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FOOTLIGHT NOTES.

SARA BERNHARDT is a candidate for the Cross of the Legion of Honor, and there is a probability that she will get it.

JENNIE YEAMANS will not play in "The Twentieth Century Girl." Her grievance is that she could not learn what part she was to play.

A new comedy by G. Hart Hauptmann will be produced in Berlin shortly. Carl and Theodore Rosenfeld have secured the piece for America.

THE case of John H. Russell, the stricken theatrical manager, is declared hopeless by one of the most eminent specialists in America, Dr. Spitzka.

JANE HADDOCK will leave the Francis Academy to join the Gymnasium company, in which she will be starred. She is to receive twenty-five hundred dollars per month.

TAMANO, the tenor, is reported to be one of the richest singers in the world. He has a fine place at Milan, a villa at Turin and a chateau on Lake Maggiore.

THE French Society of Dramatic Authors have decided that there is no ground for Mlle. Roussill's charge of plagiarism against Sardou, and so the case is closed.

JULIAN EDWARDS, the composer of "Madelin, or the Magic Kiss," also the musical director, is at work upon a new opera, the book of which is by Aubrey Beauclerk.

"THE Stage" is the curious title of a play to be produced in London next year. The piece, it is said, will "lay bare the inner workings and sacrifices of a star actress."

MISS NEBRASKA, a young singer of Scandinavian descent, whose parents now reside in St. Paul, Minn., is credited with having made an operatic hit recently in Dresden.

THE WORLD'S HOLIDAYS.

JULY 24, Pioneer day, is a holiday in Utah.

SEPTEMBER 10 is Memorial day in all the states.

MAY 10 is Memorial day in North Carolina and is a holiday.

MARCH 4 is a legal holiday in New Orleans. It is called Firemen's day.

JULY 4, Independence day, is a legal holiday in all the states of the union.

APRIL 26, Memorial day, is observed in the states of Alabama and Georgia.

SEPTEMBER 9, Admission day, is observed as a legal holiday in California.

NOVEMBER 25 is Labor day in Louisiana and is a legal holiday in that state.

JULIENES in the Roman church were instituted by Pope Boniface VIII. in 1300.

In many parts of rural England Morris dances are still popular at Whit-suntide.

APRIL 21, the anniversary of the great battle of San Jacinto, is a Texan holiday.

FEBRUARY 6, Mardi Gras, has been made a holiday in Louisiana, and also in Alabama.

A MIDWINTER festival was known and observed in Europe long before the Christians era.

FEBRUARY 12, the birthday of President Lincoln, has been made a legal holiday in Illinois.

In almost all countries the birthday of the reigning sovereign is regarded as a popular holiday.

JUNE 3, the birthday of Jefferson Davis, has been made a legal holiday in the state of Florida.

W. L. DOUGLAS'S \$3 SHOES

SQUIRE RUFUS SANDERS.

Reports a Homely Talk With a Homely Old Man.

Quaint Philosophy of the Old-Time Farmer—When Uncle Daniel Rutherford Was a Boy—Something of Interest to the Present Generation.

(Copyright 1894.)

Somehow or other I have a love—a u d I still love—the sorge and storable, the records and the memories of old people and old days.

There is always something rather quaint in and about these good old-timey people. It is a mighty good sign to see a man that has faced the storms and trials and troubles and tribulations of this vain and fleetin world long enough to catch the snov of winter on his beard.

If a man aint of some account to himself or his family or his friends, it is powerful seldom that the good Lord will let him live a long time. A man that was born with nothin much to do and nothin in particular to live for can't expect to get through with his share of the job and retire.

The man that knows the road is the man to blaze the way, and I am always more than willin to let the gray head of some good old man be a light to my path and a torch to my wayward and wanderin feet.

When He Was a Boy.

"When I was a boy," says Uncle Daniel Rutherford, the oldest man in the settlement, the last time I was over to his place to be my boy, I was a boy, I didn't hear people talk about hard times and skereer money like they do nowadays.

Naturally of course there was rich folks and poor folks in the land in them days like there is today, but it seems to me somehow like they were more on a general average than than what they are now. They didn't fly so high up and they didn't drap so low down. We didn't have nigh so much fopperies and fineries and high-flyin foolery as you can notice in the present day and generation.

The rich folks didn't make such a terrible big bow and show, and poor folks didn't whine and pine and fret and fume around about bad luck and hard times like they do now.

"Now as to me," the old man went on, "I was a boy, and I never heard anything about the family records of Daniel Rutherford can tell you that I come down from a long line of plain, common stock and poor people. But when I was a boy—in all my growin up I never knew anything about rawlin on an elderly man's property that belongs to the family records of Daniel Rutherford can tell you that I come down from a long line of plain, common stock and poor people.

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went to the woods first and out down the hickory saplin and made a handle for me as he aint.

"What a boy if a man didn't have money enough to use store-bought tobacco and pay for it in spot cash, he would pitch in and raise him a patch of the weed at home, and then use plain Red Aleck three hundred and sixty-five days in the year.

"I was a boy one box of matches would run the family six months, whereas today there is many a farmer in this country with a yearlin boy runnin loose on his place that will burn up a box of matches in six days smokin into the public prints. But they say people in the land it aint no wonderment to me that you hear so much talk about skereer money and hard times."

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PERSONAL AND LITERARY.

—Beatrice Harraden, author of the marine night line, is delighted with "the way American girls behave about men." Similarly the girls are delighted with the way the men behave about them.

—Donald Frazer, president of the National Bank of China, in Hong Kong, says that Li Hung Chang is worth \$200,000,000, and has no more patriotism than the rest of the corrupt Chinese officialdom.

—William Pole, the great authority on whist, who was born in 1814, is at once an expert civil engineer, a skillful artist, and an authority on all questions relating to steam engines, railways, armor plate, drainage and army ordnance.

—Lady Frederick Bruce, a prominent English woman, is one of the leaders in the vigorous warfare now being conducted against skirt dancing, which, she is quite correct in thinking, is a form of entertainment in English country houses.

—Mr. C. P. Huntington has built a granite mausoleum in Woodlawn cemetery, New York, whose architecture is copied from a Doric temple and which contains places of interment for his own cost. This post-mortem luxury was about \$250,000.

—Every Friday the Duches D'Uzes, the wealthiest woman in France, puts on the ordinary dress of a nurse, and, going to the cancer hospital, acts as one of the regular attendants, placing herself entirely under the orders of the superintendent.

—The German empress thinks that the root of the servant problem lies in the fact that mistresses are too little concerned about their comforts. They ought, she says, to do everything they can for the most acceptable and pleasant servants as agreeable as possible.

—Miss Dora Wells is owner and purser of the Puget Sound steamboat Delta, which runs from Whatcom to the San Juan islands and Victoria, B. C., three times a week. She collects fares, makes contracts for freight, and takes a hand in navigating the steamer.

—Paul Verlaine has just presented himself to the French academy as a candidate for the seat made vacant by the death of Leconte de Lisle and held before him by Victor Hugo. His candidacy is intended as a demonstration on the part of the young school of poets, in spite of his undeniable genius Verlaine's past life makes his election even more difficult than Zola's works make his. Verlaine is so poor that he is now in a hospital, as he could not afford to pay a doctor. He has just started to make a dinner of poetry by saying: "If I do not succeed they will put in some imbecile who will dishonor Hugo's memory."

—Some new stories of Ruskin's stay at Corpus Christi college while he held his professorship at Oxford are told in the Pelican Record, the undergraduate magazine. One of the fellows said that D