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Salomiers to Compete.

New York, Jan. 13.—Clad in smiles, dimples, gauze, beads, breastplates, dishpans, trunks and miscellaneous articles of abbreviated and transparent attire, the Salomiers of Gotham, amateur and professional, will gather in Grand Central palace tomorrow evening to compete for the title of champion Salome dancer of the United States. Today the aspirants are busily engaged in limbering up their limbs for the contest, and it is conservatively estimated that tomorrow night's affair will be about the warmest thing of its kind that ever caused blasé Broadway to sit up and take notice.

Not only is there the glory of victory for the fair contestants who simulate the daughter of Herodias, but there is the added inducement of a prize of \$500 in real money, and gold at that, to stimulate their terpsichorean endeavors on that occasion.

There are no handicaps in the Salome competition, and no bars are up for any of the Salomes, professional or amateur, who may wish to enter. All start with a fair field and no favor, and it is a case of the best Salome winning.

Melba to Leave.

New York, Jan. 13.—Mme. Nellie Melba, who recently arrived here to fill a limited operatic engagement in the metropolis, left New York today for a trip to her home in Australia. She will proceed directly to Melbourne. Mme. Melba's visit to Australia is expected to occupy a year and is said to be entirely devoid of professional import. While her voyage to the antipodes is taken for family and sentimental reasons, it is more than likely that the famous singer will be heard in concert during her Australian stay.

ABOLISH DISCRIMINATION.

Present Congress May Pass an Exclusion Law That Suits.

Washington, Jan. 3.—Discrimination against Chinese is to be abolished, but exclusion will be even more absolute than now, if a bill to be prepared, is passed by congress. The measure will incorporate the exclusion law in its general immigration laws, inserting in one section two words, "Asiatic laborers." This action is calculated to solve the Japanese immigration problem. It is reported that it meets the approval of the administration.



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