

ANTI-THEATRICAL TRUST COMBINE.

Leading Companies in it Are
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Minnie Maddern Fiske.

THEY WANT A SQUARE DEAL.

Will Back Such Actors as Berhardt,
Roban, Jefferson De Angelis, Lillian
Russell and Others.

New York, July 14.—Announcement
of a new combination of actors in
America against what is known as the
theatrical trust was made today by
Lee Shubert. The leading companies in
the new combination are those headed by
David Belasco and Mrs. Minnie
Maddern Fiske. Lee Shubert will man-
age the line of theaters which will be
placed at the disposal of Mr. Belasco.
Mrs. Fiske and others.

The new combine will back 15 com-
panies on the road and such actors as
Sarah Bernhardt, Ada Rehan, Jefferson
de Angelis, Henry Miller, Lillian Rus-
sell, David Warfield, Blanche Bates,
Bertha Galland, Robert Hilliard, Mrs.
Fiske and Mrs. Leslie Carter. The ac-
tors under the new management ex-
pect to open another week to have a
separate number of theaters in their
own circuit in America to play the time
round. Mr. Shubert announced that this company now has 14 play-
houses under its control, including the
theaters in New York, Philadelphia, Chi-
cago, St. Louis and London, England, and
that with na week he would be
able to open a dozen more to his at-
tractions. Besides these places, the
new combination is counting on the

TEA
The soul is let loose by
tea; it wanders far and wide,
gets its prison.

support of independent houses all over
the country.

The amendment by the theatrical
syndicate managers of a contract which
Mr. Shubert says he made with them,
agreeing to pay them 25 per cent of the
profits on all of the syndicate's attrac-
tions booked at his theaters, was the
topic of the break from the trust
banks. His ill-will toward David
Belasco during the last two months,
he said, was a further cause of the new
combine.

"We signed a contract with the the-
atrical syndicate which is headed by
Klaw & Erlanger, agreeing that the
syndicate could book their attractions
in our houses for 25 per cent of the
profits for a period of five years," said
Mr. Shubert. "After we had signed this
contract a letter was sent to us by the
syndicate asking us to amend the con-
tract by agreeing not to add any more
theaters to our circuit."

Mr. Shubert says that at this point
he has one eight theaters in his own
circuit and did not feel strong enough
to make a fight against the syndicate.
"When I asked, Mr. Shubert continued,
why his new amendment was re-
quired, I was told that our company
had violated its contract with the syn-
dicate by refusing to accept some of
their attractions which they had booked
at our houses. They said this was a
violation of our contract with them,
though I am sure that the syndicate's attrac-
tions were at all times subject to our order."

After this conversation the matter was
allowed to rest for a time. Meanwhile
the Lyric Theater company was ex-
tending its own circuit and acquiring
new attractions.

"When our company was building
the Garrick theater in St. Louis, the
syndicate told us that we would not be
allowed to book our own attractions in
our own houses if we pursued our pol-
icy, and yet, at their convenience, they
filled their theaters with our attrac-
tions."

"On my return from Europe last June
I was met by Mr. Erlanger and had a
chat with him about patching up our
difficulties. He told me that if I did
not book Belasco in any of our theaters

OLD PEOPLE AND THEIR TROUBLES

Old People have more of the pains,
aches and discomforts of life than do the
young. This is perfectly natural, be-
cause their blood is not so vigorous, nor
their powers of resistance so great, and
troubles that a younger, healthy constit-
ution could resist often afflict them.

During the civil war I contracted Ca-
tarrh and suffered with its effects for
many years. I tried various remedies
and drugs, but with no success. One day I found one of your pamphlets
and read it carefully. I decided S. S. S.
was the medicine I was in need of and I
bought it. My health was
greatly improved, and as I was getting
older, I had most of the pains and ailments
incident to that time of life but
through the use of S. S. S. I grew much better.
I began to improve and soon found myself
a strong, well man. I am now more
than 75 years of age, but my health is
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is gentle in its action, purifying the blood
of all poisons
and relieving old age of its
discomforts by supplying a robust,
healthy constitution. It is the greatest
of all tonics for increasing the appetite,
toning up the stomach, promoting the di-
gestion and building up the entire system.

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