

Failure in Life and Business Avoided Through Careful Meditation. John Dunham, the wholesale grocer, was indulging in reminiscence a day or two ago, and he made some interesting comments on the methods of credit in vogue at the present time.

Enough Boys Are Hard to Secure—Countless Rehearsals Necessary Before the Trained Choir Is Ready to Sing Acceptably—German Boys Preferred. Boy choirs are now an established feature of worship in a majority of Episcopal churches in this city.

"Have you no friends across the way?" My little city darling said. "And when there comes a rainy day, Can't you look out, and nod your head To some one else, as I can do?"

MANAGER ARONSON TELLS HOW IT IS DONE AT THE CASINO. The Preparation Takes Many Weeks—How the Parts Are Cast—How the Chorus Is Divided and Costumed—Plans for Scenery and Music—Many Rehearsals. To the uninformed the placing of an opera upon the stage may seem a comparatively trifling matter.

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"And then he told this story: He visited his lumber yard a year or two ago and found two men piling boards. A load had been dumped in the alley, and this was to be put in a pile."

Not so fortunate, however, are most choirmasters. They are obliged to depend on such sources as advertisements in the newspapers, both English and German; the Sunday schools of the parish and the public schools, and the offer of a commission to any boy securing a satisfactory chorister.

"Such friends are nice," she softly said. "For any one as old as you, And when I'm old and you are dead, Perhaps I'll go and see them too."

Of course it is desirable that a chorister should be a trained musician to start with; but sometimes a conductor finds it less difficult to teach one who is entirely ignorant of music.

HISTORY. The Mammoth Encyclopedia contains a complete and scientific history of the great American Civil War, from its outbreak, with superior illustrations of the battles, the complete history of America, from its discovery by Columbus to the present time.

"That little talk of Mr. Bassett's set the men to thinking, and he told me not long ago, as the incident was recalled, that they are now two of the best calculators in his employ."

Curious Old Indian Signs. About five miles above Morven is a mystery which the people of that community cannot explain. In a hummock near the river are two complete circles, one 90 and the other 140 feet in diameter.

Rich Puyallup Indians. There are scores of Indians on the reservation worth from \$50,000 to \$250,000 each, and when the reservation is thrown open by congress, as it will be in a very few years, there will be in Pierce county a dozen or two of the richest Indians in the United States.

While the chorus is pursuing its labors with the assistant the conductor devotes his attention to the principals, and after each person has had individual rehearsal the duos and trios are brought together and rehearsed until they have mastered everything.

STATISTICAL AND MISCELLANEOUS. Gives a vast amount of statistical information, and is a complete and reliable source of information on all matters which are of interest to the general public.

Rare American Stones. The United States is fast becoming a land of precious stones. Diamonds have been found in Georgia. Pearls are now being picked up in Wisconsin, and Uncle Sam is making arrangements for an invoice of some of them for his collection.

Boys of German parentage are greatly in demand, they seeming to possess better voices than American lads, and in addition a musical instinct, which is a great help to proficiency in their art.

Hebrew Choirs. In such of the Hebrew synagogues of this town as employ paid choirs many of the singers are Christians who are totally unacquainted with the Hebrew tongue and alphabet.

As I consider the orchestra a most important factor of the success of any opera, forming the basis upon which the whole fabric is built, this department demands and receives my particular attention.

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Washington's Thanksgiving. The first Thanksgiving proclamation of Washington as president of the United States was made in New York on Oct. 3, 1789, setting apart Thursday, Nov. 26, of that year, to be devoted by the people of these states to the service of that great and glorious being who is the author of all the good that is, that was, or that will be.

While all this has been going on the scene painter has been busy in his department, the property men have been preparing the appointments, the carpenters have devised the mechanical contrivances, and the gas engineer has arranged for the proper distribution of the lights and the colored mediums or glasses by means of which he can produce certain desired effects.

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She Knew. An up town teacher asked a girl how many bones there were in her body, and the girl girl nearly swallowed her chewing gum in her haste to answer 208.

Mexico is called a republic, but as a matter of fact it is governed by an oligarchy of landlords. Some of these men own vast domains, one possessing 5,000,000 acres of land.

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