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ATHLETIC CLUB MINSTRELS

When the directors of the Los Angeles Athletic club decided, several weeks ago, to produce a minstrel show which is to be staged at the Mason opera house next Thursday and Friday evenings, February 18 and 19, they hardly realized the resources upon which the club has to draw in securing talent for a production of this sort.

While at first glance it seemed that the organization was made up of business and professional men who had probably never been "behind the scenes" in their lives, when it came

PUTTING THE CURB ON

The passengers in an accommodation train which was winding its way through New Hampshire were interested and amused by an elderly couple, who sat in the middle of the car, says the Youth's Companion.

They talked as if there were no one else in the car; therefore, having heard most of their private plans, no one was surprised to have the old man take the assembled company fully into his confidence. At one station he rose and addressed the passengers in general.

"Can anybody change a five-dollar bill for two twos and a one, or five ones?" he inquired.

"I can," said a brisk woman, and the transfer was quickly made.

"Now, could anybody change this one-dollar bill for four quarters, or tens and fives?" asked the old man.

"I can give you two fifties," said a man from the rear seat, "unless somebody can do better."

It appeared that nobody could, or at least nobody offered; so as the train started the old man lurched down the car to the possessor of the two fifty-cent pieces.

"Thank ye," he said, as he took the money. "I'm obliged, though I'd have liked the quarters best. You see, Marthy has set her mind to stop off at Nashuy whilst I go on up to my brother's with the eggs and truck. And though she don't plan nor mean to be a spendthrift woman, when she's loose amongst a lot of stores, she'll run

through fifty cents in an hour easy, and I kind of have to put a curb on her."

PRINCE PIERRE'S POINT

Wit illuminates one of the dueling stories in Monsieur Ronzier-Dorciere's recent book, "Sur Le Pre."

Prince Pierre Bonaparte and a French gentleman, Monsieur de la Valette, fought with pistols.

Monsieur de la Valette fired first and missed. The prince fired, hit De la Valette just above the belt, but did not wound him, owing to a five-franc piece in his waistcoat pocket, against which the bullet was flattened.

"Sir," said Prince Bonaparte to his adversary, holding out his hand, "let us make friends, and allow me to congratulate you on the foresight with which you have invested your money."

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EDDIE CLINTON,
End Man Los Angeles Athletic Club Minstrel Show

time to organize it developed that more than a dozen members had appeared in theatrical productions. In consequence, the task of securing the end men for the show has been a comparatively easy task, and from what the "ends" have shown at rehearsals they will acquit themselves creditably.

Prominent among these mirth provokers is Eddie Clinton, who has played in comic opera not only in Los Angeles but through the east as well. He has worked with Weber & Felds and with many other companies of note.

To Clinton fell the task of drilling the end men, and in this work his professional training has been of great value to the club in the production of the coming performance.

A big feature of the performance will be its scenic effects, created by Manager Lyman Emerson.

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