

A GALAXY OF STARS.

SOMETHING OF THE ARTISTS WHO WILL BE AT ACADEMY TONIGHT.

THE SECOND METROPOLITAN CONCERT

A Programme That is Rich in Good Things—Much Enthusiasm Being Shown in the Event—A Reduction in the Price of Reserved Seats.

The second concert of the Metropolitan series will be given at the Academy to-night. It will be an event of the highest artistic merit, and from present indications the audience will be one of the largest and most brilliant of the season.

Chevalier de Bosini, court singer to the late King Alfonso, of Spain, will have the honor of opening the concert, singing the very difficult but brilliant and beautiful Prologue to Leoncavallo's new and successful opera, "I Pagliacci." The entire programme is so rich in good things that cultivated taste in any branch of music cannot fail to be pleased, and it closes with one of the grandest and most stirring trios ever written—the same in which Melba and the Dr. Reszkes arouse such tre-

sculous condition, and her face as blue as indigo. They at once set to work on her, and succeeded by heroic methods in resuscitating her, and she is now getting on nicely. Mrs. Hicks has been adjudged insane by a commission of lunacy, and officers are expected daily to arrive and take her back to Williamsburg, from where she was released last Sunday. She dreads going there, and, having threatened to kill herself, was, as a precaution, placed in a strait-jacket by the almshouse authorities. She in some manner got this jacket off, and then tore her sheet into strips. Mounting her bed, she tied one end of a rope, improvised from the strips, to the window-latch, and the other around her neck. She then jumped off the bed, and was suspended with her feet a few inches from the floor. Fortunately for her, the knot at the neck was not a silk-knot, and the choking was not so effectual as it might otherwise have been.

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The response to the call has been all



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The girl who wants to "be somebody" has been specially considered in the choice of COMPANION contributions for 1897. There will be many articles of the helpful type of those entitled "Nursing as a Career" and "Flower-Growing for Profit."

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TAXES. Office Collector City Taxes, Richmond, Va., December 1, 1896. NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS. The residue of CITY TAXES for 1896 are now due and payable at this office during this month.

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N. & W. Norfolk & Western Railway. Schedule in Effect NOVEMBER 1, 1896.

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GREAT WOMAN VIOLINIST.

but unanimous, and at the meeting held in the Chamber of Commerce assembly-room yesterday evening there were but few absentees when the roll of the representative men was called.

DANGER IN SODA.

Serious Results Sometimes Follow Its Excessive Use. Common soda is all right in its place, and indispensable in the kitchen and for cooking and washing purposes, but it was never intended to be used as a medicine, and people who use it as such will some day regret it.

MRS. HICKS ANXIOUS TO DIE. The Attempts Succeed by Hanging Herself from the Window-Bar.

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