

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

Notes About the Plays and the Players.

Gossip About Actors From Numerous Points.

The Amusements at Home in the Near Future.

"The Bostonians" to Give Eight Operas Here This Week—"Later On" at the Los Angeles.

Tonight the Bostonians commence a week's engagement at the Grand opera house, in the new opera comique, Don Quixote, by Reginald de Koven. This opera company was here about a year ago, and at that time it was said to be one of the best organizations that had ever visited the city.

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Miss Juliette Corden, who shares leading soprano roles with her, and Miss Carlotta Maconda, who has obtained many flattering notices. The leading contralto is Jessie Bartlett Davis, who created such an impression here on her former visit.

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Alice Harrison is now playing in The City Directory.

Blue Jean is the title of a new play by Joseph Arthur, author of The Still Alarm.

Dion Boucault is writing a new play for Sol Smith Russell. The hero is a tailor.

Sarah Bernhardt is to make a tour of the world beginning in this country next September.

The marriage of Theodore Thomas to Miss Rose Fay, of Chicago, will take place May 12th.

Miss Juliette Corden has a fascinating Bolero and Spanish dance in Don Quixote, which she does admirably.

Jessie Bartlett Davis, as "Dorothea," has two delightful numbers in Don Quixote, which she sings admirably.

H. C. Barnabe, Josephine Bartlett and George Frothingham have an amusing refrain in Don Quixote.

"A married man may be full of guile, But a married woman man."

It is said that at a performance of Ibsen's play, A Doll's House, in Philadelphia, half the audience were nurses and children.

How music spreads among the masses can be imagined from the estimate that in Sheffield there are about 600 artisans who play the violin.

Miss Hope Booth, who has the good fortune to be the daughter of a rich and indulgent father, will star next season in That Young Girl from Georgia.

D'Oyly Carte is reported to have sunk \$50,000 in his efforts to force The Gondoliers upon New York theater-goers. John Stetson has also lost a lot of money on the opera which he facetiously calls The Gnome Dollar.

The latest recruit to the ranks of society stars is the Baroness Julie De Fontenillat, a sister of Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt.

She has been studying under Dion Boucault, and is to play in comedy. She has separated from her husband, but as she wishes only to put her titled name against some manager's good money, she will probably not be seen this season.

In Madrid when an actor has a benefit his admirers send to the theater little gifts, such as canes, slippers, game, and such trifles, just as if it were a donation party, and the employees hand these gifts around among the audience for inspection, while next day a complete list of them is printed in the papers.

The queen and the Princess Louise (marchioness of Lorne) play the piano and organ with a masterly touch. The Prince of Wales plays the banjo like a virtuoso and the Princess of Wales is a brilliant pianiste. The Duke of Connaught is a practical fiddler; the Duke of Edinburgh an enthusiastic violinist. The favorite instrument of the Czar is a

silver cornet-a-piston, on which he performs with zeal. The Queen of Italy is well-known as a masterly pianiste; the Empress of Austria charms every one with her zither. The Empress of Japan plays the national Japanese instrument, the "ruto," a zither of somewhat large dimensions. The Queen of Roumania plays the harp and piano with equal grace and facility. King George of Greece plays on castanets and wine-glasses with the most astonishing skill, with the same facility he plays the Hungarian cymbal, which the Crown Prince Sophie is also studying under the guidance of two Hungarian virtuosi, and Prince Henry of Prussia is a composer and plays the piano and violin.—[Ladies' Pictorial.

A new era of things is about to be established in theatrical matters at San Bernardino, Frank W. Conant having purchased a half interest in the management of the theater there and become the partner of Major H. C. Wyatt. Mr. Conant will make Los Angeles his headquarters, but will visit San Bernardino whenever necessary for the interest of the shows he intends to book for that city. The new firm expresses a determination to book only the best companies for San Bernardino, and to take them there as often as the people desire. The theater will be conducted in a thorough business-like manner. It is very similar in appearance and fittings to the Grand opera house before it was replanned. In connection with San Bernardino Messrs. Conant & Wyatt will book companies for the theater at Riverside, and they will take a special interest in furnishing the residents of both cities with the same opportunities for seeing the most important attractions that Los Angeles people have. San Bernardino and Riverside are to be congratulated on the change.

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Sardou had had an attack of whooping-cough, and has been unable to continue work upon his Cleopatra, the production of which at the Porte-Saint-Martin has been postponed in consequence, much to the wrath of Sarah Bernhardt. The French playwright announces that he will make no use of Shakespeare's play, which he seems to consider beneath his notice.

Mary Anderson's intimate London friends claim to have received positive information from the lady herself that, although she will soon take a husband, she will not abandon the stage. Miss Anderson's old dresser, now attached to a London theater, is said to have been notified by the actress that her services will again be required next season.

Mme. Ristori's brother, Cesare, has founded in Turin a theater where amateurs who want to become professional players can practice on their friends and be judged by experienced players. In Milan a society has been formed for the purpose of bringing out plays by young authors who cannot get a hearing from managers.

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Mrs. Amelia B. Edwards, in a recent lecture in New York, said in substance that Egypt was woman's Utopia. Wives held the purse-strings and gave their husbands board and lodging.

The Queen Regent of Spain rises early, takes a cold bath every morning, even in winter, and performs her toilet with the help of one of her waiting maids. She usually dresses very plainly, and never wears jewelry except on ceremonial occasions.

The Duchess of Marlborough gets along with three street dresses a year. For clear, cool days she wears silver-gray cloth; her storm dress is a homespun of dark blue, and for a light-weight costume, to be worn without jacket, she has a dark-brown tulle.

Miss Frances Willard cares so little for style that she never has more than one dress at a time, and does not get a new one until the old one is worn out. She is happily indifferent to the seasons, and her velvet bonnet often gets sunburned and her straw hat snowed on.

The grand contralto of former days, Madame Albini, celebrated her seventy-fourth birthday recently at her house in the Cours-la-Reine, Paris. Notwithstanding her years Madame Albini sang the air from The Prophet with a powerful dramatic sentiment and a superb voice that recalled the brilliant triumphs of this incomparable "Fides."

Miss Elaine Goodale, the poet, who is superintendent of Indian Schools in Dakota, will live principally in a wagon next summer. She has been supplied by General Morgan, Commissioner of Indian Affairs, with a covered wagon and a pair of horses to travel from school to school through Dakota. She will be attended on her travels by two Indians—a man and his wife.

Mme. Nordica has a beautiful home just out of London, surrounded by a large garden. When she is in it she keeps house, weeds and trims her flower beds, entertains company, hunts, rides, sails and plays tennis. She has trophies from every city she has ever sung in, and the fittings of her house are filled with bric-a-brac and ornaments, the gifts of admirers and friends. She has three pianos in her house, each of which she uses every day.

The Empress of Austria has caused her wedding dress to be cut up and made into a set of priestly garments for the church of St. Mathew in Pesth. The dress was of white brocade with silver threads, embroidered all over with beautiful garlands of roses in silver. Her bridal wreath encircled an embroidered picture of the Virgin, which is to be hung up in the Loreto chapel of the same church, which the Empress selects for her devotions. The garments will be used for the services in honor of the Virgin Mary in May.

If you wish to keep your skin smooth, do not, no matter what the cranks on the subject of health advise, dry it with a rough towel. Instead use a fine damask one, and use it not only thoroughly but discreetly, for your face is not covered with parchment nor are your eyes stone. To know how to "dabble" the

face with a fine cloth as a method of drying is a means of preserving the delicate appearance of the skin not often thought of. Mme. Bonaparte, whose skin was velvet and peach-like at ninety, used to say that women treated their skins exactly as if they were as thick as that of a rhinoceros, and to this she attributed premature wrinkles and loss of delicacy in shape of the features and coloring of the skin.

Miss Sallie Hargous and Miss Amy Bend, reigning beauties in New York, have been the pioneers of a revival of the old custom of floral decorations in the hair, and the first-named in particular always appears at the opera wearing a wreath of white flowers. Mrs. Cornelius Vanderbilt did the same one night, and Mrs. Ladenburg has inaugurated the victory wreath of the Roman Emperors with great success. Mrs. Sloane showed on the first Patti night how becoming ostrich tips are as a coiffure, and her example is one that could be easily followed by slight, and in particular by dark, women.

At a supper given in Baltimore everything was done by electricity. The pressing of an electric button notified the band to play, the dancers to dance. In the supper-room was a track of small brass rails, on which was an electric car or basket about a foot long and thirty inches wide. This car conveyed the viands from the butler's apartment. The butler placed the courses in silver trays upon the car and sent them along the electric railway. The car stopped long enough in front of each plate for each guest to help himself. The car was also supplied with electric bells. Under the tables were music-boxes operated by electricity which played during the supper. Not a drop of coffee or a bit of ice cream was spilled by the electrical waiter.

Looking Backward. If all men were as fully equipped with foresight as they are with hindsight, innumerable mistakes might be avoided.—[Helena Johnson.

Inherited Scrofula.

Swift's Specific (S. S. S.) cured my little boy of hereditary scrofula, which broke out all over his face. For a year he had suffered, and I had given up all hopes of his recovery, when at length I decided to use S. S. S. After using a few bottles he was entirely cured. No symptom now remains of the disease. This was three years ago.

Advertisement for S.S.S. medicine, including a testimonial from Mrs. T. L. Mathers, Mathersville, Miss. The ad features the S.S.S. logo and text describing the cure for scrofula.

L. C. BASSETT, El Dorado, Kansas. Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases mailed free. SWIFT SPECIFIC CO. Atlanta, Ga.

Advertisement for 'My New Shoe Brush' and 'Wolff's Acme Blacking'. Includes an illustration of a shoe brush and text describing the products.

Advertisement for 'Faber's Golden Female Pills'. Includes an illustration of a woman's face and text describing the benefits for women's health.

Advertisement for 'The Aphro Medicine Company'. Includes text about their products and location at 230 S. Spring and Corner Spring and Fourth Sts.

Advertisement for 'Liebig Company's Extract of Meat'. Includes text about the product's quality and use as a meat flavoring stock.

Advertisement for 'J. S. Turner's Gents' Fine Shoes'. Includes an illustration of a shoe and text about the quality and style of the footwear.

Advertisement for 'J. S. Turner's Gents' Fine Shoes' (continued). Includes text about the shoes' durability and workmanship, and mentions M. S. Hewes as the sole agent in Los Angeles.

Large advertisement for 'DR. PRICE'S Cream Baking Powder'. Includes the text 'MOST PERFECT MADE' and 'From the Professor of Chemistry, California College of Pharmacy'. It also mentions a date of 'SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 24, 1889' and a testimonial from the professor.

Advertisement for 'TROY LAUNDRY'. Includes the text 'SOUTH FIELD WELLINGTON' and 'SELECTED LUMP COAL'. It features an illustration of a laundry machine and text about the quality of the laundry services.

Advertisement for 'THE BEST DOMESTIC COAL IN THE MARKET'. Includes an illustration of a diamond-shaped logo with the text 'BLACK DIAMOND COAL' and 'Hancock Banning'.

Advertisement for 'THE BUCK BEER'. Includes the text 'Fredericksburg Brewing Company IS NOW ON DRAUGHT' and 'At all the Principal Saloons in the city.'

Advertisement for 'PIONEER BRAND' desiccated cocoanut. Includes an illustration of a tin of cocoanut and text about its quality as a pure article.

Advertisement for 'THE CRYSTAL SPRINGS LAND AND WATER COMPANY'. Includes text about the company's location and the benefits of its water supply.

Advertisement for 'THE PACING STALLION' and 'DASHWOOD'. Includes an illustration of a horse and text about the stallion's pedigree and the horse's performance.

Advertisement for 'DR. STEINHART'S ESSENCE'. Includes text about the medicine's benefits for various ailments and a list of symptoms it treats.

Advertisement for 'Dr. Gibbon's DISPENSARY'. Includes an illustration of a woman's face and text about the dispensary's services and location.

Advertisement for 'TO WEAK MEN'. Includes text about the benefits of the medicine for men with various weaknesses and a list of symptoms.

Advertisement for 'Homeopathic Specifics'. Includes text about the availability of various homeopathic remedies.

Advertisement for 'CENTRAL IRRIGATION DISTRICT, COLUSA County, Cal.'. Includes text about the district's water supply and the sale of bonds.

Advertisement for 'THE BUCK BEER' (continued). Includes text about the beer's quality and availability.

Advertisement for 'THE CRYSTAL SPRINGS LAND AND WATER COMPANY' (continued). Includes text about the company's water supply and the benefits of its water.

Advertisement for 'NOTICE TO CREDITORS'. Includes text about the estate of James Gorman and the distribution of assets.

Advertisement for 'NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS'. Includes text about the City of Los Angeles' plans for laying and back-filling streets.