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BREVETTES

STAGE GLINTS.

Joie Sutherland, the soubrette, has left Robert Gaylor's "Sport McAllister" company.

Mme. Patti will return to England from the Riviera nearly a month earlier than had been arranged.

John E. Brennan of Ulle Akerstrom's company will star next season in a new Irish play called "Tim the Tinker."

The proposed starting tour of George W. Wilson and Marie Jansen has been abandoned. Mr. Wilson will remain in Boston.

On the evening of Friday, March 23, Tony Pastor will celebrate the twenty-eighth anniversary of his New York management.

W. J. Ferguson will leave Richard Mansfield's company at Chicago April 15, his three years' contract expiring at that date.

Sadie Hasson has brought suit in the supreme court of New York looking to the restoration of her rights in "A Kentucky Girl."

Martha Morton's original comedy, "Brother John," will shortly be produced by William H. Crane at the Star theater, New York city.

The managers of the Theater of Arts and Letters are reported to be negotiating for the permanent use of Herrmann's theater, New York.

According to the Boston Herald, that city in 191 years has had 49 theaters and amusement resorts, of which but eight have been destroyed by fire.

Edmund Gerson, who is now in Paris, offered Yvette Gilbert, the celebrated chanteuse excentric, \$5,000 and all her expenses paid for a month's engagement in New York. The offer was declined.

ODDS AND ENDS.

The origin of the geysers at Sonoma, Cal., is supposed to be a volcanic crater filled by a landslide.

Dr. Gatling's newest gun fires 2,000 bullets a minute. It throws out the balls faster than two men can shovel them into the magazine.

The channel of the Columbia river at its mouth, which is constantly shifting, is now almost exactly where it was at its discovery, 100 years ago.

Theosophists favor cremation for two reasons: It is the common Hindoo method of disposing of the dead, and it is a convenient and expeditious way of letting loose the astral body.

The number of languages spoken by mankind at present is estimated at 3,000. The Bible has been translated into 290 only, but these 290 are spoken by about two-thirds of the whole population of the globe.

An Egyptian scythe dug up on the banks of the Nile in 1890 and said to be as old as Moses is exhibited in a London museum. The shaft of the instrument is of wood, set with a row of fine flint saws, which are securely cemented in a groove.

Every man in Russia must be provided with a passport, which must be annually renewed through the authorities of his village. When the commune refuses to forward the documents, the absentee, who may earning a good livelihood away from his village, is obliged immediately to return to avoid arrest for the criminal offense of having no legal status.

RAILROAD JOTTINGS.

The net earnings of the Canadian Pacific for the year 1892 were \$9,420,347. The total surplus was \$6,933,531.

An immigration and land department has been established by the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific. J. C. Bonnell has assumed the management.

Work has been commenced on the Portland, Monterey and Gulf railway in the town of Portland, Tex., which is one of the seaboard terminals of the San Antonio and Aransas Pass road.

A rapid transit road is building between Vienna and Buda-Pesth, and an electric locomotive is being constructed which will cover the distance between the two cities at a speed of 125 miles per hour.

An electric railroad is projected between Paris and Brussels, a distance of 102 miles, which will be traversed in 90 minutes, or at the speed of nearly 150 miles an hour, and trains will be running within two or three months.

The latest brain racking device for sale on railroad trains is the "4 and 4" puzzle. It is the invention of William Carter, a passenger conductor on the Erie railroad, who is very ingenious at solving mathematical problems and puzzles.

WORLD'S FAIR NOTES.

Mrs. A. M. Curtis of Chicago has been appointed to the secretaryship of colored interests at the World's fair.

Owing to the curtailment of the space expected, the Illinois Steel company and Carnegie, Phipps & Co., two of the greatest steel works in America, will make no exhibit at the World's fair.

The British woman's committee will exhibit at the exposition original manuscripts from the writings of Elizabeth Harriet, Harriet Martineau, Mary Somerville, Hannah More and Miss Young.

The Michigan World's fair board will make an exhibition of its newspapers. The first page of every newspaper or magazine published in the state will be mounted on a wood veneer leaf, varnished and hung on leaf standards.

Miss Halstead, sister of ex-Secretary Noble's wife, has been engaged to write an article on "The Social Life of Washington from the Earliest Administration to the Present Day" for a souvenir volume prepared by women for the World's fair.

EXTINCTION OF THE KISS.

Sanitary Science Invading the Sacred Realm of Romantic Sentiment.

The kiss of affection and romantic love is celebrated in the song and story of all ages. Sacred literature justifies and honors the holy kiss of religious sympathy and fellowship.

The meeting of the lips has always been with our race the universal and natural and spontaneous expression of the most tender sentiment.

Now sanitary science pushes itself forward to degrade the kiss to the level of sewer gas and the many agencies by which noxious and infectious disease is propagated. It is demanding the abolition of the practice as a remnant of barbarous ignorance of the laws of health.

It would subordinate romantic sentiment to cautious prudence and forbid the lover to embrace his sweetheart, until they are able to produce medical certificates that they are free from the transmissible germs of disease.

For several years past prudent parents, under the instruction of their physicians, have guarded their young children jealously against the indiscriminate kissing which was once in vogue, lest those poisonous germs be transmitted to the babies.

It is a reasonable precaution, for undoubtedly the danger exists, and as the germ theory of disease is more generally accepted peril of such contact is appreciated the more intelligently.

If, then, there is a serious risk for children in careless kissing, say the preachers of sanitary science, it is a risk which older people must avoid also.

Even the cherry red and pouting lips of beauty may convey material poison along with the rapture of love they express so romantically.

The most ardent manifestation of masculine devotion may be the means of planting the seeds of disease which will bring forth a fruitful crop of maldies sent down through generations.

So says science. Accordingly the secretary of the Ohio board of health has been urging the Pastors' union of Sandusky to use their influence to put a stop to the practice of unscientific kissing or kissing which is not carefully restrained by sanitary laws.

He also warns them of the danger of using the same wine cup in administering the rite of the holy communion to different persons.

He would not let women kiss each other after the prevailing fashion, and of course he discourages the kissing of babies by every chance comer, and he would prevent kissing among the babies themselves.

Thus cold and prudential science is invading the realm of tender and romantic, poetic and religious sentiment and destroying as a pesthouse the very temple in which the love of all ages has offered up its worship. It is an appalling revolution.—New York Sun.

Spelling in Dreams.

That incorrect spelling may be said to be inherent in the understanding seems to be proved by the fact that when bad spellers see inscriptions or written sentences in their dreams the words are misspelled as they would misspell them.

A notoriously bad speller once related that he had seen in a dream a great black cat with a collar round his neck bearing the inscription, "King Solomon's Cat."

"That is very interesting," said a friend, who was curious to see if by any chance correct orthography had been revealed to the dreamer along with his vision.

"Won't you please write that sentence down for me, just as you saw it on the cat's collar?"

The dreamer took a pencil and wrote, "King Solomon's Cattle."—Youth's Companion.

What a Newsboy Thought.

Two dirty, ragged, wicked little newsboys sat up in the gods' gallery. The play was "Hamlet." The curtain fell on the last act. Hamlet had killed the false Claudius; the Queen is dying by poison; Laertes writhed at the feet of the princely Dane, himself dying of secret hurts.

Neither boy had spoken nor moved from his position, clutching the grimy railing with grimier hands. The crowd about them rose noisily. It was time to go. Then the younger of the two spoke, his eyes big with excitement.

"Golly! Wouldn't that make a bully entry to holler!"—Kate Field's Washington.

How Trees Restrict Winds.

There are pines so lofty that they resemble cathedral towers, and roots of a pine tree are peculiar and resemble the claws of birds.

They cling to the light, sandy soil of the south with an animal-like grasp that defies the wildest winds to shake them from their hold.

The oak is always made stronger by the wintry winds which cause its roots to strike still deeper into the soil until the hold is so great that nothing can uproot it or cause it to lose its hold.—Boston Transcript.

A Girl at a Matinee.

"Oh, dear," a girl was overheard saying as the curtain went slowly down on the thrilling climax of the third act, "I'm crying like a baby."

If only the lights wouldn't be turned right on!" They were, though, pitilessly, and the only consolation the young woman probably found was that other eyes were streaming and other noses shining as well as hers.—New York Times.

What is Iron Made Of?

This looks like a very singular, not to say foolish, question, and yet some chemists are beginning to doubt whether iron is really a chemical element.

They think that instead of being an elementary substance it may be a highly complex compound, and that eventually means may be found of separating or isolating the bodies, or elements, of which iron is made up.

Different substances are ordinarily combined either by simple intermixture, as oxygen and nitrogen are intermixed in the air, or by solution, or by chemical combination.

But it has of late been suggested that there may be a fourth state of combination still more intimate than that which is implied by the usual expression, "chemical union."

The combination of yet unrecognized elements which make what we call iron would be an example of this fourth state.

What this conception necessitates may be judged from the fact that it seems to do away with the atom as the smallest elementary particle of matter. In other words, it has been suggested that "atoms may be smashed."

"Smashing" the atoms of iron would, according to this idea, be a method of discovering the elementary substances that compose it.—Youth's Companion.

A Young Shakespearean.

In a certain Back Bay family an illustrated edition of Shakespeare, somewhat the worse for wear, is sometimes given to the children in order that they may enjoy the pleasure of looking at the pictures, of which they are very fond.

The other day Mrs. H. was entertaining in her drawing room a caller from Gotham, who cares much more for social than for literary pursuits.

His amazement was sublime when Elaine, aged 5, the baby of the household, appeared in the doorway, somewhat the worse for a skirmish in the nursery, and inquired in a plaintive tone:

"Mamma, can I have Shakespeare?" This same little Elaine sat one day on her mamma's lap, turning over the pages of her beloved book, when she came upon a picture of King Lear, thrust out, with the hand of his daughter just showing within the lintel of the door.

"What a beautiful hand, mamma; and what does the picture mean?" the child exclaimed.

Mrs. H. told the story. Elaine listened attentively, and at the close, after another long look at the picture, remarked:

"The hand does not look so beautiful now, mamma."—Boston Herald.

The Pleasure of Books.

How to read a book is an art, incredible as it may seem. Recently when a bright woman was gushing over a story she had just finished she amused her hearers by being unable, when questioned, to give the name of the author.

Scipio was wont to say he was never less alone than when alone and never less at leisure than when at leisure, surrounded as he was by the silent companionship of writers and his own hopes and fears.

But "this regular giddy swirl of frivolous dissipation," as the Boston girl calls it, does not lend itself easily to cozy evenings by an open grate with one's favorite authors.

It is quite a question if the rush of lectures, talks and readings which is arranged to satisfy the intellectual cravings of society at all atones for the loss of that culture which comes from quiet and persistent study of the best writers.

This explains why so often in small country towns, where there seems to be a dearth of social doings, we will meet so many cultivated women who are abreast of the times on many thoughtful questions. They read.—New York Evening Sun.

A Dog at Rehearsal.

"Our orchestra," Julius Eichberg relates, "was not a very good one. At the same stand with my teacher, who was concert master, an old gentleman played. He was not less than 80 years old, and could, under no circumstances, be made to play on time.

He also had an unhappy mania of imitating the chirping of little birds upon his violin. Our first oboe player had a little dog—Fido by name—which generally accompanied its master to rehearsals, and had been trained to give the A when it was required.

As the director asked the oboeist one day to sound A, this little dog—incited, I suppose, by some wag among the musicians—gave it in a shrill whine that convulsed the orchestra and caused Fido's expulsion from the hall."—Boston Journal.

Oysters in Louisiana.

Although native oysters are eaten all the year round in Louisiana, the industry of cultivating and gathering them is yet in an undeveloped state there.

The beds are said to be enormous, and many of them remain untouched. Wide, shallow bays, with fresh water streams flowing into them and containing abundant organic matter for the fattening of the shellfish, run up everywhere into the coast.

Among the sheets of water favorable for the breeding of oysters are Lakes Pontchartrain and Borgne, Chandeaur and Isle au Breton sounds, and the bays of Barataria, Timbalier, Terre Bonne, Atchafalaya, St. Bernard, Cote Blanche and Vermilion.—Chicago Tribune.

Wanted to Send a Sample.

Now and then some neat little story turns up in a telegraph office. Of course every one is familiar with that of the lady who wrote a message to her sister in a faraway city to the effect that she could not match a certain shade of blue silk, pinned a sample to the blank, added the words, "This is the nearest I can come to it," and requested that sample, message and all be sent at once by wire.

When the operator mildly suggested that he was unable to transmit the sample, she of course became angry and promptly denounced the man and Professor Morse's invention as a snare and a delusion.—New York Herald.

A Sign and an Omen.

When a man goes into a "rapid transit" lunchroom, selects a seat and leaves his hat in it as a notice that he has staked out his claim, and then returns with a cup of coffee in one hand and a ham sandwich in the other and sits down on the hat, it is a sign that he is careless of his personal appearance and regardless of matters of dress. It is also a good omen for the latter.—Exchange.

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