

NEW-YORKISMS.

From Our Own Correspondent.

An Ice Question and a Nice Question.
The question as to where, next summer, we are to procure our ice, is one of the most interesting and engrossing that can possibly occur to the mind of the modern housekeeper. It is a complicated question, too, and one which, like the origin of evil, it is impossible for some intellects to understand. Still, none of us are so stupid as not to realize the significance of the fact that an Ice Consumers' Company has been organized, and that the object of the company is to furnish ice to every one at a reasonable rate. Since it took its rise in New York, it may fairly take rank as a metropolitan "ism," and be entitled to notice here.

In the early part of the present year Mr. French, of French's Hotel, was in the act of making arrangements with the Washington Ice Company, the object of which arrangements was to supply his hotel at a moderate price. The company's book-keeper agreed to supply the ice up to the 1st of June for three dollars per ton, and from the 1st of June to the 1st of December for three and a half dollars. Soon after this agreement was consummated, the company raised its price to twenty dollars per ton. When reminded of the terms of their contract with Mr. French, the company declared that it had never authorized the action of its book-keeper, and it subsequently discharged that gentleman for maintaining that, in making the agreement, he had acted strictly in accordance with its instructions. Mr. French, on the other hand, refused to pay the twenty dollars per ton, and attempted to get ice on better terms from other companies. The other companies, however, as though in league with the Washington Company, absolutely refused to be any more accommodating than it was, and ultimately Mr. French was compelled to pay the bills presented by the Washington Company. The last named association, however, far from taking any blame upon itself, asserts that the newspapers are responsible for the whole business. It declares that if the press had "kept mum," and not been so officious in informing the ice-dealers of Maine of the increased value of ice, those ice-dealers would not have become so exorbitant, and the company might have had bought ice from them at two dollars a ton and shipped it for one and a half. These excuses, however, were not persuasive enough to prevent Mr. French from taking certain measures to protect himself from the rapacity of the ice companies. Of course he found plenty of fellow-sufferers to join him, and the result of the efforts of these gentlemen was the formation of the company which is now known as the Consumers' Ice Company. Philadelphia ought to be interested, no less than New York ought to be, in knowing what this company has done, is doing, and intends to do, for Philadelphia certainly suffered enough last summer from the unexampled prices which were asked by ice-dealers. It has purchased land at a point on the Hudson opposite Germantown, a few miles above Catskill, and has already spent on the blasting alone more money than it paid for the ground. It is building an ice house two hundred feet by four hundred, and capable of holding sixty thousand tons of ice. The ice is to be shipped in barges by way of the Hudson, and so many hotel-keepers have interested themselves in the movement, that a great deal of patronage has been transferred to it from the Washington Company. At any rate the new company (the Consumers') is fully organized under the laws of the State, and its capital, to start with, consists of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars. The principal supporters of the enterprise pledge their word that they are willing to spend millions rather than that the enterprise shall fall through, and the old order of extortion be continued. If these things are so, perhaps we may be justified in looking forward to next summer with some degree of confidence. We have suffered so much from a sordid spirit in the old ice companies, that we have one of the strongest motives to encourage the new.

A Correction Asked.
Will you permit me to make a brief statement in refutation of some remarks which I have observed in one or two of the Philadelphia newspapers, and which are in disparagement of theatrical criticism in New York in general? Fortunately for the truth of what I have to say, I am placed in such circumstances as qualify me to be something of a judge in that matter, and if my judgment proves worthless it is because of some fault or deficiency in myself, not because of those circumstances.

Among the dramatic editors, then, connected with the New York press, you will find some of the best writers and some of the worst writers in the country. You will find men who can write pure English that is written by the same class of men in London, and the expression of whose judgments is guided by a refined instinct and a pure poetic taste. You will find miserable pretenders, the poverty of whose English, the shallowness of whose ideas, and the profundity of whose ignorance make them objects of pity. You will find venal hack-writers who will habitually contradict themselves for five dollars, and who vibrate between the two extremes of puffery and blackguardism. You will find men of original thought and conscientious principle, and who, notwithstanding the conscientious principle, are biased by unconscious prejudice and equally unconscious mean personal feelings; and you will find men of generous sentiment whose culture does not by any means keep pace with their good intentions. You will find very few who devote their lives to their profession, and who make it their great object to know what truth is, and then to tell it. Still, even these are to be found. But when the critic of one widely-circulated newspaper goes into ecstasies over Carlotta Patti's "mezzo-soprano" voice, and the critic of another says of *Fazio* that it is a new dramatization from the French, or, when a third influential journal publishes a six-column article about Nilsson, I grant it seems, for the moment, as if little that is complimentary could with truth be said about the critical acumen and intelligence of the New York press. But against these instances I might array, by a careful gleaming among the daily, the weekly, and the Sunday New York newspapers, a set of fair intelligences and excellent judgments, quite numerous enough to outbalance those instances of ignorance and venality that I have named. In a word, a personal experience of some years teaches me that in no other American city will you discover more intelligence among dramatic critics than you will in New York—and in no city will you discover less.

MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC.

The City Amusements.
At THE CHESNUT this evening the comedietta, of *Delicate Ground*, the farce of *The Loan of a Lover*, and the protean sketches of Mr. W. H. Lizard will constitute the bill of entertainment.

A matinee will be given to-morrow.
At THE WALNUT Miss Lucille Western will

have a farewell benefit this evening, when she will appear as "Leah" in the drama of *Leah, the Forsaken*.

A matinee will be given to-morrow, when *East Lynne* will be performed.
At THE ARCH the comedy of *Central Park* will be represented for the last time this evening and to-morrow afternoon.

At THE ELEVENTH STREET OPERA HOUSE the burlesque of *The Storming of Sedan* and other attractions will be presented this evening.
At THE ARCH STREET OPERA HOUSE an entertaining programme is announced for this evening.

At THE AMERICAN a miscellaneous entertainment will be given this evening.
At THE ACADEMY OF MUSIC to-morrow, the second Hasler matinee will be given.

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WHEELER—CANNELL.—On the 5th inst., at "Beechwood," near Torresdale, by the Rev. F. W. Beal, J. D. D. RUSSELL N. WHEELER to Virginia, daughter of S. W. Cannell, Esq., of former place.

DIED.

CAMPBELL.—On the 3d instant, EUGENIA, youngest daughter of Andrew and Sarah H. Campbell.

The friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 629 North Fifteenth street, on Sunday next, at 2 o'clock.

DUNGLISON.—At Tioga, October 6th, EDITH HALL, youngest daughter of J. Rollie and Bella W. Dunghison, aged 11 months and 15 days, at her residence.

SMITH.—On Sunday, October 2d, at her residence, near New Brunswick, N. J., Mrs. CHARLOTTE HONAN SMITH, widow of the late Rev. Isaac Smith.

HARTZ.—On the 4th instant, Mrs. ELIZABETH, wife of Mr. Jacob Hertz, aged 73 years.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from her husband's residence, No. 544 North Fifth street, on Saturday, the 5th instant, at 2 o'clock. To proceed to Mount Cemetery.

HINKSON.—On Wednesday, the 6th instant, J. ENGLE HINKSON, in the 52d year of his age.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the funeral, from his late residence, No. 407 Broad street, Chester, Pa., on Saturday afternoon next, the 8th instant; to meet at the house at 3 o'clock.

On the morning of the 4th instant, at his residence, near Rancocas, N. J., JOHN HUNT, in the 75th year of his age.

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