

OPERATIONS.

They removed the patient's mazzard, chopped his nose away. They took out his pink appendix and his largest vertebrae. Set him breathing through a goose-quill they inserted in his throat.

THE DOLL LADY.

Miss Caton settled back in her chair and drew a long and weary breath as the curtain went down on the first act. After all, it did not pay to be so good-natured. She was not the dramatic critic of the "Evening Probe," and she had shown no common sense in her unhesitating acquiescence to the city editor's doubtful suggestion that, in view of Vincent's message, she take his work for the afternoon, and cover this absurd matinee exploiting of an actress's favorite protegee.

The tiny lady shook her head. "Not much," she confessed. "We just took him up in the club last fall. We studied 'Ghosts'—I saw that played, it's a perfectly dreadful, isn't it? We had 'n' begun 'A Doll's House' when I left, my husband's business brought him to Chicago rather suddenly, but it was a chance to hear it played this afternoon, and I came. No; I don't know much about Ibsen. But why did she tell that sort of a funny lie?"

He glanced up at her. "This is the only reason," he said cheerfully, "that your criticism will not appear in any later edition. It was due to the cleverness of the story that the cause for its killing be explained to its writer."

There are many large perquisites which fall to the lot of the trained foresters in the employ of the large timber companies, and special commissions which are their independent incomes. In the rapidly advancing value of timber, owners of private forests are competing with each other to secure available tracts of land suitable for reforestation.

Drinking Power of the Camel and the Connecticut Cow. The Christian Advocate some time ago contained an article on the camel which was a short time ago reprinted in the WATCHMAN. It seems to have led to this entertaining and instructive correspondence:

Editor the Christian Advocate, Dear Sir: The article in The Christian Advocate entitled "The Ship of the Desert," contains one statement that greatly surprises me. It is this: "It (the camel) has swallowed seven gallons of water at a time." Now I have always supposed that camels drink great quantities of water. This is the statement also of the writer of that article. But I certainly do not regard seven gallons as a large quantity to be drunk by an animal as large as a camel.