DAILY EVENING - TELEGRAPH PHINADERPHIA TUREDAY, DECEMBER SI, 1867.

DRAMATIC:

meternel Fitzgerald's New Flay of "Light at East," at the Arch Street Theatre.

New and then, but very seldom, a person moving in our midst, and familiar to us all by nee and name, makes a successful appeal to us from the stage. Buch events, because of their infrequency, and because of our nome pride, must necessarily create more of a sensation than would result from the representation of a way of equal or even superior merit by one than would result from the representation of a pay of equal or even apperior merit by one who is not of us. Colonel Fitzgerald is well and favorably known as a journalist, and he has now added somewhat of dramatic renown to his past reputation. A new play by him was long since announced as in preparation at the Arch Street Theatre, and last evening, on its first presentation, that spacious editice was literally crowded by an anxious and good-nainred sydlence. So great, in fact, was the interest excited by the event, that several hundred people were unable to gain admittance, people were unable to gain admittance, were forced to await its second repre-

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The title of the play, which is of the mixed
monstional and comedy style, is Light at Last;
or, the shadow on the Cusement. The scene is lo
cated in and around the Terrace Hotel, at the
famous Lake of Killarney, and every phase of
Irish life, from the highest to the lowest, is intraduced. "Squire Fairiawn" (Mr. A. Everly)
is the villain of the piece, domeatic and otherwise. In truth, he is a bloated and brutal specimen of humanity, and drawn with sufficient
care to excite a satisfactory amount of disgust
in the andlence. By systematic extortion ne
reduces a family to the verge of ruin, and then
forces one of its members to become his wife.

"Mrs. Fairiawn" (Mrs. John Drew), however,
has loved, and still loves a young man by the
name of "Robert King" (Mr. L. L. James), who
is another fluancial victim of "the Squire"
The play opens with the arrival of "the Squire"
and his wife at the hotel, the former in search
of peace and quiet, two phases of life impossible in his presence. "Robert King" follows
"Mrs. Fairlawn" to the hotel, and has an affecting farewell interview with her in the garden.
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A low creature by the name of "Dennis" (Mr. R. H. Craig) is a speciator, unknown to them, Meanwhile, "John Wilkins Millstone" (Mr. Charles Walcot, Jr.,) and "Mrs. John W. M" (Mrs. Walcot), a brace of high-flying American actors, have arrived, and created a general sensation by their oddities of speech and manner. In the second act "King" has an interview with the "Squire" in a dimiy-lighted room. He demands the restoration of but half his patrimosy, promising to leave the country forever in return. The "Squire" stoutly refuses this, and an excited interview ensues ending in the death of the domestic villain, who, about to shoot his victim, sends the ball through his own heart, in consequence of a sudden attack own heart, in consequence of a sudden attack of apoplexy which throws his hand against his own person. "King" then flies, fearing suspi-

own person. "King" then files, fearing suspicion. The only spectator of the interview is a
shadowy form seen upon the casement.

In the third act, "King" seeks concealment
until the following night with "Mrs. Fairlawn," who is convinced of his innocence. But
"Miss Fairlawn" (Miss bizzie Price), who is
also in love with "King," ferreis out his hiding
place, and is only persuaded to conceal it from
the officers of the law by a threat on the part of
her sister-lo-law to born the will of her dead
husband, by which "Miss Fairlawn" is left a
considerable estate.

In the fourth act, "King" effects his escape;
but the hotel takes fire, and he returns in time

but the hotel takes fire, and he returns in time to rescue "Mrs. Fairlawn," when he is recog-nized and both are taken into custody on the charge of having murdered the "squire."

In the fifth and last act, "Dennis" visits

"Mrs. Fairlawn" in prison and promises to
leave the country without testifying against
her, on receipt of £1000. This is refused, and
the scene changes to the court-room and the
double trial. "Dennis" there testifies to a preconcerted plot of murder, and the situation assumes a very desperate cast, when "John Wilkins Millstone" appears upon the scene, and, after worrying the attorney-general to his heart's content, discloses the mystery of "the shadow on the casement," and the true state of the case. The prosecution is thus abandoned

and the play winds up with a foretaste of the happiness in store for 'King" and the easily consoled widow.

It must be acknowledged that this plot displays considerable togenuity in conception and a fair share of dramatic power in its working ap. But the stage has long been flooded with productions of a similar character and equal merit, so that the success of the play must depart almost entirely on the performers and the mechanical effects. Mrs. Drew as "Mrs. Fair-lawn" acted with her accustomed force, and was well supported. The most creditable parts, however, were those of Mr. and Mrs. Walcot, who threw a great deal of grace and quaintness into their acting, and were rewarded with un-atisted applauss. At the close of the play, Col. Fitzgerald appeared in answer to repeated calls, and tendered his thanks to the audience for the manner in which they had received his effect, and also to the press for its generosity in ad-

Dramatic and Musical Notes.

vance of the representation.

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AT THE WALNUT STREET THEATRE MISS Lucille Western is still engaged in the persona-tion of the double chargeter of "Lady Isabel" and "Madame Vine" in the sensational drams of East Lynne; or The Elopement To-morrow afternoon a matinee will be given, at which will be presented Beauty and the Beaut, and Wallace, the Hero of Scotland.

AT THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC the Hanlons conalready noticed their performances at such length that nothing further is required. We can only assure our readers that if they fall to see the Hanloos this week, they will miss a rare and instructive entertainment.

A matinee will be given to morro vafternoon.

AT THE AMERICAN THEATRE the usual variety of pleasing entertainments has been greatly in-greased during the boliday season. The audi-ences properly appreciate the persevering efforts of the management to please. A matines will be given to morrow afternoon.

AT THE SEVENTU STREET OPERA HOUSE a new burlesque of Faust was presented last evening and will be repeated until further notice. It is, as is usual with the burlesques presented at this establishment, decidedly comical and entertaining. "John'sy" Mack, an Ethiopian comedian of undoubted merit, is the principal attraction.

AT CONCERT HALL the Morris Brothers' Min-strels will remain the rest of the present week. They present a varied and entertaining pro-

It is stated that Mr. Winans, of this country, has proposed to buy the Moscow Railroad, so long in the market, and recently offered to the Russo-French Company by the Govern-ment. He is willing to pay 25,000,000 rubles (\$19,700,000) within a year, besides undertaking to amortize a former loan.

-Low spirits prevail to a frightful extent in the Utica Lunatic Asylum. At least the thermometer was 22 degrees below zero on Baturday morning.

A GAY DECEIVER.

A Dry-Goods Clerk Deserts Two Wives, and Engages the Third-His Arrest and Exposure in Louisville-A Young Lady Saved from Butn.

From the Louisville Courier. Another of those cases so common to the metropolitan cities of the country, in which an innocent young lady has been basely duned by a bigamist, came to light yesterday. Without entering into any lengthy comment on the affair, we will simply lay before our readers the plain facts of the case. plain facts of the case.

A lew days ago a young man named Thomas Hausom was engaged as a clerk in one of the large dry goods establishments of New York. While in this avocation he formed the acquaintance of an elegant and fascinating young widow from Chroago, who was on a oriel visit to that city. Upon learning the fact that the young widow was possessed of wealth as well as beauty, he lost no opportunity to crowd his claim to her hand, heart, and fortune. Right here we would state, in order to keep up the link of our parrative, that the said young Han-som, at that time, was not only a husband, but the tather of one child.

As we have said, he lost no opportunity to press his suit with the young willow, who was totally ignorant of the fact that he was a married man. Time passed rapidly over the heads of the devoted lovers, until the period of the young widow's departure arrived. With many plights of eternal love and constancy they separated 'midst the snappings of hearistrings. widow returned to her home in Chicago, and, after a lively and lovely correspondence of several months, young Hansom threw up his situation, basely deserted the partner of his

bosom, and flew to the arms of his foring widow, in that basin of sin and inquiry, Chicago.
Shortly after his arrival in that city their happiness was consummated, and the bewitching and wealthy young widow rejoiced once more in the possession of a husband. But a short time had elapsed, however, until wife No. 2 was startled by the discovery of wife No. 1, and that she had been heartlessly betrayed by a man who had already a wife and child in New York. The Chicago wife lost no time, after the shocking development, in repairing to New York to ascertain the true state of the case. It is only recessary to mention that her worst

fears were realized.
She met Hansom's first wife, and, after brooding over their mutual misfortune, it was pricure a divorce, and thus save the wayward young men from disgrace and the peniteatiary. It appears that the first wife, being fully cognizant of the dishonorable and heartless character of the man who had betrayed her, readily yielded to the proposition, and very sensibly reinquished her claim to such a husband. After fully arranging the affair, the second wife re-turned to her devoted husband in Chicago, and presented him with a legal pardon. The first wife shortly afterwards married a gentleman of wealth and refinement, and removed with him

Hansom, it seems, lived very happily with his second wife up to last summer, when he conceived the idea of coming to this city to en-hance his fortunes. Accordingly, he came here, leaving his wife at Chicago, and soon obtained a situation as clerk in the well known house of W. H. Andrews, on Market street, man of fluent conversation and fascinating ap-pearance, he soon opened a new career of duplicity among the young ladies of our city. He succeeded in gaining the affections of a young lady of wealth, beauty and refinement, residing on Walnut street, whose name we do not leed at liberty to mention. While he was carrying on his flittations in Louisville, his wife was made acquainted with the condition of things, and, to the utter surprise of the gay and festive Hausom, she dropped in upon him one ane morning. considerable persuasion, and some slight hints at his former cateer—bigamy—and as "sam" would say:—"You know, you know, you know, and all that sort of thing," Mr. Hansom deemed it best to comply with the request of his wife to accompany her home. They returned to Chicago, but the faitnless has band still pined for his victim in Louisville. He kept up a regular correspondence, the young lady, of course, being ignorant that he was married, or the precise cause of his leaving

But it seems that Hansom had made up his mind to possess himself of a third wife, and therefore strock out again for Louisville, arriving here about one week ago. He at once resumed his courtship with the young lady alluded to, in this city, and engaged her to marry. It appears that Hansom had unthoughtfully disclosed the secret of his intention to marry the aforesaid young lady to a gentleman in Chicago. After unding out that Hansom had, sure enough, deserted his wife and come to this city, the gentieman aloresaid felt it in-cumbent open him, in point of honor, to reveal the villainous purpose of the base wretch to his wife, and, forther, save the young lady in this city from ruin, if possible,

Upon being made acquainted with these facts, Mrs. Hansom set out for this place, arriving yes-terday. She at once lound the residence of the young lady, by a portion of a letter bearing her name, which she had found in her husband's coat pocket some months ago. When the de-ceived and outraged wife made known the object of her visit to the innocent young lady, she at once produced a package of letters which she had received from Hansom, and placed them in the wife's hands. Mrs. Hansom then started out in search of an officer to arrest her guilty husband. Officer Bligh was put upon his trail, and, as usual, soon found the object of his search. Hansom had secured a situation in the Trace Palace, on Jefferson street, and had just set in as clerk. Officer Blight asked him if he was acquainted with the young lady of our city above mentioned, and he replied in the affirmative. He also admitted that he was engaged to marry her. Mr. Bligh then informed him that the fact of his having a wire was well known in this city. He stated that it was true be once had a wife, but that he had been divorced and separated from her for upwards of four years. Officer Bligh wasted no forther time, but took the enopuallen Hansom to the Mayor's office, where he was controuted by his outraged wife. Of course, he wilted, and implored for mercy. He was taken to the Schell Hotel, on the corner of First and Jedersqu streets, where the young lady whom he has so basely deceived visited bim in the presence of

We leave the reader to imagine the feelings of the miserable man during that painful laterview. The wife stated that her role object in visiting our city was to save the young lary, and having accomplished that much, would not remain to prosecute the viliamous destroyer of her happiness. She requested Officer Birgh to set him at liberty, which he did, and the outraged wre returned to Chicago. At about 4 o'clock last evening, the brother of the young lady was apprised of the affair, and repaired to the Schill Hotel to meet Han-om and seek redress for the wrongs of his sister at his bands; but Hausom had left, and no doubt got away from the city

Mrs. Hansom stated to Officer Bligh that the lather of his first wife, in New York, would be certain to prosecute him for bigamy, if this attair came to his ears, and that Hansom has always been in dread of him.

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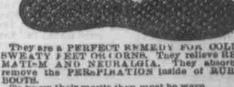
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