

VIEWING A PAGEANT.

Fielding Tells Why He Failed to Report New York's Big Show.

HE DIDN'T GET TO SEE IT.

Though His Friend Invited Him to Share His Window With Him.

NOTHING IN SIGHT BUT FALL HATS

Howard Fielding was asked last week to write a lurid account of the big parade in New York during the Columbus celebration. He was asked to do so by an editor who promised to pay him full space rates for said lurid article. Mr. Fielding's copy did not show up and the editor wrote him about it. Here is Mr. Fielding's answer: SIR—I have received your kind note requesting me to view the great Columbus pageant in the interest of your valuable paper; and your other note inquiring why in blue blazes I didn't do it. Do I think you are getting out a monthly magazine? Indeed, sir, I do not. I have given my entire time, since the death of my dear wife, to the study of the history of the city of New York. I have seen a crowd of people here! Just look at our local census figures. It is true that



Time We Missed Much of It

some of our citizens were counted twice, but I am of the opinion that in each case both were present at those festivities. I cannot otherwise mathematically account for the throng. It is very hard to see anything when one is standing on the streets, for even a tall, thin man like myself may easily step into a hole in our somewhat too political pavement and be unable to look over the head of a legless mendicant or some little Dutchman from the Eastside, who is not over four feet high except when he is lying down.

A Kind Invitation From Jagson.

But it was no such difficulty as this which interfered with my carrying out your honored instructions. My wife and I were invited to view the pageant from the window of Mr. Washington W. Jagson's office, which faces on Broadway. I fell on Jagson's neck when he tendered this invitation, for Maude had said that she should just simply die if she didn't see the parade—which meant that I might just as well die if she didn't get an opportunity.

We arrived at Jagson's office early on the evening in question, and took seats near the window. A half dozen ladies and gentlemen were already present, but by crowding the chairs close together we were able to sit in front of the window. Anticipating a chilly evening, Jagson had prepared a little refreshment in a corner of his office, and, at his invitation, I went over to see if it was mild enough for my wife to drink or whether I should be obliged, in the interests of temperance and propriety, to take her share as well as my own.

While I was struggling with this question, some more of Jagson's friends arrived. Some of them were ladies, and as soon as greetings were over they cried: "Oh, dear! I knew we should be late. Have we lost much of it?" Thinking that they referred to the refreshment, of which I was concocting a glassful behind me, I replied courtously: "Oh, no, indeed; there is nearly a barrelful in the corner." But the ladies had already rushed to the window, in spite

We Had a Little More Refreshment.

of Jagson's assurance that it would be a full hour before the head of the column appeared. One of the ladies, who had apparently noticed the glass in my hand, remarked slyly that it would probably be a "full" hour for Mr. Fielding, whatever it might be for the others. I was not grieved so much by this as by observing that the lady took my chair at the window, and thus made it necessary for me to stand up behind the party, which now fully occupied the available sitting space. However, I could easily see over their heads, and standing was no more than I had expected.

A Pretty New Jersey Bevy.

Presently was heard the sound of rippling laughter in the hall, and in there burst a merry bevy of girls from some place in the interior of New Jersey, where they have not had a parade since the Whitesaps moved old man Gray's family into the next township, and even then the mob did not carry lights enough to make the spectacle entertaining. It was, therefore, a great lark for the girls to see a real New York pageant. They hastened to the window and drew themselves up in a merry, giggling line behind the ladies who were seated there, while their parents and guardians joined Jagson and me and tried to see over the semicircle of fall hats.

But when some more of Mr. Jagson's guests arrived it became necessary to take measures to secure a view for them, so Jagson and I placed some chairs behind the girls who were standing, and those who had come last stood up in these chairs. Shortly afterward seven men and eight ladies from Danbury, Conn., including Jagson's aunt, from whom he is expecting to inherit a drug store and other property, arrived in a great hurry, and had to be accommodated with places from which a view could be obtained. Jagson and I, therefore, dragged three flat-topped desks up behind a row of chairs, and their tops were soon occupied by eager spectators. Jagson and I then went into the far corner of the office and partook of a little refreshment.

At a Window in Cool Weather.

By this time the ladies who had been sitting for nearly an hour close to the open window were complaining of the cold, so I assisted Jagson to close the window by reaching over the heads of the party with a pole. I succeeded in pushing the window down, and also in dropping the heads of the ladies, which did not make me popular. To draw my own up, I partook of some more refreshment. Then Jagson's

but a dense mass of feminine headgear sharply outlined against the opposite building; and as for the ladies, who, in our courteous city, had the only real chance to view the spectacle, they assure me that it was perfectly lovely, but I am unable to extract anything more definite from them.

I am aware that many correspondents would have built a thoroughly satisfactory story with pictures in it upon equally scanty material, but I, sir, am not to be led from the path of strict veracity until column rates get to be higher, or my necessities more pressing. HOWARD FIELDING.

We have just mounted some new combinations in emerald, ruby, sapphire, opal and turquoise and diamond clusters. These are elegant goods. Call at M. G. Cohen's, 36 Fifth Avenue, and examine the goods and prices. It will pay you.

EXPOSITION—Black Patti, the intemperate unequalled colored song bird, all week.

In a Piano We Can Suit You. Mellor & Hoene, 77 Fifth Avenue.

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WORLD'S FAIR EXCURSION Via P. & O. E. R. R.

On October 19, 20, 21 and 22 the Pittsburgh and Lake Erie Railroad will sell excursion tickets to Chicago and return, account delectable services World's Columbian Exposition.

EXPOSITION—Black Patti, the universal favorite, all week, afternoon and evening.

THE P. C. C. C.

Great Columbian Celebration Sale.

During this great sale, which starts tomorrow morning, we will sell 1,000 men's fine all wool suits and men's overcoats at \$7.50 each, worth \$12.00.

P. C. C. C. Clothiers, Cor. Grant and Diamond Streets.

De Wree's Little Early Risers. Best pill for biliousness, sick headache, malaria.

OCTOBER 17, 18, 19, 20.

Great Columbian Celebration Sale.

A MAMMOTH FOUR DAYS' EXTERMINATE ORIGINAL WITH THE P. C. C. C. CLOTHIERS.

During the next four days, starting tomorrow morning, we will sell \$100,000 worth of men's fine suits and overcoats, boys' suits and overcoats and pantaloons at the actual cost of manufacture. Commercial enterprise has taken wonderful strides forward in this great and glorious country and what more fitting tribute to the grand celebration of the discovery of America than our "big four days' Columbian sale? This sale will cost us thousands of dollars, but will derive from it will repay us tenfold and place us on record as the live, liberal, progressive clothiers of this city. Here is a partial list of some of the great bargains you can obtain at this four days' sale. Starts tomorrow morning at 8 o'clock. Men's all wool sack and cutaway suits and elegant fall overcoats at \$7.50 each, worth \$12.00. Men's light colored kersey overcoats, silk faced, at \$10.00 worth \$18.00. Men's fine dress suits, cutaway and sack, with striped and checked trousers, at \$10.00 worth \$18.00. Men's chinilla overcoats, with silk velvet collar, at \$10.00 worth \$18.00. Men's dressy cutaway suits at \$15.00 worth \$25.00. Men's elegant tailor-made silk-lined overcoats at \$15.00 worth \$25.00. The best line of men's fine suits and overcoats in the land at \$10.00 men's dress pants, silk striped and checked, at \$2.50 and \$3.00 worth \$4.50 and \$5.00. Boys' suits, sizes 10 to 14, pleated or plain, at \$1.00 worth \$2.00. Boys' all-wool double-breasted suits at \$2.50 worth \$4.50. In our well-lighted basement we have placed a great many bargains that will draw the masses. Men's sack suits, usual price \$15.00; at \$8.00. Men's heavy chinilla overcoats, at \$10.00 worth \$18.00. Men's worsted pants at \$2.00 and \$1.75, big values; men's dark cutaway suits, worth \$12.00 and \$14.00; at \$6.50; \$5.00 pairs of boys' knee pants at \$1.50, \$2.00 and \$3.00; boys' double-breasted suits at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00, \$5.50, \$6.00, \$6.50, \$7.00, \$7.50, \$8.00, \$8.50, \$9.00, \$9.50, \$10.00, \$10.50, \$11.00, \$11.50, \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.00, \$13.50, \$14.00, \$14.50, \$15.00, \$15.50, \$16.00, \$16.50, \$17.00, \$17.50, \$18.00, \$18.50, \$19.00, \$19.50, \$20.00, \$20.50, \$21.00, \$21.50, \$22.00, \$22.50, \$23.00, \$23.50, \$24.00, \$24.50, \$25.00, \$25.50, \$26.00, \$26.50, \$27.00, \$27.50, \$28.00, \$28.50, \$29.00, \$29.50, \$30.00, \$30.50, \$31.00, \$31.50, \$32.00, \$32.50, \$33.00, \$33.50, \$34.00, \$34.50, \$35.00, \$35.50, \$36.00, \$36.50, \$37.00, \$37.50, \$38.00, \$38.50, \$39.00, \$39.50, \$40.00, \$40.50, \$41.00, \$41.50, \$42.00, \$42.50, \$43.00, \$43.50, \$44.00, \$44.50, \$45.00, \$45.50, \$46.00, 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