

THE THEATRE IN AMERICA. Its Rise and Progress during a Period of 150 Years—A Succinct History of Our Famous Playhouses—Opening Bills, Casts of Characters, Lives of Distinguished Actors and Actresses, Notable Debuts, Deaths, Fires, Etc.

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THE NEW YORK STAGE.

Olympic Theatre (Continued).

The new stars were Rose and Harry Watkins, who opened June 26, 1871, in "Kathleen Mavourneen." A matinee performance took place for the benefit of the widow and family of Dan Symons, lately treasurer of this theatre. The programme was "Delicate Ground," "Lend Me Five Shillings," the farce, "State Secrets," and a number of specialty acts. Among the artists who appeared were Joseph Jefferson, Mrs. James A. Oates, Blanche De Bar, Grace Rawlinson, Nellie Young, Mrs. Annie Yeaman, Nell Warner, Hart Conroy, H. L. Basscom, Frank Rowland, Geo. L. Fox, H. A. Weaver Sr., Geo. A. Beane and E. T. Sinclair.

The business appeared at intervals, including Sol Smith Russell, Nov. 16, in his characterization, Mr. Poole retired from the management July 8, 1876. William E. Stin was the next manager. He commenced Aug. 14, 1876, with specialty performances. The prices of admission were \$1, 50, 25 and 15 cents. Mr. Stin surrendered the lease Jan. 1, 1877, the Brooklyn Theatre first making business very bad.

AMONG THE PLAYERS EVERYWHERE.

This season's "True as Steel" Co. includes Frank H. Thorne, Harry Barrymore, F. M. Ryner son, Harry Stoughton, Joseph Roberts, Frank De Camp, Charles Palmer, Alma Shyrma, Olie Martin and Joste Lewis, with Ed. Williams, leader of orchestra. H. H. Saxton, Sidney Moore and Frank H. Thorne are the proprietors. Mr. Moore acts as business manager, while Mr. Saxton attends to the duties of treasurer. They were playing over the Puget Sound circuit last week.

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Also spent a pleasurable week with old friends... Jake Rosenthal has started out to bill Ohio for the coming tour...

Cleveland.—At the Euclid Avenue Opera House the Bostonians commenced their engagement Nov. 25...

Columbus.—At the Metropolitan Opera House Nov. 25, "The Little Tycoon," 27, W. K. Keefe's "The Grand Opera House"...

Toledo.—"The Little Tycoon" had light houses Nov. 17, 18, at the Wheeler, but Louis James did a fine business...

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WEST VIRGINIA.

Wheeling.—The Revere's Operatic Burlesque Co. in "Faust" filled the Opera House to its fullest capacity Nov. 17...

OREGON.

Portland.—At the Marquam Grand Nov. 24, James A. Borne opens for one week in "Hearts of Oak"...

CORVALLIS NEW THEATRE.—The new attraction here is the Montana Family, Ace Levey and Du...

MASSACHUSETTS.

Boston.—We have had a week of splendid weather here, and equally fine business at every house in town...

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The Athletic Club of Philadelphia Expelled - The Toledo, Rochester and Syracuse Clubs Likely to Be Dropped.

The annual meeting of the American Association was held Nov. 24, at Louisville. The Board of Directors met at 9 o'clock at President Phelps' office...

It was unanimously adopted. It was moved that the next meeting be held in Baltimore on March 10...

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BILLIARDS.

Speculation is rife as to the outcome of the great talk game between the two masters, Slosson and Schaefer, which will be played at Chickering Hall on Saturday...

Schaefer is stopping at the St. George Hotel, Brooklyn, and has for some days past been suffering from a severe cold...

THE TURF.

Opening Day on the Heights.

Over five thousand persons wended their way to the course of the Hudson County Jockey Club, at Guttenburg, N. J., on Thursday afternoon, Nov. 20...

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Racing at Clifton.

The Passaic County Agricultural Society three open their gates on Friday, Nov. 21, for the Fall meeting, and the patrons of Winter racings responded in a way that must have greatly pleased the management...

Death of August Belmont.

The American turf has received a very heavy blow in the unexpected death of that eminent upholder of its best interests, August Belmont, banker, politician and veteran turfman...

THE RING.

THE MARINE'S SURPRISE PARTY.

A Montana Carpenter Knocks All the Fight out of George La Blanche.

The race track near Butte, Mont., was the scene of a gloom fight between George La Blanche and George Kessler, a local pugilist, on Saturday afternoon, Nov. 17...

Racing at Linden Park.

A most agreeable change in the weather conditions conduced to materially increase the attendance at the course of the Linden Park Racing Association, Elizabeth, N. J., on Tuesday afternoon, Nov. 18...

Throughbred Racers Sold.

William Easton, of Tattersall's, on Nov. 20 auction, at the racing stable of W. L. Scott, one of the prominent millionaire turfmen of the country...

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After the lapse of a number of years the football team representing Harvard University have succeeded in scoring a victory over their special rivals, the team of Yale...

Regimental Games.

The Seventy-fourth Regiment Athletic Club games took place in the Armory, at Buffalo, N. Y., Nov. 20, under the a. u. rules. J. M. Nason lowered his record and also the world's record by covering 60 yds. in a sack in 15 1/2 seconds...

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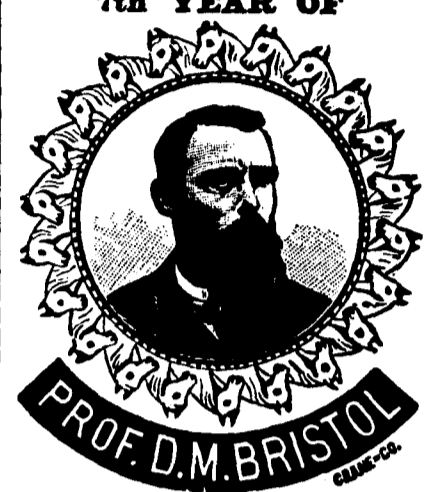
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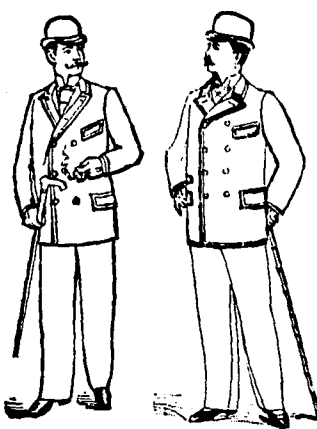
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