

STAGE STRUCK GIRLS.

ASPIRANTS FOR HISTORIC HONORS GROWING DAILY NUMEROUS.

The Hardships of a Dramatic Career Described by One Who Speaks From Experience—Interview With Miss Maude Jeffries—Her Advice to Girls.

Memphis has more than its share of stage-struck young ladies, and the number is increasing every day. Whether this is due to the "elocuting" in public epidemic which has struck the town, or to the promptings of impatient genius or to the common desire for applause, or to all these combined it would be hard to say, but the curious fact is that histrionic aspiration is confined in Memphis to the weaker sex. It must not be inferred from this that the APPEAL entertains the opinion that aspiration for histrionic honors is necessarily indicative of weakness. The APPEAL is merely stating a fact, when it says that 90 per cent of the stage struck element of Memphis belong to the softer sex.

The study of elocution is doubtless of great value to both sexes in acquiring ease and grace of manner and a correct and agreeable method of reading aloud, and in so far as it tends to accomplish such results should be encouraged, but the practice of permitting half-trained young ladies to "recite" at church entertainments, followed by flattering pro- notices (as must be the case where criticism is deemed a regard for the personality of the elocutionist and the cause in whose service she is enlisted), these things have a pernicious tendency in engendering a morbid love of applause and an inordinate amount of self-appreciation. These tendencies are always progressive, and culminate in a well defined case of "stage struck."

Miss Maude Jeffries, of this city, whose career on the stage has been brief but brilliant, arrived in Memphis a few days ago and was interviewed yesterday by an APPEAL reporter.

To those of our readers who have never seen Miss Jeffries it may be worth while to state that she has been endowed by nature with the qualities that generally succeed in the dramatic profession. She has youth, beauty, talent, a fine voice and a striking presence. Her tall, willowy form, deep black eyes, clear cut profile, and black hair at once suggest the ideal representation of the tragic maudlin. Miss Jeffries has not an opportunity heretofore to exhibit her talent in lines best suited to her style and taste, but like a true artist she is patient and will bide her time, in the meantime preparing herself by severe study for the opportunity that time must bring her. She has signed a contract for next season, on liberal terms, with Miss Lizzie Evans, and Memphis theatre goers will have an opportunity of seeing her some time in December. It is safe to say she will make a hit in her own home.

It will be remembered that Miss Jeffries made her debut here last October in "Our Angel," playing the part of the governess in place of a lady temporarily indisposed. Her success was instantaneous, and the press were liberal in their commendation of her acting. Miss Evans was much pleased with her work and urged her to persevere. Thus encouraged Miss Jeffries went to New York last summer, and there pursued her studies under the direction of Mrs. Emma Walker. She made rapid progress, and in March, succeeded in getting an engagement to play leading business with William Hamilton, who was making a tour of the New England States with a piece called "Rockwood."

Miss Jeffries' story of her experiences on that tour had best be told in her own words. It may serve as a warning to stage struck young ladies. "I never will forget that trip," she said with almost a shudder, "it was awful, all one night stand, and the terrible import of that term never has been realized until now. After three or four hours ride on a railroad train you get to a town, half asleep, half awake, about 2 or 3 o'clock in the morning. There you sometimes find a carriage to take you to a hotel, and sometimes not, more often not. You go to bed cold, cheerless, hungry, tired, disgusted. The next morning, rearsed on a cold stage, with a chilling draught striking you from seventeen different directions. At night you hurry through the last act of the play on a dead run, you might say. Sometimes whole scenes are cut out to enable you to make the train, and when the curtain falls on the final scene you are hustled off to the depot without time, in some cases, to wash the 'make up' off your face. Oh, you can't form any idea of what a hard life it is. I have often wished myself at home, snugly ensconced before an open grate fire, drinking in warmth and comfort with every breath."

"Did you ever have any particularly comfortable experience?" asked the reporter.

"Did I?" replied Miss Jeffries, smiling at the question. "I had several. One that I will never forget. It was on a cold, rainy night in March, and the scene, as the novelties say, was in Providence, R. I. Ever been to Providence? No? Well, you're lucky. We got there about 2 o'clock in the morning. It was awful cold and raining cats and dogs. No carriages, dark as pitch, and mud over our boot tops. Well, we just had to tramp it half a mile through a drenching rain-storm that lasted all night, and through waterpools. Oh, how I longed for home, then!" and Miss Jeffries' manner and voice left no doubt that she meant every word of it.

"The stage, then, is not the beautiful paradise you pictured?"

"Not by any manner of means. It is a hard life, full of drudgery, disappointments, trials, care, sometimes utter despair. I say to any girl who has a good home, stay in it by all means."

"Are you in the profession to stay?"

"Yes, I have gone too far to recede; besides I have been unusually lucky in securing prompt employment at a liberal salary."

The conversation then drifted into general dramatic topics, during the course of which the reporter learned that Miss Lizzie Evans had secured six new plays, and that the evening chestnuts, "Our Angel" and "Fog's Perry" will no longer make life a burden to religious theater-goers. The reporter also learned that the demand for dramatic instruction is so great in New York city that Streef Mackay's school is so crowded that he has had to refuse students at \$15 a week, and that Dion Boucicault and A. M. Palmer are arranging to open a new school for the same purpose next fall, with the prospect of many applicants for instruction than their school will accommodate.

ELECTRIC MOTORS

To Supersede All Others in Operating Street Car Lines.

In view of the probable operation at no distant day of a line of street cars in Memphis run by electricity, the following account of the experience of New Orleans companies with various motors may be of interest: The Carrollton Railroad company, operating street lines on St. Charles, Jackson, Napoleon and other avenues, has finally decided to use electricity for running its street cars. The company has been testing every species of power for the last twenty years, and has invested extensively in various motors. Beginning with steam, this was abandoned in 1886 and compressed steam forced into annals for the other half. The ammonia power engine was tested for a while and promised success, but was finally abandoned; then some system of compressed air, which also looked well at the start, but the company always came back to horses, mules and compressed steam after these several experiments. Its charter authorizes it to utilize any motor that it may choose it has, accordingly, given the city council notice that it will operate in future by means of the Sprague electric motor, and it asks for permission to erect the necessary poles, etc. The Sprague motor, which is in use by the Union Passenger Street Railroad company, of Richmond, is declared by the general superintendent of the Carrollton railroad specially adapted to the needs of New Orleans. Other roads will try it if the Carrollton company meets with any practical success.

PERSONAL POINTS.

Mr. RUSH H. BROWN, traveling passenger agent of the Chicago & Alton railroad, with headquarters at Dallas, Tex., is in the city on business connected with his road.

Mrs. F. M. WILLIAMSON, wife of the well known physician of that name, departed last evening for Hopkinton, Ia., where she will spend the summer with relatives.

Col. JOHN R. RAYNER, proprietor of the Chickasaw Iron works, and a faithful public servant in the city council, left Saturday night for Ocean View, Va., for a month's rest and recreation. He deserves it.

The funeral of the late George W. McKinstry took place yesterday afternoon at the Second Presbyterian church. The Rev. Eugene Daniel, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, delivered the discourse, paying an eloquent tribute of respect in memory of the deceased.

SAM S. AND JAMES K. FINNEY, of Savannah, Ga.; Charles E. STRASS, of New York; J. Stoneval Jackson, Philadelphia; D. S. Africa, Huntington, Pa.; Dr. Joe Stubbfield, French Camp; John D. Pitts, Jackson, Tenn.; and G. H. O'Bryan, Cincinnati, O., are among the prominent arrivals at the Peabody.

Mr. W. B. EDINGTON, the capable and efficient young prosecuting attorney of the Second District of Arkansas, was in the city yesterday. Mr. Edington has given such satisfaction to the people that he is now serving his second term and is leading all his competitors in the race for the next term. He is a young man of fine talents, indomitable energy and unflinching courage, qualities that are almost indispensable to one holding his position. Mr. Edington has unbounded confidence in the future of Arkansas and as he is young will doubtless live to see his fondest hopes realized. A State full of such young men is bound to prosper.

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A Disowned Son.—The settlement by compromise of a contested will, filed yesterday in the Hamilton county probate court, revealed a romantic story in real life that had been covered for half a century by the veil of secrecy.

Not long ago, Mrs. Francis W. Meeks, of Walnut Hills, died, aged 72, and left \$40,000 to be divided between church and charitable societies and several personal heirs whom she named. One George Spencer Baker, a farmer, living twelve miles south of Covington, Ky., 51 years old, to whom his parents had been a life tenant, appeared as a contestant of the will on the ground that Mrs. Meeks was his mother. Rather than let the matter go into court, the other heirs, none of them her children, as she left no acknowledged, issue agreed to a settlement which gives Baker \$5,000. It appears that Baker was her son when she was Miss Francis Kemper, not yet 20 years old. She was afterwards twice married but divorced from her last husband. The strange secret was revealed to Baker a few years ago by a man unknown to him.

Pain from indigestion, dyspepsia, and too hearty eating, is relieved at once by taking one of Carter's Little Liver Pills immediately after dinner. Don't forget this.

Determined Suicide.—New York, July 8.—Charles Korn made himself doubly sure when he committed suicide. He went out on the East river, in a skiff, stabbed himself with a penknife several times, mangled himself and jumped into the river. He lived in east Eighth street. He was in comfortable circumstances. He was fifty years old and married. Illness was given as the cause of the deed.

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Two Candidates Have a Fight.

Last night a large crop of candidates sprang up as it were by magic on Adams street and began to discuss the political situation and the result of the Democratic convention. Many bets were made as to the result, and finally hot words ensued between two prominent candidates for the same office which finally resulted in a street fight in which both were a little bruised up, would have resulted seriously but for mutual friends. It was learned finally that the belligerents were in reality fighting for the possession of a cake of solid colman's koku tsu which one had refused to divide.

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Special Dispatch to The Appeal. NEW ORLEANS, La., July 8.—Birmingham came to New Orleans to play a game with only six men, and Goldsby had to put a crazy patch team on the field. Brennan, it was reported, was under the weather, Duffee had gone to Mobile to see friends, and Sullivan, Lynch and Curtis had left for new cities. The local management gave notice that the game would only be between a regular club and a scrub nine, and the crowd only numbered 1,000 people. The visitors managed to win a close and well contested game by good hitting at the proper time. The fielding on both sides was very pretty, and the base running was good. Goldsby, Fuller, Burks and Powell carried off the honors. Tony Suck, the old umpire, played first. The score and summary are as follows: Birmingham..... 5 0 0 0 1 0 1 1 1 New Orleans..... 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 1 1 Summary: Earned runs—Birmingham 2, New Orleans 2. Three base hit—Weldon, 1, Birmingham 1. First base on balls—New Orleans 4. Left on bases—New Orleans 4, Birmingham 4. Struck out—By Webster 7, by Shaffer 6. Passed balls—Hollin 1, Moolie 1. Wild pitches—Webster 3, Shaffer 1. Batter hit—Weldon. Double play—Burks and Cahill. Umpire—Shaw. Time of game—1:40.

Kansas City 2, Baltimore 1. KANSAS CITY, Mo., July 8.—The new umpire system, with players officiating, proved an entire failure in the Baltimore-Kansas City game today. There was a good deal of "kicking" up to the eighth inning, when the Cowboys scored, giving them a lead of 1. In the ninth inning the Baltimorees objected to Kirby's decisions on balls and strikes and Barkley cautioned him. In the ninth Smith called five balls on Kirby, but at last, at bat, his decisions being questionable, Barkley then touched the runner on second with the ball and threw to Phillips, who touched the runner on first, Kirby calling both out. To this action Baltimore objected, Manager Barney at first calling the men off the field. He finally ordered them back, after fifteen minutes' wrangling, and the game was played out. Probably the game will be protested. Score: Kansas City..... 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 1 2 Baltimore..... 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0

St. Louis 5, Brooklyn 4. ST. LOUIS, Mo., July 8.—The Brooklyn for the third successive time, with the assistance of Umpire Ferguson, downed the Browns today. It was one of the most exciting games of the season, and was won in the ninth inning. Ferguson, who was hit given Knouff a pretty hard deal throughout, gave McClellan his base on balls. Kitch fled out to O'Neill. Bushong knocked an easy fly out to O'Neill also, but he made a rank muff of it. Finckney hit to Latham forcing out McClellan. Foutz came to the bat and sent a hard drive to the right field fence, sending Finckney home with the winning run. The score: St. Louis..... 1 1 0 0 0 0 0 1 0 2 Brooklyn..... 0 0 1 0 0 1 0 0 1

Louisville 4, Cleveland 0. LOUISVILLE, Ky., July 8.—Cleveland's ball players seem to have lost the knack of hitting the ball. They were shut out again by Louisville today and a total of three hits off Ewing tells the tale. Barkley did fine good work in the box and Cleveland felled fully up to Louisville's excellent work. Gilks made an especially fine catch. Louisville hits were well timed. The crowd numbered 3,300. Cleveland and Louisville play an exhibition game in New Albany tomorrow. Score: Louisville..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 Cleveland..... 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 0

Cincinnati 4, Athletics 1. CINCINNATI, O., July 8.—Today's game was called in the first half of the ninth inning after the Cincinnati's had scored three runs on a base on balls, a single and Reilly's long hit for the circuit. The latter half of the game was played in a drizzling rain. Smith pitched a superb game for Cincinnati and received almost perfect support. Stoney and Bowman were each fined \$50 for lack talk. Attendance 2,800. Score: Cincinnati..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 4 Athletics..... 0 0 0 1 0 0 0 0 1

Diamond Dust.

BEHIND THE grand stand—Manager of the rival club. "How would \$20,000 for my season strike team? Player—Real or newspaper price? Manager—Newspaper. Real price, \$15 a week. Player—I'll take it.

The Charleston baseball team has been ordered home from New Orleans, and will be kept there for some time in hopes of getting up a semi-professional league between Augusta, Atlanta, Columbia, Greenville and other nearby cities.

ANDREWS is playing great ball for Louisville. The Courier-Journal says of him: "Wally Andrews has already become popular in Louisville, and he will probably become a fixture of the club." Vaughn and Ewing are also becoming favorites.

"There are fresh men in the country," said Arlie Latham, and I am one of them; but there," pointing to McCarthy, "is the newest of the new. What dry, well-seasoned hay is to new-mown clover is about the way I compare with Fresh Boston McCarthy."

"Now watch me crack him," said Morris, as he went to the bat for the second time yesterday. "Who?" came in chorus from the players' bench. "Krock," said Eddie, and he chuckled. Eddie struck out. As he walked back there came that same chorus from the bench, "nuts!" and then they chuckled. Eddie was sad.—Pittsburg Leader.

DIED.

ALLEN—At residence, No. 266 Demarest street, Sunday morning, July 8, 1888, LOBBERT ALLEN, aged 66 years.

Funeral will take place from residence this (MONDAY) morning at 12:30 o'clock. Services at Grace church at 11 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend.

WOODS—At residence, No. 12 Pacific avenue, Sunday morning, July 8, 1888, at 7:30 o'clock, in the city of New York, LUCY, wife of Coleman Woods and mother of Mrs. R. R. Williams.

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