

ADVERTISING CURIOS.

THE PHYSICIANS OF ANCIENT ROME

The Experiences of a Sign Painter at Look-out Mountain and at Fort Sumpter.

The curiosities of advertising are many and various. The world was not very old in civilization before it began to advertise. When Pompeii was discovered...

NEW PLAYS PRODUCED.

"JOHN-A-DREAMS" AND "MA COUSINE" SEEN IN NEW YORK.

New York witnessed last week two new plays that were presented in this country for the first time. They were Haddon Chamber's "John-A-Dreams" at the Empire Theatre, and Henri Meilhac's comedy...

HALF HER LIFE AS A MAN.

For Twenty-Six Years Louise Matson's Sex Was Unappreciated.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 20.—A few days ago a well-dressed stranger, in a stylish suit of gray cloth, stepped out of a check for payment. It was payable to "Louise Matson." The cashier, a thief, called in a policeman. The stranger had a check on the back of the check, the name of Louise Matson was written in flowing hand. He was promptly arrested for forgery...

INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA.

ANNUAL STATEMENT FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1908. OF THE CONDITION AND AFFAIRS OF THE INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA OF PHILADELPHIA, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, AS EDITOR OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA, IN PURSUANCE OF THE LAWS OF VIRGINIA.

President—Charles Platt. Vice President—William A. Platt. Secretary and Treasurer—Greenville E. Fryer. Principal Office—No. 222 Walnut Street, Philadelphia. Incorporated—April 14, 1794; commenced business as an association in 1792.

I. CAPITAL. Whole amount of capital actually paid up in cash. \$2,000,000.00. Value of real estate owned by the company. \$248,904.00.

Account of Bonds of the United States, and of this State and of other States, and of Bonds of Incorporated Cities in this State, and of all Other Bonds and Stocks, owned absolutely by the Company. Par Value, Market Value.

Table listing various bonds and stocks owned by the company, including Boston City Loan, Richmond, Va. City, Georgia State Loan, etc.

In speaking of "Cousins" at Abbey's Theatre, the New York Herald says: "A very bright and amusing comedy as 'Ma Cousine' by Henri Meilhac, produced for the first time in this country at Abbey's Theatre last Monday night, with Mme. Rejane as Riquette, the actress."

Mme. Rejane had a great success in the part, and the charmingly rough and comical manner in which she performed the rather risky dance in the second act won much applause.

M. James played Champeourier excellently. Rambert looked the Parisian baron to the life, and Mme. Claudia cleverly made the most of the minor part of Mme. Rejane's attendant.

Richard Wagner's opera, "Die Meistersinger," was favorably received at the Metropolitan Opera-House last Monday night by a large audience.

The subjects of his illustrations were well chosen. The closing views of Versailles, the advent of the monks, the reign of terror and its suppression, etc., were particularly interesting.

Mr. Matson's rose, walked over to the table, took a couple of little Havanas out of his pocket, and offered me one. He said, 'I don't care anything about betting on the races. I much prefer a quiet read with some of my favorite authors.'

Regarding my arrest, I can't say that I blame the bank officials. The check was a good-sized one, and presenting it as I did, of course, looked very queer to see me take money that was to be paid to Louise Matson, when I was dressed as I was.

Despite the fact that Sousa gave up the directorship of the orchestra, that musical organization does not appear to have suffered. Professor Francisco Paucelli has been appointed successor.

Mr. Matson, since the revelation of her identity, has been flooded with offers of fine museum material, and she added, laughing: 'If I ever go broke, I'll know what I can do. I won't have to starve.'

This remarkable woman is well built, weighs about one hundred and sixty-five pounds, and neither in her walk or bearing would reveal her sex. She is a Florida, smooth face, is quiet and even rather retiring in her manner, and saves for her eccentricity, betrays no outward characteristics. She is a well educated, talks easily and well, and is high for a woman and rather deep for a woman.

Mr. Matson is no bettering herself with any 'plans,' and will go on wearing her masculine attire, and will continue to do so, until she is able to do so in the world as unobtrusively as possible, despite the unlucky incident which laid bare the size of her waisting curves.

Table with 2 columns: Description of collection and amount. Includes Insurance, Book debts, etc.

Total amount of all liabilities, except capital stock and net surplus. \$4,128,230.50. Total amount of all assets, including paid up capital stock and net surplus. \$5,242,529.92.

IV. RECEIPTS DURING THE YEAR.

Table showing receipts during the year, including Gross premiums and bills unpaid at close of last year, Net collected, etc.

V. DISBURSEMENTS DURING THE YEAR.

Table showing disbursements during the year, including Gross amount actually paid for losses, Deduct all amounts actually received for salvage, etc.

BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA DURING THE YEAR.

Table showing business in Virginia during the year, including Fire risks written, Premiums received, Losses paid, etc.

D. A. WALKER & CO., General Agents, 104 E. MAIN ST., RICHMOND, VA.

DAVID A. AINSLIE, CARRIAGE BUILDER, NOS. 8, 10 AND 12 TENTH STREET, RICHMOND, VA.



Call and see our stock—the quality for the price will astonish you. Now is the time to have your vehicle REPAIRED and REPAINTED.

DAVID A. AINSLIE, HARNESS. A full line of Concord and other makes of Harness. Your special attention is called to our \$15 single Buggy Harness.

1895 COLUMBIAS. LEAD IN IMPROVEMENTS AND ARE IN EVERY WAY THE FINEST WHEELS EVER PUT ON THE MARKET.

T. W. TIGROR'S SONS, 1312 East Main Street. Call and get Catalogue, or drop us a postal and we will mail you one.

W. A. HAMMOND, FLORIST, 107 E. Broad St. Grows more Roses, Violets, and Cut-Flowers than all the other florists in the city.

Phone 63C. Give Him a Call. SPECIAL PRICES PREVAIL THIS WEEK AT William Daffron's Furniture Stores.

Here are a few prices that will astonish you: An Oak Bed-room Suit, consisting of 10 pieces, for \$25.—Dresser has a 24x30 bed-plate. A Solid Oak Double Wardrobe for \$12. A nice Chiffonier for \$9.50. Parlor Suits, all the latest styles, from \$30 up. Baby Carriages, Refrigerators, Ca pets, Stoves and Bedding.

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