Flitting here and there during the per-

ormance, with eyes and ears for everything

the manager noticed the Imperial visitor in-

dicating to a gentleman beside him some one

in the chorus. It was Anna Carolla, whose

beauty had attracted his eye, whose rich

voice his ear had caught above and through

The first act went splendidly, and the

second act soon commenced; but fate hat

decreed that it should never be played out that

night. Half way through, as the manager,

pleased and complacent, was quietly stand-

ing back in one of the wings, he suddenly

felt his arm grasped, and turned sharply to

see Anna Carolla's lovely face, so full of de-

'Hush,' she said very low and quietly

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ing to get out.'

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mon the manager to our carriage door.'

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nestled a costly bracelet, in the centre of

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The trees I censured laughingly; To leaf and blade I cried, 'A shade

Of deeper green put on for me !' To bud and flower I said, 'The hour Hath come for richer pageantry! Put on new bloom !' and not content With all the splendid sea could show, Along the windy shore I went, And sang of mountains capped with snow. Not leaf nor flower nor bird could yield A symbol for my joyous heart. saw the reapers all a-field ; From out the grass the sparrow start The distant hills, the breezy down ;-I heard the church-bells of the town, And turning to the sacred spire, I smiled and murmured, 'Higher, higher My heart doth go! My soul doth know, A sweeter bliss than thou canst show! The heaven thou reachest to in vain Is here in me ! The cross, the pain, The burden thou dost lift above, Are naught to my triumphant love!

My Love is mine, my Love is mine! From out a stormy sky there came God's radiant bow; and dewy wet, The earth rare odors seemed to raise In pearly mists, until the flame Of crimson sunset joined in praise Of Him whom I had dared forget.

What need have I of thee or thing ?

But homeward wending slowly I sang with happier voice, The sad, the proud, the lowly, I bade them all rejoice,

A year the harvest bringing Laughed sea and plain and hill; The world with joy was singing,-My voice alone was still.

The sandy shore as silver shone; Pink shells along the beach were strewn; To me it seemed, like opals gleamed The beaten spray-wreathes strandward blo Then far, then near, now faint, now clear, In gentle, tender monotone, The sea, the wind, the birds, the leaves, Kept singing as a mother sings,-Of sweet, unutterable things, A comforting to one who grieves, generous Nature! Type of Him Who, mocked, doth never mock again ! Thou smilest not that our eyes are dim But, taking to Thy heart our pain, Dost offer us Thy gracious breast, Brim full of cheering sympathy, Until we know that grief is best Sent unto us by Him through Thee ! The sunset shadows had their will ; And in the mellow, dying day,

I turned to gaze. A cross of fire Burned on that heavenward-pointing spire God's bow of promise; and I gave Her body up, - no longer mine. But mingled in one hely flame, Our spirits rose to the Divine, When low I knelt beside her grav-And in the twilight lonely,

While o'er the stubble, softly br

With brow bared to His sky, I said, 'Not sorrow only, Nor joy,-but peace have I,'

out, and the mutilated Opera House left in charge of the police. Then, and not till then, did the Emperor dismount from the horse he had used and - Sunday Afternoon

# Select Story.

## ANNA CAROLLA.

From London Argory.

A groop of girls stood at the stage do of the Grand Opera House, in Vienna, talk ing or exchanging words with the other em ployees who passed in, keeping the while a sharp lookout for the manager. One of the chorus singers, a young and beautiful Italian girl standing just within the extreme entrance, with her mantle wrapped clos about her throat, suddenly remarked: 'We must sing our best to-night, for th

'Is he? how do you know? who told yo Anna Carolla ?' 'One of the band,' answered Anna Carolla

quietly. 'Carl Rosenfeldt. There he comes with his violin.' With some others of the opera band there approached a tall, handsome young Hungaran, who paused to answer the girl's eage

uquiry. 'Had he said the Emperor wa 'Yes; the Imperial Guards have just pass ed by to take up their place at the grand ntrance. The house will be crowded.' Then passing inside, he stooped to whis per to Anna Carolla, with a smile in his blue

eyes, 'Anna, I lead the violins to-night-She put her hand in his, with the sweet, perfect trust of one who knows she is loved.

'I am sorry for him; but for you, Carl, my heart must be glad." 'Here they come, together !' cried a girl outside. 'The manager and the chief

The new leader of the band hurried as sy as the chorus trooped in, and Anna Carolla followed them into their dressing room. There she soon donned her stage dress, and slipped away to watch the house filling, and, above all, to hear every note of the exquisite overture to 'Oberou.'

How fast every place was filling from floor othe gallery! The auditorium was one blaze of splendor; and as she gazed, the poor, friendless chorus singer—whose dramatic talent and splendid voice ought, if she had only the fortune to get the first lift, to place her high in the lyric stage-wondered sadly if such chance would ever come to her; if not, Carl's father would never conent to their marriage. And now the whole ouse rose as the Emperor entered his box, plendidly dressed, glittering with jewels of arest value, which flashed a thousand rays is he bowed right and left with his usual the overture, and with the last bar the cur-

# Besieged by a Rhinoceros.

Bass, bass! spoor groed one-horn skel-

Such was the, to me, rather unintelligible announcement with which my friend M ---- 's bush-boy came rushing in just about sunrise one morning, as we were sitting over our breakfast at the door of the bouse,—one of those regular old Dutch-built farm rouses, that one hardly ever sees nowadays, except to South Africa. But he meant by it was, Boss, boss! the trail of a big rhinocer os rascal !'

Where ?' cried M-, jumping up ; for he was a keen sportsman, and never lost an opportunity of 'potting' something. Out by Hollow Spring, bazs ;-spoo make no exclamations, but go and see to it

before it gains or is discovered. The thea-'There's a chance for you, my boy,' said M-, turning to me, 'Now you'll be able tre is on fire somewhere back of the green room. The company can leave by the stage to see how these elephant guns of mine do their work; I think you'll find them the But, child, if there is the least hint of right sort.'

alarm, look et that house. They will be 'Let me try the job by myself,' cried I, eagerly; for, like all 'greenhorns,' I was frantic to do some unheard of feat, and win crushed to death in their terror and crowd-'Listen,' said the Italian, in the same my laurels at once. T've never shot a rhicalm, self-contained manner. 'Send the call oceros yet you know.'

boy to the door-keeper to order each one as 'Can't, really, my dear boy,' said Mthey pass out to depart quickly. I will clear in the the most exasperatingly indulgentone, 'when you're a little better used to the African bush, you can do what you like; 'Yes; here is the boy; send him but if I were to let you go alone now, the least I could expect would be a life-long reand clear out the company; I will do my morse for having connived at a suicide, No. The manager blindly obeyed the strong we'll make a party of three to visit our will and steady purpose of the master-mind; friend, and he'll hardly give the slip to us all, I fancy.' as people in an emergency generally do,

Accordingly, we started out that very night, whatever their relative positions in the Swart, the bush-boy, making the third of our party; but I suppose the rhinoceros Anna Carolla passed on to the stage; and advancing at once to the foot-lights, stood was too modest to face so many visitors at for one moment, her tall, commanding form once, for although we kept watch till sunand beautiful head drawn erect, unflinchingrise, there was no sign of him. The next ly facing that crowd, meeting full even the night it was just the same ; and at last I got astonished gaze of the Emperor himself, and so mad at the idea of losing my chance,the wondering look of her lover in the orthe first I had ever had with the big game,that, in spite of what M- had said, I Then she said in a voice net loud, but made up my mind to try my luck singleclear as a bell, with cool, steady authority handed.

I should have told you that the Hollow 'I am here by the manager's order. His Spring frequented by my four-footed friend, Imperial Majesty has been robbed to-night of lay about eight miles from the house, in a a rare diamond, and the thief is in the house. deep gully, one side of which went up into Every one,' and the speaker's dark eyes a steep hog-backed ridge, topped by a big swept the audience from the gallery to pit, knuckle of rock that overlooked the spring is at once to withdraw quietly, and in order at a range of fifty yards—as pretty a stand as any sportsman could wish. So, when anyone attempting to remain will be immedlately arrested. The band will also retire night came, I stole out of the house with one at once.' Even as she spoke, her ear, painof M--'s vaunted 'elephant guns,'-a piece fully strung for the sound, could hear the carrying a five-ounce 'explosive ball,' steelwarm hum of flames from the back; but untippped, and holding enough fulminating moved she stepped back, swept a deep obeispowder to blow out the spine of a megathe ance to the audience and Emperor, and the rium. To guard against the recoil of such s charge, the stock was fitted with a thick The Emperor instantly left his box whispad ; so, with gun and ammunition tog ther, I had quite enough for an eight mile pering to the gentleman to whom he had

efore pointed out Anna Carolla : 'There tramp through the bush. is something behind all this. I am not rob-I dare say there are ugly thickets bed. Send Col. Bergmann round to sum-South America and Central Asia; but Africa beats them both. Imagine a forest of fish hooks, relieved by an occasional patch Meanwhile, the vast crowd filtered rapidof penknives, and you have it exactly. ly, in quiet order and in safety out, only There's one horrid spiky thing, called by learning at the door, as they were hurried away, the awful death, by fire or crushing, the Dutch 'Wache-em-betje,' which the English have corrupted into 'wait a bit,' and rom which the brave and quick-witted gir saved them. The last few to leave the audiorium smelt the fire and heard the crackling hold of you. I've known a fellow to be laid of flames, and hurried wildly, spreading the up a fortnight from a gash from one. So you may think with masses of this nice stuff alarm. But the terrible cry of fire came too all around me, I had to pick my way ginlate to do mischief, and once outside, the police and soldiery, under the cool directions gerly enough. of the Emperor himself, kept order. And though the flames mounted at first, Anna's

When I got to the place, lo! and behold the pad of my gun had fallen off! To go back and look for it would have been like timely discovery, and the energetic measures hunting for a needle in a hay stack; so I taken forced the fire under. In less than an filled my handkerchief with wild grass, and as a substitute, and then I took my post be-

The full moon was just rising over the return to his carriage. As he did so, he trees (a glorious sight, I can tell you), when I heard a distant trampling, like the tread of an elephant, only quicker; for a full 'Bergmann, see! There goes that Italian girl herself, leaning on the arm of the young grown rhinoceros, clumsy as he looks, can be active enough at times, as you'd soon fellow who led the band so splendidly tonight. Go see who and what they are.' Col. find if you stood a charge from him when Bergmann departed to obey the order, and his temper's up. So I had not long to wait before there came up a thick snort, and a great brown barrel of a body loomed out in The next day the whole story was in the Government organ, with an intimation, 'inthe streak moonlight, just over the spring. I spired,' of course, from that quarter, that his Imperial Majesty had graciously caused in-

quiries to be made about the young chorus The next few seconds were a blank ; and then I awoke to the consciousness that my shoulder was aching as if it were broken, ceived an official intimation that his gifted and that something was grunting savagely a son Carl, and his fiancee, Anna Carolla, few yards off; and then I saw the huge were both under Imperial protection, and snout and great white tusks coming right their marriage was desired to take place as at me! I don't think any acrobat could have immediately as possible, the Emperor dowerbeen quicker than I was in clutching a proing the bride. The manager also received jecting bough, and swinging up into the tree a similar intimation through Col. Bergmann overhead; and I'd hardly got there when that his late chorus singer was to be brought forward and advertised for the re-openthe brute came bang against the trunk, almost shaking me off sgain. For a minute ing of the opera as Madame Carolla Rosenor two my heart was in my mouth, for he thumped against the tree till I really Once more the elite of gay Vienna crowdthought he would have it down; and when ed the opera house to witness the debut of he found he couldn't, he stamped the earth in the new singer, as Agatha, in 'Der Frieschutz. a fury, and tore it up with his horn in a hor The moment she came on she was received with a furore which might well make Carl ribly suggestive way that made my flesh Rosenfeldt proud of his beautiful young wife; and if for royalty was her grateful glance

Here I was, then, in the crisis of a regular 'adventure,' such as I had always longed for; but somehow, now that I was in it, i didn't seem so very delightful. It's one thing to read of adventures in an easy chair after dinner, and another to act them for was called for and showered with boquets yourselfon a hard bough, with thousands of osquitoes pitching into you, and a mad the Imperial box was flung one in which rhinoceros galloping about underneath. The likeness between my situation and

some of those recorded by Captain Mayne Reid set me overhauling my recollections o that veracious author, in the hope of a idea; but the more I thought, the more the Captain failed me. Basil, when followed up a tree by a bear, got his 'brothers to throw ness,' answered Carl Rosenfeldt. 'That was him a rope and slid down; but I had no brothers, and no rope. Ben Brace, when 'treed' by the lion, lasooed his dropped mus ket, and slew the king of beasts therewith The internal revenue collections in San Francisco district during 1878 amounted to if I had. Somebody clse, blockaded by 'grizzly,' waited till Bruin fell asleep, and then slipped away; but my rhinoceros seemed distressingly wide awake, and even if he had dozed the experiment would not have commended itself to my fancy. In fact Pittsburghers are greatly excited over the the most masterly stratagem I could devise was to stay still where I was, and I did so. prococious musical talent displayed by Min-

nie H. Bradbury, a little girl of two years wl o That night was the longest I ever spent renders difficult songs with remarkable pre- and no mistake. Toward morning, Maste Rhino frequently took a brief leave of absence into the bush, as if to tempt me down but I heard him trampling in the distance Professor Swift of Rochester has been for years carrying on his astronomical studies in and wasn't to be caught. Day was just courteous grace. Then the band struck up an old cider mill, but the citizens now pro- dawning, and I was beginning to wonder pose to build him an observatory, the plan of how much long r I could stand the thirst

heard a shot among the bushes, so close that it made me start. Then the boughs parted, and I saw M---'s jolly face looking up at

me, with a grin from ear to ear. 'Fairly treed, eb, my boy? Well, I'v raised the siege for you, and yonder lies the enemy. Your bullet's run down his side under the skin, without exploding ; so I suppose you must have hit him slantwise. Beter luck next time. Anyhow, I'm glad to find you alive; but I fancy you won't go alone again in a hurry!'

And, to tell the truth, I didn't, for a pret y long while after that day .- David Ker St. Nicholas for February.

#### Sheridan Knowles.

RECOLLECTIONS BY J. R. PLANCRE.

Of all the eccentric individuals I ever en countered Sheridan Knowles was, I think the greatest. Judge, gentle reader, if the following anecdotes may not justify my as-

Walking one day with a brother drams tist, Mr. Bayle Bernard, in Regent's Quadrant, Knowles was accosted by a gentleman in these terms :

'You're a pretty fellow, Knowles! After fixing your day and hour to dine with us, you never make your appearance, and from that time to this not a word have we heard

from you ! 'I couldn't help it, upon my honor,' re plied Knowles; and I've been so busy ever since I haven't had a moment to write or call. How are you all at home?"

'Oh, quite well, thank you. But, come now, will you name another day, and keep 'I will-sure I will.' 'Well, what day?' Shall we say Thurs-

day next?" 'Thursday ? Yes, by all means-Thursday be it.' 'At six ?' 'At six. I'il be there punctually. My

ove to 'em all.'

'Thank ye. Remember, flow-six, next Thursday. 'All right, my dear fellow; I'll be with

The friend departed, and Knowles, reinking his arm with that of Bayle Bernard, 'Who's that chap?' not having the said : least idea of the name or residence of the man he had promised to dine with on the following Thursday, or the interesting 'familp at home' to whom he had sent his love.

Upon one occasion when he was acting in he; country, he received an anxious letter from Mrs. Knwles, informing him that the money, £200, which he promised a send up on a certain day, had never reached her. Knowles immediately wrote a letter to Sir Francis Freeling, at that time at the head of the post office, of which, of course, I cannot give the precise words, but beginning 'Sir,' and informing him that on such a day, and at such an hour, he himself put a letter in the post office at such a place containing the sum of £200 in bank notes, and that it had never been delivered to Mrs Knowles: that it was a most unpardouable ogy for the anxiety and trouble its detention replied that he had mistaken it for a wild received a most courteous letter from Sir Francis, beginning 'Dear Sir,' as, although they were personal strangers to each other he had received so much pleasure from Mr. Knowles' works that he looked upon him as | was afraid of it.' tucked it under the shoulder of my jacket a valued friend, and continuing to say that he (Knowles) was perfectly correct in stathe had posted a letter at -, containing bank notes to the amount of two hundred pounds, but that unfortunately, he had omitted not only his signature inside, but the address outside, having actually sealed up the notes in an envelope containing the only words, 'I send you the money,' and posted it without a direction! The consequence was, that it was opened at the chief office in London, and detained until some inquiry

was made about it. Sir Francis conclude hardly stopped to take aim, before I pulled by assuring him that long before he would placed in Mrs. Knowles' hand by a special messenger. Knowles wrote back : 'My dear sir, you are right, and I was wrong. God bless you. I'll call upon you when I

One day, also in the country, he said to Abbot, with whom he had been acting there : 'My dear fellow, I'm off to-merrow,

take any letters for you?" 'You're very kind,' answered Abbot; but where are you going?"

'I haven't made up my mind.'

## The Weather for 1879.

Richard Mansil's 'Almanac of Planetary the position of the planets affect the temperature of our earth's atmosphere during the year 1879, as they have done in similar positions during the past years, particularly the positions that gave us the mild winter of 1877-78 and the early spring of 1878.) we may expect very erratic weather during

cool weather set in early in the autumn of 1878; it will grow cooler somewhat faster than the mean of the season in November and through December, with temperature below the mean; tolerable steady weather through January with temperature below the mean; winter will continue through February, followed by a cold March.

We shall be flattered by the prospect spring during a few days about the middle of April, while Mercury is about passing its inferior conjunction with the suu, but this will soon pass away, and the weather or, temperature, sink below the average of the season, and will probably remain below throughout May, June and July-while we shall move in a hot stormy summer about the last days August, and these conditions continuing through September and the most of Octo

Between the autumn and winter month cool droughts will likely prevail over large landed countries in the temporate zone located far from the seas, while an excess of cool rains will probably occur on and about

These abnormal irregularities of the season of 1870 must affect the crops in many and great parts of the earth during the year.

### Items.

ed rabbits sell in Indiana, Kentucky

Hereafter every loaf of bread sold in Cininnati must have its weight stamped upon

That story from Fountain County, Ind., about Leonidas Glover being killed while in bed by a meteoric stone was a lie.

"O, Lord," a Kentucky minister prayed, thou has seen by the morning papers how the Sabbath was desecrated yesterday.

Mr. Lacy was fined \$5 by a Justice in Pekin. Texas. "I'll toss a cent to see whether you make it \$10 or nothing," he said. Lacy

A Paducah (Ky.) paper says money is so scarce in that place that even the change in the weather is hailed with pleasure.

General James Shields, Senator from Missouri till the 4th of March next, has already sat in the United States Senate as a representative of Illinois and Minnesota

By the way of consoling the shareholders

of the exploded City of Glasgow Bank, the Lord Provost tells them that the £5,000,000 sterling lost represents but six months' expenditure of the inhabitants for liquor, Wisconsin pays \$10 apiece for wolf scalps, and this protection has largely developed the industry of lupiculture. In some of the

oldest countries in the State, according to State Senator Bailey, there are honest farmers who make a good living by reasing wolves and scalping them. The answer of Socrates to a person who asked when was the right time for dinner, was the following: 'If you are rich,' said

he, 'you can dine when you like; and if you

are poor, you may dine when you can,' According to the report of the Board of Directors for the Connuecticut State Prison the cities do not as a rule furnish the largest number of voters. New Haven County fur, nishes one convict to every 540 voters, and but three counties, Tolland, Middlesex and Windham, show a smaller ratio than that. Hartford, which contains the leading city of the State, has a more creditable showing than Litchfield, which has no city at all.

Nice law-point recently raised in Houseon, Tex.: Candidate promises voter a pony for his vote and influence. Pony falls dead on the street while being taken to his new owner. Health officials desire voter to abate nuisance. Voter declares the pony was not completely in his possession; also, that it never was out of the candidate's, the bargain being void as being corrupt.

An aged descon at Mamakating, N. Y., becoming wearied of the nocturnal visits of office authorities, and that he demanded an the animal, tied him to a tree and shot him. immediate inquiry into the matter, the de- The owner of the dog asked the deacon why livery of the money to his wife, and an apol- he had killed the animal, and the good man had occasioned them. By return of post he cat, which indeed the dog resembled closely as it did a rhinoceros. Then the owner said, 'Why did you tie the suppositious wild cat to a tree before shooting it ?" and the deacon answered meekly, 'Because I

> Fitz Hugh Ludlow, in his narrative of travel in 'The Heart of the Continent,' tells of an eccentric genius who improved on the old yarn to the effect that the weather would have been colder if the thermometer had been longer, by saying he had been where it was so cold that the thermometer got down off the nail.'

There's a good deal in living-for some people, at any rate. Had Lord Beacons-field, for instance, died thirty years ago, he would have been chiefly remembered as the author of some clever novels, and the most receive his answer, the money would be bitter assailant of Peel on the Corn law question. Yet he would even then have een Byron's senior by twelve years, and

> The antique tower of Belem, near Lisbon which served as a prison for political offenders, crumbled to the ground on the 18th of December. It was a part of the old Hieron-ymite Convent, and a splendid gallery in the Moorish style was building in connection with it. Eight persons were buried in the

California this year produces seven mil-

lion gallons of wine, and starts a raisin culture of great future promise with a product eign grapes that gave any promise of flour-ishing in Californian soil have been tried, and no expense has been spared for their cultivation. The wine growers on the Pacific coast, with a varied experience of twenty years, now understand their business throughly, Some of their experiments have proved successful, and some of them have varieties of excellent foreign grapes that are as asserted by Californians that theirs is to be the great wine growing territory of America, and that the best wine and raisin grapes will not grow east of the Rocky Mountains. The range is confined, in their view to California and possibly a part of Arizona, and the district capable of producing the best quality of grapes is said to be

The Austrian newspapers remark upon the extraordianary diminution which has taken place in the number of marriages concluded in Vienna. The disinclination on the part of men to marry has risen to such a pitch in the district of Wieden marriage portions provided by charitable foundations are now actually going a-begging. There are plenty of female applicants to claim them, but they can find no mates. In 1877 there were fewer mariages contracted in Vienna by 3,537 thanfin 1870, namely only 5, 049. The proportion of marriages concl ed in the year tol ,000 of the population now stands at only 7.25 in Vienna, whereas in Paris it is 9,07, Munich 9.06, and in Berlin 10.03. The unsatisfactoy result at Viennais believed to be attributable to the expensive way of living which has become our

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