

MYSTERY PLAY AT NICE.

Curious Spectacle Which Mingled Theology with the Antics of a Clown.

John Swinton, is an interesting letter to the N. Y. Sun describes the so-called "Mystery Play" witnessed by him at the city of Nice. The play was performed in a weather beaten tabernacle known as the Theatre Risco, located in a part of the city with which fashionable visitors are not apt to be familiar. It is approached through a narrow old courtyard, near which are scores of these very narrow streets lined with strong and high stone houses that were built ages and ages ago, and that are likely to stand for ages yet to come unless their demolition is brought about in the interest of sanitary science. It is entered through a curious opening at one end, where a burly and large-mouthed individual (who afterward turned out to be one of the actors) announces that admission is free to all, an announcement which is qualified, however, by the fact that the desirable seats must be paid for, and also by the "passing of the hat" at the end of each act of the play.

The title of the mystery was "The Manger of Bethlehem." It represented the incidents of the advent of Christ, as recorded in the gospels, from the annunciation to the birth in the manger. The chief figures of the stage were Joseph and Mary, the Angel Gabriel and Satan; but there were also other characters not to be found in the scriptural narrative, including a clown and his partners, who introduced comic features that were greatly enjoyed by the spectators. In truth, one of the most singular things about the play was the mixture of fantastic elements with the solemn mysteries of the advent. The house was frequently rent with laughter just after or just before the highest religious sentiment had been evoked.

The characters of Joseph and Mary, as they appeared on the stage, were dignified and natural, and their discourse and intercourse was in every way becoming. The Angel Gabriel was represented by a stalwart and beautiful young woman clad in white, and she wielded her sword with success against Satan, who appeared with the traditional horns and garb, and sprang around with agility in his vain efforts to do battle against the advent. The stage was well set and the scenery was plain but appropriate. At the end of the performance the infant was seen in his cradle beside Joseph and Mary, under the guardianship of Gabriel.

After having been notified at the door that admission was free, we paid for our seats, but this was not the last of the demands upon our purse. At the end of each act performers left the stage, took a plate, and went from seat to seat through the house soliciting gifts of money, and securing a good many copper coins. It looked queer to see the Angel Gabriel in flowing robes of white, with others among the actors, thus engaged; and it was pleasing to see that neither Joseph nor Mary had been chosen to do any part of this work.

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"I'm sorry to part with you, Polly," I heard a Fifth avenue maiden say to her beloved pet parrot, "but I must have a bird with an English accent."

"I'm a daisy—I'm a daisy," the parrot responded, pronouncing "daisy" in the way that happens to be like common to the Bowery and the Seven Dials.

"That is very good, but unfortunately you are altogether New Yorky in everything else you say."

"Polly wants a cracker."

"How often have I told you that they don't have crackers nowadays in London. Say 'Polly wants a biscuit.'"

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Napkins on the Lunch Counter.

Of course all restaurants give their customers napkins. But I never could understand why the downtown cafes—those where a man has to wait for his luncheon the same as he does for his shave—should force a man to use his handkerchief for a napkin or return to the primitive custom of Arkansas—his coat-sleeve. One of these downtown cafes, however, has made an innovation in this direction which is to be hoped will spread. The proprietor evidently understands his business, for he has napkins.

The question of the proper way to use a napkin is one that has been talked about and written of by caterers and people who are sticklers for table etiquette from the time the first napkin was brought out. You have been told that fashionable etiquette requires that the napkin should be put on the knee—when not in use—on the bias. I believe there has been no deviation from this rule by the upper ten. The other day, however, a French caterer told me that any man in a dress suit who did not tuck his napkin under his chin, thus shielding his immaculate linen, was a fool. He said that it was done by the best Parisians.—Chicago Tribune.

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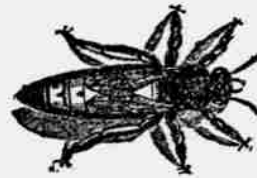
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30th day of July, 1890,
(between 9 o'clock in the morning and 4 o'clock in the evening) to-wit: at 1 o'clock p. m. of said day, on the premises, lot 7 in block 11 in the town of West Yaquina, in Benton County, State of Oregon, sell to the highest bidder for cash in hand, all the right, title, interest, and estate which the said Joseph Thompson, deceased, had at the time of his death in and to the above described premises and every part thereof. Terms, cash in hand.

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