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(For the Roundabout.)
The Monkey.

(APOLOGIES TO POE.)

Once, upon a midnight dreary,
While I pondered, sick and weary,
Over many a grand and glorious
Spree in happy days of yore—
While I sat there, almost crazy,
With my very reason hazy,
Suddenly I heard a lazy
Kind of scratching at the door.
"Tis the dog or cat," I muttered,
"Simply this and nothing more."
For a week I had been busted,
And my tongue, I think, had rusted,
For it felt so dry and crusted
As I spit upon the floor.
Long I brooded o'er my sorrow,
Vainly I tried to borrow
Of some friend until the morrow—
For my need was deep and sore—
Just a little piece of money,
Just a dime and nothing more.
And the ghostly, low, uncertain
Rustle of the tattered curtain
Filled me—chilled me—with a
Horror I had never felt before;
So that now, to still the beating
Of my heart, I kept repeating,
"Tis the cat or dog entreating
Entrance at my chamber door—
This it is," I said, but shuddered,
For it thrilled me to the core.
Presently my soul grew stronger,
Hesitating then no longer—
"I will let them in to cheer me,
As they 'oft have done of yore,"
Saying this, I got up quickly,
But my head seemed muddled thickly,
And my steps were rather sickly,
As I went toward the door,
But I pulled it open slowly—
Darkness there, and nothing more.
Beck into the chamber turning,
Where the smutty lamp was burning,
With a dread I strove in spurning,
I began to pace the floor.
All at once I heard a rapping,
As of something softly flapping,
As of some one gently tapping,
Something louder than before.
With a bound of desperation
Open wide I flung the door.
When there stepped within a monkey,
With an air so bold and spunky,
That I scarce could trust my vision,
For it chilled my very gore.
In he walked with eyeballs beaming,
With his shaggy hair all streaming,
And his white teeth brightly gleaming
As he strode across the floor.
With a bound he reached the mantle,
Grinned and sat, and nothing more.
There I stood and watched the evil
Thing, a monkey, not a devil—
On this score my head is level—
Tho' his like was ne'er before.
With a presence far from winning,
There he sat with hellish grinning,
'Till my very brain was spinning,
And my heart was sick and sore.
"Sir," said I, "you'll have to vacate;
Make your exit through the door."
"Go! I think you have from hell come,
Anyway, you have no welcome,
Get thee back, before I smash you,
To your black and starless shore."
But the creature only chattered—
Scratched his side—as if it flattered
All his soul, and little mattered
That I plead with him or swore.
Still he sat nor moved a muscle,
Sat and blinked, and nothing more.
"Sir," said I, "you've heard my
warning,
Get thee gone before the morning,"
But he twirled his tail in scorning,
And—my hair stood cut like pinions—
As he answered: "Never more."
For a moment more I eyed him,
Seized a chair, and stood beside him
And let drive as ne'er before—
There was darkness and a smashing,
And I fell upon the floor.
Guess I surely must have fainted,
For I lay, there, rather tainted,
From the oil and broken lamp bits,
Any my limbs were stiff and sore,
And the broad daylight was blinding,
But I got up, never minding,
But no hair of monkey finding
On the mantle or the floor—
Thus we met, and thus we parted,
And I hope we'll meet no more.
H. H. F.

The Herrmanns.

The entertainments of the Herrmanns have always been noted for the number of novelties presented on each different visit, and this season is no exception to the rule. For the present engagement of Adelaide and Leon Herrmann at the Capital Opera House, Tuesday night, Feb. 28, an entire new program will be presented, and one act, "La Femme Caneleon," invented by Adelaide Herrmann, has proven the sensation of the present decade. The act deals with costumes, a subject at all times interesting to the fair sex, and made attractive and fascinating to all classes by its mystery. Mrs. Herrmann will make 50 complete changes of costume in 10 minutes, in full view of the audience, without leaving the stage. The contribution of Leon Herrmann to the entertainment is a brilliant combination of all that is new and of the best in illusions and triumphs of legerdemain. This latter day wizard has no equal in the field of magic and his tricks have delighted people of many worlds. His portion of the program includes "alou des Enchantments," replete with startling novelties; "Exilir Vitae" (the decapitation) a man's head cut off in full view of the audience, and "A Night in Japan," introducing Japanese magic, by both Adelaide and Leon Herrmann. A strong feature of the bill will be Adelaide Herrmann's world famous dances (new this season) "The Black Butterfly," "La Satanesque" and "Silver Clouds," a beautiful combination of light, color, grace and costumes.

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