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the king!" While Wednesday night's audience was shaving the walls of the old Theater with its plaudits of Maude Adams, the bill posters were busily at work on the outside of the same walls setting in place the huge streamers for E. H. Sothern. Mr. Pyper had no more than shaken hands with Mr. Richards, Maude Adams' manager, than he turned to salute Mr. Freedman, who has Sothern's destinies in charge. And so it goes, season after season. The theater is a huge panorama of constantly moving, constantly changing effects, and our minds have no sooner taken on the impress of one performance than another comes to sponge away the first. Well is it said of the actor that his name is writ in the sands, where the first rise of the tide may wash it away forever,

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. . . The last of Mr. Pyper's "Big Four" spring attractions, and the final one of the season, comes in E. H. Sothern next week. The expectation is that

next week. The expectation is that Sothern's business will maintain the pace set by Anna Held, Mansfield, and Maude Adams. The Theater manage-ment will be vasily disappointed if it does not, for these big headliners have been relied on to round out what has been one of the lightest seasons in the bistory of the house. The vivid impression Sothern left in "If I Were King" is so well remem-bered that it only needs to be said that is new play. "The Proud Prince," is written by the same author, Mr. Justin Huntly McCarthy, and that the pro-duction will be made on even a more lavish scale than last year's play. The company is larger, the scenery heavier, and the musical features play so im-portant a part, that a specially aug-mented orchestra has been engaged, and Mr. Sothern will bring his own leader. leader.

leader. The play of "The Proud Prince" is based on the old story of Robert of Sicily, the character which falls to Mr. Sothern's hands. The role is said to be as long as Hamlet, and by far the most difficult of any that Sothern has ever played. From the time he enters the stage until he leaves it, the "make up" of his face and form is constantly being altered. In the first act the evil hearted king is seen superbly handsome. Through a miracle he is transformed into a being as evil with-out, as he has been within. From then on all the changes for better or worse are shown in his exterior, until his reare shown in his exterior, until his re-generation in the last act, when he has become purified and his former hand-some self is given back to him through method another miracle.

Sothern's changes are made with such rapidity that he employs three dressers constantly at work to assist him. He has in all nine changes of costume, he wears four different wigs and he utilizes every known adjunct and he utilizes every known adjunct of the actor's art from spirit gum in the placing on of the beard, to every tint that is known in facial cosmetics. The scene of the miracle is Mr. Sothern's most difficult transformation, be-cause he is allowed but three minutes time to change in the full view of the audience from the royal gown of the smoothfaced king, into the fantastic finery of the bearded and grovelling court fool. To tell of how this remarkcourt fool. able change is accomplished would be to lose perhaps some of the glamour of its mystifying surprise. As can be understood, however, Mr. Sothern and his three dressers are busily at work during the three minutes that he lies prostrate upon the ground, with the meonlight full upon him, the lightning playing around him and the archangel with flaming sword heaping the curses of heaven upon him. The last act is even a greater strain upon Mr. Sothern than the others, as he changes in the course of the act into four different costumes, revealing into four different costumes, revealing in a way four different personages. In this act he employes the services of four men to assist him. He is first seen as a white-gowned friar, then appears in a full suit of armor. This is stripped from him and he is in fool's motley, in which he ascends the stake. He makes his re-entrance without having left the stage by appearing in the full regain of the brilliant, smooth-faced king-again. As an example, showing the eare with which Mr. Sothern has thought how to make these changes in the quickest possible manner, it might the quickest possible manner, it might be interesting to note that he has his four assistants placed at different points of the stage. As he makes his exit as the white-cloaked friar, one as-sistant stands at the wings and in the twinkling of an eye divests him of his twinkling of an eye divests him of his robe and friar accessories. Sothern then rushes through the rear of the stage to the extreme opposite side where two men stand ready with his armor. This is quickly placed upon him, and his dressers rush behind the scenes to the stake where each one has an allotted part of the costume of the king to place upon him. His trans-formation to the king is made while the populace shield him from the view of the audience. Sothern found this new role to be such a constant tax upon his strength sothern round this new role to be such a constant tax upon his strength that he has been forced to give up his literary work, in which he had been in-dulging as a pasitme for the last few years. When asked recently if he did not regret this, he is quoted as saying: "I consider an actor's day to com-mence when the curtain for the evening performance rises, and his first duty is to save himself for his performance to his public." . . .

friends and acquaintances here, especi-ally to those who might be unable to afford the price of admission, a large number of tickets, paying the bill out of her own pocket, and on the last night of the engagement, her manager handed each one of the stage hands a handsome remembrance, with the com-pliments of the star. pliments of the star.

The announcement of the engagement of Mrs. Leslie Carter, scheduled to oc-cur at the Grand Theater two weeks hence, has aroused more than ordinary interest among local theater goers. Mrs. Carter has not been seen in this city since she played "Zaza" and while resince she played "Zaza" and while re-ports of her triumphs in "Du Barry" have reached here, on account of the tremendous success of the artis's sea-sons in New York, Boston, Philadel-phia and Chicago, Mrs. Carter has con-fined her presentations of the Belas-co piece to these four cities. This sea-son, however, Mr. Belasco has deter-miner that her tour shall be more com-prehensive than ever before, and prior to her departure for London next spring, Mrs. Carter will visit the prin-cipal cities of this country, using "Du

Barry" for her offering.

The bankruptcy of Frederick Warde is one of the themes of the hour in eastern dramatic circles. It had been generally supposed that Mr. Warde was in receipt of an enormous salary last year during his starring tour with Mr. James, but from the showing the actor makes, which puts his assets at \$1,000 and his liabilities at more than \$40,000, it is evident that his salary was either not what it was estimated to be, or it was poured into the maw of his ered-itors. The New York Herald ascribes Mr. Warde's bankruptcy to his endea-

Mr. Warde's bankruptcy to his endea-vors to force Shakespeare upon an unwilling public. He will start afresh next season in an endeavor to recu-perate, playing a round of legitimate plays, with Kathryn Kidder as a joint star.

THEATRE GOSSIP.

J. E. Dodson has been engaged to play Pierre in the all-star cast of "The Two Orphans" next autumn. He will take the place of James O'Neill, who will be the Chevaller Instead of Kyrle Bellew

A Boston minister has written a play in which Grace George will star next season. The same minister has finished a play called "Cape Cod Folks." in which W. A. Brady will star Robert Lorraine

The dramatic agencies in New York go under municipal control in the law just passed which regulates all employ-ment agencies. These agencies must now furnish a bond and secure a il-cense from the mayor.

A combination between Frederick Warde and Katherine Kidder has been warde and Katherine Ridder has been arranged for next season. Stanislaus Strange's play, "The Daughter of Ham-licar," produced last fall by Blanche Walah, has been secured for them. Louis James and his wife, Aphie James, are now in Dallas, Tex., pur-suing a \$20,000 suit for slander against the proprietor of the Oriental hotel, The latter, it is claimed, accused the actor and his wife of stealing two pillows from the hotel in December, 1902.

a failure of the venture with a musical plece called "Tommy Rot," last week brought sult for a divorce from her husband. She says they were married 16 years ggo, but that trouble has ex-isted between them ever since the Os-born playhouse was built and that they have been senerated for some time. The have been separated for some time. The co-respondent named in the suit is not mentloned.

London is to have a series of per-formances of Greek dramas done in Greek by Grecian players. Kyria Smil-to and a company of Athenian actors, who have recently been presenting some of the old Greek tragedies in con-nection with the Olympian games in the ancient capital of Greece, are to come to London next month and will begin a season at the Court theater begin a season at the Court theater with the "Electra" of Sophocles. "An-tigone" will be the second production if the undertaking prospers.

The following is from a San Fran-cisco paper: 'David Belasco and Henry De Mille collaborated once on a Henry De Mille collaborated once on a play in which they used the line from the Psalms of David, 'Lord, how long shall the wicked, how long shall the wicked triumph?' The actor to whom this line fell expressed his dissatisfac-tion over it, and confided his feelings to De Mille. 'Are you stuck on it?' the ac-tor asked him. 'Yes,' said De Mille, 'I must confess I am. You see, the line isn't mine. It's David's' 'I thought so,' said the actor: 'any one could tell that was some of David Belasco's bad English.'

"The Streets of New York," a popu-lar meiodrama, got a hard joli in a Connecticut iown recently. It was ad-vertised that 40,000 gallons of water would be used in the tank scene. The water commissioner decided that this was enough to be paid for, so he swoop-ed down on the manager and demanded a settlement. The manager went to the mayor, but couldn't get off until he had convinced the authorities that the scene actually called for about a pint of water. Thus are art illusions rudely dispelled by the iconoclasm of municipal authorities who know noth-ing of true dramatic art. "The Streets of New York," a popu-

Mrs. Idah McGione Gibson was not long ago a guest of De Wolf Hopper and his wife, Neila Bergen, at Mr. Hopper's country place on Long Island. Every now and then Mr. Hopper would, n addressing their guest, say, "Idah— I beg your pardon, Mrs. Gibson." At length, tired of this, the comedian de-

clared: "I've simply got to call you Idah. My third wife's-no, my second wife's name was Idah, you know." Mrs. Gibson looked curiously at Mrs.

pletely.

omething great. By way of further ugmenting the fund, we suggest that a tax of a dime or two be also assessed upon all theatrical and operatic managers and press agents who persistent. ly pester the newspapers with ready-made reading matter, setting forth in passionate language the matchlessness of their shows, the charms of their artists, and the absolute recklessness with which means have here layished with which money has been lavished upon their productions. All of which they desire the newspapers to publish in full at deadhead rates. This would fill the actors' fund clear up to the



E. H. SOTHERN As King Robert of Sicily in "The Proud Prince."

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negroes are the flaves of antebellum surroundings and the white person-ages are their masters, the back-ground of black humanity serving well to set off the rest of the picture and adding greatly to the volume and har-mony of the ensembles. There is a great deal of the picture surd which to please the eye, a whole lot of brisk and lively fun to tickle the sense of laughter, and no end of melody lift-ing lightly across the hearing. There are the elements absolutely essential to successful summer entertainments along Broadway, and Lederer has mar-shalled them to his ald upon this oc-casion quite as successfully as at any previous time in his managerial his-tory. For their transmission to the pub-it he has assembled a capital cast. In-william Gould, Eddle Leconard, Elfle Fay, Vinie Daly, Reine Davies and a number of other principals, together with a very large chorus, the white wing of which is characteristically bedrerersque in physical putchritude and vocal charm. None but the deadli-est of hot weather will drive "The Southerners" away from Breadway be-twen now and the avery large drive term. My adroit legal friend, A. H. Hum mel, is very much and very naturally clated over the reception of the cabled elated over the reception of the cabled information that the American prima donna, Alice Nielsen, has scored a distinct hit in London in "Nozze de Figaro." Mr. Hummel is not alone the adviser and American representa-tive of Miss Nielsen, but is about the only one of her early friends who didn't shake his head in solemn depre-cation when she concluded to quit comic opera for good and all, and de-vote herself to the higher branch of singing. "I always knew little Alice would make good," commented Mr. Hummel a day or two ago, "for she possesses, in addition to the necessary artistic qualifications, an indomitable artistic qualifications, an indomitable determination to accomplish anything she may undertake. And when I saw that she had placed herself in the training of the eminent Charles Russell, my assurance was doubly sure. She is coming to America in the au-tumn, and I know beforehand that she will greatly astonish even the most ar-dent of her admirers with the progress she has made,"

The death of Joseph Humphreys, gen eral stage manager for Charles Froh-man, will probably have the effect of placing William Seymour at the head of the stage department of the Froh-man establishment. Mr. Seymour has been in the employ of this management for the past two seasons, having charge of a large number of productions and holding everything but the title of genral stage manager. In this line of

Hoodlumism in London Theaters.

Uproar in Wyndham's London Theater Starts Amusing Discussion on This Peculiarly English Method of "Knocking" a Play.

Special Correspondence. ONDON, May 14.-Since Sir Charles Wyndham was practically "booed" off his own stage the other evening, it is being declared

on every hand that something must be done to check this peculiariy British means of expressing disapproval in a theater. Probably nothing actually will be done. The "pit-queue" has been threatened many times with abolition, likewise the custom of charging for programs-not to mention the censorship and the theater dinner that resorship and the theater dinner that re-sults in fashionable folk arriving in the middle of the first act, yet all these drawbacks to play-going in London we still have with us. However, it is rather amusing to compare the vari-ous opinions that have been offered on this portentious subject since the affair at Wyndham's. What is the origin of the "boo" as an uncomplimentary manifestation, no one seems to know. but it is a rare thing for the final cur-

but it is a rare thing for the final cur-tain to fall on a London production without some boos being heard. And when the pit and gallery are really on the war-path, the bovine sounds that come from them are absolutely deafen-ing. The "boo," however, may mean anything. Some of the boo-ers arrestanything. Some of the boo-ers arrest-ed at Sir Charles Wyndham's play-house the other night declared that alhouse the other night declared that al-though they disliked Arthur Law's new play. "The Bride and Bridegroom," most heartily, they made a row be-cause an actress who had pleased im-mensely in Wyndham's previous pro-duction, was not re-engaged. The fact that it is booed doesn't necessarily mean, either, 'that a play is doomed. William Gillette had a lot of this sort of thing to face on the first night of "Sherlock Holmes" in London, but he played it at the Lyceum for nearly tweive months. Perhaps it should be observed that some boo-ers boo as a matter of conscience. It is a London first night custom to "dead-head" all of the house except the pit and gallery. The "carnest students of the drah-ma" seated in these parts declare that the stalls and dress circle are in duty bound to applaud a piece whether it be good or bad, so if the pit and gal-lervites deem a play to be the latter, they believe in voicing their opinion as loudly as possible in order that the dramatic critics may not be able to

ceived.

By the way, the writers on theatrical matters are largely to blame for the abuse, greater even than booing, that has sprung up in London lately. For some time, mixed up with the boos there have been expressions of opinion shouted from the gallery, and these some of the critics have been foolish enough to quote. As a consequence there is reason to believe that the kind of jibes with which Wyndham was literally deluged, the other night, are now delivered by their authors for the simple purpose of "getting into the pa-pers." A tendency which the following skit, published the other day, hits off amusingly:

write that the piece was favorable re-

amusingly:

IN THE PLAYBOOERS' CLUB. Tom-It was epoch-making, I tell yer. What'll yer 'ave to drink? Dick-Smali Bass, please. I say, the papers 'ave done me proud, eh?

Harry-'Ow d'yer mean? Dick-Why, don't yer remember me callin' out, "Ow about organised ap-plause?" They've all got that. Tom-And I yelled out, "We want ter get ter bed." It's in all the papers. Harry-Of course you did, an' so did I

Tom-You did? Harry-Didn't yer 'ear me? I 'eld me' ands like that and 'ollered fer all I was worth. was worth. Dick-Come off. You didn't 'ave a

line in the papers after Alexander's Tom-Didn't I? 'Oo said, "Keep your

air on," then? Dick-I dunno. Tom-They 'ad it in the Telegrawr,

anyway. Managers, however, have the remedy

Managers, however, have the romedy for this sort of thing in their own hands. They could snuff it out by the simple American expedient of number-ing the seats in the gallery and selling tickets for them just as they do for the other parts of the house. Then it would be simple enough to identify "boo-ers" and other noisy rufflans and refuse to admit them after one offence. And this would also do away with the queues of people waiting in all weath ers for the gallery and the pit. Here-tofore, however, the proprietors of Lon-don theaters have been too penurious to inaugurate such a reform. Belasco and Long's "Darling of the

Belasco and Long's "Darling of the Gods" is about to be withdrawn at His Majesty's theater, where it will have been played for about 150 nights. Tree will follow it with several Shake-spearean revivals, by means of which he expects to finish up the season.

At one of the chief London music halls, a king's protege is to appear, next week. This is Yvonne Lamor, who is of Spanish-Irish extraction, and who will give a sort of musical-mono-logue. Mile, Lamor's kingly protector advises was a girl, the monarch came to see her frequently at her father's house at Madrid, but never allowed her to suspect his true rank. Finally, with her father's consent he sent her to Frankfort and Vienna. But never, her to frankfort and Vienna. But never her buy this death, did Mile, Lamor know that ber munificent friend was Servia's king. After he died, she appeared suc-softials. She spent her early years in treind, speaks English perfectly and expects to make a success in London. At one of the chief London music expects to make a success in London.

The management of the Royal Bavarian Court theaters r nds me an an-nouncement that the kichard Wagner and Mozart Festivals in Munich will run from the 12th of August to the 11th of September and from the 1st to the lith of August respectively. Among the artists already engaged are Mad-ame Milka Ternina and R. Van Rooy of New York. CURTIS BROWN.

Broke Into His House.

Spoke Into His Rouse. S. Le Quinn of Cavendish, Vt., was robbed of his customary health by in-vasion of Chronic Constipation. When Dr. Ki.g's New Life Pills broke into his house, his trouble was arrested and how he's entirely cured. They're guar-anteed to cure, 25c at Z. C. M. I. Drug Store.



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ing of true dramatic art.

Herr Heinrich Conried's scheme to tax deadheads at all theatrical and op-eratic performances a dime per head for the benefit of the actors' fund is

Hopper, "Oh!" said the latter, with a laugh, "I don't mind. You cannot expect Mr. Hopper to forget all his wives com-

It will be a long time before the echoes of the enthusiasm awakened by Maude Adams' visit, die away from the Sait Lake Theater. As already stated by the "News," the receipts were among the most prodigious of any in the history of the house, and they broke all records in Mr. Pyper's experience with the sole exception of those of "Ben Hur." They would have equalled or surpassed even the record of that success, Mr. Pyper thinks, had not the seating capacity of the house been ma-terially reduced by the recently adopt-ed fire regulations. It was most pleasant for Miss Adams

It was most pleasant for Miss Adams to know that her decided success in her home city was due as much to her intrinsle merits as an artist, as to the public desire to give her a welcome in the place of her birth. Had she been an absolute stranger to us, she would have won her way by the force of her genius, which is shown by the fact that the receipts of the closing night were

more than those of the coening. " The attaches of the Theater are among the most enthusiastic of all the ingers of Miss Adams' praises Dur ing her engagement, she sent out to old | and

It is said that E. S. Willard is meeting with so much success in his Eng-lish tour that he has given up the idea of coming over here next fall, and arrangements are being made for another English tour the coming season. He will probably be seen in American cities in 1906 in new plays,

Alexander Dumas the younger, was in a way, to France what Ibsen is to Norway. His plays exposed social con-Norway. His plays exposed social con-ditions and are merciless in their truth. Dumas showed French society its im-morality and depravity, and he made no effort to gloss over the wickedness of French civilization. He, too, was a master of technique and an apostle of realism realism.

Readers of Miss Rives' stirring book, Readers of Miss Rives' stirring book, "Hearts Courageous," will be interested to know that it has been put into a play, and that Orrin Johnson will star in it next year. Mr. Johnson once played "The Little Minister" with Maude Ad-ams, and before that time had many admirers in Salt Lake. Miss Rives her-self will appear in the part of the lead-ing lady of the play. ing lady of the play.

A Boston paper is authority for the announcement that Nance O'Nelli is let-ter perfect not only in the lines of the part of Lady Macbeth in the Shake-spearean tragedy, but also in those of Macbeth as well, and that she intends at some future date to play the latter role. Is there absolutely no limit to Nance's ambition? She'll be doing Lear next, or perhaps "doubling" as Puck perhaps "doubling" as Puck next, or per and Bottom.

Shakespeare still goes up in price. The other day at auction in London \$5,675 was paid for a first edition of the second part of "Henry IV," printed in 1600. This exceeds by \$4,500 the highest price previously paid for a copy of this quarto. The former rec-ord price for a quarto was established in 1901 when a copy of "Titus Anin 1901, when a copy of "Titus An-dronicus" feiched \$3,100.

Mrs. Robert Osborn, who huilt her own playhouse in New York and made

brim. Victorien Sardou, the most noted of living French playwrights, is now nearly 73 years old, having been born Sept. 7, 1831. He began his career as a student of medicine, but soon gave this up for literature. His first efforts were very unsuccessful, and it was not un-til after his marriage to a young acvery unsuccessful, and it was not un-til after his marriage to a young ac-tress who had influence with the fa-mous Mme, de Jazet, that the tide turn-ed in his favor. From the production of his first play in 1854 until the pres-ent time Sardou has seen about 100 of his works staged. Of these the most familiar to Ameri-ean theater-goers are "Diplomacy."

can theater-goers are "Diplomacy," "La Tosca," "Fedora," "Theodora," "Gismonda," "Mme, Eans Gene," "Robespierre," "Danto" and "Divor-

Rumor has it that there was a little account of \$18,000, given by Mr. Good-win in markers after a night's fiftation with Dame Chance in Louisville during the actor's recent western tour. When the last turn of the cards was made, Mr. Goodwin's credit had been exhaust-ed and he found himself owing \$18,000, not counting the cash he had lost. Mr. Coodwin's with a control of counting the cash he had lost. Goodwin, with a party of friends, was at the Broadway, Robert Gray of Louis-ville, Ky., sent his card in and they met after the performance. They had a long talk and gradually seemed to ome to an understanding. When seen y a reporter after the conference was yer Mr. Goodwin said: "I intended salling for Europe today, but urgent business reasons have intervened to debusiness reasons have intervened to de-lay my start one day." "Mr. Goodwig and I have reached an understanding." said Gray a moment later. "He is a good fellow and so am I. He overplay-ed himself a triffe, but it sail right. I believe he sails for Europe under cer-tain circumstances on Thursday." The "circumstances" seem to have hear face "Mr. Goodwig

circumstances" seem to have been favorable, for Nathaniel sailed.

The success of the revival of "Wang," with DeWolf Hopper in his original role, and Nella Bergen Hopper as the heroine, has very materially outstripped all calculations and has kept the large Lyric theater full to the doors. It was thought at the outset that the piece might move along com-fortably enough for four or five weeks of the spring seasor here, thus fitting it for another tour of the remaining another tour of the remainin work he is recognized as one of the best large cities, but it is now apparent that the engagement will be extended for fully twice that period. This outcome fully twice that period. in America.

fully twice that period. This outcome has a tendency to knock into smither-eens one of the most cherished tradi-tions of the theatrical calling. It used to be said with wise emphasis that a star actor or actress who left his or her field and went into any sort of stock company work was forever doomed as an individual attraction. Hopper gave up starring some seasons ago and played in the Weber & Fields' com-pany, as is well known. After this experience the Shubert brothers and William A. Brady were perhaps the

twen now and the autumn term.

experience the Shubert brothers and William A. Brady were perhaps the only managers of prominence in the only managers of prominence in the United States with nerve enough to consider the idea of restoring him to his old position at the head of his own organization. The result, pecuniarily and in all other directions, is such as to very amply satisfy them that there's a new situation in amusement affairs since the formation of the old tradition to which I have made reference. to which I have made reference,

At the Belasco theater, "Sweet Kilty Bellairs" is outlasting the period al-lotted to it at the time of its produc-tion. It has been supposed all along that the engagement would come to an end on the evening of June 4, but the farewell has been postpond to a time dependent entirely upon weather con-ditions, a situation due to the con-tinued large patronage. This is dis-turbing to at least one member of the company-Edwin Stevens, who devotes his summers to engagements in the

turbing to at least one member of the company-Edwin Stevens, who devotes his summers to engagements in the vaudeville theaters upon a basis of large profit to himself and great satis-faction to his audiences. Mr. Stevens had arranged to begin his summer tournee at Keith's theater on Monday evening, June 6, supposing he would be free at that time. He has now found it necessary to cancel the engage-ment in order to continue in "Sweet Kitty Bellairs," but Mr. Belasco has considerately assured him that in case the season should extend beyond an-other week he would let Mr. Stovens off and put another actor in his place. Managers are not often as thoughtful as this in dealing with players-which makes the present episode worthy of record.

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e most prominent men in all walks of e, and the list of volunteers for the life, and the list of volunteers for the entertainment included an altogether astonishing array of the very best tal-ent. Many of Rogers' friends' volun-tarily took up the sale of tickets among their acquaintances and the income from this source alone must have been very large. Rogers is "on his feet" again in good earnest and with a very comfortable surplus.

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theater engagement. William Collier is running along to large receipts at the



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Special Correspondence.

I EW YORK, May, 23 .- George W. Lederer is the boy after all to whom we must return for our summer shows. Mr. Lederer has been at this sort of entertainment for years past, and it is rarely that Broadway has failed at the present time of year to respond with generosity when he has made his offering. He is back in town this season at the New York theater with a brand new piece admirably suited to the period and presented under the title "The Southerners." This work was received with tumultuous enthusiasm upon its first night by a crowd that filled the grand auditorium very nearly to its capacity and that seemed to feel from the out-set in the very spirit of the occasion. On the program the names of Mercer

libreitists of the plece, but in reality much of the literary work was con-tributed by Harry B. Smith, from whose versatile and graceful pen, many of our most successful comic operas and musical comedies have come. The score of "The Southerners" is the composi-tion of Will Marion Cook, a colored musician whom the late Dr. Duresk da tion of Will Marion Cock, a colored musician whom the late Dr. Dvorak de-nominated a positive genfus. In the first scene Col. Preston, an old south-erner, and his ancient darky servant, become reminiscent of times "befo" the wah" and the colonel drops off to sleep in his armchair. What happens to him in dreamland, back on the old planta-tion, is told in the succeeding episodes of the piece up to the time when he of the piece up to the time when he awakens to sentimentally reflect upon the children of his retrospective vision. The general scheme in the writing of "The Southerners" obviously was to fe-licitously blend the talents of white and colored performance and this has been olored performers, and this has been eccomplished in a manner that cannot e program the names of Mercer possibly give offense to even the most Charles Reade, Tom Taylor and Rob-Salve Grant are given as the rabid drawer of racial distinctions. The ert Buchanan, and he had adapted Store.

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logues for opening nights.

A Love Letter.

Would not interest you if you're look-ing for a guaranteed Salve for Sores, Burns or Piles. Otto Dodd, of Ponder, Mo., writes: "I suffered with an ugly sore for a year, but a box of Bucklen's Arnica Salve cured me. It's the best Salve on earth. 25c at Z. C. M. I. Drug

Raymond Hitchcock, in "The Yankee Consul," is in his fourteenth weak at the Broadway theater and likely to stay there for a considerable time to Julia Marlowe is finishing her .Smpire

Criterion in "The Dictator" and Eliza-beth Tyree is to bring her "Tit for Tat" run to a close at the Savoy. LEANDER RICHARDSON.