MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

HABELMANN'S OPERATIC CONCERT last evening was attended by a large and fashionable audience, which fully appreciated the rare character of the music. Choice selections from Rossini's *Barber of Seville* were given, Madame Bertha Johannsen personating "Rosina," Mr. Habelmann the "Count," and Mr. Jean Louis "Figaro." The second act of Beethoven's exquisite opera of *Fidelio* was also given entire, with Madame Johannsen as "Fidelio," Mr. Habelmann as "Floristan," Mr. Herrmanns as "Rocco," and Mr. Jean Louis as "Pizarro." All these artists were in excellent voice, and their interpretation of Beethoven's score especially was faithful, and enjoyably received. As this was the last concert of the series, we cannot forbear remarking that Mr. Jean Louis, who has this season made his first appearance in operatic *roles*, has fairly earned a high place in the estimation of our music-loving public, and we trust that we shall soon have an opportunity to witness his *debut* upon a more extended stage.

MR. KENNEDY'S FIRST CONCERT at Musical Fund Hall, last evening, was a very enjoyable affair. Mr. Kennedy has a fine, clear voice, and sings with much expression. He can likewise lay claim to considerable dramatic power, his by-play at times being very amusing. The ballads of Scotland are unequalled for sweetness and simplicity, and find no truer interpreter than this conscientious artist. His second and last concert will be given this evening, when, in addition to "Auld Robin Gray," "John Anderson, My Jo," "Scots wha ha'e wi' Wallace bled," and other charming Scottish songs, he will give our grand national anthem of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

MARK HASSLER'S ORCHESTRAL CONCERT will be necessarily omitted on next Monday afternoon, in consequence of the occupation of Concert Hall by other parties. On the following Monday the series will be permanently resumed.

MRS. LANDER AS "MARY STUART."—Last evening Mrs. F. W. Lander made her first appearance in this city as "Mary Stuart," at the Academy of Music, and fully sustained the high reputation she has achieved in the companion *role* of "Elizabeth." The two characters are the exact opposite of each other, but Mrs. Lander's conception of "Mary Stuart" is quite as correct as that of "Elizabeth," and she plays the former with the same earnestness which so eminently characterizes her as the "Virgin Queen." The effect of her fine acting was much increased by the splendor and appropriateness of her toilet, and altogether the personation of the unfortunate Queen of Scots was so classical that we are glad to know that it will be repeated on Monday evening. This afternoon *Elizabeth* is given at a matinee.

M'LLE FANNY JANAUSCHEK IN GERMAN TRAGEDY.—This great German tragedienne has created a sensation in New York approaching the *furore* which has greeted Madame Ristori ever since her first appearance in this country. Her acting has a rugged simplicity eminently appropriate to several of the *roles* which she assumes, while she is equally gifted with a true appreciation of the requirements of highly-wrought situations. On Monday evening, December 16, she will make her first appearance in this city at the Chesnut Street Theatre, and during the single week of her engagement she will appear consecutively in *Medea, Adrienne Lecouvreur, Deborah, Egmont, Emilia Galotti,* and *Marieanne.* The price of admission has been placed at one dollar, with fifty cents extra for reserved seats.

The Boiler Explosion at Fall River—Full Particulars.

The Fall River (Mass.) *News* of Thursday evening gives a long account of the terrific boiler explosion which occurred the same morning, and was partially reported in our telegraphic columns. One of the boilers of the Globe Print Works, at Fall River, exploded about half-past six o'clock, entirely demolishing the boiler house, which contained seven boilers, and setting fire to the print works, which were completely destroyed.

The *News* says:—"Two of the boilers were thrown into the air, and, in descending, struck upon the roof of the madder dye-house, making a complete wreck of that building—boilers, reels, timbers, machinery, and steam pipes being mingled in one confused mass. A piece of another boiler, weighing over three tons, struck the stone wall of the main building (which was two feet in thickness), and went through it, opening a breach forty or fifty feet wide the entire height of the building (four stories). A portion of the exploded boiler, with a large number of the tubes, weighing about half a ton, struck the cottage occupied by a Mr. Borden on the opposite side of the street with such force as to smash in the upper part of the front, tearing off the jet and thoroughly demolishing the windows and doors. As soon as the noise was heard in the house, a young man visiting there instinctively pushed Mrs. Borden out of doors, but she exclaiming, 'My child! my child!' attempted to rush back into the house to recover her child, who was in a cradle near the stove. But the young man prevented her, and going in himself found that three kerosene lamps which stood on the mantelpiece had been knocked over on the stove and exploded, so that the flames almost enveloped the baby's cradle. He carried the child to its mother, safe and sound. This was an almost miraculous escape, for in an instant after a large piece from the boiler came crashing through the house and lost its force on the very spot where a moment before the young babe lay in its cradle. No damage was done to the house by the flames of the burning oil.

"Another large piece of the same boiler, weighing about three quarters of a ton, with a considerable number of tubes, passed over the same cottage, knocking down the chimney and lodging itself in a garden some two hundred and fifty or three hundred yards from the boiler house, and plunging into the hard, frozen ground to the depth of a foot or more. Tubes and bricks were scattered in great profusion all along the path of the flying missiles, and we think it safe to say that tubes and bricks could be found in large quantities anywhere within a radius of three hundred yards from the boiler house. Windows and doors in every quarter were demolished.

"In the madder dye-house, where the two boilers lay, some sixteen hands were at work at the time of the explosion, yet not one of them was seriously injured. Thomas McKale, the person who was most injured in this room, says that the workmen there were tossed about and thrown down like mere toys. He was at work close to the place where one of the boilers fell, and would have been crushed to death had it not been for the support which the large reels gave to the falling timbers. He was injured in the right shoulder and left leg, and received a slight cut on the head. Patrick Lowney, who was at work in the same place, received a slight injury in the back. Four persons were at work where the other boiler fell, yet all escaped without injury. On hearing the 'rip,' rip' of the exploding boiler, and seeing the gas lights extinguished, they thought something was wrong, and rushed out just in time to save themselves from a horrible death. Hiram Pierce, the fireman, was seriously injured about the head and chest. There was a large cut upon his head some four inches in length, and his left ear was slit. His head was bruised in a shocking manner, the periosteum, or the membrane investing the skull, being denuded to a considerable extent."

About two hundred hands are thrown out of employment by this catastrophe.

Chambersburg to be Rebuilt by Co-operation.

Chambersburg is to be rebuilt; its citizens have formed a Building Association on the co-operative plan. The object of this Association is declared in its constitution to be "the accumulation of a fund by the savings of the members sufficient to enable every stockholder to invest his savings safely and speedily, and to purchase real estate, or to invest the same as it may be deemed by him most profitable."

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