NEW YORKISMS.

From Our Own Correspondent. NEW YORK, Sept. 10.

"Conwicted, but not Conwerted." These words have been memorable to me ever since I first heard them pronounced by a peon's washerwoman, who, next to sitting down to a hot dish of tea, with her sleeves rolled up to her elbows, enjoyed nothing on earth so much as conversation in respect to her own and her neighbors' souls. Indeed, she used to speculate upon the condition of your soul as though it was so much cheese, and whether you were sound or unsound, would not long remain undiscovered by her, if you once came within the sweep of the radius represented by Aunt Polly's wash-brush handle. "Chile," she used to say, pausing in her white-washing, with a look of solemn adjuration, "Chile, your soul was made for better tings than to go dancing around in the Devil's den forever and forever, through all eternity, like a hen on a hot griddle." And, truth to tell, Aunt Polly's words had all the power due to a rude and grotesque picturesqueness.

I am led to these apparently disconnected remarks by the fact that John Allen, who, like another great man, awoke one morning and found himself famous, is announced as converted and on the road to glory. The sobrique, of the "Wickedest," only continues to be bestowed upon him because it was by that he achieved his greatness-just as the voluptuous Felicita will always be known as Vestvati the magnificent, and Edwin Forrest as the eminent, and Lucille Western as the young, the talented, and the beautiful. And now one word about his sincerity. Don't you, dear Philadelphia public in writing to whom I always feel at home, believe that this repentant dance-house keeper is sincere. You know his history, afrom first to last, as well as I do. Copious extracts from the New York newspapers have informed you who and what he is, and here you have the fact staring you in the face, that he has abandoned his old business. and is trying to act as though he heard "Eternity!" ringing perpetually in his cars. His late dance house will be the nucleus of a revival which, if managed rightly, and not pushed with indiscreet zeal, may embrace thousands of the sin-soaked sinners of New York. If John Allen sticks to his promise and his prayers, he might go around among the infected human brutes of Water street, a living bottle of moral and religious carbolic acid, the mouth unstoppered and the acid flowing forth like balm, to heal and sweeten the dark places. In questions of this delicate and dangerous nature, it is easy to say that such a line of conduct ought to be pursued, but difficult to feel that what we say is true. Many of the religious and well-meaning frequenters of these Water street prayer-meetings, some of the most sweet and spotless ladies and gentlemen in New York-fail from a lack of knowledge of that phase of religious life, and of the tact necessary for them to successfully address themselves to the men and women there who have sunk so low, that to sink lower would seem impossible. Yet even an imperfect piety, a low plane of religion are better than no piety and religion at all. To one who has observed much, and thought much upon subjects akin to this, it will apparent, that of all the multitudinous religions throughout the world, those in which sincerity predominates must be most acceptable to that great Instigator of creation whom we call God. I do not expect the narrow ritualist to find the smallest modicum of heavenly joy when he reads that John Allen is converted at last. But thousands in this city, among the Methodists and Baptists, probably, more than among the religious of other denominations, will shed tears of sacred joy on earth, and so keep time with the angels in heaven, who are said to take an interest in repentant reprobates. These low levels of religion address themselves to people whose minds and morals are on a low level; and it is better that John Allen should

And since I am on religion, permit me to observe that now that the watering-places have collapsed, the religious interests generally are cropping out again. The home missions are being contributed to; the open air preachings have lately been largely attended, though I hope that hearts have not been warmed at the expense of colds in the head; Catholic, Episco pal, Congregational, and Reformed Churches are being opened subsequent to the lobbies being repainted, the aisles rematted, and engagements effected (at an immense outlay!) with first-class solos and choristers. In fact, the outside of the cup and platter is beautiful to look upon, and if, inside, all is rottenaess, why the temples of God in this city are no worse than His temples else-

he should remain profane behind the bar.

That funny, wrinkled, white-haired, witty, simple-hearted ventriloquial prestidigitateur Signor Blitz is at Dodworth Hall here, enchanting youngsters as completely as his brilliant daughter, Madame Van Zandt, is enchanting more fastidious audiences in London, Paris, Stockholm, St. Petersburg-and where not? Has he published his autobiography yet? I thought perhaps he might have done so in a surreptitious manner (so to speak) in Philadel. phia, instead of appealing at once, through the liberal-minded Carleton (I can't say whether the latter is as liberal pocketed), to the broad and genial sympathies of Gotham. That autobiography, which to my certain knowledge has been under way for years, would certainly find hundreds-perhaps I might say thousands - of readers in Philadelphia; and if the rhetorical grace with which they are delivered is half as pleasant as the native grace with which he tells then, I am pretty certain he will please young and old altke.

How old Falstag Hackett is I do not pretend to say, but he is surely old enough to have grown out of his own memory. At any rate he has made engagements to appear in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and finally in London, after having finished a shooting expedition in the west. So I suppose in due time he will be trotting around to the Walnut Street Theatre, ss if there was no such thing as death, and time's sickle had lost its edge. Lydia Thompson is here, and from the accounts which foreign papers pive of the effect of her attractions abroad, we must expect to find her path of triumph through the States strewn with the corpses ("mingled" of course) of sulcides and duellists. I don't know whether Miss Thompson ever does such a plebeian thing as to ride in a Broadway stage. As some very great people, however, occasionally do this same thing, I would fain hope that it was Miss same thing, I would fain hope that it was Miss Lydia's fare was the fare I had the honor of handing up last Saturday, from the hands of a lady, who was "distinguishediy" attired, and who I feel morally certain was an actress. Her silk aress, striped with white and black, she gathered around her as she scated herself in the stage, with that artlessness of art, which only an actress

attains. Her underskirts were most elaborately puffed and ruffled; she wore an exquisite black lace shawl, buff-colored kid gloves, a large blue bow, with broad fringed edges, in contrast with the low throated dark dress, and a dark hat trimmed with blue. She had the look of a lady and the glamour of an actress too. Without being in the least brazen, she preserved that cold composure which women she preserved that cold composure which women attain after being looked at every night, vear after year, through thousands of lorgnettes, Lastly, she had two yellow-covered play books in her hand. One of them was 'Fazio." The name of the other escaped my eye. She got in at Eleventh street and out at Niblo's, and wherein she went afterward or may go bereafter, Isay "God go with her." Ali Baba.

What the People Say.

To the Editor of the Evening Teegraph—Sir:—You have my thanks for publishing the card from some generous friend wno rejoices in the nom de prume, "A Seeker after Truth." I beg of you let me tell him and my friends everywhere that I am in no hurry for a seat in Congress. If I ever go there, it will not be to serve myself, but to serve first. but to serve, first, my country; second, my

It is generally known that, having been rather impulsive and unfashionably independent in politics, I am now enjoying, with all the "modest stillness and humility" of which I am capable, the two years of probation to which I was consigned by the wise men of the Republican party. No honest man ever charged me with self-aggrandizement at the expense of the public service. I am too old in the desire to serve my country to learn that patriousm is a trade or to make politics pay. Henry Carey used to tell me festina lente was a good motto. I am hastening very slowly, but I can stand it if the people can. The trimmph of that great cause for which the Great Commoner lived and for which Abraham Lincoln died is ten thousand times dearer to me than the hope of the highest office in the

When the great Republican train whistles down brakes, and takes me aboard as engineer or brakesman I will be there; but whether that train ever stops for me or not, I am content. Yours, for the country, J. M. Scovel. Camden, N. J., Sept. 9, 1868.

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