

merely postpone her self-directed season until such time as she is again able.

Is David Belasco really in Europe? This is a question that is arousing a good deal of interest in the inner circles of theatrical gossip in New York at the present period. It became known a fortnight or so ago that Benjamin F. Hoeder, general manager of the Belasco enterprise had quietly slipped away to foreign shores, and there was some speculation as to the nature of his errand. The manager noted that when Hoeder was absent from the theater bearing his name, and inquiry elicited the information that he was "out of town and would not return for about four weeks." It is now whispered that he has secretly proceeded to Europe, either in the company of his general manager or upon the ship of circumstances sailing, and that his mission has a most important bearing upon the future of the Belasco attractions. This may mean that he intends to secure a theater in London, or that he is in pursuit of certain manuscripts of English authors.

Sunday night entertainments will in all probability become a permanent feature of the great New York Hippodrome. John Philip Sousa's concert in that mammoth establishment last Sunday was introduced as a kind of opening wedge and it met with such pronounced approval as to suggest to the management the possibility of a series of further experiments. There was a highly enthusiastic crowd in attendance in spite of the allures of the Coney Island shows, and it is quite clear that an added source of revenue these Sunday entertainments will be of very material value. Meanwhile the week-day shows at the Hippodrome are in no way weakening the hold of the fancy of the public. It seems to be a fact that very few visitors to New York from other localities think of going away without "taking in" the Hippodrome, the celebrity of which has obviously penetrated to the remotest parts of the continent. This element of patronage, added to the continued popularity of the New Yorkers, keep the Thompson and Dundy office crowded to the bulging point week in and week out.

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George Lawrence, whose exceptional beauty is the object of the "giggle" hair-dresser in Maxine Elliott's "Her Own Way," is vividly remembered, having been engaged for next season by Lew Fields, presumably to play the line of parts formerly assumed by Marie Cahill. The extraordinary versatility of Miss Lawrence will make her a most valuable addition to Mr. Fields' repertoire.

A brother of the late Isadore Rush who was drowned in California last winter, observed the other day: "My sister had athlete's heart, she worked so hard in her determination to keep her physical condition always in her most vital stage that she overtaxed it, was unable to sustain it. I believe that she had been more moderate in her athletic exercises she would have been alive today." A lesson to girls overambitious for advanced physical culture.

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LEADER RICHARDSON.

The general season at Coney Island has not been what it should be to give reasonable satisfaction to most of the showmen who have invested their money upon that particular spot. The weather in the daytime has averaged up fairly well, but the nights have mainly been cold and disagreeable.

ONION, June 2.—Lincoln J. Carter, Theodore H. Crampton and the other American playwrights who go in strong for stage "realism" must look sharp, as Clark Raleigh will get ahead of them. Raleigh, who is the author of those famous Drury Lane melodramas, "The Great Ruby," "Hearts Are Trumps," and "The Price of Peace," always has been great on "accuracy of detail," and incidentally on advertising, but he has just eclipsed himself by rehearsing a play on a railroad track. A much used track, too, over which trains were passing every 30 minutes or so!

Raleigh's play is called "The Diamond Express" and is to be given at the London Coliseum. One of the scenes shows an attempt at train wrecking and it is this episode to which the playwright got permission to rehearse on the line of the New York Central and Hudson River. Perhaps it ought to be mentioned that the first performance of "The Diamond Express" will be for a worthy charity, which is probably one reason why the Southerner and Chautauquans proved so compliant in the matter. They not only placed the company at the disposal of Knockabout at Raleigh's disposal but got an empty train to play with, one morning this week the playwright, the actors who are to take part in the wreck scene and several railway officials went down to Knobtown, when the "rehearsal" took place. Going on to the line, the playwright, who probably never informed himself perfectly on the subject, explained to the "wreckers" the "catches," the "charter" railway porter and the other members of the company how the signals and switches were worked, and instructed them in other "business" which the heraldic lions hold by and made useful suggestions on the platform when another official arrived with a time slip, who gave warning to the company when trains were due.

Another of Raleigh's ideas was to add to the realism of his scene by means of biograph pictures of a train approaching at top speed. It was for this purpose that "the 'show' was given him. Incidentally he had received several hours of calculation and a full page of typewritten instructions to fit this "property train" into the ordinary traffic. First it thundered along the "up" track and was biographed, and the same crashing along in the other direction, the intelligent engineer and fireman waving flags from the window, and thus pictures were secured which should be rather effective as part of a stage scene. Al-

together it was quite enterprising on Raleigh's part, and will take a lot of beating by American purveyors of melodrama.

It seems that—with the exception of one which has just completed—a half dozen new Elders have arrived to labor in the Eastern States conference among them F. D. Wartian of Boston, John T. Tanner of Payson, N. S., Sonnen of Ephraim, and J. Loveland; all have appointments for the Brooklyn and New York missions, and will be assigned to the different cities the coming week.

Several new Elders have arrived to New York last week on their way to Europe. Mrs. A. C. Buckle will visit her brother in England, Miss Irene Judge will also remain in England for the summer. Mrs. D. G. Lang, wife of Lang of Z. C. M. L. will go to Paris in company with Mrs. Chevillie, the ladies making journeys through France and Germany for pleasure. All sailed on the New York Friday, June 14th.

"Down Our Way," which has been running all week at the Grand, has engaged Al Swenson to fill his old role, and it is not too much to say that Mr. Swenson is the whole show. When the piece was first put on a year ago it was done in a flat, simple style, in every character. Miss Swenson carrying off the prize for the saucy ink. Incidentally the dramatist declared that the "poetic cure" which he had undergone for the last seven years had "freed him of all egotism." Then he went on to describe the unparalleled beauties of his new piece, play, "The Girl from the Shire," and is concerned with the birth of genius. "The manners set forth in my play are superb in their violence," said d'Annunzio, with a modesty becoming one freed from all egotism, "and I have I think, written a work which will prove epoch making." The dramatist is now seeking a composer to "frame his masterpiece in music, and for an Italian theater large enough to stage the play which will call for at least 40 supers."

Maxine Elliott's plans are now complete, except that it isn't settled yet how long "Our Own Way" will be continued. She says she will remain in the piece is doing well, but the star feels rest badly, so she will probably "dash" at the end of the month and then go either into the country or over to the continent. After that, she will return home to begin rehearsals of the new piece which Clyde Fitch has written for her. She got the manuscript of it from Fitch when in Vienna, only a few days ago. The piece is called "My Girl Joe" and is a comedy in four acts. Miss Elliott likes it all the better, which she will ask Fitch to change.

Edna May is busy rehearsing "The Catch of the Season," the musical play by Seymour Hicks and Foster, the tone of which will be seen in the United States next season. The piece, which is a sort of a modern version of "Cinderella," has been a big success in London. It has been played over 200 times at the Vaudeville, and is still going strong. Her London rehearsals over, Miss May is planning to go to Paris to buy some frocks, after which she will spend a fortnight or so in Switzerland, and then sail for New York. CURTIS BROWN.

**SALT LAKERS IN GOTHAM.**

Special Correspondence.

N EW YORK, June 19.—Down at Port Washington, Long Island, will begin the erection of a summer home within the next few weeks, the desirable piece of property being owned and recently purchased by Miss Sallie Fisher of "Sergeant Blue" fame. The land in question is valuable and the opportunity to become a resident and a land owner in the select theatrical quarter of that part of Long Island, came about through the influence of friends who are powers at court. Miss Fisher is to be congratulated

on securing so fine a location, near to New York, within a few blocks of the railway station, and yet in every sense an ideal country for a summer residence. Miss Fisher is an expert chauffeur, and with a party of friends last week, while on a round trip to the country, she humorously describes her journey as she humorously describes how desperately she could manage the machine in cutting a corner a little too close, she lost control for a moment and without any warning, the monster raced up on to the porch of a house, threw the driver to the ground, and nearly shook the dwelling to its foundations, and of which caused a commotion in a quiet village, that stirred the editor of a local paper to a lengthy article on

the number and importance as well as the reputable character of the entertainments offered at the island is vastly above any period of the past, and it may be definitely said that a comparison of the place has been affected by the fact that very few years ago none but the rough-hewn slumming parties were to be found, the very best class of people from all over the United States are now distinctly in the majority, and with the very rarest exception everybody is on his or her best behavior.

All the dramatic papers unite in declaring Miss Lilla Leigh, a first-class actress. Her work during the past winter and spring in Providence and Pawtucket has entitled her to a prominent position among the leading artists. While stock work is hard, pay is good, and Miss Leigh feels her time is about over for that line of work in the profession. The first of July, will see her, and her aunt, Miss Sara Alexander, once more residents of Manhattan, where they will remain for a time before Miss Leigh takes up her winter quarters. Several good offers have been made to her for the coming season, and it is hoped her engagements will keep her in the city for a part of the winter at least.

Mme. Outman, once a resident of Salt Lake, is now Mrs. Martians of the city of New Jersey, having recently married. They have a comfortable home near East Orange, N. J. Mrs. Martians recently gave a large dinner party to a number of Salt Lakeans. Mrs. Fisher and daughter Sallie being among the guests.

Miss Foyor, well known in many

residents of Newark, engagement in Germany and France, in company with the Strauss family of New York; they will remain until the middle of September, Mrs. Foyor's daughter, Lulu Pryor, is with friends on West One Hundredth street, and will rest for the summer, until she goes out with "The White Cat" in September, in Klaw & Erlanger's.

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At the Point Saturday, June 19, the class of '75 convened, the reunion to last several days. Col. Willard Young, who died this year, left for the Point Saturday evening, and will return Monday, the 12th. Tuesday evening, two of Col. Young's classmates give a banquet to their fellow graduates of that year, at the Waldo, which will be memorable one. As these reunions occur only once five years, the class of '75 is determined to make a delightful occasion to all. Colonel Young with his daughter Alice and son Sidney, leaves soon for Utah to spend the summer with relatives; their route west lies through Portland, whence Col. Young has business and they will visit with Mrs. Ernest Eldredge, sister to Mrs. Young. The "voyage" is to be accomplished, and by the end of June Utah will be few and far between.

Miss Clara Young has arrived home from Vassar for the summer, her sister, Miss Hattie Young, will be through with her studies in a few days, and will return home to New York. Both young ladies have made creditable records during the past year, and their parents and friends have reason to be proud of their school work.

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JANET.

NO ENGLISH MUSIC FOR KING'S VISIT.

LONDON cable to the New York Herald says there never has been a greater cry in musical circles

on account of English music being omitted from a gala performance than on the occasion of the king of Spain's visit.

Here is the comment by one indignant paper, which voices pretty well the general feeling:

"Why no English music? It cannot be argued that we are poor in music that nothing worthy of the occasion could be found for inclusion in the scheme of entertainment for King Alfonso; but when English composers are totally neglected it is not surprising that our foreign friends should hold in but slight estimation the music of this country."

While the Covent Garden manage-

ment has been criticised for not intro-

ducing British work into the gala pro-

gramme, it is rather curious that an op-

era by an English composer was produced at the Walderth theater on the previous evening and proved a genuine success. Indeed, Mr. Amherst Webster, who is known here both as an accompanist and teacher of singing, was present at the performance.

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