

lea? Ask this question of 100 persons, and 99 of them will reply without a moment's hesitation, "Richard Mans-

field.' the example of the juror who said his 11 man's character. associates were hopeless idiots because they failed to agree with him. As a fact. I am with the ninety and nine who are unwilling to admit that there can be a question as to Mansfield's supremacy. In this estimate it is not necessary to include Joseph Jefferson, who can scarcely be regarded as an active member of the profession, despite his few annual appearances in the same old plays with which he has been regaling us for the past few decades. However, it is never a good plan for a critic to dodge an issue, and even if Joseph Jefferson were to be included I should still name Richard Mansfield as the greatest actor in America.

In attempting to hit upon the player who is worthy of this distinction several points must be weighed. The main consideration, however, is to find the man who is able to play in a better manner than any other man a given number of roles of widely varying character. It is precisely for that reason that the palm must be awarded to Richard Mansfield. His is no circumscribed field of effort. He is alike good In the lightest form of comedy, like "Prince Karl;" in more serious comedy, like "Beau Brummel;" in melodrama, like "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde;" in poetic comedy, like "Cyrano de Bergerac," and in Shakespearean drama, to which his energies are at present devoted through the medium of "Henry V." True, "Henry V" is really nothing more than a spectacular costume melodrama, but Mansfield has also appeared as Shylock in "Merchant of Venice, which Shakespeare designated a comedy for no other reason than that it does not end with a death; and in "Richard III," which the "Bard of Avon" was gracious enough to classify as a tragedy. "Hamlet" and "Othello" have not yet come, but in the natural order of things they may be expected in due course. While many persons may question in advance Mansfield's fitness for the roles of Hamlet and Iago, it would seem that aside from his lack of stature he should make an ideal Othello.

When the supremacy of the women of the American stage is considered, there is room for doubt and honest variance of opinion. 1 am convinced that we have no actress who in all the phases of her art is the equal of Minnie Maddern Fiske, but there are those who would dispute this claim in favor of

THO is the greatest actor in Amer- large Boston store; today he is recognized as the greatest actor in America is ever, Tree never, convincing. In and one of the greatest in the world, many roles Mansfield makes us forget Comment upon the sturdy determination, the fixedness of purpose and the us of him. To sum it up, Tree beside assertive genius which have conspired Mansfield is a histrionic pygmy.

to work this transformation is mari-When such practical unanimity pre- festly unnecessary. Mansfield's career field's method is devoid of faults. He is vails, it is idle to attempt to emulate is the best possible exposition of the affileted with several annoying man-

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Mr. Hyde," Boston Museum, De Jadot in "Monsieur," Madison Square thea-

1889-King Richard in "Richard III," Globe thea-

ter, London. 1890-Humpy Logan in "Master and Man," Palm-

George Brummel in "Beau Brummel," Madiaon Square theater, New York. 1891-Don Juan in "Don Juan," Garden theater,

Nero in "Nero," Garden theater, New York.

Herald Square theater, New York. Napoleon in "Scenes From the Life of Napoleon

Garrick theater, New York. Rodion in "The Story of Rodion the Student."

Garrick theater, New York. 1896-Sir John Sombras in "Castle Sombras,"

Harmanus hall, Albany, S-Engene Courvoisier in "The First Violin,"

ter, New York.

New York.

er's theater, New York.

may have been the unwillingness on the part of our English cousins to concede that anything good could come out of America, for in those days our plays and players were not as cordially received as at present. But, be that as it. may, no competent critic will have the temerity to rate Tree as Mansfield's equal. Tree possesses a method which, while technically artistic, is "finicky" in its overelaboration of childishly unimportant details. The effect is to Action in "Nero," Garden theater, New York. 1892-Tittlebat Titmouse in "Ten Thousand a Year," Garden theater, New York. Arthur Dimmesdale in "The Scarlet Letter," Daly's theater, New York. 1893-Shylock in "Merchant of Venice," Herr-mann's theater, New York. mar the beauty of the entire work and to excite resentment of the auditor against the offensive obtrusion of this manifest artificiality, Mansfield, on the other hand, is apt to underelaborate mann's theater, New York. 1894-Captain Bhuntschli in "Arms and the Man," and to rely upon bold strokes of the brush to produce his effects. But he is virile at all times. In short, Mansfield Bonaparte," Herald Square theater, New York, 1895-Don Pedro XIV in "The King of Peru,"

the actor; Tree never ceases to remind . It must not be assumed that Mans-

Grand Opera House, Chicago, 1897-Dick Dudgeon in "The Devil's Disciple," 1895 nerisms, at his failure to correct which

Hollis Street theater, Boston.
Cyrano de Bergerac, Garden theater, New York.
1900-King Henry in "King Henry V," Garden theater, New York.

ARTHUR CRISPIN. New York.

SALVINI AT SEVENTY.

returned from a continental tour which included. Italy has some interesting lotted threescore years and ten. than he really is. Although he seldom





"HE competition for honors at the they brought in outsiders who played forthcoming annual exhibition of for their "expenses." In many cases the Westminster Kennel club these fellows put up "dirty ball." The promises to be fiercer than ever in the spectators who had previously patronpromises to be flercer than ever in the spectators who had previously parton tutions. The opportunity western history of this organization. The fact ized the games mainly for the purpose tutions. The opportunity will the

that a dog has won premier honors in of encouraging their brothers or friends the open and limit classes in former on the team began to stay away. years will be no criterion that he will Last season's introduction of the lead the procession at the coming show. new-old regimen in many clubs was at-Some of the finest animals that have tended with gratifying results. One big appeared recently at the various exhi- New York newspaper which publishes

bitions in Europe have been secured by free challenges, results of games and American college crew going to American fanciers and will be benched other interesting amateur baseball in- land next summer. Coach En for competition at the coming show, formation last summer devoted four or of the champion Pennsylvania which begins on Tuesday. Several new classes have been created matter, whereas for several years be- teges to compete at Henley,

owing to the increased number of en- fore one or two columns had been the he can accomplish there what tries. Among the novelties that will be maximum space allotted to it. seen is a breed of dog that is entirely The situation in a nutshell is that A well known actress who recently strange to the people of America. It is people want to see good, honest playing called the griffon. It was first bred in in every sport, and since in many pro- good raw material from wh

> Never has there been a winter season There are several notable additions in which track athletics have experi- thorities can be brought to

this class of sport, and it is enough of that the games to be held in come with the Buffalo exposition hat mer will exert an even greater inter in the right direction.

College men are soon to have an indoor meet of their own, which is pected to be one of the best of ter. It is to be held in Wa March 2. Many collegians w the inauguration of President 1 to participate in the grand parts organized bodies, and the athleti will offer an extra indue present. The games will be the annual indoor event of the George University Athletic association

An element of unusual interest he supplied by the presence of ath from eastern and central western h be afforded to get the first line new material in the colleges and form an idea of the relative strength

There seems to be a possibility of five columns every day to this class of heartily in favor of sending

Cornell have both essayed in y Five of last year's winning

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still in college, and there is a Fleckwir and a large major rowing men are heartily in his scheme, and if the Quaker ma

The craze for novel games serving be on the increase. Bowling luter ball and golf have all been the with by those who wish to evolve pastimes with these as their bar Basket ball is now played on this skates and is said by enthusiasis to very exciting sport. The thank

that have been made in golf to make available for restricted areas are to umerous to mention. Now the bowlers are trying to indus

their favorite pastime on the lee. The efforts so far do not seem to have se with great success, for most of players after delivering the ball for plumb on the unyielding and allpay surface.

One of the best indoor winter spere though why it should be played on during the cold season is hard to se is water polo. It is one of the mate. tractive aquatic diversions and make a pretty spectacle. The A. A. U. daspionships will shortly be held in Chic. go, and some interesting contest as anticipated. The Knickerbocker A C of New York, champions for the part three years, have entered a team and hope again to carry off the pennant CHARLES E. EDWARDES

GREAT GAMES PLANNED.

The programme of sports at the Pis American exposition is already beganing to assume definite form, and date for the various contests are being asigned. The plans are for the greatest games ever held in America or Europe They are to last six months and will be open to the world. The Stadium h. which they will be held is the largest and finest ever erected. The In

sports will be held on Aug. 28, 29, 39 and

held, and Irish-American athletes fro

all over the country will take part. The

following programme has been an

ranged: Aug. 28, 100 yard run, putting

42 pound stone, running two hops and a

jump, 440 yard hurdle race, hurling

match, Irish jig competition: Aug. 3,

220 yard run, three standing fumps,

throwing 14 pound winding weight, half

mile run, Gaelic football match, Irish

hornpipe competition: Aug. 30, one mile

run, running high jump, putting 18 pound shot, throwing 56 pound weight

with unlimited run and follow, rising

and striking hurling ball, hurling

match; Aug. 31, 120 yard hurdle race,

running long jump, throwing 16 pound

Every kind of Gaelic game will be



Julia Marlowe. There would at least be the semblance of reason in their contention just as there would be no sign of it in the claim that Maude Adams is the premiere American actress. Miss Marlowe and Mrs. Fiske are what, for want of a better designation, might be called "all around" players. Miss Maude Adams is an ingenue, pure and simple. In proof of this it is only necessary to recall that in "The Little Minister" she was incomparable, in "L'Aiglon" tolerable and in "Romeo and Juliet" laughable. With Julia Arthur, who by a few prejudiced admirers might be regarded as our best woman player, out of the way, these are the only ladies of the stage who can be considered in this connection, for, without wishing to cast any reflection upon Mrs. Leslie Carter and Miss Blanche Bates, the former, while great, is so only in a melodramatic way, and the latter is yet to win the laurels which elect of the stage.

very many years ago Richard Mansfield west side. was a clerk at the linen counter of a | What, then, is the explanation? It



Photo by Collins, Huddersfield, England.

verted Roman prefect in "The Sign of star.

the Cross," is mentioned as a star for

A FAMOUS GOLFER.

Alexander ("Sandy") Herd of Huddersfield, England, is coming to the United States and will probably take charge of one of the best known courses. While Herd has never won an open championship in England, he is worthy to be classed among the world's best golfers. In 1896 and last year he played into the final round and then lost this classic tournament. Herd drives probably farther than any man in Great Britain, his ball frequently carrying 250 yards from the tee.

AMUSEMENT NOTES. Charles Dalton, who has been popu-ar with the mob by reason of his act-written by H. A. Du Souchet and in

SOME OF MANSFIELD'S MOST FAMOUS IMPERSONATIONS.

There are many facts in connection, his thousands of admirers and sincere | sturdy and straight as an arrow and with the rise of Mansfield which make wellwishers have long marveled. For speaks of the future as confidently as if interesting reading. The Londoners instance, Mansfield has a way of ex- he was standing at the threshold of thought him so poor an actor that they tending one hand heavenward with his youth. will entitle her to classification with the accorded him only the most meager fingers stretched wide apart. He is also "Signor Salvini is a rich man. He support, yet they flock to Her Majesty's given to the habit of sprawling his legs was always frugal even when in re-But with the men there is no such theater, of which Beerbohm Tree is while committing that offense, and the ceipt of his largest income, and, while perplexity. Richard Mansfield stands both star and manager. This would combination is simply appalling to he denies himself no comforts, he lives alone in the broadest significance of seem tantamount to the declaration those who earnestly desire to see this simply and inexpensively. the term. He is better in almost every that, from the British standpoint at brilliant actor do always the best of "The death of his son Alexander was one of the many lines he has essayed least, Tree is a better actor than Mans- which he is capable. Still another fault a great blow to him. Although he nevof one field of effort. Starting with critic in the British metropolis to say throwing his chest forward and deconfidence in self which is the inevita- willing to do so, unless he happen to iy spits out his speech to the accomsteps to his present pre-eminent posi- rises on the east side of the stage of some of these mannerisms are tolerable

employs them so often that "they cannot but make the judicious grieve." But, after all, these do not seriously

teresting in this connection:

theater, New York. 1884-Count von Dornfeld in "Alpine Roses." Madison Square theater, New York.

theater, New York.

York. Nasconi in "Gasparone," Standard theater, New York.

Herr Kraft in Steele Mackaye's drama "In Spite played Koko in "The Mikado" in a specially selected cast at the Hollis Street theater, Bos-

"card" in comic opera than even Lillian Russell in the first days of the great vogue of "Erminie," has become the prima donna of the Wilbur organiza-tion, which is to give selections from "Her Majesty." It is said that Olga Nethersole's next to the dramatization of "Via Crucis" he is said to be preparing for Charles Frohman, he is reported as engaged to

"The Ragged Regiment," a play of as a feature of the programmes of vathe war with Spain by Robert Neilson Moyne. Stephens, is to be revived, it is said, in

Gertrude Atherton's "The Daughter of Frohman, he is reported as engaged, in essary for our audiences would rob it of prominence. collaboration with Lorimer Stoddard, all value. on a new play for the use of Mrs. Le

Anna Held's manager is said to have Phillpott's "The Councilor's Wife."

by Mr. William C. Whitney for the all over the country has been phenomebest animal of either sex owned and nal. The entries in most cases have bred by a member of the Ladies' Ken- been above the average both in num- a telephone call. nel club.

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While the papers are full of conflicting stories anent the different baseball leagues and what they say they are going to do-principally to each other-it will be noted by the observant reader who looks below the surface that nearly all the actual signing and trading of players so far has been What a combination Salvini and Duse

done by the National league clubs. would make for this country! But it is The magnates of the major league are almost altogether responsible for the present deplorable state of the game, but patrons of the sport recognize that Ball players are given to the diamond this body has money and much influence habit. About twice a year "Diamond behind it, while the other leagues which Joe" visits the players of the leading are trying to break into the territory of organizations and shows them the latthe established organization may or est gems that he has picked up on his may not be financially sound.

travels. If it is about pay day, he is It is certain that the National will certain to make some sales. A young play out its schedule, but how long its player who begins in the National rivals will last is necessarily problemat league at a fair salary looks forward to ical. The American, under the leaderthe day that he will be able to buy his ship of President Ban Johnson, has Mansfield's rise from obscurity to first diamond and consults every man been very successful in the past, but on the team as to what he should pay the "fans" have got so tired of the for the stone. When the players leave eternal winter bickerings, followed by their hotel to go to the grounds, the worse play and more rowdyism during safe gets its full share of valuable the summer, that their support can no longer be counted upon, even should there be any enthusiasts left at the opening of the season. They are being Nick Vedder in Plaquette's comic opera, "Rip Nick Vedder in Plaquette's comic opera, "Rip et, and some even permit themselves Van Winkle," same theater. Baron Chevrial in "A Parisian Romance" in A. can be assured, however, that the pin cause for wonder if even a corporal's is screwed to the shirt when worn in guard of the faithful responds to the public. A ball player who has a sweetcall of "game" in the spring.

heart or a sister never considers that With professional baseball on the to-

mond. Players when asked why they boggan, it is a pleasure to note that have such preference for diamonds say among the amateurs the game seems to that in case they get "hard up" they be regaining a good deal of its old can get more return for good diamonds time popularity. This is due to the fact that many clubs which for several seasons have been amateur in name only Amelia Bingham is said to be anxious insisted last year that their players be

to secure new plays. Clyde Fitch, who "simon pures." In a large number of wrote "The Climbers," in which she is athletic organizations the interest in acting now, is said to be under contract baseball had been dwindling fast. The to deliver his next two plays to Charles reason was that instead of allowing

hammer with unlimited run and follow, medley foot race, throwing is pound weight for height over bar, Gaelic foot-IN "THE DEVILS ball match. DISCIPLE WHY SHE COULDN'T PHONE. Loie Fuller tells a quaint and pleas-ing story of which Annie Yeamans a the heroine. Miss Fuller was calling on Mrs. Yes-mans and her daughter one day when Mother Annie was summoned to answer "Oh, Jennie," cried the elder come-dienne, "you run down to the phone bers and caliber, and one of the most promising features has been the frelike a good girl for your mother." quent participation of college athletes. "But they want you, mommer, dear." The big carnival of sport at Madison protested daughter Jane.

Square Garden held recently under the "Yes, I know, I know," demund auspices of the Knickerbocker A. C. of New York was a huge success from ev-ery point of view. It looks as though phone to a strange man just now. Ta there will be such a revival next sum- know very well I can't." "But why not?" asked Miss Fulle mer of track athletics as will recall the halcyon days of six or eight years ago. and Miss Yeamans in one breath. Of course, the international games in Europe last season stimulated the in-terest that was application of the in-apologetically protested the elder last terest that was springing up in favor of | And Miss Fuller answered the phone



THE GRIFFON, A NEW BREED OF DOGS.

At the show of the Westminster Kennel club at Madison Square Gards. New York, a breed of dogs that is practically new to this country will we shown. They are called gain on the practically new to this country will we bona fide members to join the nines' shown. They are called griffons and originated in Belgium.

Mrs. Langtry declares her inte

Mrs. Patrick Campbell, it is

vival of Jerome K, Jerome and Eden bar attached to the London the which she is manager and chief at



Henrietta Crosman's manager states next seasan in several of the plays that that she has commissioned Mr. Hazle-belong to the category of "The Prison- ton, the author of "Mistress Nell," to music hall.

than any actor who makes a specialty field. Try, however, to get a prominent is his trick of stopping suddenly, er favored the adoption of a stage career by any of his children, he maninothing save innate ability and the that, and you will find that he is un- pressing his head the while he vicious- fests great pride in the success of an elder son, who is immensely popular in ble accompaniment of true genius, he be a member of that select little clique | paniment of quivering body and out- Italy and Russia and who enacts tragic has, unaided, worked his way by logical which affects to believe that the sun stretched arms. It is possible that roles with great force and fervor. "There are times when Signor Saltion on the American stage. Not so Her Majesty's theater and sets on the in certain circumstances, but Mansfield vini seriously considers a farewell tour, but when it comes to signing contracts he waves them aside and says, 'Not now-another year perhaps.' It is as if

not likely ever to be realized.

BALL PLAYERS AND DIAMONDS.

affect Richard Mansfield's greatness, he had his whole life before him. They are merely unsightly little splotches upon an otherwise perfect picture of majestic proportions-like a few poorly executed leaves in a magnificent painting of a vast forest, What the future may contain for Mansfield he alone can determine. He has reached the point where he is the arbiter of his own career, but in the way of friendly advice it may be suggested that if he will resist the almost irresistible temptation to stray off after false gods, fame such as at the outset. of his career he had never dared dream of will surely be his.

fame as shown in the following list of engagements since he adopted the stage as a life work should prove in-

1882-Debut as Dromez, the leading comedy role in "The Three Black Cloaks," Standard thea-ter, New York city.

Palmer's stock company, Union Square

Baron von Wiener Schnitzel in Offenbach's spec- he has done his full duty until he has tacular operetta "La Vie Parisienne," Bijou made her a present of at least one dia-

1885-Baron de Mersac in Henry Guy Carleton's "Victor Durand," Wallack's theater, New

of All," Lyceum theater, New York, with Minnie Maddern (now Mrs. Fiske) in the leading female role. Following this Mr. Mansfield

1880-Karl in "Prince Karl," Boston Museum. Frohman.

ing of the very "fat" role of the con- which Phoebe Davies is to be seen as a tion, which is to give selections from comic operas of the standard repertory | the Vine."

being to the category of "the Prison-r of Zenda." The Aution of Maurice Thomp-place and April as the time for the Pauline Hall, who was a bigger is of Old Vincennes," it is place and April as the time for the Pauline Hall, who was a bigger is of the time for the Pauline Hall, who was a bigger is of the time for the Pauline Hall, who was a bigger is of the time for the Pauline Hall, who was a bigger is the time for the time for the tis the time for time for time for the ti

than for anything else.

rings that are left behind. Some of the wealthier men can afford a small diamond set in a watch charm or lock-

