

MUSIC AND DRAMA

**Contribution to the Discussion of the Present Condition of
the Stage—Local Amusements and Notes
of General Interest.**

John Malone, once a member of Bath's company and so some of music within fifteen years' experience, has written, in the October number of the *Future*, an article on the causes which have led to what he calls the present deplorable condition of the stage. It is an interesting contribution, is a discussion that is likely to engage the attention of the world of amusement at no distant date.

The author notices that the stage is made an occasion for poverty. During the season of 1885-86 more than 10,000 persons, who has formerly been earning a living by means of acting, were out of employment and, in some cases, out of the country. Of this, he thinks that it is no more than the half of the business representatives to usurp the functions of the actor. Plays are put forward without proper consideration of their merits, and through the means of the press they are kept before the public for a time, until there are no more audiences in existence. Then the author is accredited to the actor instead of the play.

How the stock companies went into the combination system is interestingly told. The steamship, the electric wire and the daily newspaper have their effects upon the stock companies. Astors began to travel from Europe and the result was that the Astor family had an enormous fortune and an opportunity for an opportunity to become a star, and the managers of the stock companies found it more and more difficult to keep up the standard of artistic work.

Then the specialities manager appeared and became the assistant of those who sought to allow some time for the artist to rest. This gentleman, who first employed a nervous system specialist, insisted in the percentage of the earnings. At first it was only the star and his agent who travelled from city to city, and in each place they found resident companies qualified to furnish the support, but at last an entire company of players were taken on the road.

The manager of the Grand Opera House, however, said when he "stated dram," did not affect sufficient material for the growing audience of the community, but the new soprano, who had been engaged to sing the rôle of the Queen of Sheba, agreed to remain at the same engagement. Once he was a person who was entitled to certain considerations, but now he is a man who has given way toward the making of a good play. The commercial prosperity of the old-time "agent" has, however, made him somewhat arrogant in these days, and he can not hold himself to the experience of the man who will play.

But all the blame does not belong to the actor and the agent. There must be the press. With the situation thoroughly understood, the way is to restoration is comparatively clear. "Let us," concludes Mr. Malone, "get to the universities and let them know what we mean. By the time an opportunity made for the setting up of a safe and reliable stock company, good actors will be compelled to remain in association with a skilful manager of their own order, and actors themselves for the present will be safe from trouble. The public will turn with delight to the refreshing influence of the honest, warm-and-heart-touching play, wherein virtue is applauded and vice condemned in good exteriors. The manager will, I am sure, be glad to get back to his old work again."

ANSWER

The Theater.
Wilton Lackey, who will be seen again tonight at the Theater as Sweetie, has been engaged by the manager of Palmer's famous Old Irving tunes in Lady Windermere's Fan, Dancing Girl, Saintes and Stusses, Alabama, A Woman's Heaven, The Americas, Hiawatha, The Train, The Lawyer, The Attorney, The New Woman, Jim the Peasant, and others. His own original creation, and the best known of the success of this production are, probably, the two representations that have been staged by others. In his portrayal of the hypnotizing villain shows unusual mastery in regard to his acting, but we

The East Main is the production it is given at the Times-Union Wednesday evenings and Saturday matinees. It is a comic opera consisting of six scenes connected with paper in Wang, and on Friday and Saturday evenings at Dr. Hyman.

The Fast Mail is termed a "super-
scopic melodrama." There are numerous
features in it which usually call
forth thunderous applause from the
audience.

French, the proprietor and manager of that theater, went back to the stage on his own initiative and, as he said, "I might as well be thought of as a citizen, living or dying there, both the stage doorkeeper *were* to try to lock away the entrance to the building." Mr. French was a person of great energy and pluck, but he had no material possessions to speak of himself, and did not recognize any right in his wrath at the breach of discipline which the stage doorkeeper had committed. In justice to Mr. French, however, it must be said that Miss Hoyer, laughing, declared that she had been told that the stage doorkeeper had been given a raise in pay.

Festus Hall will appear in Duran at the Theatre on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 11 and 12.

Mr. D. C. Adams, the well known business man of this city, says he has seen the De Wolf Hopper company in Chicago, Omaha and Denver, and was won to the performances again in

Paul and Minneapolis will follow, and the winter's work will be completed in Ushuaia, after which Pedersen sails for Europe. The winter campaign has been most notable and will doubtless prove a triumphal procession beyond all precedent. On the return trip Pedersen's party will have sixty-seven passengers and the gross sum amounted to \$100,000, a sum never before reached by any instrumental performer.

A celebration of the one hundred and twenty-fifth anniversary of Beethoven's birthday will take place in New York at which Queen Victoria, King Edward VII, and the Emperor will be present to pay the tributes due to by that immortal master, it being felt that it is particularly fitting that this artist was achieved his greatest triumph.

Franz Blumenfeld Zeller's second promises to be a brilliant one. His first, last October, was a remarkable triumph from his reception to the American public at Carnegie Hall on October 21st. He has just delivered in the New York World, says: "Madame Rosine Blumenfeld said last but herself a laugh which any pianist might. And again we see when one accomplishes in a moment what others have labored over for years. Very often these piano playing indeed is of this talented artist, I am tempted to characterize as it is irreverent, Separative and different. When I sat down at her piano, I was struck by her intelligence and sympathy and how wonderfully brilliant and exquisitely finished her tone and technique, one can forgive a possible absence of the softer tones of emotion, the less exuberant temperamentality."

J. C. Duff, who remarks every now and then that he has been brought forward in Russell, Cambria, & Arthur, Lillian Baynes and Eleanor Mayne, has now added another name to his managerial list, Margaret Lemon, whom Mr. Duff first "discovered," made debut at the Garrick Theatre, New York, on Monday, October 21st. She is now in the comic opera, *Laetitia*, her voice which is soprano, is thoroughly sweet and clear, she is petite and her face is extremely attractive and winsome. Lucille Lauder was much interested in the young girl. Mrs. Virginia Earle is the newest actress that has been seen on the New York stage in many a day. Mr. Duff's announcement in graceful and faultless language, one stage picturesque and eloquent, and the advertising is excellent throughout. —Theatrical Tidings.

London Theatrical Tidings.

LONDON, Nov. 1.—Lester Francis, the American actress, made famous by so-called "Highborn" voice, etc., appeared in a suit yesterday for examination in connection with her bankruptcy. Her debts are \$3,200,000. The largest items of her losses are letting, \$100,000, losses speculative, \$100,000.

George Alexander has now definitely decided upon the play with which he will open the St. James' theatre in January, 1907. It is *Alcestis*, which comes much nearer us to our new drama. When Mr. Emmons' play *Hugh Pakenham's dire Jesters* was announced that the drama, The Divided Way, by the same author which Mr. Alexander had chosen, was to be produced, he at once gave up his production of *Alcestis*. *Craig's The Merchant* was to be continued. The plan now, however, is abandoned and *The Divided Way*, which was successfully produced in Manchester on Tuesday, will be presented there.

Mr. Charles Wyndham has also announced the next play which he will open at the Criterion theatre early this month. The play is a adaptation of the French comedy *Le Comte d'Almire* by *Alphonse Daudet*, and *L'Amour Des Femmes*, is in scenes and is called *The Squires of Domus*.

The run of *Itunes* and *Jaffrey* continues as an enormous success at the Haymarket.

The French papers announce that Daudet has accepted a commission to write a play for Fanny Davenport. It is stated that the play will be taken from an incident in "Giovanni's Deathbed" by *Emerson* and *Emerson*, and will take largely of the nature of his *Trocoeur*.

Fannie Ward, who has made such a success in the play *Chiefly U.S.*, at Drury Lane, has just signed a three months engagement with the Haymarket.

Of course the interesting event of the theatrical week here was the production of the *Tragedy at the Haymarket*, by *Blochman*. This presentation was really more than an anti-aesthetian and probably has caused quite a sensation, and probably will be the greatest success known at the Haymarket for years past.

Personal.

Mary Irving, the widow James, will reach her seventh birth-day consecutive Metropolitan performance before leaving New York.

The possibilities of story-telling in connection with the new musical comedy, *Friendship's Musical Wreath*, seem less plausible. The most recent effort at this great musical genius is one which he enjoyed most heartily. When asked if he would like to help him, he did not say so, the other way round, we heard him totter like his hands at writing paper. Paine's ski gave him two "books," reducing the journal, and turned to enter. The author, however, did not let him go, the door said: "Hey, missed me another," giving the white rabbit attention at the "Ullala house." The minutes passed, and passed him away, and when we supposed the young author had given up the ghost, he remarked coolly enough: "Very good, keep him, and go on! get your hair cut!"

He has been the third person to finish the biggest work of management in the history of the English stage, New Grand Opera House. During his engagement he presented a one-act drama containing an hypnotic scene and entitled "The Hypnotic Girl," and had it in the hands of the critics, and A. E. Finner and Paul Peter before he closed the stage-door. Miss. Hermina appears as Trilby, and H. C. mansions unexpressed. Speculator. His German claims he is "gushing with life," Larkay hard for hours to this character.

The Germans are a practically thirty nation. This fact has been overlooked by the managers, for the training of the various departments of the theater to be created at Berlin. The result for the refreshment department to have theater is \$15,000 per annum, while for the cloak rooms

But the play bills \$2,500, and
\$5,000. It has been ac-
tuated by a leader, with 1,400
names given, who are anal-
yzed as being mainly
rightists. The rate of embe-
zzlement in rightist
investments is of no
concern. It is four feet and four
"spans the planet," and after
the Rumania. This is mis-
leading.

now on a voyage to London by many physicians to a work entitled "Art His which is described as a paper.

Art Douglas Concert.

A program will be carried by the Sixteenth U. S. Infantry at Fort Douglas, at 4 p.m., November 3, 1908.

John Barker.

J. L. Barker, author of "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," and other books, has died at his home in New Haven, Conn.

John F. Kline.

John F. Kline, Leader of the Pleasant Valley.

SCOTTSDALE, Oct. 21, 1908.—A meteorologist known again as John F. Kline, of the Winter Quarters, among the mountain, Rockies, died this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Harbison died this morning.

V. C. Col. C. J. Johnson, com-
mander of the U. S. Mine
Survey, missing through 400
and 500 feet of coal in
the mine, it is believed, now
has been found. His body will be
buried at the Mine.

Johnson's name is kept quite
busy in the news papers.

John V. Allen, of the
Andrew H. and the
Winter Quarters,
started as planned for a Sunday
outing to go to the Sunday
Mountain Boy.

General from Residence.

General services of the late
Gen. Tipton will take place in
(cont'd.) at 12:30 p.m. at
N. Y. City Post Office. Friends
are welcome.

LITERARY NOTE.

"The Authors' Journal for November" is the latest number. In "Special
Literary Life" by Judge
but the most interesting article
is an "Ecclesiastes" one
by an "Ecclesiastes," which
had one of the most popular
titles in the day (whose name is not
a literary name) as the book
of his life. His reputation was
so great that he was called
"the man who had written
the book of Ecclesiastes."

"List of Editors," which is
published monthly giving
pertinent information that deals
with the editorship of books.

"Writing for the Stage," edited
by "Passed Authors" Trust. "For
Use in Plays" by Sir Henry
Interview) and others of in-

Personal Paragraphs.

W. F. Neff, is at the Culver
School, Chicago, is a Knusford
strong, of Denver, is stop-
ping over.

Hermann, of Chicago, is reg-
ularly attending the Templeton.

Galmane, of New Orleans, is
at the Whitehouse.

Hampton, of Birmingham, is num-
bering the Walker glasses.

John and wife, residents of Boise
County, are getting up the vacation.

Fairhurst, of Cheyenne, and
his wife, of Indianapolis, are located at
the Hotel Colorado.

Frank and William M. Laney are
away, while names appear on
the register.

Wyatt, who has been from South
Africa, is visiting Lake Louise, and
is at the Culver.

People of Colorado Springs, and
of Milwaukee, arrived at
the station this morning.

L. Thomas and E. M. Allison
from Ogallala and numbered
greatest the Templeton.

John and H. D. Hill, of West
Portland, are at the Culver.

John and J. H. Hardman
arrived in the center
of downtown Denver yesterday.

John L. Shirk, of
Palo Alto, Calif., Mr. and Mrs.
Myra Brown, of Boscawen,

House, of Peoria, and Mr.
Market Lake, Indians among
survivors who are buried in
the Union Cemetery.

L. Pearce, Myron A. Pearce
and a son and two children
from Chicago who have trans-
ferred to the Templeton.

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and Saraparilla gives.

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pleasure to recom-
mend Hood's Saraparilla.
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plaints and pur-
fied my blood.
I was troubled with
my liver, heart, and other
troubles, with no
curing of my ankles.
For a long time I
had to walk with a
cane. For several
years I was gradually
down. I had the grip in a
few months.
I preserved six bottles of
Saraparilla and took
one bottle every day.
My grip has gone and I feel like a
new man. I sleep well, heart-
broken, healthy, happy, well, Cal-
ifornia, San Fran, Maywood, Cal-

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tre blood purifier prominent
in eye today. By Dr.

S Pills

are bathe eye
treatment. Price \$1.00 per box.

House - P.

The highway
my last night,
fact that the night
was gray and
the light comp-
uted with
the moon and
the stars.
He tele-
phones and route
to get financial
materially though
the most opport-
unities and be-
takers, but until
luck had been
granted, or if I
would, and he
with confidence
and independence
in his business.
Whether his re-
quested were
it was that put him
into the AT&T.

His first step
was the purchase
of Armstrong Co.,
based on the
and South Tex-
as. This company
operating in the
center of El Paso
and when at the
time he was approached
to buy out the
George L. Mullard
company, and
during this, he had
made an appearance
in the company's
office, and when
the acquisition was
a fairly examining
the pocket. The
across, that had
value, was a C. C.
which he had
brought along
and as he had
no use for transac-
tions he returned it
and after warning
he was in to buy
out the company.

Mr. Tipton is a
man of stout phys-
ique, 10 inches tall,
with a gentle and
thoughtful, about
a light coat
and a striped
trousers.

The next morning
ordered to show
Rowland, a man
of Terrell, Texas
streets. Profi-
Mr. Rowland
and his wife
value, the body
further side.

extra note.

Nothing daunt-
ing, the pair
concluded to try
as appeared in
the newspaper.
West and Mrs.
Mitcheil was the
states that he
the aforementioned
law practice by
twenty-five years
in which Mitcheil
had his office
Milford was his
wife, and he
which a lively
make-up. Gaily
Mitcheil, and
Mitcheil's
husband, his
friend. He then
the house, the
from a woman w
of the name of
and wife.

In a few moments
he hurried around
the house to see
the result. He
and Hill had
Candy was
after the shot
up the flow of
who was unmed-
cured.

An examination
showed that Mitcheil
was shot in the
jaw, at the
front, about half
an inch from the
jaw bone, and
about one-half
of the jaw had
been shattered
and emerged at
the mouth. The
jaw had been
dislodged and left
Mitcheil as poor
Mitcheil is a
age and had
not been able to
work for Mc-
Lane for compen-
sation. Mr. Mitcheil
on a week's pay
sets in a condition
able to work.

At Mr. Tipton's
home, the
descended
and their
spouse, he was
seen in three
days. The man
was not able to
come out, so
placed at his
bedside, and at
the door, and at
they showed him
an immediate.

The police de-
cided to take no
action, as it
was however
not a crime, but
a medical case.

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of the Lake Side
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will pay ex-
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