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**DEFENDS HER PROFESSION.**

Jessie Bartlett Davis, one of the purest and most intelligent women in the lyric dramatic profession, refers with indignation and contempt to the clergymen of this period who berate the stage as immoral and corrupting in its influences. She claims that such clergymen are provincial in their ideas, because they scarcely have poked their noses beyond the confines of their parishes.

Miss Davis quotes the Rev. John Watson (Ian Maclaren), who says that as good lessons may be learnt from the stage as from the pulpit. He, Miss Davis says, is a broad-viewed man, strong in his appreciation and knowledge of what is beneficial to mankind. He is the type of man to lead his fellows safely along the path of true, unaffected morality. She contends that only the weaklings in the pulpit, reared in bigoted schools belonging to a past age, underrate the value of the pure drama as an elevating instructor.

Miss Davis claims that she has not a professional friend whose purity of character, refinement and polished manner would not grace the best of private society. In fact, real good society has long since warmly welcomed the highly respectable element of the "profession" within its fold.

She does not deny that some prominent stage folk have stepped aside from the path of rectitude. But then, she asks, how many members of the best society have similarly fallen?

"The difference is," added she, "the mistake of a person prominently before the public is at once taken up by the press, while the shortcomings of a society woman are concealed by her own set."—Telegram.

Hawaii has postal savings banks. They have proven successful and greatly beneficial to the people of the island who have made use of them. It is stated that the deposits in these banks at the present time amount to something over \$1,000,000, which is about \$10 per capita to the population. The working classes in the islands are said to be profiting from these banks, and through them considerable sums of money, which would otherwise have been hoarded, have been placed at the disposal of trade, industry and enterprise. It is proposed to make the postal system of Hawaii harmonize with that of "the mother country." Instead of destroying the good institutions of Hawaii it should be the aim of the "rulers of the United States" to encourage them and introduce them here at home.

A Chicago physician would check the increase of crime by prohibiting the marriage of criminals, and suggests that habitual criminals and degenerates be done away with somewhat similar to the old Roman system of throwing them from the Tarpeian rock. A good idea if the

doctor can suggest some means by which the victims can be impartially selected. Every one would think the other fellow should be selected to take the heroic jump into thin air.

All temperance advocates will doubtless be flattered and encouraged by a late decision of the appellate court on the long mooted question: Is hard cider intoxicating? "If the court know herself and she think she do," hard cider is intoxicating. Peg one for the court. Josh Billings settled in his own the same question relating to beer, when he said: "After the time I hed last nite, I hev come to the conclushyon thet if lagger beer a'int intoxicatin, it used me almighty mean."

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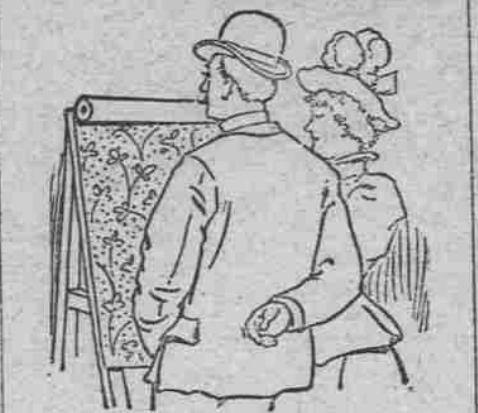
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