

# MATTERS THEATRICAL.

**Robert Fitzsimmons Coming—Refined Vaudeville—  
Mathews and Bulger in "The Night of the  
Fourth"—Portsmouth Lyceum Theatre—Notes.**

Robert Fitzsimmons will be the attraction at the Academy of Music tomorrow night, when he will appear in the title role of "The Honest Blacksmith," a comedy drama of home and the sporting life. The management state that Mr. Fitzsimmons has been surrounded by an exceedingly strong company, and to make complete the claim that the play is a story of the popular fighter's home life, Mrs. Fitzsimmons and little Bobbie Fitzsimmons also take leading parts. "The Honest Blacksmith" is claimed to be one of the most wholesome plays that have been seen this season; nothing about it



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of the objectionable pugilistic order, and Fitz is not introduced merely to do his wonderful bag punching and other athletic feats, although he does all of them, but more to exploit him as an actor. The play is such a story of heart interest that it appeals to all ages and classes. It shows in such a clear way that right, although sometimes accompanied by sorrow, is invariably better than wrong in the end. It tells a story that will benefit those that see it, and it for while it is entertaining it also leaves an impression for the better.

## REFINED VAUDEVILLE.

Duchemin's Vaudeville and Novelty Company will appear at the Academy of Music next Wednesday, matinee and night, giving a high class performance free from vulgarity and objectionable matter. A glance at the program reveals a combination of dancing, singing, tumbling, ventriloquism and moving pictures. With Edison's Kinetograph and its new moving pictures, Mark Murphy and his charming wife in their sketch, "The Seventh Son," Fialkowski, the human and animal imitator; Farrell and Starck, who do bicycle tricks; Ascott and Eddle, "The Acrobat and the Sourette;" Reina Aubrey, "Queen of Song;" and Editha, a nimble and graceful dancer.

It is promised that the children will be delighted with Lavelle's dogs, which go through their tricks.

## MATHEWS AND BULGER IN "THE NIGHT OF THE 4TH."

Manager Leath takes pleasure in announcing the engagement of the Mathews & Bulger Company, and states its merits as follows: It is seldom that an aggregation of such clever artists are to be found in one company, as the weeks in San Francisco will attest. The company has just finished a most remarkable, artistic and successful engagement at the California Theatre, in San Francisco, and it is now en route East, and this city is to be favored with two performances.

They will appear at the Academy of Music on Saturday, November 17, and will present their comedy by George Ade, the well-known humor-



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ous writer of the Chicago Record, "The Night of the 4th," with the entire cast. The company numbers forty people and includes such popular stars as Mathews and Bulger, whose success starting with their own plays during the past four years has been phenomenal; that famous comic and musician, Josie DeWitt; that favorite New York comedian, Walter Jones, who is under special engagement, and the famous English beauty, Norma Whally. Other talented artists in the cast are: Fessie Fannehill, Philip H. Tyley, Tony Hill, Daisy Lebrue, Ethel Kirwan, Marion Gunning and Adlyn Estee.

Prominent among the special features are: Wiseman's Male Serenaders and a splendid ballet and chorus. The engagement should be a red letter event in the history of our local play house.

Ada Rehan will begin her tour in "Sweet Nell of Old Drury" under the direction of Klaw and Erlanger at the Star Theatre in Buffalo, Monday, November 25th. She will subsequently play Chicago, Cincinnati and Pittsburgh.

The Rogers Brothers in "The Rogers Brothers in Central Park" will remain at the Victoria Theatre but two weeks more. They will be followed by the Agouti Family in "The Star and Garter" November 26th. The Rogers Brothers have averaged \$2,000 a performance since they opened in New York, September 17th.

Peter F. Dalley, in "Hodge, Podge & Co.," will make a long run at the Madison Square Theatre, in New York. He and Christie McDonald are a great hit in the piece.

Mary McLaughlin, in "Janie Meredith" is making the substantial hits of the season. She will begin a run at

Wallack's Theatre, in New York, December 10th.

"Ben-Hur" is breaking all records, even its own, at the Chestnut Street Opera House, in Philadelphia, where it will remain until it opens the new Colonial Theatre, in Boston, in December.

The Klaw & Erlanger Opera Company and Jerome Sykes in "Foxy Quiller" began an engagement at the Broadway Theatre in New York last Monday evening. This company was highly praised by the New York press, the world saying it is the greatest organization ever formed for comic opera service. Jerome Sykes made a new hit in his character of "Foxy Quiller."

Blanche Walsh will make an extended tour in "More Than Queen," in which she recently made a success in New York. Her bookings include the Pacific coast. The scenery and costumes used by Miss Walsh were utilized by Julia Arthur in her original production of this piece.

Maelyn Arbuckle began his first starring tour under the direction of Joseph Brooks in "The Sprightly Romance of Marsac" at the National Theatre in Washington last Monday evening. Both star and piece are a success.

Hilda Clark has made a great success with The Bostonians in "The Viceroy."

Prof. Henri Agout, the head of the Acoust Family, is an American citizen. He first visited this country in 1867, with the Hanlon-Lees. Prof. Agout, with his daughter and two sons, has repeated his European success wherever he has been seen in John McNally's new farce, "The Star and Garter."

The chorus of the Klaw & Erlanger Opera Company in "Foxy Quiller" numbers 100 people—80 young women and 20 men. This is a larger chorus than that employed at the Metropolitan Opera House in New York.

**PORTSMOUTH LYCEUM THEATRE.**  
The Portsmouth Lyceum Theatre, under the management of Messrs. Bland & Daughtrey, is rapidly becoming a favorite with theatre-going people of the tri-cities. Last week the Mabel Paige Company held the boards, playing nightly to good houses. This week, except Friday, the Metropolitan All-Star Fashionable Vaudeville Company will play to the people.

Bland & Daughtrey are building up a fine patronage for their house. Their management is characterized by all that goes to win a large and appreciative patronage. All who want to enjoy a first-class performance should read their ad. in another column and witness the plays this week.

## ST. VINCENT'S BAZAAR.

WILL BE OPENED NEXT MONDAY EVENING.

St. Vincent's Bazaar will be opened Wednesday evening, November 14th, in the store lately occupied by Miller, Rhoads & Co. It is needless to say that the ladies in charge will do every thing in their power to render the Bazaar attractive to visitors. The sad calamity of the burning of St. Vincent's Hospital is too vivid in the memory of our citizens to refer to it. The Sisters most heartily appreciated the efforts of all who tried to help to rebuild it, and ask the continuance of that kindness—so characteristic of the Norfolk people—at the Bazaar.

The following ladies have charge of the tables; they will be assisted by some of the most charming young ladies in the city:  
Supper Table—Mrs. George Pollard, Mrs. John Wilkinson, Mrs. W. A. Young, assisted by Miss Emily Doyle, Mrs. W. P. Burrow and Miss Young.  
Banquet Table—Mrs. H. D. Oliver.  
Fancy Table and Fish Pond No. 1.—Mrs. Butt.  
Fancy Table No. 2.—Mrs. H. N. Poulson.  
Fancy Table No. 3.—Mrs. Nichols and Mrs. Rudolph.  
Fancy Table No. 4.—Miss Countess Scovell.  
Ice-Cream and Cake Table—Mrs. E. H. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Lawler and Mrs. Anderson.  
Cigar Stand, Postoffice and Fortune Tent—Mrs. Leas.  
Mrs. James Hughes will take charge of the musical program. There will be a beautiful entertainment each evening.

## DIVINE SERVICES TO-DAY.

The Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, Lutheran, Church of Christ (Disciples), Christian and Christ Scientists publish their hours of Sunday services in Saturday's issue of this paper.

## PROTESTANT EPISCOPAL.

Christ, corner of Freeman and Cumberland streets, Rev. Dr. C. E. Chamber, rector—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock; evening prayer and address at 4:30 o'clock.  
St. Paul's, Church and Cove streets, Rev. Dr. B. D. Tucker, rector—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock; evening prayer at 4:30 o'clock.  
St. Luke's, corner of Granby and Bute streets, Rev. W. A. Barr, D. D., rector—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock; evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 o'clock.  
St. Peter's, Browne avenue, Brambleton, Rev. C. E. Woodson, rector—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock; evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 o'clock.

Emmanuel Chapel, corner of Wide and Calvert streets, Rev. John H. Dickinson, rector—Morning prayer and sermon at 11 o'clock; evening prayer and sermon at 7:30 o'clock.

## CATHOLIC CHURCHES.

St. Mary's, corner of Holt and Chapel streets, Rev. Father John Doherty, pastor—Early mass at 7:30 a. m.; children's mass at 9:30 a. m.; high mass at 11 a. m.; vespers and benediction at 4 p. m.

Sacred Heart, corner of Dunmore and York streets, Rev. Father R. A. Drake, pastor—First mass at 7:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 10 a. m.; second mass at 11 a. m.; vespers at 5 p. m.

CHRISTADELPHIAN ECCLESIA, Hall, corner of Brambleton and Maltby avenues—Services at 11 a. m.

**Among Our Cotton Mon.**  
Freezing temperature at Charlotte, N. C.; Augusta, Ga.; Meridian, Miss., and Oklahoma. Killing frost at Mason, Ga. Frost at Mobile, Ala.; Vicksburg, Miss.; Oklahoma, and Palestine, Texas. United States port receipts yesterday were 31,381 bales against 35,380 last year and 55,700 in 1898.

Spot cotton in Liverpool advanced 1-16d. Sales, 7,000 bales. Contract market advanced 1 1/2 to 4 points, closing barely steady.

Future contract market New York declined 2 to 3 points, closing barely steady. January, 9.21@9.22; May, 9.24@9.25; August, 9.14@9.15.

The Northern spinners took last week 95,461 bales cotton against 94,625 bales for corresponding week last year.

January contracts New Orleans declined 5 points, closing at 9.02. Spot cotton unchanged at 9 3/16. Sales, 3,950 bales.

Receipts at Houston Monday, estimated at 16,000 to 17,000 bales against 18,189 last year and 17,217 in 1898.

Receipts at New Orleans Monday, estimated at 12,000 to 13,000 bales against 13,159 last year and 17,217 in 1898.

## Fell From a Scaffold.

Caleb C. Williams, who lives in Highland avenue, Brambleton, fell from a scaffold at the navy yard yesterday afternoon. Mr. Williams is a bricklayer and was at work there pointing the brick walls of the new buildings when part of the scaffold fell, throwing him to the ground violently. The fall broke his leg and injured him internally.

Williams was sent to his home in the navy yard ambulance and is receiving surgical attention there from Dr. Meredith.

## AMUSEMENTS.

**ACADEMY OF MUSIC** | Matinee & Night  
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## ATLANTIC CITY.

The Rev. W. R. Haight, formerly pastor of Clopton Street Baptist Church, Manchester, Va., will preach at Central Avenue Baptist Church at both services to-day, in the absence of the pastor, Rev. E. E. Dudley, who will preach at Elizabeth City, N. C.

The "Earnest Workers" Society of Central Avenue Baptist Church is preparing for an entertainment, to be given on the 29th and 30th of November. The Society has taken on new life and is exerting an influence, for good, in the ward. Rev. W. R. Haight will address the Society next Tuesday night, at which time it is hoped that there will be a full attendance.

The Junior Epworth League of Le-Kies Memorial Methodist Church will have a grand rally at 3 o'clock this afternoon. The exercises will be varied and interesting.

The Junior Society of Christian Endeavor of Colley Memorial Church will meet for devotional exercises at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

## Virginia Conference Orphanage.

A meeting of the board of trustees of the Virginia Conference Orphanage will be held in the ladies' parlor of

## HUNTERSVILLE.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR BENEFIT METHODIST CHURCH.  
A grand entertainment will be given at the Odd Fellows' Hall, corner of Church street and Washington avenue, Tuesday, November 13th, at 8 o'clock p. m. The program will consist of comic readings, some very interesting recitations, solos, tableaux, etc. About thirty ladies and gentlemen of the village will participate in the program. Mr. William Perkins, of Kingston, N. J., a noted church worker, will render several solos and recite some of his very funny readings. The net proceeds will be used in liquidating expenses on the Huntersville M. E. Church. Everybody is invited to come and enjoy a pleasant evening with the amateur entertainers.

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Epworth M. E. Church, this city, Tuesday next, the 13th instant, at 7:30 p. m., at which time important facts with reference to this much-needed enterprise will be made known and reports prepared for the general information of the Annual Conference, which meets here next Wednesday morning.

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