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From Our Own Correspondent.

NEW YORK, Feb. 9, 1869. I hardly think that the staircases and corridors of Fifth Avenue Hotel have ever been more crowded than they were on Saturday afternoonwhen General and Mrs. Grant held an informal reception. Both of them worked hard in their quiet way. It is no light thing to make calls all morning, receive them all afternoon, and attend a dinuer and a reception in the evening. to say nothing of two or three theatres thrown in any time between ten and twelve at night. Yet this is the routine transacted by General Grant almost every day and night of his life-The staircases and corridors at the Fifth Avenue are of unusual width, but their standing-room capacity was tested on Saturday to the full. Among the celebrated men who "crushed" tkeir way up might be seen the leonine face of Farragut cheek by jowl with the fail moun features of Horace Greeley.

Birgfeld-the amiable Adolph-formerly the pet of the Philadelphia public, if to be universally recognized with approbation gives a claim to that title, has lately come to grief. For the past year and a half, in fact ever since the establishment of opera bouffe in the midst of us, Birgteld has been a New Yorker; and, like Mr. Bateman, and other tender transplanted flowers of tropic growth, has experienced the rigors of such a position. Bateman was lately up charged with aggravated assault and battery upon a choriste of his troupe; and Birgfeld. wisely reversing matters, has just appeared as plaintiff in a similar case against a Mr. Francis Tholer, who not long ago was dismissed from the troupe. Tholer, conceiving himself misused, thereupon repaired to the box office, and improvised an assault upon the unsuspicious Birgfeld with such celerity that the victim was deprived of some of his teeth and all of his senses almost before he recognized his assailant. In justification of himself, Tholer said that Birgfeld was a heartless man-O Ingratitude! is not thy name Tholer?-and that as for himself he was tired and sick of the Americans, and wanted to get back to la belle Paris. Justice Dowling advised him that he had unfortunately not chosen the most sensible method of putting that desire into execution, sentenced him to pay a fine of fifty dollars, and ordered him to be locked up one week. It is expected when he comes out he will be a solo singer of another tune. An interesting and salutary scene took place

on Saturday morning in the Court of General Sessions. Arson has been a prevalent crime for the last few months, and a case which has been standing over since November of last year was finally settled at 2 o'clock on Saturday afternoon. The criminals were a youth named Joseph Roll, and a young man several years his senior, named Frederick Baden. When the trial had first come up Roll had pleaded guilty in the third degree, and Baden, thinking to throw all the blame upon the actual perpetrator of the deed, had, in his ignorance, confessed that he had given him the money to purchase the oil which he knew was going to be used for incendiary purposes. The crime was committed for the sake of securing \$1000 insurance on property worth barely more than \$300. Recorder Hackett pronounced on each of the offenders the heaviest sentence the law permitted him to inflict, viz., ten years' hard labor in the State Prison.

The Waverley Theatre is the name given to the pretty little minstrel opera house that has recently been deserted by Kelly & Leon, I recognize no names of any account except those of Owen Marlowe (whose aspiring blood I am grieved to see sink into the ground), Mr. Parsloe, and Setty Rigl. Lydia Thompson has one editorial per day in the Hera dabout her hairand "Webster's Unabridged" is indebted to Jarrett & Palmer for the coining of a new adjective, "Niblonian," suggestive of the lar, cenious spiendors of the Forty Thieves. ATI BABA.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

"Tame Cats" at the Arch. Last evening Edmund Yates' comedy of Tame Cats was produced at the Arch to a large audience. The title of this piece is extremely awkward, it being used to signify the parasites and blood-suckers who prey upon the good nature, weakness, and credulity of their fellows and, unlike many cant terms, it has no real sigpificance. A title that will attract attention and excite curlosity is a great thing for a new play, but this piece might easily have been rechristened with a name equally telling and more appropriate than Tame Cats. The play itself is respectable, fairly written, rather weak in some points, but with several good dramatic situations and a series of cleverly-sketched stage characters. Most of the people, indeed, remind us more or less of others that we have met with in literature or on the stage before, and the rich old uncle turning up in the last act to arrange all the family difficulties, and murmur, "Bless ye, me children," is such a familiar friend that we are fain to bid him welcome for old acquaintance's sake, at least.

The plot turns upon the efforts of a set of parasites who scheme to get possession of the fortune of "Mr. Walter Waversham." They induce him to enter into speculations of all kinds, de'sme his wife, destroy his happiness. and apparently bring him to the verge of rain. The uncle aforesald acts as the guardian angel. however, and under an assumed name alds "Mr. Waversham" to defeat the schemes of the "tame cats." The "cats," too, quarrel among themselver, and thus assist in their own discomfiture. The moral tone of the play is good, and it has a number of points which appeal to the sympathies of the audlence in the strongest

manner. The play is remarkably well acted through out, and to this, with the excellent style in which it is placed upon the stage, must be attributed its success last evening. The best personation is that of "Ezra Stead" by Mr-Mackay. "Ezra Stead" is a returned convict, without a "ticket of leave," and he reminds us of the "party by the name of Johnson," in the Lancashire Loss, to some extent. Mr. Mackay's "make-up," facial expression, and thoroughly artistic rendering of the part are entitled to the highest praise. Mrs. Thayer as Mrs. Soppett, the wife of "Ezra," and much the same sort of a character, is also admirable, "Mortimer Wedgewood," the part sustained by Mr. Barton Hill, is a palpable but rather weak copy of "Horace Skimpole" in Dickeus' novel of "Bieak House." The only difference is that while 'Skimpole" is merely egotistical and selfish, "Wedgewood" is a villain. Mr. Hill plays the part creditably, but he doca not develop it into something original and develop it into something original and develop it into something original and learned the funeral, from the residence of his age.

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striking, as so me actors would. "Mrs. Harry | Langley" is a sort of compromise between "Lord Dundreary" a '1 "Lydia Languish." This character is well represented by Mrs. Drew. Miss Price gives an exo. llent personation of "Mrs. Wa'ter Waversham," au. d in some of the scenes she acts with far more power than usual. Mr. Everly, as "Walter Waversham," is also good, but a little too slow and measured, both in his conversation and deportment, especially in the first act. Mr. Hemple as the rich uncle, "Mr. Tweedle;" Mr. Craig as "Biddles, one of those typical British fathers, with whom all playgoers are familiar; Mrs. Crease as "Annie Temple," the interesting young lady in love, without whom such a piece as this could not be pronounced complete; Mr. James as "Charles Hampton," the ardent lover of the aforesaid "Miss Temple," and Miss Davenport as "Ellis," the waiting maid, all act their parts in a creditable and satisfactory manner. It is difficult to find any serious fault with this play, and it is equally difficult to say very much in its favor. It depends for its success upon a tolerably well-arranged plot and not upon scenic effects entirely, and is therefore entitled to commendation on that ground, if upon no other. Indifferently performed it would be uninteresting, but as presented at the Arch it makes an agreeable evening's entertainment, although the audience are indebted for whatever pleasure they derive from it to the actors far more than to the author.

The City Amusements.

AT THE WALNUT Mr. and Mrs. Barney Williams will appear this evening in the Irish diama of the Fairy Circle and the comedy of the Custom of the Country. These performers are always welcome and always popular. In their particular line they have no superiors on the sigge, and in their irish dramas, as in the Irish character, there is a mingling of fun, frome and sentiment that is particularly attractive to a large portion of the playgoing public, houses, and as the public are well aware of their merits and those of the pieces they present, there is no necessity for us to make any Mr. and Mrs. Williams always draw crowded extended notice of them.

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THE GERMANIA ORCHESTRA will give a public rehearsal at Horticultural Hall to-morrow after-

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BMITH-SMITH.-On December 27, 1807 by Rev. R. A. Wallery, Mr. THOMAS J. R. SMITH and Miss LAURA L. SMITH.

ARCHER.—On the 7th instant, of tychold pneumonia, BEULAH ARCHER, in the 7cth year of her ago, relict of the late Benjamin Archer.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her uneral, from the residence of her son, Benjamin F. Archer, No. 319 Cooper street, Camden. N. J., on Wednesday, the 10th instant, at 11 o'clock A. M., without further notice.

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LONGSHORE,—On the 6th instant. SARAH LONGSHORE, wife at the late James Longshore, in the 6th year of her age. year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the faneral, from the residence of her son in-law, Jacob Landis, No. 3840 Fenn street, below Fouthered, Frankford, on Wednesday afternoon at 1 o'clock. Funeral to proceed to Cedar Hill

MORTON,-On the 5th inst. PENNELL COOMBS, on of Joshua and Amanda Morton, in the 15th year

Wednesday, Pebruary 10, 1869, at 10 o'clook A. M. Interment at Woodlands,

SPENCER.—On the 7th Instant, RICHARD RUR SPENCER, son of John and Elizabeth Spenoer, aged So years.

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