GOSSIP ABOUT SHOW PROPLE.

In his social relations a performer, like many another great man or woman, is liable to mistakes of head and heart. It is a pretty generally known fact, for instance, that the most famous tener of our day is so careful of his gloves as to fly into a towering rage with any lady who touches them with more than her finger-tips in the most impassioned duets. And a very celebrated prima donna, who takes the world captive as much by the exceeding loveliness of her person and manner as by her wonderful voice, is in the habit of beating her maid abominably two or three times a week. It would, indeed, be an acute analysis which should just determine what it is in the higher walks of music that makes the lives of its votaries so strikingly inharmonious. He or she who has known of an operatic company wherein the four leading persons were on speaking terms with one another, off the stage, has known a remarkable fact in the history of that peculiar class. Of these, and of the dramatic profession proper, I would perhaps have no right to speak here, were it not for the fact that, in my time at least, there was a sort of fraternity among all people who appeared before the foot-lights. I do not know whether the members of cork-opera associate with the better class of actors at this day, but I think they do not. I would venture to assert, however, that among the lower orders of actors, minstrels, and circus-riders, there ever will be such a spirit of Bohemianism such a touch of hearty, reckless good nature - as will always make their whole world kin. Jealousy may be set down as the chief failing of the whole race, high or low. I have known men, whose names have made some noise in the world, to measure with straws the comparative sizes of the letters in which they were announced on a poster. But among minstrels, especially, a thorough worldliness and boon companionship enable them generally to be civil to one another, whatsoever their private feelings.

An old showman at last comes to look upon

the quiet ways of ordinary life with that same kind of longing, romantic interest with which a certain species of imaginative youth are always looking upon the impossible glory of travelling with a show. A droll sighing for rural pursuits seems to be the most common form taken by the romance of your veteran itinerant. Yet, oddly enough, there is scarce any one whom he holds personally in such ridiculous contempt as he does the honest farmer. The vew which the old sailor in the forecastle is forever making to go to sea no more is rarely remembered over three days on land. And so it is with the cognate ideal which floats in the queer imagination of the old showman. I never knew three or four who at-anything like the realizatained tion of their romantic purpose. Daniel Emmet, the author of many of the best known of the earlier negro melodies, did so far reach the fleeting object of his busolic ambition as to have a large, well-filled chicken coop in the back yard of a rented house, in the suburbs of a great city. The ladies of the profession are sometimes given to gossip and backbiting in as great a degree at least as are the gentlemen. Jealousy may be as rife on a Mississippi show-boat as in the antechamber of any court in Europe. I have known a danseuse to furnish boys with clandestine bouquets to throw on the stage when she appeared; not that she cared at all for the praise or blame of the audience, but that she did care to crush a cleverer rival.

In our company on board the Palace and the Raymond (the famous river show-boats) we had strange contrasts in human nature. It would happen, for instance, that the man who could not sleep without snoring would be placed in the same state-room with the man who could not sleep within hearing of the most distant snore. The man who could not eat pork was seated at table just opposite the man who doted on it. We had one gentleman-the fleshy bass singer already mentioned-who spent all his leisure in catching mocking-birds; and another who passed his spare hours in contriving new and undiscoverable ways of letting these birds escape from the cages. There were on board ladies who had seen more prosperous days, when they were the chief attraction at the theatres of London, Paris, and New York-according to their own stories; other ladies who had never associated with such vulgar people before; other ladies who hoped they would die if they did not leave the company at the very next landing, but never left; and yet other ladies, I am rejoiced to add, who were lovely in nature and deed-kind mothers and faithful wives, whose strength of character and ready cheerfulness tended as far as possible to restore the social equilibrium.

In the course of the long association grotesque friendships sprang up. The man who played the bass drum was the bosom companion of the man who had charge of the machine for making the gas which supplied the two boats. The pretty man of the establishment, he who played the chimes on the top of the museum and the piano in the concert room—at present a popular composer at St. Louis—this young gentlemen, who broke all the hearts of the country girls that came into the show, was the inseparable friend of the pilot, a great, gruff, warm-hearted fellow, who steered the Raymond from the corners of his eyes and swore terribly at snags. The man who dusted down Tam O'Shanter and the twelve Apostles in wax, and had especial care of the stuffed birds, giraffes, and alligators, was on most intimate terms with the cook.

As a general thing the ladies, performers, and crew of our boats were not so quarrelsome as I have seen a set of cabin passengers on a sea voyage between America and Europe, or especially on the three weeks' passage to or from California. When I consider that there were so many of us together in this narrow compass for nearly a year, it seems to me strange indeed that there was not more bad blood excited.

Mme. Olinza was, I believe, the name of the Polish lady who walked on a tight-rope from the floor of one end of the maseam up to the roof of the furthest gallery. This kind of perilous ascension and suspension was something new in the country then. It was before the time of Blondin, and Madame asset to produce a great sensation. Now it may be interesting to the general leader to learn that this tight-rope walker was one of the most exemplary, domestic little bodies imaginable. She and her husband had a large state-room on the upper deck of the Raymond, and she was always there with her child when released from her public duties. One afternoon the nurse happened to bring the child into the museum, when Mme, Olinza was on the roleand out of the vast audience that little farwas recognized by its fond mother, and her attention was so distracted that she lost he balance, dropped her pole, and fell. Octabing the rope with her hands, however, main to break her fall, she escaped, fortunately. without the least injury; but ever after that her child was kept out of the audience while she was on the rose. - Vagaband Adamstureby Ratph Kecler.

THEATRICAL TABLE-TALK.

A popular actor once complained that the Theatrical Fund dinners scarcely received the recognition due to them, considering the interesting events that had now and again taken place at these sociable and cheerful gatherings of the friends and followers of the drama. He might have added that many good stories had been told at the same meetings, told only to live in the memories of the hearers, or to be buried in the columns of newspapers unfamiliar to the bulk of the reading public. It was at a Theatrical Fund dinner that Charles Mathews spoke of the gentleman who, upon being asked by a friend for the loan of a guinea, briskly replied: —"With pleasure;" but added immediately, to his impecunious friend's disgust:—"Dear me, how unfortunate! I've only one lending sove-reign, and it's out!" and Mr. Buckstone recounted how, playing once to a well-filled house at Dumfries, he was astonished at the loudly-expressed appreciation of the occapants of the dress-circle, who were absolut ly uproarious in their laughter, and outdid the gods themselves in applauding—taking every point instantaneously, and welcoming it with noisy acclamations. Gratified beyond measure, the comedian could not re frain from congratulating the Dumfriemanager upon having such an excellent audience, particularly in the boxes. "Yes," said the manager, "they did enjoy themselves amazingly. They are all mad folks. It is the system of the asylum doctor here to amuse his patients in every conceivable manner, and he took pretty nearly all the seats in the dress circle to-night!" The same gentleman is responsible for a story of a clergyman taking a peep behind the scenes of the Haymarket, and after a very short survey at the surroundings exclaiming in a tone of aston-ished disappointment, "I shall go now; I don't see anything wrong going on; I fancied there was a sort of Saturnalia here every night," It was across a Theatrical Fund dinner-table, too, that perhaps the best story-teller in England told a tale of a cold water love-test and what came of it. An American Captain had as passenger on board his ship a very beautiful young lady, with whom, in the course of a very short voyage, five young gentlemen, also passengers, fell desperately in love. She, liking all the young gentlemen, and liking them all equally well, felt herself placed in a position of some difflculty, and in the emergency applied to the captain for advice. He, being a man of an original turn of mind, suggested that she should jump overboard (he taking care to have a well-manned boat alongside to prevent the possibility of the farce turning into a tragedy), and that she should accept the man who jumped into the sea after her. The lady liked the notion, and one fine morning, when her five admirers were all upon deck, went over the side head-foremost. Four of the five immediately followed her lead. Then said the pozzled damsel to the captain: -"What am I to do now? See how wet they all are!" "Do?" replied the captain; "why take the dry one!" Which she did; and, it is to be hoped, lived happy ever afterward. The relator of this story of the deep has had the rare fortune to obtain popularity in other lands beside his own, to which a Lord Mayor bore the following testimony: "I recollect being in Hamburg some thirty years ago, upon a commercial errand, when, meeting with a gentleman with whom I had some very large transactions, he invited me to breakfast with him. I went. We passed a pleasant hour, and then he proposed a walk. We walked; he seemed strangely restless, and I found I could get him to do anything but attend to business. At last he said: 'My dear friend, you must excuse me; this is the day on which the fifth number of a work by your countrymen Boz comes to Hamburg, and

until I get it and read it I can neither talk of business nor anything else.' It was at a Theatrical Fund dinner held at Edinburgh that SirWalter Scott made a clean breast of it, and confessed himself the author of "Waverley"-a circumstance still remembered with pride by those connected with the stage; and which might have gratified even that hater of the "Waverley Novels," the author of "Crotchet Castle," since he must have owned that the time and place were well fitted for the disclosure of the authorship of what he called the "pantomime of literature." -Chambers' Journal.

LIFE IN A CHIMNEY. From a Newfoundland Correspondent.

Perhaps in no other country, not even in the Ireland of to-day, could you find so many instances of people living in extreme pover-ty, amid wretched surroundings, as in this island. In one of the fishing villages, a short distance from St. Johns, the name of which is Pouch Cove, I met lately with a singular illustration of this extreme of human wretchedness. Here I was informed of a family that for two years had been living literally in a chimney. At once I proceeded to "interview" this primitive household, and found the story quite correct. A chimney built of rough stones, in the rudest style of architecture, served to show where once a cottage had been. The owner, as the readiest means of ejecting the tenant, who had fallen into poverty and failed to pay the rent, adopted the method of some Irish landlords, and pulled down the wooden cottage, leaving the chimneys standing. The tenants were not to be got rid of so cheaply; like ghosts who haunt old ruins, and will not be driven away, they took refuge in the chimney. This was a wide, open one of considerable dimensions, such as may be seen still in some primitive spots, with the hearthstone as fireplace. Fearing, perhaps, that if they effected any imprevement on their strange domicile a demand would be made for rent, and that, in case of eviction, no allowance would be made for such "improvement," tenant right not being recognized here, they contented themselves with piling up some loose stones, leaving a small opening covered with an old rug, which served as a door. Here they passed the first winter, having little clothing, as may be supposed, and but scanty supplies of food. How they managed to exist is indeed a mystery, but they took no barm, and enjoyed perfect health. They had one advantage in the abundance of wood for fuel, which could be had for the cutting. Ventilation, by the countless openings that establishe a thorough draught, must have been perfect enough to satisfy even Miss Florence Nighting de; and to this, no doubt, they owed, in part, their

The owner of the property, more tender-hearted than some Itish lautfords, left them undisturbed; and encouraged by the "fixity of tenure" which they enjoy, I found when I visited them a few days ago that they had erected scross the opening of the chimney a sort of rade perch of loose boards and boughs in order to break the force of the Northern blasts. They have now reached the summer of improvement, and are ic-| clined to "rest and be thankful,"

immunity from disease.

LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE COURT OF COMMON PLEAS FOR THE
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said Court bave appointed MONDAY, the
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