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## Hillary Bell's Letter.

Shows to Which Lent Makes No Difference-The Hideous Lot of the Average Chorus Girl Graphically Described.

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New York, March 4 .- Lent is a bad season for the theater. Not that our managers or actors are particularly plous, for most of them have no religion, whatever. Nor, indeed, are our audiences of churchly humor; but in New York even Dissenters ape the Episcopallans and it is not considered good form to take any interest in play-actors during the penitential term. However, we have a great number of folk who are not only ungodly but hopelessly unfashionable; and by their heterodoxy-not to say vulgarity-they give profitable support to the play, Sad and sorry to relate even during a period when the unco' guid are making their ' duced "The Crisis" on his own account

Sothern and Mr. Faversham, who hith other in the applause of sentimental girlhood. Thus encouraged, Hack-ett became a greater man than his father, the finest Faistaff in dra-Institute, the finest Faistait in dra-matic history. Daniel Frohman, his manager, made money, hand over fist, out of him, and all would have been well, except for "Richard Carvel," By some process of reasoning which it would take too long to relate, Mr. Hackett believed that he had a prior right to the play. It was given to John Drew (who, by the way, made a fiaseo of it), and Hackett not only guit flasco of it), and Hackett not only quit Frohman's management but proclaimed war to the knife against the Theatric Trust. Since that declaration of in-dependence, our handsome young actor has prospered exceedingly. He pro-



HILLARY BELL.

This is a portrait of the famous dramatic critic, Hillary Bell, whose letters to the Saturday News are so eagerly read by the wide constituency of that paper. Mr. Bell is a man of varied attainments and interests: as a writer on theatrical topics he has been known for over 20 years for his acurate critical judgment, his absolute fairness and his scholarly style; as an artist his life-size portrait of Ada Rehan as Katherine in "The Tamlag of the Shrew," which hangs in the place of honor in the Shakespeare Memorial at Stratford-on-Avon, has made his portrait work familiar to all pligrims to the birthplace of the immortal bard, and his work as an officer of the Mutual Reserve Fund Life Insurance company has earned for him a recognized position in the world of insurance and finance.

and in the end Miss Dam-Dorr had to | get her teeth extracted, thus sacrificing | her grinders to the drama. However, though hollow cheeked, she still is a capable actress and her performance earned applause on Monday night, THE UNFORTUNATE "ASSISTANT" CRITIC

Frank Fyles, late dramatic critic of The Sun, declares to your correspond-ent that he was not especially friendly to the Theatric Trust or opposed to its enemies. It seems by the statement of this gentleman that it was his wicked partner, or the assitsant critic, who created all the ruinpus which brought that paper into discredit with lovers of fair play. This is a satisfactory ex-This is a satisfactory laration. All of us have had trouble out our assistants. On one occa-ion William Winter fore his hair and sion withiam winter tore ins har and assured this chronicler that life no longer was worth living. "For," he cried, "I say in the Tribune on Mon-day that a play is a bad play, and on Wednesday my assistant says in the "below they it is a good play." I got Tribune that it is a good play." Last week, announcing her appearance as a star, this writer declared that Marie Cabill was one of the homellest of women-which she is-but next morning his assistant complimented her as the handsomest of her sex-which she isn't -by what, politely speaking, may be termed a D-Dorrsight, In these circum-stances, Franklin Fyles' reputation is

restored, for our assistants frequently are the diveyls. We have to stand up for them and become responsible for their vagarles. On one occasion, not long ago, a critic being attacked for his subroductor's savings by an actor his subordinate's sayings by an actor, remarked, "I am responsible for my paper. What do you mean to do about it?" "I mean," cried the actor, "to punch your head." Allow me to re-move my eye-glasses," said the critic, "and we shall proceed to discuss the matter," After which he pounded the player so unmercifully that an under-study took his part for the remainder of the week. Fyles said that he gave up the Sun, not under duress, but because he had orders for plays which would require his entire time. In advance royalties he has been paid \$6,000 this year, which will about equal his salary as dramatic critic CRITICS ON THEATER PAYROLLS.

In this town we receive from \$75 to \$180 a week for sitting in judgment on the plays, according to our reputation. the plays, according to our reputation, skill and wit. A great many people want our places, yet William Winter has filled his office on the Tribune for nearly half a century, Fyles was on the Sun for seven and twenty years, and your correspondent has held the chair of music and drama on the Press for 19 years. It is exceed the activity for 12 years. It is one of the enviable positions in metropolitan journalism, and when a man makes his mark in it, nothing can dislodge him. Contrary to

White mercerized waistings in ox-

ords, madras, cheviots, basket weaves,

general opinion, the critics earn noth-ing but their salaries. A venal critic in New York could not hold his place The last one of that kind A SCANON. was discovered and suspended by one of our papers when the list of Henry E. Abbey's debts and assets was publish-ed, the latter list including an item of \$1,800 lent to our neighbor's music critic. At an earlier period Mrs. Lang-try, incensed at the scoring she re-

ceived in the newspapers, exhibited her checkbook, showing by the stubs that she had paid consider. able surns to the critic of one of our orincipal journals. He was discharged immediately. In the old days Augustin Daly used to influence certain of our critics by paying them extravagant sums for writing pamphlets," and the Frohmans have ordered dramas from dramatic writers which never were dramatic writers which here we produced. In modern times, however, the critic receives a high enough sal-ary to enable him to resist all tempta-tions, and while his judgment may be doubted on many occasions, his pro-bity remains beyond suspicion. There is not a managing editor in New York bity remains beyond suspicion. There is not a managing editor in New York who would fail to declare a vacancy in the dramatic department if venality were brought home to his critic. We are abused by managers, actors and public, but although our intellectuals are revited there is no imputation on the brought on the second s honesty.

## TO UPLIFT THE DRAMA.

TO UPLIFT THE DRAMA. "The present state of the drama is horrible," said George Clark last week at a dinner given in Philadelphia by some millionaires. "Take the most pre-tentious plays, the 'classics,' such as Belasco's play. 'Du Barry,' and Mrs. Campbell's problem plays. They are vile. With a few exceptions a man cannot take a woman to see one of the more famous actresses nowadays." Whereupon, moved by our actor's elo-quence, the rich men immediately sub-scribed \$300,600 and promised \$1,700,000 more for the regeneration of the stage from the debasing influence of Mrs. Carter and Mrs. Campbell. "The idea," said Mr. Clarke, subsequently, "is to establish a school to coach and ensaid Mr. Clarke, subsequently, "is to establish a school to coach and encourage rising playwrights and also to maintain a theater for the production maintain a theater for the production of English plays. Charlatanry is to be frowned upon and purity of theme to be insisted upon. One of the purposes of the proposed institution is to stem the drift of the drama toward immor-ality. At the same time an effort will be made to perpetuate the purity of the English language.

the English language. "The academy will be modelled part-ly on the lines of the Comedie Francaise.

but with a much wider scope. One of the most important things will be its effect in elevating the stage, a thing which has been tried with indifferent success by individuals and which is vital. Many persons get their educations from the theaters and all playgoers are

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influenced by the play they witness." This is a scheme upon which our enthusiasts have been rhapsod-izing for many a year, their main ob-ject being to caich Andrew Carnegie. With this purpose they started the Theater of Arts and Letters, and clam-ored lustily for Ibsen, who, in accord-one with their entreating now is being ored histily for Josen, who, in accord-ance with their entreaties, now is being performed by Mary Shaw in the unfor-timate Mrs. Orborn's blayhouse. Phil-adelphia, however, that slow and sleepy town, has gotten ahead of the metropo-ies in this instance, and George Clarke has accomplished more by his after din-ner speech than we have done by a dener speech than we have done by a de-cade of effort. The \$2,000,000 promised will afford an income of \$100,000 a year or about \$3,000 a week for the expenses of a National theater. Who will man-age such an enterprise? George Clarke is impossible. Heinrich Conried is engaged by the Grand Opera, David Belas-co is too high priced, for more than \$10,000 a week must be paid for his ser-vices, the Frohmans would convert the National theater into trust uses. So far the scheme is nebulous. The money seems certain, but money is not every-thing. Charles Frohman, Conried, Grau, thing. Charles Frohman, Conried, Grad, Belacco, Daiy, Palmer and Wallack be-gan life without a cent. The future of this matter is enigmatical. How about the company? A national theater must have actors of repute. The comedian should be Joseph Jefferson, who can carn \$2,800 a week; the character actor should be Richard Mansfild, who can carn \$1,200 a week; the emotional hero-ine should be Leslie Carter, who earns \$1,500 a week; the comedienne should be \$1.500 a week; the comedience should be Julia Marlowe, who can earn \$1,000 a week. It would appear that the \$3,000 a week income of the Comedie Yankee will not go far toward meeting the expenses of this pretentious venture. THE UNHAPPY CHORUS GIRL.

Not long ago one of the choristers in The Silver Slipper" at the Broadway fainted during the performance. She was carried off the scene and sent home. Next night she did not ap-pear at the theater, no the next, nor the next. A week passed without word from her, but before engaging a girl to fill the vacant place the as-sistant stage manager, who remembered the pinched face of the lass, thought it better to inquire into her condition. She was a young maid from Milwaukee, known at the theater as "Hope Tem-ple," for chorus girls generally as-sume fancy names. The stage mansume fancy names. The stage man-ager found the girl lying almost un-conscious in the hall bed room of a cheap lodging house. She was dying of starvation. Her entire resources when she fell ill were six cents, that when she fell in were six cents, that she had invested in half a dozen bread rolls which, with water, formed her on-ly nutriment. A fund amounting to Millo immediately was subscribed by the theater employes, a doctor was sent for and under medical care Hope Temple

is being slowly fed back to fire. The her strength returns she will be sent back to Milwaukee, completely cured there information for the stage. The case of this unhappy creature is new illustration of the fact that all that glistens is not gold in the theater. Innumerable are the sorrows of chorus girls. Popular superstition ac-

credits to these lovely creatures nothing but fortune. New York correspondents, and indeed yellow journalism in New York, unite in the argument that the chorus girls' lot, unlike that of 'W. S. Gilbert's policeman, is a happy one. We are assured that this beautiful fas-churate postcomer and under the Well cinator possesses an uncle in Wall street who invests her earnings with such prosperity that she becomes in-dependently rich, that she lives in an expensive flat and drives her own car-riage up Fifth avenue, that she can lose \$10,000 worth of jewels with equan-imity, that life with her is one grand sweet song of champegne suppers and jollity. What are the facts? Free the 1 joility. What are the facts? Free the chorus girl from this atmosphere of ro-mance and how does she stand? In reality she often is poorly dressed and hard pushed to make ends meet. She dyes her hair, paints her eyes and cheeks and wears flashy clothes if she is a bad girl; if she is a good girl she goes to the theater nale, pluched and goes to the theater pale, pinched and cavernous eyed. Scoundrels always are lying in wait for chorus girls. The stage doors of theaters devoted to musical productions are surrounded every night at 12 o'clock by club men, college boys and gamblers hunting for their prey. An honest girl, repulsing these roues, is subjected to mockery not only from the solicitors but from her dissolute companions in the company. She is insulted at the street corner while awaiting in snow and rain the coming of a car, while her liveller companions drive in handsome equipages to Del-monico's for supper. She must dress and live on \$15 a week while other members of the chorus wear Paris members of the chorus wear Paris gowns and diamonds and, on an equal salary, spend \$300 a week. Furthermore, she has no protection in the theater. Frequently the author, the composer, the stage manager, the tenor, the lead-ing juverile and the musical conductor all besiege her. In one theater of this town not long ago any constant patron of the box office had the privilege of ad-mittance behind the scenes. You know what that means. If you don't, it may bluntly be said that the manager of a comic opera show recently sought out a young club man who was a liberal supyoung club man who was a liberal sup porter of the attraction. "Say," said porter of the attraction. "Say," said he, "you are a pretty good friend of the house. Come in behind tonight with me and you can pick out any girl you like. Good girl? D-n it, there ain't no

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girls remain beloved. Truth to say many of our unregenerate citizens have looked forward hopefully to Leut as a period when at last they could secure lickets for "The Darling of the Gods." It was a value expectation. The depress-"All sents sold" is put out now ing sign as faithfully as it was a month ago, and as it has been since the first night. Blanche Bates is the only actress in town who never has seen an empty chair in the auditorium. The capacity of the house, which is 1,600, has been tested overy evening and matinee since the promiere. Out of that play alone bavid Belasco is taking, in net profits, \$3,000 a week. Lealle Carter in "Ma-dame Du Barry" is yielding profits of \$5,000, for on tour she seldom plays to less than \$2,000 a performance. Our au-thor's third company, headed by David Warfield, in "The Auctioneer," is pay-ing its manager about \$2,000 a week. Altogether Belasco's income at present is \$10,000 a week. He is the most prosperous figure in the draina during these times, surprising even Clyde Fitch. Of course, Belasco, being a producer, is in some sense a speculator, and he stands to lose a fortune on every new play. "Du Barry" cost \$55,000, and before the curtain was raised on "The Darling of the Gods" its author had spent \$125,000. "That's nothing," said Belasco to your correspondent the other day at Atlancorrespondent the other day at Atlan-tic City, "In my next production I mean to spend \$300,000." He was in bed at to spend \$300,000." He was in bed at the time, a sick man, in a poor little old fashloned, squeaky hord, attired in a fray-ed dressing gown, his beard unshaven, his great mass of iron gray hair tum-bling over his face-lite the last act of tling over his face-like the last act of "Reau Brummell," the exact antithesis of Clyde Fitch, who dresses like a dandy and is as fastidious as a wo-man. Yet this shargy, unkempt fellow, rolling feverishly on what might almost be termed a truckle bed, in a small room that was a miracle of dis percais damatist in America. His in-come will stop temporarily within a few months at the ending of the season. At present, however, Belasco is earnin at the rate of over \$500,000 a year. A he lay in bed his hand grasped a tele As i lone and he remained in communica-tion with all parts of the country-now a whirly and of wrath from Mrs. Car-ter over some annoyance at the theater, for she has red hair and a red has temper; now an intimation that rival managers were trying to abduel Blanche Bates; now a voice of com-plaint from David Warfield. Uneasy lies the head that wears a crown, and Eclasco tossed on his truckle bed as one in a fever.

MR. HACKETT, TRUST KILLER. Here comes that valiant young trust killer, James K. Hackett, with his first venture as an independent manager Naturally the most amiable and doci of men, Mr. Hackett had no sooner ma of men, Mr. Hackett had no sooner mar-tied Mary Mannering than he assumed an unexpected warlike humor. Mary is an English Jewess. Her right name was Mary Friend, and she proved a good friend to her husband. Mr. Hack-ett had no sooner left the altar than his wade herein to east alter the market ett had no sooner left he altar than his bride began to cast about for means to make him a stat. Her efforts were rewarded by his early appearance in the leading role in "The Pride of Jennico," a ridiculous remantle drama, but of great joy to the matinee maidens, who raved over his beauty. Mary did not mind that. She knew that if the girls admired her husbfind they would estab-tish fame. Unless women approve lish his fame. Unless women approve actors and plays in New York ther-is no hope for them. Hackett, being a handsome, shapely chap, though no great actor, became the reigning though no great actor, became the reigning beauty of the day, superseding Mr.

orisons, burlesque is popular and ballet , and 'starred in that play with great profit. At present he has money saved and an intolerable ambition. The spirit of his warfare against the Syndicate won the applause of the Vanderbilts, who, it is said, are now backing him with their millions. Anyway, young Hotsen Hackett is making things warm for the Octopus, for he has carried off some of its best actors, and he secured "The Bishop's Move," a new play by Mrs. Craigle, which won success in London.

ADA HEHAN'S SUBSTITUTE. The piece was produced on Monday night at the Manhattan. It is an en-gaging love story. The bishop's move is a stroke of diplomacy whereby he saves his nephew from a brilliant and daminute during an endowed by the fascinating duchess, and marries the young man successfully to a simple mald of whom he is genuinely enam-ored. The Bishop is W. H. Thompson, one of our best actors, a player who has had long experience on the stage and whose art is remarkable in fine ness of technique. The scenes of th The scenes of the ploy lie chiefly between him and the Duchess, performed by Dorothy Dorr. This young actress is a graduate of Daly's. She came into preferment in a curious fushion. Daly was a firm believer in singing and dancing. Tn "The Foresters" he induced his lend-ing woman to make a noise which passed muster for music; but although he engaged the most ingenious ballet masters, hone of them could teach Miss Rehan to dance. He revived one of the classics in which the pavanne was absolutely essential, but Ada Rehan, who was as clumsy with her feet as she was vivacious in her face, voice and sextures, proved impossible at re-Daly considered his galaxy of walking ladies to discover one who could un-derstudy Miss Rehan in stepping this measure. Dorothy Dorr was called out of the ranks. She resembled Miss Rehan in height and some-thing in countenance. "Can you dance?" asked the manager. "Certainiy," said Miss Dorr, "I can dance much better than I can do anything else." "Then you will slip in unob-strugively and take Miss Rehan's place structurely and take answ remains prace in the payanne and nobody will know the difference." The wig maker and the costumer were summoned and di-rected to make Dorothy a replica of the Mass When the first night came Miss Ada. When the first night came Miss Rehan disappeared among the dancers and Miss Dorr took her place, leading the pavanne with John Drow. The spectators rubbed their eyes. They knew Miss Rehan to be a clover actress, but here she was winning new henors as a dancer. All would have passed off happily but for those marplots, the critics, who discovered the substitution and acclaimed Miss Dorr pext morning. Thereafter her lot was not a happy one at Dai's for Ada was the most featons at Daly's for Ada was the most jealous of actresses, but her reputation being of actresses, but her reputation being established, Dorothy was engaged by a rival manager. About this time H. J. W. Dam, a writer on the New York Times, fell in love with and married her, and Mrs. Dorr-Dam retired tem-porarily from the stage. Eventually she returned to it as the heroine in "Hearts Aflame." In that drama it was compul-sory that she should be smitten on the face by the villain every evening and

face by the villain every evening and at the regular mathems. It was a scratch company which made enthusi-asm atone for the lack of technique, and Arnold Doly, the miscreant of the story, smole the lovely Derr-Dam with more vehemence than discretion, our actress suffering in silence to benefit art and elevate the stage. It is an axiom that constant dropping of water will wear out a stone, and it is a fact that constant thumping on the cheek will



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