.

One of those who stood up for Mrs. Toy yesterday and vouched for the legitimacy of her occupation as chaperone was Dr Frederick Thoms of 24 Mott street, a Chinese physician and graduate of the Long Island Medical College, to whom a reporter was referred yesterday by Mr. Wing, the Chinese vice-consul. Dr. Thoms is one of the "reformers" of Chinatown and has done much to eradicate vice there.

"Mrs. Toy is a perfectly respectable woman," said Dr. Thoms, "and she has brought many brides here in a perfectly legitimate way. A merchant living in Boston, say, consents to the marriage of his daughter to a Chinaman living here. He doesn't accompany the bride here himself, but in order that she may be properly attended the father sends for Mrs. Toy, and under her escort the bride makes the trip to this city.

"Mrs. Toy does not secure wives for men. She is simply employed as a chaperon. Possibly the Gerry society has never heard of the custom by which no bride travels without a chaperon, and hearing that Mrs. Toy had brought this young looking girl from Boston decided right off it was a case of kidnapping.

Mrs. Toy said herself yesterday that she brought two or three brides to this city as chaperon.

"I know nothing of an approaching marriage," said she yesterday, "until I am sent for. In this case I was sent for by the girl's parents in Boston and accompanied her to this city to meet her husband, as I have done many times before. Lee Hoy is a Christian, and so is the girl and her parents."

The Baptist Mission Society is to have a representative in court to-day to look out for Mrs. Toy. Supt. Jenkins of the Gerry society was unwilling to say yesterday just what the society intended to do. Mr. Jenkins said an investigation was being made in Boston, but it might not be finished by to-day, in which case the matter would go over.

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KNICKERBOCKER, Broadway & 38th St. Last 2 Nights—Eves. at 8. Last Mat. Sat. at 2. FORBES ROBERTSON GERTRUDE ELLIOTT in HAMLET Next Monday—Tickets now on sale. WRIGHT LORIMER in THE SHEPHERD KING.

BROADWAY THEATRE, 41st St. & B'way. Eve. 8:15. Mats. Wed. & Sat. HENRY W. SAVAGE offers RAYMOND HITCHCOCK IN A NEW COMIC OPERA—THE YANKEE CONSUL

AMERICAN. Eve. 8:30. Mat. To-morrow, 25 & 50c. FLORENCE BINDLEY in A MIDNIGHT MARRIAGE. Next Sunday—TED MARKS' CONCERT. Next week, RICHARD BUHLER in "Paul Revere."

VICTORIA THEATRE of VARIETIES. 25, 50, 75, 1.00. Daily Mats. 25, 50. Marshall P. Wilder, Adgie's Lions, The Great Spadoni, Genaro & 42d, B'wy., 7 av. Bailey, Fields & Ward, others.

BELASCO THEATRE. Eve. at 8. Mat. Sat., 2 Xtra Mat. Apr. 7. HENRIETTA CROSMAN in DAVID BELASCO'S new play. SWEET KITTY BELLAIRS.

COUNTESS OF MINTO BETTER.

Her Condition Improves—All Her Social Plans Cancelled up to June 1.

OTTAWA, March 31.—Inquiries at Government House this morning were met with the announcement that the Countess of Minto, who broke her right leg yesterday while skating, was progressing favorably.

The Countess was to have sailed for England on May 15 to present her daughter at court. The physicians in attendance upon her Excellency say that she will not be able to leave the house until the beginning of June. All her engagements prior to that date have been cancelled.

FIT THROWING HIS TRADE.

Five Months for McMann, Who'd Collected Only 35 Cents.

Robert McMann, a fit thrower by trade, who usually works in Fifth avenue, was up in the Jefferson Market police court yesterday and was sent to the Island for five months.

He was arrested yesterday after throwing 35 cents worth of fit on the steps of 122 East Thirtieth street. A colored man gave him 10 cents and a woman a quarter.

When the detectives questioned him in court he said that he had thrown only two fits since the last time he was on the Island.

AMUSEMENTS.

EMPIRE THEATRE, B'way & 40th St. Evgs. 8:20. Mats. Wed. & Sat. TO-NIGHT 122ND PERFORMANCE. Augustus Thomas's Greatest Comedy, THE OTHER GIRL

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NEW LYCEUM West 45th St. & B'way. At 8:15. Last Mat. Sat. WILLIAM GILLETTE LAST 2 NIGHTS THE ADMIRABLE CRICHTON. Monday, Chas. Hawtrey—SAUCY SALLY.

DALY'S B'way & 30th St. Evs. 8:15. Mat. Sat. at 2:15. SHE STOOPS TO CONQUER Edith Wynne Matthison as Kate Hardcastle. Ben Greet as.....Tony Lumpkin NEXT WEEK—HENRY W. SAVAGE offers THE PRINCE OF PILSEN Prior to its London presentation.

HUDSON THEATRE, 44th St., B'way & 6th Ave. Evs. 8:10. Mats. Wed. & Sat. HENRY MILLER in A MAN PROPOSES Preceded by FREDERIC LEMAITRE. Next week—Ethel Barrymore in COUSIN KATE.

CRITERION THEATRE, B'way & 44th St. Evgs. 8:15. Mats. Wed. & Sat. LAST WEEK THIS THEATRE. GARRICK THEATRE NEXT MONDAY. ELEANOR ROBSON in MERELY MARY ANN Next week—WM. COLLIER in The Dictator.

SAVOY THEATRE, 34th St. & Broadway. NEXT MON.—SEATS READY. THE SUPERSTITION OF SUE

GARDEN THEATRE, 27th St. & Mad. Ave. Evgs. 8:20. Mats. Wed. & Sat. 2:15. THE SECRET OF POLICHINELLE With WM. H. THOMPSON.

GARRICK THEATRE, 35th St. & B'way. Evs. 8:15. Mat. Saturday. KATHERINE KENNEDY In Elwyn A. Barron's Play, THE RULING POWER Next week—ELEANOR ROBSON.

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LYRIC B'way, 7th Ave., 42d St. Evg. 8:15. Mats. To-m'w & Wed. WILTON LACKAYE LAST WEEKS 3 in "THE PIT."

CASINO B'way & 39th St. Telephone, 6726—38th. Mats. To-m'w & Wed. C. Whitney presents "A Musical Cocktail," "PIFF, PAFF, POUF" First Time TO-MORROW NIGHT. Seats now on sale at Box Office.

PRINCESS Beg. Monday. Seats on sale. APR. 4th "AN AFRICAN MILLIONAIRE" with H. REEVES-SMITH and Great Cast.

PROCTOR'S 23d St. 5th Ave. 58th St. 125th St. To-day, 25c., 50c. To-night, Res. 75c. JOHN T. SULLIVAN & CO., Bedini & Arthur, Monroe, Mack & Laurence, Haleé Frances, 4 Nelsons Comiques, others "WEDDING MARCH" Big Continuous Vaudeville. HOWARD HALL MAN WHO DARED Mats. Mon., Wed., Thurs. & Sat. "CAPT. SWIFT" Big Vaudeville Twice Daily. RESERVED SEATS ON SALE IN ADVANCE. BOX OFFICES OPEN 9:30 A. M. TO 10:30 P. M.

METROPOLITAN OPERA HOUSE. MONDAY EVENING, APRIL 4th, at 8:30. GRAND CONCERT Under the direction of Mr. HEINRICH CONRIED Assisted by the following artists: MISS OLIVE FREMSTAD, MONS. POL PLANCON, MR. ALOIS BURGSTALLER, MR. CAMPANARI. GRAND ORCHESTRA OF SEVENTY-FIVE. Mr. Alfred Hertz.....Conductor. Tickets, 75 cts. to $2.50, at Ditson's, 867 B'way.

HARLEM OPERA HOUSE, 125th St., nr 7th Av. Mr. Richard MANSFIELD To-night, "DR. JEKYLL AND MR. HYDE." Sat. Mat. "OLD HEIDELBERG." Sat. Eve., "BEAU BRUMMEL." Next week BERTHA GALLAND Dorothy Vernon of Haddon Hall EVERY SUNDAY NIGHT—GRAND CONCERT.

WALLACK'S B'way & 30th St. Evgs. 8:20. Mat. Wed. & Sat. 2:15. 102nd to 104th Time. COUNTY CHAIRMAN HENRY W. SAVAGE offers GEO. ADE'S quaint Comedy, THE "Funniest Play in Town."

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