

LONDON'S HOLIDAY PLAYS WILL BE NOVEL

Chat About Drury Lane Pantomime, "Little Hans Andersen."

LONDON, Nov. 21.—Christmas "pantomimes" in London have caught on in the United States to such an extent that arrangements have been made to reproduce several of them regularly on the other side of the water.

But perhaps the most novel of the coming Christmas entertainments is the little play which Capt. Basil Hood has written for music by Walter Slaughter, and which has been named "Little Hans Andersen."

With the "Parisian Widows" at the Star This Week.

Bunch of Mississippi River Superstitions

Some of the modern professions, that depend in a large measure on the element of chance, seem to foster a belief in the supernatural that could scarcely have existed in the dark ages.

Nowhere is this "unstable element of chance" more constantly to be seen than on the Mississippi river.

Only a few years ago, when one of the New Orleans packets was laden with a cargo of lumber, a part of the cargo was piled on the deck.

The rat is common property with all on board, but the one who has his own private hoedoo that is of a much higher order.

"So you think it is an advantage to a boy to be reared in the country?" "To be sure," answered Farmer Corn-towel.

act of lifting a corn knife. With that presence of mind that comes from long years of training the pilot shouted: "My God, they're after us! Run for your life!"

With a howl of terror the would-be assassin dropped his crude weapon and plunged headlong down the narrow stairs, landing in a frightened heap on the hurricane deck.

There is one story the old river men tell that has in it an element of mysticism that is pathetically beautiful.

Those of us who have followed the work of the Mississippi river commission know the sluggish old river's tendency to import a farm from the banks of the Mississippi, carry it down stream a few miles and then dump it into the first convenient deep water pool.

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Barnes Torner—I am in a quandary. I have been offered an engagement by two managers, and I don't know how to act.

FISH WILL MAKE GREAT EXHIBIT

Government Will Attempt Impen- sible Show of Finny Tribe at St. Louis.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Nov. 21.—The United States government has acknowledged the superiority of the world's fair at St. Louis over all previous expositions by appropriating funds for a greater display than has ever been made by Uncle Sam at an exposition.

The government building is the first structure which the visitor will reach upon entering the grounds at the eastern entrance from Forest park. That beautiful portion of the park which does not include in the worst fair site forms a picturesque prospect to the eastward.

The grounds surrounding the government building are being landscaped, growing plants provided by the department of agriculture, as an exhibit, being used largely. At points on the hill slope in the vicinity, a detachment of United States artillery has begun the work of mounting a number of large guns, which will serve a part of the exhibit for the ordnance bureau.

The government fisheries building, just south of the main exhibit structure, is one of the show features of the exposition, both architecturally and as an exhibit. The building is 135 feet square, of steel construction as to its exterior, and is the purest classic type of architecture.

G. A. Schneider, of the United States fish commission, is on the ground, supervising the arrangements for installing and maintaining the fish exhibit. Mr. Schneider occupied similar positions at Omaha, Buffalo and Charleston.

cooled by ice manufactured in a plant specially constructed, with a capacity of ten tons daily. Fresh air will be pumped into the tanks to keep the water pure and furnish the swimming citizens the necessary oxygen.

To hold the salt water from the sea a huge tank has been built at one side of the fisheries building. This will hold 50,000 gallons of the native brine, which will be brought to St. Louis in the government's tank cars.

In the center of the building a pool twenty-five feet square is being built, in which seals will disport themselves. Lobsters, crabs, oysters and clams will not be overlooked in this exhibit.

As proof of what the lobster is capable of doing for himself when he has an opportunity to live long enough, a specimen about four feet long will be shown. Oysters clinging to the stones or other material which is their native habitat, will be there.

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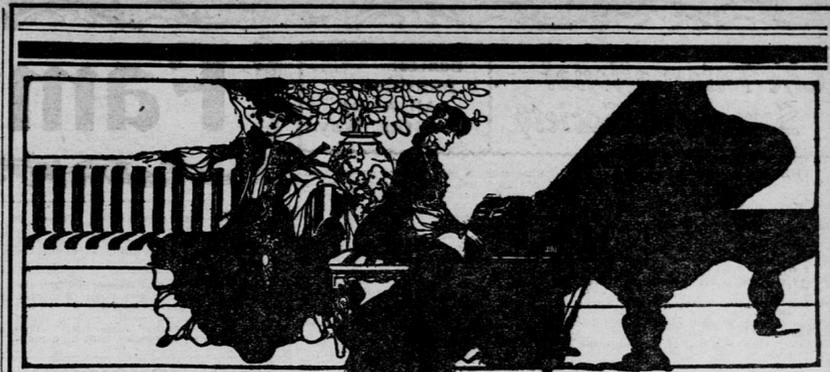
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Human Nature. "Mike," said Plodding Pete, "what would you do if you was to wake up an' find yourself a railway president?" "I dunno," answered Meandering Mike.



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DEFENDS THE TURKS

American Calls Them Best People in Southeastern Europe.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 21.—The Post prints the following letter from Constantinople: I am known to you and to many of your readers personally, while Washingtonians generally, I fancy, are not unfamiliar with my name.

You will naturally ask: If all this is true, why the frequent turmoils in Turkey? The answer is: 1. The exceptional geographical position of Constantinople and the possessions of the Bosphorus, the Sea of Marmora, and the Dardanelles by Turkey is a prize that Russia has coveted since the Crimean war.

It is pitiable to see the sleek Armenian bamboozling the witless missionary! You know the current saying here: One Armenian in circumvention equals four Greeks; one Greek equals three Jews, and one Jew equals three Levantines.

These Armenian schools are not attended by a single American student! What have we to do with them? Is it for Armenian schools our consular service was inaugurated? I say it is a corruption of the service and that consuls should be withdrawn from places where there are no Americans or American trade to justify their presence.

Interior of Electric Cab



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