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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1897.

A Mystery Explained.

The season of grand opera which has just closed may, without hesitation, be pronounced a success. Two or three of the productions were unsurpassed by anything which has been seen here in recent years, and the whole series was to music-lovers a treat which will be remembered.

A committee of experts appointed by the Times to investigate this thing is as follows: The remarkable self-control of the audience which sat, night after night, under the most moving strains of orchestral harmony and the most telling clamors of lyric art, was not due to a large influx of people from Kendall Green.

We have read of a King of Spain who sat still and slowly hoisted because it was not good form to move away from the fire. We have heard of a boy named Cosbiana, who stood still and had himself blown up, all because it was not good form to move from the place where he had been put.

The Tired Marshal Blanco.

The dispatches state that Marshal Blanco has tried that if the Cubans do not accept the autonomy which Senor Sagasta admits never will be enacted into law by the Spanish Cortes, he will quit and go home.

The Cubans, far from accepting autonomy, are showing an indistinctness to it of a most sanguinary character. Witness the capture of Guisa, of Bayamo, and the destruction of Pando's expeditionary army in Santa Clara!

today exactly as they did under Weyer, or that the Spanish troops, eight months in arrears of pay, are starving to death.

We really hope that the expenses of the situation are not drawn from the private pocket of the amiable and astute envoy. That would be too cruel. It is costly to send special correspondents to Havana. It also is a burden upon financial resources to procure the suppression of legitimate news from Cuba.

What a pity it is that all this genius and capital are wasted. Between the Carlists and Republicans at home, and Gen. Gomez and Garcia in Cuba, the Spanish minister is not to be envied.

The Struggle of Life.

A correspondent of The Times asks why we insist that the struggle of life has advanced from individuals to nations. The answer is simple. There was a time when fabrics were made in the cottage, on a farm-house, and when the product of the loom found its market in the neighboring village, in exchange for groceries and vegetables.

Now, when it comes to a struggle between the looms of this and other countries to supply the wants of the world, the "struggle of existence" has mounted from personal or sectional bases to a struggle between nations. We have used cotton merely as an illustration. Take the iron industry, for example. There was a time, and not long ago, when Great Britain dominated it.

Not those things mean that the ability of America to turn out the basic commodities of human interchange, at a cost less than that at which they can be produced in other regions, is a menace to the industrial population of Europe, and Count Gushchovsky was not far wrong when he said that, if the Western hemisphere were to adopt bimetalism, the commercial power of western Europe would be lost.

What are they doing in the face of these prospects? They are represented by a lobby in Washington this winter, ready to spend millions to defeat the annexation of Hawaii, which would give us the control of the Pacific, and enable us to police an American canal between the oceans! It is conceivable that they could accomplish this, that they could buy statesmen enough to destroy our hopes as to American expansion, then they could bring the struggle of life, indeed, back to its simplest basis in America. They could make us a miserable provincial mass of people, without hope of foreign commerce, with out the possibility of remunerative surplus production, and without the slightest chance of influence in the affairs of the world.

Some remarks have been made in the Congress about the next census which, as the public is advised, will reflect our national record and progress in the last decade of the nineteenth century. That census ought to be a great one. We are not optimistic enough to think that it will be. The party now in power has too much reason for suppressing facts, and for making history lie in its own behalf, for any such hope. But it will be foolish to think, because the handwriting on the wall tells the Administration in letters of fire, that, after 1900, the people of America will rule for a while.

On that account it would be just as well for the Administration, while providing property for the mendacity of the next census to consider the question of arranging for a permanent census service. The Hon. Carroll D. Wright, who usually knows what he is talking or writing about, has represented that if the eleventh census had been taken in hand a year before it was, and organized upon sane principles, not less than \$2,000,000 would have been saved to the Government.

Senators and Members of the Congress should reflect upon this during the holiday recess, and come back filled with the idea of census reform. We have a dozen of statistical bureaus, all of them doing good, but continually duplicate work. Our present Representatives could not do better than to anticipate the work of the twelfth census by consolidating the whole lot, under the technical supervision of a

man like Col. Wright or Mr. Hyde, the statistician of the Agricultural Department, and making the consolidated bureau the nucleus of the census office.

Our friends who roam around in the golden field of practical politics will oppose us in our position, that the census—the next one, especially—ought to be placed absolutely under the aegis of the civil service law. We expect that, and apologize in advance. What is merit, and accomplishment, training, and experience in technical matters, compared with the necessity to provide the constituents of Ohio statesmen with office?

It is stated that Mr. Reed has the biggest foot in the House. There is a glowing report involved in this. Where is the average member who can hope to fill his shoes?

It must be really pleasing to the American people that Senor Sagasta is reported as "satisfied with the attitude of the American Government." Let us give Spain a little more time in which to "pacify" Cuba, by the butchery of hospital inmates, prisoners and peaceful peasants!

When the Canadian authorities informed Mr. Foster that they could not stop pelagic sealing, because the pirate fleet already was fitted out for the season, they were unwary that the profits of the pirates would be cut off by closing the American market to sealskins.

Many Chicago crooks are operating in broad daylight, though the meetings of the city council are still held in the evening.

It is some time since Germany seized Chao Chou, but Japan—at least—has found it out. The Mikado has issued a request to his ministers in Europe for information as to whether it was done, how it was done, and why. Yet there are excellent reasons for Japan to extend strictly to its own individual business.

These Handkerchiefs, like good advice, are worth giving and will be appreciated. Silk Initial Japanese Handkerchiefs—any letter, full size and special value. Six in a box for 50c.

We've boxed three grades of Linen Initial Handkerchiefs for giving. In lots of half dozen at \$1.38 and \$2.76.

Special. Big line of novelties in both men's and women's umbrellas—extra good value in coverings and elaborate mountings—straight from the makers. You can judge the best by the goodness of the chequer.

Men's English Gloria Umbrellas, mounted on steel rod, light roller, with silver trimmed, worth \$2 for \$1.50.

A big lot of Ladies' English Gloria Umbrellas, steel rod, light roller, and pretty designs. Also a \$2 value for \$1.50.

Natural Wood special silver deposit, horn, silver and gold mountings to select from. \$1, \$2, \$2.25, \$2.50, \$3 to \$10.

A popular gift—so popular that we have a monogrammed case full of the fashionable woods—Congo, wampoo, Arabian, Madagascar, with silver and gold trimmings and horn handles—75c, \$1, \$1.50, \$1.75, to \$5.

All-silk Blue Polka dot of three different sizes of dots. The Mullers are full size and better quality silk than you ever saw at this price. 50c.

Back, White, Brocaded Black and White, wide stripes; Blue and Red and other fancy color Mullers at 75c, and still better values up to \$5.

Special lot of fine French Flannel Pajamas, made by the best house in the country, made right in style and fit. Worth \$3—for \$2 a Suit.

Some fancy trimmed Faultless Nightgowns, the same grade that is always \$1; made of the best muslin and neatly trimmed; long and wide and fancy special for the holidays—50c.

If you want to make a man a present that he will appreciate doubly give him an order on us for one of our Silk Hats. We have a leader that is as good a hat as any hatter sells at \$7, for \$5.00.

In all the leading blocks.

Open Evenings until Xmas.

Regular dollar quality of Overseam Dogskin Walking Gloves, in the new shades of tan; a strictly reliable Glove that will fit as well as any imported one you can buy.

300 dozen Tecks, Puffs, Impenala and Four-hands, exclusive patterns, light and dark colors. In regular \$1.50 silks. Your choice—50c.

175 dozen Tecks, Asoda, Puffs, Impenala and Four-hands, in special pattern—only newest effects—\$1 quality. Your choice—50c.

245 dozen Tecks, Puffs, Impenala, Four-hands, Boys and Club Tees. Fresh designs and clever cuts. Width 35c. Your choice—25c.

Wool-lined Street Gloves, in all the latest makes and styles—50c to \$3 a pair.

McGeorge Scotch Wool Gloves, fancy effects, the best cold weather Glove in the market—50c.

Astrachan, Jersey, Angora and Silk and Wool Gloves—25c, 75c, \$1 and \$1.50 a pair.

Tan Cover Cloth Mackintoshes, lot that we have had made special, with deep velvet collar, warranted waterproof and odorless. Regular price would be \$7—as a holiday offering—\$4.50.

The best grades of Blue, Tan and Black Mackintoshes, with or without capes—cut long and forming covering—at \$7 to \$15, including genuine English garments.

A lot of full size imitation Alligator Dress Suit Cases, made of over steel frame, with shirt fold, brass lock and trimmings, and lined with canvas—in appearance and wear worth \$7—special at \$4.48.

Olive and Tan Dress Suit Cases, lined with canvas and leather—brass mountings—\$5 to \$10.

Black, Brown and Blue English Worsted Cardigan Jackets, made with good shape, perfect fitting, and the same quality that usually sells at \$3—in all sizes—for \$2.

Other styles, in other colors, of other materials—\$1.50 to \$6.

What better present can you give a man than a box of a dozen of our famous 2100 Linen 10c collars and 15c cuffs?—they are just as good as any 20c collar and 25c cuff on the market—they make costless remembrances and most sensible ones.

Collars, \$1.20 a doz. Cuffs—\$1.80 a doz.

Lot of regular \$5 Black and Blue Persian Lamb Cloth Reefers, made with sailor collar of black cloth, lined with Persian cloth, they are lined with Italian cloth, plain and fancy buttons, ages from 4 to 8 years, one of the best \$5 Reefers we have had this season—marked for a holiday special at—\$3.75.

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In all the leading blocks.

The Saks Story. An Ideal Christmas.

The work of a year bears fruit this week. A year of planning—searching—making—importing—and we face the holiday hosts with the greatest—grandest stock of gift goods for everybody ever assembled. We can write "cheapest prices" and "best qualities" and the facts and figures bear us out. We have mustered an army of frank, honest bargainers that will touch the purse lightly. Shape your shopping by this guide. Store, stock, and service all fulfill our promises of supremest satisfaction.

Regular dollar quality of Overseam Dogskin Walking Gloves, in the new shades of tan; a strictly reliable Glove that will fit as well as any imported one you can buy.

\$1 and \$1.25 for the finer American makes, and \$2 and \$2.25 for the best imported Walking Gloves that come into this country.

Silk-lined Dogskin and Mocha Gloves, that are everywhere else \$1.25 we are making a special of for the holidays at—\$3.75.

Blue, Garnet and Brown Tricot Jackets, faced all the way down with quilted satin, and on the pockets and sleeves, bound all around with wide satin facings, silk frogs, good as any \$7.50 Jacket anywhere has got to offer you—\$5.

Green, Blue and Black Velvet Jackets, made of California wool, and cuffs, silk frogs. We bought the velvet and had them made, and that is why instead of \$12 we can offer them at—\$9.75.

Turkish Toweling Bath Robes, in neat effects, with girdle and tassels; full flowing Robes, long cut—worth \$3.00—\$2.39.

Elderdown Bath Robes, in pretty novelty stripes, extra long and full, with girdle and neck cords and tassels—worth \$6 for \$4.

Red and Blue Check Blanket Robes, made of California wool, long and full, with girdle and neck cord and tassels—worth \$8 for \$6.75.

Choice of six styles of Novelty Cheviot Browie Suits, with fancy collars and shields, trimmed with braid and silk embroidered emblem on shield; pearl and black buttons. Fit ages from 3 to 8 years—worth \$6—for \$4.50.

Choice of two lots of Fancy Basket-Weave Worsteds, Brown and Black, shot with tiny Red and white threads, very neat and dainty patterns, both of them; made in single breasted style, cut in the latest fashion—great big value, at \$2.25.

We've nearly fifty other styles, in single and double-breasted Fancy Vests, ranging in price up to \$5 and \$6—all new patterns, especially made for the holidays; for you can turn them into suits very appropriately. Every man ought to own one and not half of them do.

Barney & Berry's Men's and Boys' Camp Skates, warranted lacinated steel, and worth \$2—for 98c.

Barney & Berry's Ladies' and Misses' Nickel-plated Skates—worth \$1.50—for 98c.

Ladies' Union Hardware make of Skates, highly polished and nickled—worth \$2—for \$1.25.

Men's Hockey Skates, worth \$1.00—for 65c.

Boys' Boxwood Reef 48c.

Raymond's Extension Skates with concrete rollers, all sizes—\$1.19.

The Saks' Continuous Ringing Bicycle Bell, the latest novelty and most popular bell out—rings like a watch—no key required—\$1.00.

In fancy plush box... \$1.50 Without box... \$1.00 Single End Yellow Kid Punching Bars—regular \$2 Bag for—\$1.00.

Black and Wine Vio Kid and Tan Russia Calf slippers, in opera shape. Worth \$2 for \$1.48.

Regular \$3 value Bonnet shape, in Brown Calf and Black Vio Kid, lined and extra and extra size. All sizes—\$1.98.

Regular \$2.50 value Columbia shape, in Tan and Black, with patent leather trimmings, hand sewed. All sizes—\$1.75.

Regular \$1.75 value Black and Tan Slippers, opera shape. All sizes—\$1.25.

Fancy English Web Suspenders, with patent cast-off, neat effects, each pair in a box. Special—25c.

There are specials also in Fancy Silk, Flano and Colored Silk and Satin Embroidered at 50c, up to \$1.50 and \$2, with sterling silver buckles.

Tan Goat Leggins, Brown and Black Cloth Corsets, in all colors, with three straps—regular \$1.50 made for—98c.

Chocolate Kid and Tan Goat Leggins, cut the proper style—regular \$2 grade—\$1.48 for—\$1.00.

Tan Goat Leggins, with three straps and felt lining—regular \$1.50 grade—\$1.98 for—\$1.00.

You will welcome this offering: 75 Elderdown Smoking Jackets, with wide velvet binding on the edges, pockets and cuffs; silk frogs; the collars are Pink, Blue, Brown, Fawn and Gray. They are not the skimpy sort—but full size, perfect fitting Jackets, worth \$5—while they last \$3.75.

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Choice of a lot of electric seal Scarfs, with Black Marten tails and animal heads, large and full fur, lined with colored satin. The regular price is \$5—that is what they are all over town—as a special we offer them this week at—\$3.75.

Choice of a lot of Green, Red and Maroon C.h. a negligible Silk Underskirts, made with corded bottom, and double ruffle, 40 to 44 inches long, and very full cut—worth \$7.50, Christmas week for—\$5.98.

Lot of Heavy Black Satin Blouse Waists, the best value ever shown at even \$6; made with plaited back, thoroughly boned, and new style sleeves; detachable White linen collar. All sizes from 32 to 44—\$4.98.

As a holiday special—choice of a lot of Green, Blue, and Red Kersey Reefers, made with Empire back, roll and cape collars, with scalloped edge, elaborately trimmed with fancy braid; large White buttons. Sizes, 4 to 12 years, and worth \$12—for \$9.98.

Men's Holiday Slippers.

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LIFE UNSAFE IN ST. LOUIS.

Public Declaration to That Effect Made by Four Judges. St. Louis, Dec. 18.—Judges Stevenson, Peabody, Wood and Withrow today declared publicly:

"Robberies and assaults have come to be of such frequent occurrence that no one is safe. No person can be blamed for going armed in order to protect his life and property.

This language reflects the condition that has prevailed in St. Louis for several weeks. Highway robberies occur daily nightly in the heart of the city. So general has become the alarm among the denizens of the rural districts that a tremendous sale of firearms has been started.

The E. C. Macchioni Arms Company alone has sold 4,000 revolvers and 1,500 guns in the past four days. While this firm has been conducting a clearance sale, its distribution of firearms has been relatively kept pace with by other hardware establishments.

At Omiscient Donkey.

(From the Chicago News.) Simkins—Prof. Briggs has made a study of every known disease. Timkins—What does he know about them? Simkins—Everything except the cure.

Eating the Menu.

(From the San Francisco Chronicle.) The latest thing in hotel bills (are) is to be an edible menu card. It is generally made of biscuit, which the guest eats with his cheese.

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