

THE MAY MAGAZINES.

"HARPER'S." From T. B. Peterson & Brothers we receive the May number of Harper's Magazine...

"The Westover Estate," J. R. Chapin, with seven illustrations; "Disillusion," Elizabeth Allen; "The Monarch of Mountains," Lyman Abbott...

From the story of "Punch and Judy," by S. S. Conant, we take the following account of the origin of the famous puppet show...

The performance which old King Louis found so amusing has not been nationalized in this country. It was exhibited for a short time at a popular place of amusement...

To Acerra, an ancient Italian city, in the neighborhood of Naples, belongs the high honor of being the birthplace of Mr. Punch...

"Silvio Fiorillo," a comedian, who procured himself the name of the Captain Macmorris, invented the Neapolitan Puccinella...

In order to give a notion of the species of dramatic entertainment in which these various characters, and among them Puccinella, were engaged...

prehend, to the early theatrical representations of most countries; his business was to relieve the weightier part of the performance by his ridiculous actions, jests, and buffooneries...

The wooden sword directly connects Harlequin with the ancient Vice and modern Fool, although we have now enjoyed him to silence, and have converted the instrument with which he once deceived the devil into a tallman to raise him...

Concluding, then, that Punch is one of the familia Harlequin, and that their common parent was the Vice of the old Moralities, the question arises to what circumstance he owes the demerit of his figure...

At what time and in what country Punch became a mere puppet as well as a living performer we have no distinct information; but it is to be inferred, perhaps, that the transformation first took place in the land of his birth...

The dialogue of the plays in which Puccinella originally performed in the early days of his existence can not now be distinctly ascertained. As already mentioned, only the general outlines of the farces performed by the early itinerant comedians were noted down...

The May number of Scribner's Monthly contains the following:—"The Wonders of the Yellowstone," illustrated, N. P. Langford...

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From the article entitled "The Wonders of the Yellowstone," which gives a glimpse of a great region about to be opened to civilization by the Northern Pacific Railroad, we take the following:—"After travelling six miles over the mountains above the canon, we again descended into a broad open valley skirted by a level upland for several miles..."

than a casual notice. It was two parallel vertical walls of rock, projecting from the side of a mountain to the height of 125 feet, traversing the mountain from base to summit, a distance of 1500 feet...

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