

THE STAGE.

MUSIC AND DRAMA.

The Novelties of One Week and the Programme of Another—The Theatre Building...

PHILADELPHIA, Saturday, Dec. 8.—The novelty of the week was the production of "The Swell," at the Broad Street Theatre...

"The Swell" proved to be a curious mixture of melodrama and comedy, and is altogether dependent upon rampant sensationalism for success.

The Kellogg season at the Chestnut Street Opera House was neither an artistic nor financial triumph...

On Monday evening the new comic opera "America" is to be given its original production at the Academy of Music...

Other programmes will include Chaffran in "Kil" at the Sibley, "Ten Nights in a Barroom" at the Kensington Theatre...

The capital performances of comic opera at the Grand Opera House the past two weeks have shown Miss Jeanie Winston to be as charming and popular as ever...

It will be a matter of somewhat novel interest to see Miss Winston as Eva Diavolo and as Piquillo in "La Perichole," roles which she usually takes by the tenor...

On Monday week there will be the first performance in Philadelphia of "The People" by J. P. Wilson's successful drama, "Among the People," which will be given with a strong cast...

The ever-popular spectacular extravaganza, "Zo Zo, the Magic Queen," will be the attraction at the National Theatre all this week...

Outside of these principals there will be a strong chorus of thirty voices and some very beautiful marches and drills by twenty young ladies.

The attraction at the National following "Zo Zo" will be the sensational border romance entitled "A Checkered Life," introducing the popular stars George E. Atkins and Miss Edith Crofts...

On Monday night "The Fugitive," a highly successful London comedy melodrama by Tom Craven, which has met with pronounced success in this country...

"The Fugitive" will be magnificently staged. Every scene is new and the work of that well-known artist, Philip Goatcher, of New York...

Gillette's grand spectacular production of Rider Haggard's "She" will follow "The Fugitive" at the Walnut, week of Dec. 17. It is the sensation of the year and will be given with all the wonderfully elaborate and magnificent effects by Goatcher...

The American tour of the London Gaiety Company is limited to sixteen weeks, two of which are booked at the Walnut, where Nellie Farren, Fred Leslie and the brilliant burlesques in their trala will be seen in their new burlesques.

her years was a marvel. This little girl had previously gained theatrical fame by enacting the child in "Edith's Burglar" at the Lyceum...

Mr. J. H. Gilmore, T. Mackay, Miss Kathryn Kiddle, Alice Jackson and Edith Gerson have strong parts and acquit themselves well. But all these actors might be inferior and the public would overlook their faults for the sake of Edith Leslie as Lord Pennington...

The felicitous reverence here for so long that, excepting the National, it is the only theatre in Philadelphia that was located far distant from Chestnut, Walnut and Arch streets, has been abandoned for good...

Messrs. Nixon and Zimmerman, managers of the Chestnut Street Theatre and the Chestnut Street Opera House, are contemplating the purchase of a large property for the purpose of erecting another first-class theatre...

The following from the Saturday Review will apply to this country as well as to Britain—"If anything is to be done to supply the present shortcomings of the English stage in the matter of education of the actor in his art, it should be done without delay...

The unveiling of the monument to John McCullough, in Mount Moriah Cemetery, was held last week (23th). There were many distinguished professionals present, but most of them came from New York...

The monument itself is of granite, beautifully carved and embellished with sculpture. It is surmounted by the top of which is thirty-six feet from the ground...

His life was gentle, and the elements So mixed in him that nature might stand up And say to all the world, this was a man.

Mr. John McLaughlin, the widow of the once associate publisher of the Philadelphia Times, made her debut Nov. 26, under George Holland's protecting wing, at the West Philadelphia Drawing Room...

Nixon and Zimmerman have contracted to manage Mordaka's tour of thirty-five weeks next season, Joseph Brooks will direct the trip for them.

Charles Wyndham, through his agent, Mr. Moore, is engaged in looking his proposed tour of this country for next season, which will cover thirty weeks and will probably begin at the Globe Theatre, Boston...

Ada Gilman is doing a good business with "Bubbling Over." Maude Griffith is one of the rising comedienne in the profession.

"The Midsummer Night's Dream" Company has gone to pieces. Richard Golden will take out "Jed Prouty" before the season closes.

"The Prodigal" is said to be the title of John A. Mackay's new play. "Logan" is the name of the play that Harrigan will produce next Monday.

Harry Sargent and his Churchill-Jordell star were too much for the Londoners. Florence Bayard will sever her connection with the Gros Williams Company, Dec. 8.

W. S. Gilbert's newest comedy, "Brantingham Hall," is variously criticised by the London reviewers. For a tank that is a tank, inoperable from a realistic mellow drummer, some manager should work in a real tramp.

Carrie Seaton has of late been playing "The Tomboy" to excellent business at the Theatre Royal, Sydney, Australia.

Marion Booth has given up her part in "The Slow-away." Leonora Bradley has recovered her health and rejoined the company.

Bessie Taylor has closed her season with Lillian Wells' Company, on account of these being nothing in "Donna Sol" for her to do.

Signor de Vivo is announced to direct the tour of Margaret Fox-Kane, the spiritualist. Alfred Joel has been engaged to assist him.

Oliver W. Wilson writes that he has just closed a profitable tour through the South. After reorganizing he will resume his tour in January next.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS. Bicycles, Tricycles and Velocipedes. A Full and Complete Assortment at STRONG & GREEN'S, 54 North Fifth Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

BICYCLES, Tricycles and Velocipedes. Xmas Presents. The Largest Stock in Pennsylvania. SWEETING'S, 639 Arch Street-639 PHILADELPHIA.

ZO ZO, THE MAGIC MEN. 60—SPECTACULAR PLAYERS—60. STRONG CHORUS OF 20 VOICES—30. CARLOADS OF SCENERY—2. TREGRAND TRANSFORMATION SCENE EVER WITNESSED.

AMONG THE PINES. Strong Glee, including ATKINS LAWRENCE, HENRIETTA CROFTON, etc. TUESDAY, DEC. 18, 2 P. M.—Second Grand Matinee Concert—Charlotte Walker, Prima Donna; Victor Herbert, Violoncellist, etc.

JEANNIE WINSTON. Monday, Tuesday and Saturday Nights, FRA DIAVOLO. JEANNIE WINSTON AS..... DIAVOLO. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday Nights, Grand Production of Offenbach's Opera Comique, LA PERICHOLE.

WALNUT—WEEK DECEMBER 10. MONDAY, FIRST TIME IN THIS CITY. GREAT LONDON SENSATION SUCCESS. TOM CRAVEN'S COMEDY-MELODRAMA, THE FUGITIVE.

WANAMAKER'S. Our Hat Store. Thoroughly equipped in every respect. More room, more light, more goods than you are likely to find in a Hat store anywhere.

THE RING. Charley Mitchell had an operation performed on his left hand by Dr. Dougherty at Atlantic City, Dec. 4, and will hardly be in shape for a fight for some weeks to come.

READY NOW! S-E-N-D-F-O-R-I-T THE FANCIERS' JOURNAL. An eight-page paper for the fanciers of Poultry, Fancy and Homing Pigeons, Rabbits and small pets.

MUNDSELL'S SHARP SHOTS FOR CHILDREN. RABBIT HOUNDS. Before the season opens is the time to get the best. We are making a specialty of them at \$20.00 for broken and \$10.00 for unbroken ones.

WANTED Good Live Agents in every town in the country. Good commission. Send at once for full particulars to THE FANCIERS' JOURNAL, P. O. Box 948, Philadelphia, Pa.

SEND 12c. FOR HANDSOMELY MOUNTED group photo, cabinet size, of every club in the League or Ass'n. Address G. J. Lardole, 162 W. 24 St., N. Y.

BASE BALL PICTURES FOR SALE. ELEGANT PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE FOLLOWING CLUBS: NEW YORK CHICAGO DETROIT BOSTON INDIANAPOLIS WASHINGTON ST. LOUIS BROOKLYN BOSTON ATHLETIC BALTIMORE CINCINNATI LOUISVILLE CLEVELAND KANSAS CITY

CABINETS, 8x10 Size, 75c., MAIL PREPAID. 25c., MAIL PREPAID. 11x14 Size, \$1.50, EXPRESS UNPAID.

F. A. SMITH, P. O. BOX 948, Philadelphia, Pa. REMIT BY POSTAL NOTE. THIS SPACE BELONGS TO A. J. REACH & CO., 1022 MARKET ST., PHILA. GENERAL GYMNASIUM OUTFITTERS.

THEATRICAL TIGHTS AND PADS, MANUFACTURED BY J. W. MANSFIELD, 1421 RIDGE AVE., PHILA. Also Knit Sporting Goods, Base Ball Suits, Boating Suits, Polo Suits, Devil Suits, Crown Suits, Bicycle Suits and Bathing Suits.

MEN'S CARDIGAN AND STOCKINETTE JACKETS. WE HAVE A FULL LINE OF MEN'S CARDIGAN JACKETS, IN ALL WOOL AND WORSTED, At 1.50, 2.00, 2.25, 2.50, 2.75, 3.00, 3.25, 3.50, 3.75, 4.50, 5.00, 6.00 and 7.00 Each.

MEN'S STOCKINETTE COATS, SLENDERS FOR HUNTING AND RIDING, At 3.00, 4.00, 5.00 and 7.50 Each. ALSO MEN'S ENGLISH WORSTED, FOOT BALL JERSEYS, AND ENGLISH WORSTED SWEATERS AND GUERNSEYS, IN A FULL ASSORTMENT.

HOLIDAY GOODS.—Our assortment is now complete, embracing a full line of Lever Fastening Ice Skates, at from 50c. to \$5.00 per pair. A German Acme Club Skate can be had for 50c.; Winslow's Acme Club for 65c.; the American Lock Lever at 75c., and the celebrated Peerless Club at \$1., (reduced from \$1.75).

Standard in-door Games of every description; novelties in Steam Engines, Steam Locomotives, Magic Lanterns, Printing Presses, Air Guns; also, Toboggans, Sleds, Home Gymnasiums, Velocipedes, Tricycles and Bicycles. As a special Holiday offer we have reduced the price of our Youth's Premier Bicycle, 38 to 44 inches, to \$25.00; original prices, \$35.00, \$40.00 and \$45.00.

Call or send for Winter Sports Catalogue. A. G. Spalding & Bros, 108 Madison St. 241 Broadway, Chicago. New York.

CHEAPEST HOUSE IN AMERICA FOR BASE BALL Players' Supplies. H. H. KIFFE, 318 FULTON ST., Brooklyn, N. Y.

BANDS FOR MARKING PIGEONS. The Bands For Autumn Hatched Birds Now Ready. THE SPORTING LIFE Seamless. Attractive, light, durable and not to be tampered with.

WHY USE ICE? W.M. P. BETTS, Undertaker and Embalmer, No. 255 South Fifth Street, Philadelphia.

TRUSSES, SUSPENSORY BAGS, Etc. E. A. YARNALL, 1020 WALNUT ST., PHILA. PA.

FINE SINGING CANARIES and all other Fancy Cage Birds, Fancy Pigeons, Doves, Rabbits, Pet Animals, etc. H. W. VAHLE, TEN HORSE POWER U. P. RIGHT ENGINE in perfect order, made by Stokes and Parrish Machine Co. Price \$100. Apply DANDO PRINTING & PUBLISHING CO., 31 S. Third Street, Philadelphia.

WARD'S BASE BALL BOOK. Sold every where or mailed on receipt of price, 25c. The Athletic Publishing Company, 1124 Arch St., Philadelphia.

MILES, MAKER OF FINE SHOES, No. 23 S. 11th St., Phila. Special care given to our ready-made department.

LICHTEN BROS. Phila. are the manufacturers of the J. L. SULLIVAN Cigars.