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William Archer has received the final proof sheets of Bowen's new play, on a translation of which he is busily engaged.  
Marie Tempest has left Daly's because George Edwards objected to her fights, requesting her to substitute knickerbockers for them. Miss Tempest now announces that she has abandoned light opera entirely and will devote herself to the higher branches of her art.

**BOER LOOT AT MODDER.**  
PRETORIA, Friday, Dec. 15.—An official dispatch from Modder river says: The Boers captured a great quantity of loot, including 200 Lee-Enfield rifles, cases of cartridges and hundreds of bayonets. Great numbers of the British forces have retired in the direction of Belmont. The loss of the British was very great. There were heaps of dead on the field. The wounded are being attended to temporarily at Bissel's farm. The Sappers and Miners must have suffered severely. The Boers suffered heavy losses in horses. I cannot easily describe the battlefield otherwise than a sad and terrible slaughter. Monday was for us a brilliant victory. It has infused new spirit in our men and will enable them to achieve greater deeds.

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## GLOOM IN LONDON.

War Reverses Have Caused a Noticeable Sobering of Public Opinion.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The social festivities which usually mark this season of the year in London have never been so few and far between and they are quite unable to dispel the gloom overtaking all classes. The brave show kept up by the majority of the organs voicing public opinion is merely an instance of the grit of the British race. But it is powerless to allay the feeling of bitter grief and disappointment that pervades the length and breadth of the land. Nor is this confined to regents. Pent up criticism of the military authorities is finding vent in quarters that heretofore have studiously avoided as premature any strictures on either the war office or the generals in the field. Unless some striking change for the better soon marks the course of the British arms there bids fair to break over the heads of the government a storm of indignation such as has not been since the Crimea. That such a movement is not without cause is evidenced by information gleaned by a representative of the Associated Press that the authorities have already decided that a reorganization of the war office is absolutely necessary and that it will not be delayed a day longer than can be helped, though it can scarcely be done until hostilities cease.

The St. James Gazette this week commenting on the Canadian contingent says: "They have shown that their long home training and colonial campaigning experience has not been lost on them and they are now getting their reward in being pushed to the front. We should like to see a little more

Only the tortures of the medicinal rack are comparable to the agonies which so many women suffer through

the peculiar weaknesses and diseases of their delicate feminine structure. Nothing less than unbearable torment would induce sensitive-minded women to submit to the intolerable methods of the average doctor in dealing with diseases of this nature. "That there is a better way" than these detestable "examinations" and "local applications" is a truth which some women have yet to learn, although thousands are already rejoicing in the knowledge. They have found in Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription the one unfailing remedy which heals feminine weaknesses at their very source. This marvelous "Prescription" restores absolute health to the internal organism; stops weakening drains and ulcerated conditions; gives elastic strength to the supporting ligaments, vitality to the nerve centers, and complete womanly vigor to the entire constitution. "It is the perfect fortifier and regulator of women at every critical period in their development from the time when they merge into womanhood until the 'change of life.'" It is the one medicine which makes motherhood safe and almost free from pain. A lady writing at Park Avenue, Chicago, Ills., Mrs. F. H. Howe, writes: "I myself, suffered a long time from female weakness and seemed to be going into a decline. Took several bottles of your 'Favorite Prescription' and it saved me from a great deal of suffering. I now enjoy perfect health and will ever praise the wonderful efficacy of your medicine."

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**PHILIPINO THEATRICAL TROOP STRANDED ON GLOOMY SHORES OF PUGET SOUND.**  
SEATTLE, Dec. 16.—Thirty members of the Philippine theatrical troop, brought to this country last July, are stranded in this city after a six-months unsuccessful tour of the principal coast cities.

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notice of this taken in the London press. The colonists are intensely loyal, but they are a little sensitive and appreciative notice of the work they are doing would be good imperial cement."  
General Montgomery Moore, formerly in command in Canada, has been selected to succeed General Kelly-Kenny at Aldershot where the latter has been in charge of the mobilization.  
England with the rest of Europe has been suddenly plunged into intensely cold weather accompanied in London by dense fogs, the mercury in the country falling to 7 above zero. Skating has begun and hunting has been suspended.  
With the inspection of the American hospital ship Maine today and the farewell dinner Sunday, the work of the ladies who have been so active in collecting funds ends. Curiously enough their efforts have not always been appreciated in England. The members of the committee have been told on more than one occasion that Great Britain did not want foreign charity and some of the papers have said many ill-natured things. Vanity Fair following a thinly veiled allusion to one of the committee, who was received by the queen, remarked: "So she has been received at last. She must have been surprised and gratified by the unexpected honor 'charity' does so much."

Lord Salisbury was so severely reprobated from the blow caused by the death of his wife that he was afflicted by another personal sorrow, in the severe illness of his favorite daughter-in-law, Lady Cranborne. At one time this week her life was despaired of, but it is now hoped she will recover from her sickness which started with a sever attack of the influenza.