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# THE DAILY EVENING TELEGRAPH-PHILADELPHIA, TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 1869.

# MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

"After Dark" at the Walnut. Last evening Boucleault's drama of After Dark was produced at the Walnut. This piece has been extens, vely advertised by means of a lawsuit about the o,"Igin of one of the principal effects-a style of advertising, by the way, that, from too frequent use, he beginning to lose its effectiveness. Boucleault's name, too, has a powerful attraction to a large class of playgoers. and the first performance of siller Dark in this city was accordingly given to a full house. The plot of the piece may be thus stated :- A scoundrel known as "Chandos Bellingham," but whose real name is "Richard Knatchpull," a number of years before the opening of the play eloped with the wife of an army officer-The woman, after being deserted by him, died in the workhouse, and her legitimate daughter was taken care of by strangers, with whom she grew up virtuous and happy, and finally married a seemingly honest cabman, Her father, on returning from a distant field of service, hears of his wife's shame and death and his daughter's disappearance. He endeavors to drown his sorrows with drink, and at the opening of the play he appears as "Old Tom." The cabman, 'George Medhurst," is of good family, and heir to a large estate, the possession of which, however, is contingent upon his marrying his cousin. In his younger days he ran through a large fortune by a course of dissipation, and orged a bill, which "Dicey Morris," the keeper of a gambling house and concert saloon entitled he "Elysium Hall," and the confede rate of "Bellingham," holds in hi possession. These scoundrels endeavor to their own advantage the turn to peopliar circumstances in which "Med hurst" is placed. They induce him to consent to the conditions by which alone it is possible to gain possession of the coveted estate, and to purchase the forged bill for a satisfactory sum To get rid of "Mednurst's" wife, "Bellingham" persuades her that she has lost the affections of her husband, and in despatr the woman jumps from the Blackfriars bridge into the Tnames. "Old Tom" rescues her, and recognizes her as his daughter. Ashamed, however, of his degraded condition, he keeps the relationship a secret. Through the instrumentality of "Captain Gordon Chumley," of the Light Dragoons, who has recognized in "Old Tom" a brother officer, the daughter secures a situation as lady's maid to "Miss Rose Egerton," who is preparing for her marriage with "Sir George Mednurst." As the wife had only known her husband under his assumed. name of "Hayward," she is unaware of the shock which is in store for her.

She has just recognized his portrait, when he enters the room, and in the dark, mislaking her for "Rose," he asks to be released from his marriage engagement, as his affections are given solely to one he believes to be dead. The entrance of "Rose" at this moment reveals the real situation of affairs, and affords an effective Austion for the conclusion of the act.

In the meantime "Bellingham" has been recognized by "Captain Chumley" as an escaped bushranger, for whose arrest a reward is offered, and he sets to work to obtain from him the forged bill. "Bellingham" consents to part with the bill at a much smaller plice than he originally demanded, and the music hall of "Dicey Morris" is appointed as the place of rendezvous. "Rellingham" and "Morris" contrive to have only their frieads in attendance, and "Chumley," after obtaining possession of the bill, is drugged and robbed. "Old Tom," who has followed "Chumley," manages to secure the pocket book, but the villains force it

from him and throw him into a cellar. As the underground railroad passes

clock work, and all the impromptu performers [ be able to go through with their parts without previous rehearsal. The floor last evening was laid, as is usual on ball occasions, so as to cover the entire stage and parquet, and in its centre was displayed the insignia of "La Coterie," a huge white ball bearing upon it the words:-"La Coterie Carnival, Welcome, 1869,"

The stage was set with the magnificent ball room scene of The Sicilian Vespers, and in the arrangement of the candelabras on each side an improvement was made over former occasions, and a very brilliant effect was produced. An improvement was also effected by placing the orchestra at the back of the stage, instead of on one side of the parquet, and the various other changes in the decorations and arrangements were such as good taste and experience suggested. The dancing programmes presented to each guest were very neat affairs, printed in red and black, and each page bearing a cut of a character in cotume. The managers were as follows: - Directors, Peter E. and Henry C. Risley; Master Abel of Ceremonies, Major Charles W. Smith; floor Managers, Howard A. Stephenson, Frederick W. Gimber, S C. Konigmacher, John D. Mahoney, W. H. Miller, Philip H. Hoff, B. F. Fike, Jr., Carlos Menduan, M. B. Audrews, and A. Shotwell. The orchestra was under the direction of Mr. Carl Sentz, and the supper in

he Foyer was set by Mr. Adolph Proskauer. Shortly after 9 o'clock the curtain rolled up, and the maskers appeared upon the floor in a long procession. Every variety of costume was represented, and soon the floor presented a most brilliant appearance as the gayly-attired throng broke up into detached groups, or as the music struck up dashed away in the dance. Everybody was in good humor, and the spirit of enjoyment pervaded the cene. At midnight, when the masks were removed, there was a general recognition of friends, and a number of comical ur, rises. The dancing was kept up until far into the morning, and a large number of the assembly seemed determined to go through with the entire programme, let the ultimate consequences be what they might. The ball was a success, the name of "La Coterie" is covered with fresh glory, and Messrs. Abel & Risley can put another plume in their caps, and until this time next year they can rest from their labors and rejoice in their gains.

#### The City Amusements.

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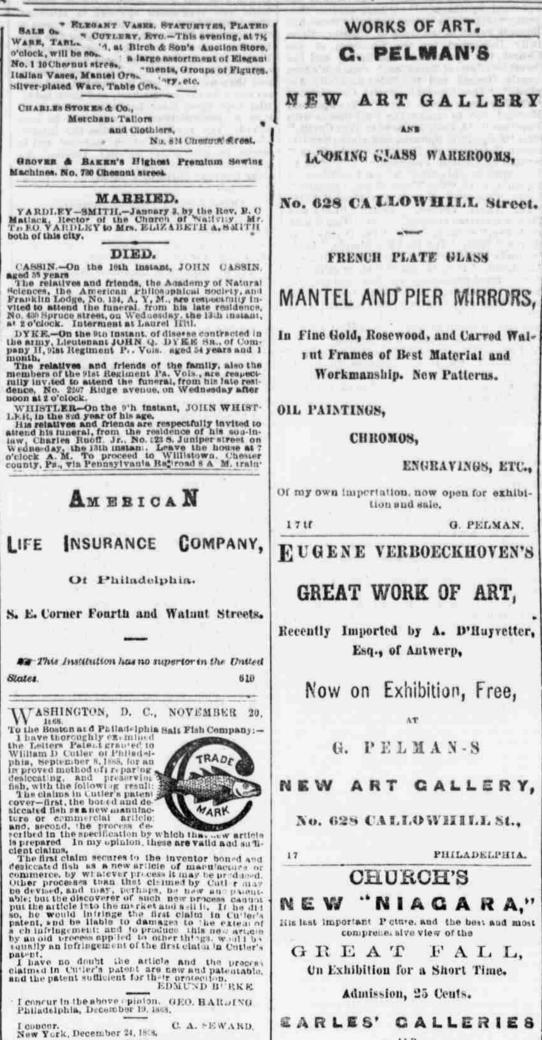
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AT THE A MERICAN there will be an attractive variety entertaioment this evening. MADAME PAREPA-Rosa will give her first concert at Concert Hall to-morrow evening. Madame Rosa will be assisted by Mr. Brook-house Bowler, Signor Ferranti, Mr. Carl Rosa, Mr. Pattison, Mr. George W. Colby, and Mr. J. Levy, the celebrated cornet player. Tickets can be procured at Trumpler's. THE EEXT2-HASSLER CONCERT on next Satur-day afternoon, in Musical Fund Hall, has a brilliant programme. The celebrated Reformat-tion Symphony and the new Hall Columbia Over-ture will be performed by a largely increased

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THE GERMANIA ORCHESTRA will give a pub-ite rehearsal to-morrow afternoon for the bene-fit of Mr. Robert Renahaw, editor of La Malinee. Miss Cassie Rentz will sppear. THE MANNERCHOR'S GRAND MASKED BALL will be given on Thursday evening, at the Academy of Music. The gentlemen who have charge of this affair are experienced in getting up entertainments of like character, and they are exerting themselves to make this ball the finest of the season. That they will succeed, none who have attended the Masunerchor's balls in former years can doubt. The subscrip-tion list is limited, and as it is rapidly filling up, those who wish to procure tickets should up, those who wish to procure lickets should up, those who wish to procure tickets should do so at once. Miss ANNA E. DICKINSON will deliver her lecture on "Woman's Wrongs and the Remedy," at the Academy of Music, on Friday evening. The sale of seats commences, to-day at Gouid's, No. 923 Chesnut street. Mr. SAMUEL K. MURDOCH will lecture on "Elocation as an Ari," and give attractive read-ings, this evening at Concert Hall. The lecture will be for the benefit of the Teachers' Insti-tute. Tickets can be procured at Trumplet's. tote. Tickels can be procured at Trumpler's, No. 926 Chesnut street.



under the adjoining house, the scoundrels agree to dispose of "Chumley" by putting him upon the train and then to throw the cars from the track by placing an obstraction in their way, with a view of compassing "Chamley's" death thereby. "Old Tom," however, views the whole proceeding through a chink in the wall of his cellar, and just as the train is heard approaching he manages to break through and throw the log off the track, and the cars dash past in safety. After the great sevention of the piece, nothing remains but to bring matters to a conclusion as expeditiously as possible. "Bellinghom" and "Morris" are astounded by being confronted by their supposed victim, and on being placed in the hands o the police. and with a view of making matters as easy for themselves as possible, they give up the forged bill. 'Old Tom" reforms, "Sir George Medporst" and his wife are reunited, and it is intimated that "Captain Chumiey" will console "Rose" for her matrimonial disappointment. In the drama as originally performed, "Chumley" was placed upon the track, and was rescued by "Old Tom." The Court, however, decided that Daly's copyright of Under the Gaslight covered this man on the track, but not the cars, so it was found necessary to substitute a log of wood in the great scene of the play, thus depriving it of its chief interest. The "Elysium Music Hail," in the third act, is taken from John Brougham's Lottery of Life, and most of the situations have been adapted in Boncicault's usual graceful style.

After Dark is certainly not the best of Bouci cault's pieces, and it is about on a par as regards merit with Daly's Flash of Lightning, and is scarcely equal to Under the Gaslight, or Brougham's Lottery of Life. The last-named piece had some fun in it, and the author, to a certain extent, disarmed criticism by gracefully acknowledging that he himself considered it to be us mitigated trash. Afte Dark is well placed upon the stage; the scenery is good, but the rallway t ain is by no means as effective as was meninilar contrivance at the Area, nor is the concert room scene equal to the one in The Lattery of LUC. Indeed, the bone and banjo business, and other features introduced, are far from being entertaining, and an improvement will be effected by repressing the enthusiasm of the Ethiopian gentlemen, who occupy considersble time to very little paroose,

The part of "Old Tom" is played by Mr. McDonough with considerable power and effect. There is at times a little too much disposition to mount the high tragic stills; but, on the whole, Mr. McDonough is to be commended for avoiding exaggaration, especially with regard to the drunkenness. Mr. Walcot's "Dicey Morris" is well acted, and the "make-up" is admirable. Miss Aunie Graham as "Eliza," the wife of "George Mednurst," and Mrs. Wal oot in the small part of "Rese Egerton," ap peared to advantage.

### La Coterie Carnival.

Last night was as dismai out of doors as any of the many dismid nights which the enforced ganderers about the streets will recollect. within the Academy of Music, however, al uss light, mirth, music, and jollification. The maskers, as their carriages doshed up to the building, tripped across the pavement, through the darkness steet, and rain, and is a moment they were safe within the realms of Prince Carnival, and the dreary outside weather faded from the memory, as if there were no such things as darkness, wot, and wind in existepot. Messrs, Abel & Risley have had anch long experience in getting up balls that they know exactly how to arrange everything so that the entertainment will progress like . Liftcenth and Market streats.

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