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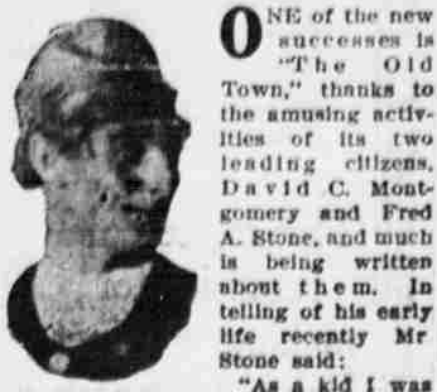
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**Plays and Players**



**ONE** of the new successes is "The Old Town," thanks to the amusing activities of its two leading citizens, David C. Montgomery and Fred A. Stone, and much is being written about them. In telling of his early life recently Mr. Stone said:

"As a kid I was always doing stunts on the slack wire and joined a circus when only fifteen. When I came out to do my turn women would say it was a shame to have such a sweet child doing such perilous work. Then I would stick my tongue out to prove that I was a boy. I'll never forget the day my father came to see me. He wore a high hat, and there was a big wind-storm. He was standing directly under the wire when the wind blew one of the sideshow banners against it and knocked the balance pole out of my hands. That was my first fall, but I escaped without injury. The balance pole crashed through my father's silk hat and raised a lump on his head the size of a cauliflower. He threatened to sue the owner of the show, and to pacify him they took him in as a partner."

"How much money did he put up?" Mr. Stone was asked.

"About \$180. You could have bought the circus for \$10. Later on I joined a stock company," continued Mr. Stone. "I was playing in such rollicking productions as 'Camille,' 'East Lynne,' 'Fanchon,' 'Foggy's Ferry' and the popular stock pieces. After I had slain the heroine's father and lured the village belle from home I'd come out and do a song and dance. What do you know about STONE IN 'THE OLD TOWN.'"

Although both of these actors saw much hard luck in their early careers, today they are among the wealthiest and most popular comedians on the stage. Montgomery says that at one time the appearance of half a dollar in the company he was in would have precipitated a riot. "We used to sit around," he says, "trying to recollect what a dollar bill looked like."

Some years ago while Frederick R. Seaton was on an Indian reservation in the west gathering material and impressions for the Indian parts for which he is famous throughout the country he was amused by an occurrence which took place between one of the medicine men of the tribe and a tricky trader for whom the Indians had a great dislike. The medicine man's name was Big Snake. Chancing upon him one day, the trader said:

"Good day."

"How?" said Big Snake coldly.

"Say, Big Snake," said the trader, "what was that medicine you gave your pony? That cayuse that I paid so much for last spring has the same distemper yours had."

Big Snake told the trader the magical remedy he had used.

Three days later the trader again met the Indian, and the following conversation took place:

"You know that medicine you told me about? Well, I gave it to the pony, but he died."

With just the slightest gleam in his eye to bespeak the intense satisfaction he felt, Big Snake said:

"So did mine."

Riccardo Martin, the American tenor whose work has attracted much attention recently, is not only a great singer, but a successful composer. One of his compositions at present having an enormous sale in France. Mr. Martin tells how he sold this song to a Paris publisher of music as follows:

"When I had played it and hummed the words for him he laughed most heartily. 'You, an American, wrote that song?' he asked. 'Yes,' said I. 'I was born in Kentucky.'"

"Impossible! It's as French as Paris. It has all the lit and peculiar rhythm of words and a conception of real French wit and phrasing that no American could ever acquire," said Hamelle.

"With the utmost difficulty did I convince him that I had written the song, and I had to take him my other compositions before he was satisfied. I think I am the only American who has had a French song published in French by a French music house."

**He Accepted the Donkey.**

When Barry Sullivan, the Irish tragedian, was playing Richard III. one night and the actor came to the lines "A horse, a horse! My kingdom for a horse!" some merry wag in the pit called out:

"And wouldn't a jackass do as well for you?"

"Sure," answered Sullivan, turning like a flash at the sound of the voice. "Come around to the stage door once!"

**A Dutiful Husband.**

A man who had overestimated his capacity for the amber fluid was arrested on the street for improper conduct. In the police court the next morning the usual charge of intoxication was filed against him, and he was fined \$5, which he promptly paid. This done, he went out with a very worried expression on his countenance, only to return a few minutes later and cautiously approach the clerk.

"Please, sir," he said, "would you just give me a receipt for that \$5 I paid you? I want to show my wife that I didn't spend all my money for drink."—Success Magazine.

**Cause For Lively Dodging.**

Two farm hands were set upon by a huge bull while crossing a rocky field. One managed to gain a tree. The other took refuge in a hole that proved to have an exit in the rear.

The man who had chosen the hole was no sooner in at one end than he was out at the other. With a bellow the bull made for him. He turned and again shot like lightning through the hole. The bull once more bore down upon him as he came out the other end, and once more he was in and then out of the other end of his hole.

This strange pursuit kept up some ten minutes or more. At first it mystified the farm hand up in the tree. Then it angered him.

"Hey!" he shouted. "Ye danged nincompoop, why don't ye stay in the hole?"

The bull was dashing around outside from one end of the hole to the other at great speed, and the man was bobbing in and out desperately. He heard, however, his comrade's shout and found time before his next brief disappearance to shout back:

"Danged nincompoop yourself! There's a bear in the hole!"

**Union of Souls.**

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**A Matter of Training.**

When Josephine was six years old she was taken for the first time to see a trained animal show and came home much pleased with the performance. As she was at times slow to obey, mamma thought this a good time to teach a lesson, so she said, "Don't you think, Josephine, if dogs and ponies and monkeys can learn to obey so well, that a little girl like you, who knows much more than the animals, should obey even more quickly?"

"Of course I would, mamma," came the instant reply. "If I had only been as well trained as they have."

**A Thrifty Wife.**

A Canadian minister had just married a couple. The registers were signed, and nothing remained but the giving and taking of the fee. The bridegroom, a strapping young fellow, asked, "How much is it?"

The parson glanced at the smiling bride and slyly answered, "Whatever you think it's worth."

Now, it should have been worth a good deal, for the girl was young and pretty. "I reckon it's worth about 50 cents," said the swain, holding out two quarters.

The clergyman looked blankly at the coins, then turned to the fair one. "I'll leave it to you, madam," he said. "What do you think it's worth?"

What did this young and blushing bride do? She reached out, took the coins, handed one quarter to the minister and put the other into her pocket.

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