

PEN PICTURE OF NEW YORK TOWN

John P. Meakin Describes Broadway During Rush of Holiday Night.

SPEAKS FOR TINY "NEWSIES."

Points Out Morals Advanced by Plays Running Before Crowded Houses.

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The sharp contrasts of city life always bear in upon my mind with painful vividness. These are probably more keenly felt at the holiday season when the streets and shops are alive with eager, busy, bustling humanity. A week preceding Christmas I wandered through one of the New York's largest department stores at the corner of Thirty-fourth and Broadway.

THE STORY OF A CROWD.

In this place of trade anything can be purchased, from a toothpick to an automobile. Passing through the almost impenetrable throng of well-dressed, eager shoppers, I thought, What a well-fed, comfortable lot of people New Yorkers are. Standing near the counters, I caught occasional chatter that indicated that many were buying expensive gifts to reward expensive givers. Here and there I noticed an eager, shabbily dressed little fellow, anxiously counting his scanty store to make it stretch far enough to buy joy for the string of tots clinging to his dress. Leaving this brilliantly lighted store with its counters of gay ribbons, shimmering silks, glittering jewelry, painted toys and bric-a-brac, I went out into the raw, blustering air of a December day, and found myself on Thirty-fourth street, facing a most interesting objective point.

THE NEWSBOY'S NOTE.

Covering about eight feet square of the sidewalk on the south side of the store is an immense iron grating, from which the heat from the furnaces below escapes. Here can be seen most any time of the day or night, dozens of little homeless waifs or half-frozen newsboys, who gather here for warmth and gossip, with the too often sad accompaniment of the cigarette. The large plate glass windows facing this spot are filled at Christmastime with toys of every description, music boxes in form of dancing dolls, "Teddy Bears," wolves, monkeys, camels, elephants, almost of every size, varying in price from a quarter to \$150. Tea sets, miniature cottages, jugs, trains, automobiles, in fact, everything in the toy world that art and science could suggest in miniature, and presiding over this make-believe world, was a mimic Santa Claus, who moved from window to window and delighted the passers by with his merry antics. Presently I saw a little lad about six years old leave his warm station at the furnace hole and pushing his way through the crowd press his cold little nose against the cold window pane. The shivering little face drew my attention. Just as Santa was winding up a mechanical doll, the boy beat with his little fist against the pane, and read printed in large, regular type, "Dear Santa Claus, please bring Clara a doll. I want a sled, and bring mother some shoes, some candy and plenty to eat. Amen."

My eyes grew dim and as I hurried away my thoughts reverted to the well-dressed buyers inside who were buying rich presents for the sick, and my thought was, "Having money, they see not," and I longed to bid them out where they might catch the echo of the true spirit of giving.

CHILDREN AND THE STAGE.

Speaking of street children, I am reminded of the inconsistencies and incongruities of life which of course in the process of evolution cannot be avoided. There is the Gerry society, which looks after the needs of New York's well-cared-for children of the stage and prevents them when under the age limit from doing a 20-minute "song and dance" turn. So thoroughly does this society do its work that there are few children working on the stage in New York city. One of the inconsistencies being that in plays like "Shore Acres," they allow children to appear "by special permit," but they must not speak lines; they allow a child to go on in vaudeville, but it must not dance, and yet hundreds of healthy, active children dance daily on the sidewalks to the tune of the hand organ. While I am not criticizing the no-doubt noble work this society has done in trying to abolish child labor in one of its most pleasant forms, I am not so sure that with proper provisions made for health and educational purposes, the talented child of poor parents might be helped rather than hindered mentally, morally and physically by appearing on the stage.

WHY NOT THE NEWSIES?

If this work can be done so effectively for orphan children, why not some benevolent society bestir itself in behalf of the thousands of tiny newsboys and professional wait-beggars who throng the city streets? It is no uncommon sight to see a child of 5 or 6 years of age, ill-clad, poor, little pinched face plainly telling the tale of want and exposure feebly whining, "Paper, sir?" early and late. No one helps or hinders this little urchin, yet if the same little urchin were employed at 9 in the evening to cross the street with the same bundle of papers and the same whining little cry, New York would immediately get virtuous and prohibit him, and the big dailies would paint pitiful pictures of the same little face that now sells their papers unnoticed.

I have thought, why don't Mr. Gerry or some other mister reorganize their society and help the helpless and cheer the cheerless.

THE STAGE'S LESSONS.

I have always believed that the surest and most potent influences are to be found in our amusements rather than our labors and studies, therefore I have believed that the stage was destined to become the greatest of all moral elevators. My travels have opened to me the opportunity to get a good general idea of what the stage is doing all over the country. There is an indication which makes us hope for better things when plays dealing with great problems of social and political reform draw crowded houses. Some of the listeners are bound to begin to think on new lines.

There is "Man and Superman" and the "Hypocrites," both teaching emancipation of woman from that social bondage which has been her curse ever since the dark ages, and brings out the justice of what is wrong for a woman is wrong for a man.

ADVOCATES CANDIDACY.

I am glad for one that we are growing broad enough to no longer handle these hidden evils with kid gloves. We

still hear an occasional critic say "Preserve the delicacy of our daughters, but I say speak the truth from the house tops for ignorance never safeguards innocence."

Then there is "The Law and the Man," called by the critics a bad dramatization of a great book. This may be true, but thousands of people (and I am one of them), have had the chance to get the great lesson it teaches, that of public justice and cruelty to the criminal the law has already punished. It is only the few, comparatively, who have found the time or inclination to read Victor Hugo's "Les Misérables," written so long ago, and so whether his play be good or bad from a constructive point of view, we owe Mr. Wilson Lackaye a debt of gratitude for opening our eyes to the beauty of this grand book and for his lifelike portrayal of the criminal, Jean Valjean.

THE GOOD IN WOMEN.

Yesterday afternoon I saw Rose Stahl in "The Chorus Lady." It is a pathetic

like it because it does not tell of the wickedness of the women of the stage, but the little story in chorus girl along. I saw the chorus girls, struggling and temptations—temptations often overcome against fearful odds—and when the chorus lady, Rose Stahl, rescues her pretty sister first by taking her away from the supposed safety of a home where a villain is undermining her innocence under the very nose of her simple minded parents and secondly in New York. A fine climax is reached when this same worldly-wise, but good chorus girl again saves the little sister and in response to him saying he will pay her well, she makes a great plea for the working woman of the stage ending with, "Is the woman that pays, and pays, and pays."

MODERN "COMIC" OPERA.

In the world of comic opera, the circle seems to have swung around again to the old popular romantic comic opera. The other evening I saw Reginald De-Koven's "Student King." It combines

all the beauty and romantic features of the old time opera with the dash, vim and humor of the new, and leaves out the buffoonery and comic valentine caricatures that make the so-called musical comedy so "clap trappy" and tiresome. There are moments in this opera when the music had the sublimity of the grand opera. Never have I spent an evening of more wholesome, pure and exhilarating enjoyment than in witnessing "The Student King," unless it be Sousa's "Free Lance," of whose music I can truly say, "It stirred me like a trumpet."

Possibly the most wonderful of all the many wonders of wonderful New York, is its Broadway at night. I have stood in silent admiration at this magnificent thoroughfare many a time and oft and as I gazed upon this marvel of electric splendor, the thought has often come "What a wonderful piece of work is man, and the mind of man." Broadway at midnight is perhaps an epitome of civilized achievement, as one could get in a glance at all that man has done, for here is a magnificent hotel,

ponder the great Hippodrome, there a splendid theater, there a stately newspaper office whose clock chimes the hour and there are neighbors on either side up and down as far as the eye can see, along the wide, majestic street, buildings and yet more buildings.

The din of trade is silent, but the noise though of a different tone is still abroad. Brilliantly lighted cars clang along and crossed at intervals with myriads of hacks and autos, all freighted with magnificently dressed, eager-crowding, pushing, laughing, pleasure-seeking humanity. Arching over all those wonderful gleaming electric signs, the beauty of this ensemble of electric fairyland is beyond the power of tongue or pen to describe, and yet after all, man is the author of it. The last impression left in the mind after leaving it, is people, people, people everywhere.

Tomorrow I leave for Providence, Boston and elsewhere, "so good by dear old Broadway," and greetings to dear old Utah.

JOHN P. MEAKIN.

Roosevelt: the World's Peacemaker.

And the same spirit of fairness which has made Theodore Roosevelt the leader of his own people in adjusting their economic differences, has given him the confidence of the principalities and powers. And even though he had no record at home, he would be renowned as the world's peacemaker. It was he who saved The Hague tribunal from failure, by referring to it the Pius claims. It was he who sent out the invitations to the second Hague conference; it was he who brought about the settlement of the Japanese-Russian war. The blockade of Venezuela was stopped through Roosevelt's intervention, and the difference between Venezuela and the European nations was settled at The Hague court. The Alaskan boundary dispute, a contention of long standing, was settled during President Roosevelt's administration, and Turkey was induced by a display of power to keep her promise to this government. The Santo Dominican

customhouse was administered by President Roosevelt's order, and a revolution of Chinese nationalists in the Japanese-Russian war was secured by Roosevelt. Russia was reminded of the wrongs done to the Jews at Kishinev and Rumania was reminded of the oppression of the Jews by President Roosevelt. The round of diplomatic endeavor, always for peace, always in four years. No other ruler in the world has ever exceeded it in 10 years. —William Allen White.

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<p>The Following Sharply Priced Specials Among an Exceptionally Attractive Collection in "Up To The Minute"</p> <p>SILKS AND DRESS GOODS Stands Out Boldly For This Week's Selling.</p> <p>NEW DRESS GOODS at 59c a yard 38 to 40 inches wide Wool Dress Goods in all colors, including cream and black, consisting of plain Nin's Veiling, Henriettes, Panama, Albatross, Mohair, etc., and Novelties in grey, black and white, and assorted color combinations in the new check, plaid and stripe effects. SPECIAL at 59c a yard</p> <p>New Chiffon Panama at 90c a yd. 44 to 46-inch strictly all wool grade, exceptional quality, in all the new spring colors and black. Actual value \$1.25. SPECIAL at 90c a yard</p> <p>We place on sale this week new Spring Chiffon, New Black and White Chiffon, New Grey and Mixed Novelties, New Black Dress Goods.</p>	<p>Monday Morning From 9 to 12 o'clock SPECIAL!</p> <p>\$2.00 White Linen Breakfast Table Cloths at \$1.18 each. That's one of the remarkable Monday bargain features.</p> <p>2 1/2 Yards Long White Linen Damask Breakfast Cloths</p> <p>Bordered with one row of fancy drawn work. 200 in the lot, in a beautiful range of new designs; extra values at \$2.00. Monday morning, from 9 to 12 o'clock, they go at, each \$1.18</p> <p>Limit two to a customer.</p>	<p>STARTING THE New White Goods WITH A GREAT BIG RUSH.</p> <p>Rushing them with prices right at the outset in order to give them a big start. This will be another big White Goods Year, and you know the choice things come first and go first, so this week with our special prices, is the appointed time.</p> <p>45-inch wide French Lawns—one of the most popular thin materials; value 50c—to start them with a rush they go this week, per yard 26c</p> <p>20 pieces White Persian Lawn—a prime favorite in white goods, value 25c. To start them with a rush, they go this week, per yard 16c</p> <p>50 pieces 40-inch wide Linen finished White Lawn, fine and sheer and made for durability; good value at 30c; special for this week, a yard 19c</p> <p>Or 3 yards for one dollar</p>
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EVERY DEPARTMENT IN THE STORE IS TEEMING WITH SPECIAL BARGAINS!

<p>A MONDAY SALE!</p> <p>LADIES' NIGHT GOWNS.</p> <p>THE BIGGEST, BEST SPECIAL SALE, BARGAIN. 40 Doz ladies' gowns, made of extra quality muslin, cut full width, extra long with yoke of hem-stitched tucks and neat hem-stitched ruffle on neck and sleeves, a gown that represents the very best the value in the market, will be sold 47c</p>	<p>A MONDAY SALE!</p> <p>LONG SILK GLOVES For a Lively Glove's Business.</p> <p>Here's the first gun of the season for our popular Glove Department, 18 1/2 length, fine Muslin and White, all sizes, the Glove that will be more popular and harder to get than ever before. As long as 50 dozen will last on sale here for Monday only to start the season's Glove selling with a rush \$1.49</p>	<p>A MONDAY SALE!</p> <p>HEMSTITCHED PILLOW CASES</p> <p>Value 20c, at 12 1/2c.</p> <p>Hundreds and Hundreds of housewives will profit by taking advantage of this special, we are offering for Monday's selling.</p> <p>In this case the muslin is worth more by the yard than the ready-made Pillow Cases sell for. As long as 50 dozen will last on sale here for Monday only to start the season's Glove selling with a rush 12 1/2c</p>	<p>A MONDAY SALE!</p> <p>100 PIECES WHITE ENGLISH LONG CLOTH</p> <p>Regular \$2.10 a Bolt, for this Monday Sale at 1.45 a Bolt.</p> <p>And everybody will be laying in a supply of Long Cloths, for this is one of our most popular numbers, full yard wide, Nain-sook finished, 12 yards in each piece, extra value at \$2.10. On sale Monday, limit 1 bolt to a customer, at a bolt 1.45</p>	<p>A MONDAY SALE!</p> <p>NEW CORSETS</p> <p>Welcome Savings for you. The Best C. D. Justrite \$1.25 Corset, Monday's Sale Price 95c</p> <p>The spring season's newest model, medium or extra long corsets, in fine white batiste with front and side hose supporters, all sizes. G. D. Justrite, best \$1.25 corset, shapes to fit all figures, on sale for Monday 95c</p>	<p>A MONDAY SALE!</p> <p>LADIES' MUSLIN DRAWERS</p> <p>A Marvelous Sale Value</p> <p>Ladies' Drawers, made of extra quality muslin, with 5 inch deep lawn ruffle, trimmed with 5 hemstitched tucks, come in open or closed styles, all sizes, style and quality, have never been duplicated for less than 50c a pair, Monday's sale 25c</p>
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