Stories of the Stage.

Frequently since his first night before a London audience, Mr. Gilbert has had such violent attacks of stage fright that he has for several moments been unable to speak his lines. To this day he never goes on the stage in a new character or on an opening night without fear and trembling. Nearly every other promi-nent actor in this and other countries has had the same experience. Devrient, the eminent German tragedian, was particularly subject to stage fright; the great Macready was irritable and neryous as an old maid when on the stage, and could not be talked to or even looked at on the first night; while our own Lawrence Barrett, when behind the scenes, is so much occupied with the work he has in hand that he can hardly be brought to recognize his best friends.

The unfortunate being who chanced to ent Edwin Forrest out of a scene, as the theatrical phrase has it, would, during the remainder of the great man's engage-ment, find his life a burden. Mr. Gil-bert is not alone in believing that Forrest was not only a truly wonderful ac-tor, but a bully and a coward. It is a matter of record that on one occasion, in the Tremont Theatre, he tormented a lit-tle fellow one-third his size almost to madness, but when the young man at last turned upon him with a Roman sword from the "property room," swearing to take his life, he fled to his dressing room in the wildest alarm, and did not come out again until the danger, if

there was any, was passed.

The elder Booth, as Mr. Gilbert remembered him, was one of the most gentle and good-tempered of men. Unlike many great actors, he always had a kind word for the most insignificant members of the companies with which he played, and he was ever ready to excuse their blunders. An incident will illustrate the latter trait in his character. He was playing Sir Edward Mortimer in the "Iron Chest"—one of his greatest parts -to an immense audience, and was just on the point of making the most effective speech which he had in the play, when, by a mistake of one of the minor characters, he was obliged—to make sense of the scene-to slur it over and go on withot delivering the speech in question. When the curtain fell the young man who had made the mistake stood in fear and trembling, fully expecting that the lightest punishment which would come to him would be an instantaneous dismissal from the theater. He was mistaken. Mr. Booth, in passing him, said simply, "You were not very clear in that Try to do better another time.' That was the end of the matter.

While Mr. Gilbert was stage manager of the Tremont Theater one of the stock company, a sensitive young man, during a rehearsal became so frightened and confused by Forrest's bullying directions and abuse that he forgot his lines. When the rehearsal was over Forrest went to Mr. Gilbert and complained bitterly of the young man; asked why in the name of hades he could not have better support.

"Mr. Smith knows his part well and can play it well," replied Gilbert coolly. "Knows his part, sir; knows his part! -n it, sir, he can't remember a line of it," thundered Forrest. 'You frightened it out of his head."

"I frighten him! How, sir, how?" "By abusing and badgering him," an swered Gilbert, his blood getting some-what warmer. "If you had not interferred with him there would have been no trouble. Let him alone and he will play the part to-night as well as it can be played." This proved to be the case, and from that time forward Mr. Forrest had no more complaints to make to Stage Manager Gilbert.

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opening the interior of the African continent to European commerce by admitting the waters of the Atlantic through an artificial channel into a vast depressed area of the arid dessert, which for ages has been the impassable barrier that has isolated the dwellers of the rich and fertile country lying to the south from contact with civilization, has just received a fresh impulse by its presentation in popmular form in the pages of Scribner's Monthly. The project of Mr. Mackenzie is older than that of Roudaire for creating an African Inland sea, though by no means so well known as the latter; and if the engineering features of the scheme have been correctly stated and observed, the Mackenzie project could be made to accomplish vastly more important results, at a cost not greater and probably considerably less than that of Roudaire. What is known as the Basin of El Joof is a great depression, 200 feet below the ocean level, in the western portion of the Desert of Sahara, covering an area of 60,000 square miles, and was at one time an arm of the Atlantic ocean, the channel of which was placed not far from Cape Juby, opposite to the Canary Islands. The mouth of this ancient channel, which is still discernable, is 21/4 miles wide, and is blocked by a sand-bar about 300 yards across, and elevated ten to thirty feet above sea level. Assuming these statements of the topography of the region to be accurate, as Dr. Mackenzie after several explorations affirms unequivocally, all that would be required began at some points as soon as the mida vast inland sea of 60,000 square miles in area, would be to pierce this ancient channel with a canal, 300 yards in length and a little over thirty feet deep. A small ditch only would be required for this purpose, Mr. Mackenzie claims, since, when communication was once to convert the arid basin of El Joof into since, when communication was once established, the water of the ocean would pour into the depressed basin and scour out the channel for itself. The feasibility of this project on the score of engineering difficulties, says the Engineering and Mining Journal, does not appear ever to have been called into serious question, and of the two projects, Mackenzie's and that of Rondaire, for flooding the Algerian chottes, the former is not only vastly the greater in the pos-sible geographical and climatic changes it would bring about, but in its commercial aspects also, since it would bring Timbuctoo, the great negro metropolis, within 2,000 miles of England, making it, practically, a seaport, and the whole of North Central Africa would be brought within easy reach of the harbors of Europe. Mr. Mackenzie has championed this scheme zealously and indefatigably

for a number of years, and though he

ess appears to be unshaken.

From the Frozen Zone.

The arrival of over two hundred Icelanders on Wednesday evening was a most welcome visitation at this season of the year. The temperature has been entirely comfortable since they struck the town. In counteraction of the summer solstice they beat the Manitoba wave out of sight. They were a cool-looking crowd. This party went by sailing ves-sels from Iceland to Glasgow, where they took the Valdensia for Quebec, where they arrived on July 13th.

Their destination was originally Manitoba, but, being captivated by the oily speech of an emissary of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, the party were induced to change their programme, and, instead of going to the Canadian province, they proposed locating at Minnesota, a border settle-ment on the Winona and St. Peter Railway. Not a soul among the the 200 emigrants from the frozen zone understood a word of English. Of course an interpreter accompanied the party. But for him they would have been obliged to lay over at some station until they could pick up a little English education.

The children, of whom there was good-sized grist, were sleek-looking kids, with blue eyes and "tow" heads. The men and women all had white hair. There wasn't a black eye among the whole 200. A few of the women were quite handsome, and all were passably good-looking—in appearance away ahead of most foreign immigrants. They ap pear to have succeeded in raising children in Iceland if nothing else, for one middle-aged woman was trying to take care of 13 youngsters, the oldest being only 15 years of age. The men wore sheepskin overcoats, or cloaks, with a headgear, or hood, attached, the garments being sewn together by the sinews of the reindeer. The lower extremities were encased in sheepskin leggings. Their feet were dressed in wooden clogs. Some of the overcoats had sleeves, and some had not. These people carry an enormous bulk of baggage. One old fellow, who hobbled around on two canes, was growling because he couldn't find his seven trunks. In one respect they resembled tourists more that immigrants.—Chicago Times.

A GARDEN PARTY IN LONDON,-Lady Holland gave a garden party, and, strange to say, the rain held off, although every man in the grounds was armed with an umbrella, and there was not the briefest glimpse of sunshine. Some few Americans were there, among them Mr. and Mrs. Choate. Lady Holland herself was Mrs. Choate. Lady Holland herself was present the entire afternoon among her guests for, as you are aware, the old house still keeps up its reputation for hospitality, although there are no such guests to fill its chambers now as Byron and Sheridan, Sydney Smith and Talleyrand, Washington Irving and Mme. destand. But such with as on hospitate. But such wits as can be collected together in these latter days were to be seen on the lawn or among the flower gardens on this occasion, there were pretty women enough to do justice to the traditions of the house. The Prin-cess of Wales was there with three of her children, the center of an admiring group. A party of acrobats had been en-gaged for the amusement of the children, and as the Princess of Wales sat looking on, everybody else flocked to the spot too and the consequence was that the acrobats had a much larger andience than they rison, over Morse's Palace of Art. ever dreamt of getting. Lord Beaconstield was present (not as one of the acrobats) and so was Mr. Gladstone, but neither spoke to the other. Mrs. Ronalds was chatting with the Prince of Wales—or at least the story went around that it was Mrs. Ronalds, and certainly the lady in question has been taking a conspicuous position in London society of late. The Prince of Wales is a great admirer of American ladies, and you may have observed that he stood sponser for Mrs. The plan of Donald Mackenzie for Paget's infant recently—a proof of his pening the interior of the African congreat regard for husband and wife. Altogether there were near a thousand persons present at this garden party, and Lady Holland must have rejoiced in the temporary revival of the glories of her house, still standing secure amid its fine gardens and venerable park, although the imitation Elizabethan villa of the modern builder is pressing it close upon every sides, and the day is not, perhaps, far distant when the dwelling in which Addison died will be doomed to be swallowed up by this all-devouring monster of London.—Corr. N. Y. Herald.

A Feat in Railroading.

One of the most remarkable feats ever accomplished in railroading was performed recently by the St. Louis, Iron Mountain and Southern in a change of gange of seven hundred miles of road. Heretofore the gauge had been five feet. It has been reduced to the standard width of four feet regular and a half inches. four feet eight and a half inches. About six weeks ago the Board of Directors of the Iron Mountain adopted a resolution providing for the change of gauge, and immediately thereafter Mr. Thomas Allen, the President of the company gave the order for the work to be done. Active preparations were begun at once.

Extra men were employed, and all the shops began to run on extra time. Every locomotive and every car had to be cut down for the new gauge, and much of this had to be done beforehand, so there would be no interruption of business. The actual work of changing the track night trains had passed. Over three gang under the supervision of the general

superintendent. There are four divisions of the Iron Mountain Railroad. The Texas division is 145 miles in length; the Arkansas division is 180 miles in length; the Missouri division is 196 miles in length, and the St. Louis division is 172 miles in

length. Over six hundred freight cars, sixty engines, and all the passenger coaches have been cut down and are ready for the new gauge, and the regular business of the road was interfered with only about six or seven hours. Regular trains will start hereafter and will arrive and depart as usual. The cost of the change will not fall short of \$200,000.—St. Louis Post-Dispatch,

At the Papermaker's Convention held at Saratoga, recently, it was stated that, although prices are lower than they were has suffered many checks and disappointments, his faith in its ultimate suclast year, there is an increased demand, try are running on full time.

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Helminthology.—Of late years no de-partment of natural history has attracted more attention than that of the study of internal parasites in man and other animals. To the great multitude and variety of creatures thus found, associated by one common habit of life, have zoologists given the general name of Helminths, which are a peculiar fauna destined at some time in their lives to occupy an equally peculiar territory. That territory is the wide-spread domain of the interior of living animal bodies to which, alas, poor humanity forms no ex-ception. It is unpleasant to think that we may at any time become a prey to these dangerous and mischievous depredators. We were lead to these reflections by a recent visit to Dr. Van Denberg's office when he had just completed the expulsion of 670 worms from Mr. Lehman, who stated that he had suffered for 12 years. They were all small, about one and a half inches in length, excepting one-a nondescript about three inches long, an attrocious rascal of forbidding appearance. Dr. Van Denberg is the great worm exterminator of the century. Read his advertisement in another col-

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