

WHY SHE BECAME AN ACTRESS.

Mrs. Siddons' Mother a Widow, forced to Keep Lodgers as a Means of Support. Here is an anecdote said to have been related by Mrs. Scott-Siddons herself many years ago, when a friend asked what had impelled her to go upon the stage. In the early sixties she was living with her mother, the widow of an Indian officer, in a seaside village. They were very poor, their lodgings were more than humble, and the girl was anxiously wondering how she could contribute to the support of the little family. The problem was a hard one, for in those days the "uphere" of women was smaller than now, and their opportunities to make money were not numerous. Meanwhile her immediate duty was to try to make the shabby rooms pleasant and so on. While engaged in this task she discovered that an old chiffonier which stood in one corner of the sitting room had only three legs. The missing fourth member had been replaced by a crumpled-up newspaper, which, judging from its dusty condition, had not been disturbed for many years. Mrs. Siddons removed the paper, found that it was a very old copy of the Annual Register, and on glancing over it found a long article detailing the triumph of her great-grandmother in some long-forgotten play. The girl decided that this was a "leading," and at once resolved to seek fame and fortune as an actress. Being beautiful and intelligent, she soon obtained a chance to test her histrionic abilities, and won enough of success to raise her mother and herself to what, compared with her previous state, seemed almost like wealth.—New York Times.

A BEAUTY'S FACE ON A BANKNOTE.

Mme. Blaha, a Handsome Actress, Given this Distinction. The proverbial repute for gallantry which the Hungarians have enjoyed through the centuries is being demonstrated with a vengeance these days by the Austro-Hungarian States Bank of Budapest. Its ultra-gallant director has induced the Government to permit the engraving of vignettes of the leading soubrettes and chateaus of the country on its thousand gulden notes. Director Gustav Kautz is an ardent votary of the histrionic art, and adores the celebrated Hungarian prima donna, Mme. Luise Blaha. Her radiant countenance, which, despite her advancing years, is still ravishingly beautiful, has been selected as the first to be engraved on the thousand gulden notes of 1897, which have already been issued. There is no doubt that the scheme will increase the circulation of the bank notes, as all the sedons of nobility and all the dukes and dandies of the Slavic metropolis will be anxious to be able to boast of the possession of one or more of these notes, for Mme. Blaha, who has personified nearly all the great dramatic conceptions of Hungarian playwrights, is perhaps the most popular woman of the thrifty kingdom. She is accustomed to homage in the superlative, but this exceeds any eulogies ever bestowed upon her. In fact, the incident stands alone in history.—New York Journal.

Victoria's Rewards to Musical Artists.

When a singer has been commended to Windsor her Majesty does not, as a rule, send a check as a return for the pleasure she has enjoyed. Instead, she forwards some useful or pretty gift. Mme. Alhani is frequently the recipient of books, jewels, framed photographs, Scotch plaids, shawls, &c., and M. Jean de Heeske, Johannes Wolff and Signor Toste are all possessors of costly pins, bestowed on them by the sovereign. When Mme. Patti last appeared at Windsor she received a very beautiful diamond and sapphire brooch, and when Mme. Antoinette Sterling sang before the Queen she was presented with an exquisite silver tea service, upon which this amiable lady of quaint remarks is said to have exclaimed: "I have provided for her Majesty's aesthetic, and she provides for my temporal enjoyments."—London Figaro.

Mouths of Some Animals.

The largest mouth, proportioned to the size of the animal, is that of the frog. The mouth of the leech is a powerful sucker, which will sustain many times its weight. The tongue of the frog is prehensile. By means of it these animals seize and hold their prey. The mouth of the lobster is small, and he must tear his food to pieces with his claws before he can devour it. The mouth of the octopus is in the center of his body and is provided with a beak closely resembling that of a parrot. The teeth of fish, like the teeth of most animals, are not fastened to the bone, but are held in sockets.

An Achievement Explained.

He was a little curly-haired, rosy-cheeked member of a boy choir. He had been having some trouble with a high note, but on this occasion sang it out with a clearness and vigor which surprised and delighted all his family.

"That was splendid," said the leader of the choir. "You have been taking my advice and practicing."

"No, I haven't practised it."

"I don't understand how else you accomplished it."

"Well, I'll tell you. Just before I came to that note I shut my eyes and made believe I was at a ball game and saw Cartwright steal a base."—Washington Star.

Wise Precaution.

"You little rascal! What you done wiv de milk?"

"Ah—ah wanted t' hurry, mammy, an' so's I wouldn't spill de milk ah drank it!"

PIES THAT WEIGH A TON.

Denby Dale is in the Habit of Making and Eating Them. This country has long been pleased to consider itself the land of pies. But, as a matter of fact, a certain region of the English county of Yorkshire produces pies beside which no American pie would dare to make its appearance for very shame.

Denby Dale periodically makes pies weighing a ton and upward. There was a pie last summer which weighed only fifteen hundredweight.

The last Denby Dale pie was made, cooked, carved and distributed only last summer, in celebration of the jubilee of the repeal of the Corn laws. The meats of which it was composed weighed nearly fifteen hundredweight. Half a ton of steel plates went to form the dish in which it was baked, and the four for the crust added an equal weight. The oven that received this burden of nearly two tons measured thirteen feet in length by nine feet in width and two feet in depth. When nicely browned, the giant pie, gayly decked with flowers and guarded by mounted police, was drawn in procession by fourteen horses to the place of feasting.

Here, at a fixed hour, it was solemnly carved with a knife close upon three feet long and a fork of proportionate size, and served on commemorative plates to all persons who paid for the privilege of thus tasting it. The edacious crowd numbered thousands, and few returned from the scene of festivity without a souvenir.

That was the sixth big pie to delight the epicures of Denby Dale. The first, which dates back more than a hundred years, was intended to mark the thankfulness of the inhabitants for the recovery of George III. from mental derangement. Nearly thirty years elapsed before another event occurred worthy of such signal regard. This was the battle of Waterloo. The oldest inhabitant cannot recall the Waterloo pie, but it was, no doubt, a famous affair, for, when another generation had come to maturity, it found a pattern for the great pie of '46, by which Denby Dale testified satisfaction at the repeal of the Corn laws.—New York Journal.

LUCK OF A BRIDESMAID.

She Caught the Bride's Bouquet and Discovered a Profitable Occupation. Under ordinary circumstances, painting flowers in water colors isn't a source of immense profit. Nevertheless, there is a girl in Boston who is reaping a rich harvest from it. It all began in this way. The young artist was one of the bridesmaids at the wedding of a wealthy friend; and was the lucky one who caught the bride's bouquet when it was thrown to the maids. The idea occurred to her that it would be a graceful thing to make a sketch of the bouquet and give it to the bride; and being clever with her brush and having a keen sense of artistic possibilities, she succeeded in combining the rather stiff bouquet, a fan, a polished table, and a shimmering pale green scarf into a delicious bit of color and sentiment.

The bride was in ecstasies. So were her friends. Soon one of the bridesmaids needed bridesmaids of her own. It wasn't the artist, in spite of her luck in catching the bouquet. This bride refused to be happy unless she, too, could have a sketch of her bridal bouquet. The artist charged a good price this time, and, to her surprise, found herself the originator of a social fad. She became as much a part of a swell wedding as the caterer, florist, or bridegroom. Being gifted with a share of the wisdom of the serpent, she saw that the thing was too good to last, and that the opportunity must be improved while it did last, so she boldly put her prices up to a most extravagant figure. That only set the seal upon her popularity, and made her still more necessary to a wedding. She momentarily expects the frost to strike her, but, meanwhile, she gathers her harvest of checks and sings hymns of praise to the ancient and honorable institution of matrimony.—New York Sun.

A Cousin by Adoption.

A correspondent of the Bookman suggests an incident about Irving that is novel and interesting: That Irving was a friend of the Knickerbockers of Schaghticoke is well known, but not, I think, the reason why he adopted himself into the family. While Harmon Knickerbocker, who was presumably upon intimate terms with Irving, was a member of congress, he had occasion to present Irving to President Madison, and in so doing facetiously introduced him as his "cousin-german, Diedrich Knickerbocker, from old Schaghticoke." Irving was rather taken aback, but the sobriquet so took his fancy that he made use of it as a pen name when he wrote his famous history of New York, in which he refers several times to his "cousin the congressman."

Monkey as an Imitator.

At Cheltenham, England, there lives a retired Admiral and his wife, who have a favorite monkey. One day recently the lady, hearing a strange noise in the dining room, looked in to see what it was. The sight which met her eyes was a ludicrous one. Seated in the armchair, with the Admiral's smoking cap on his head, and the Admiral's spectacles on his nose, was the monkey, and in his hand was the open newspaper, which he shook and patted, while he jabbered and gesticulated with great emphasis at the cat, which lay blinking on the hearth rug. It was a clever and carefully studied imitation of the testy old Admiral's tone and manner when reading to his wife some passages from the newspaper which excited his wrath or indignity. The monkey was worth \$100,000 outside.

"LOOKING BACKWARD" PARTIES.

Just the Entertainment for a Summer Frolic. There is no form of summer entertainment equal to a "backwards" party for genuine fun and ceaseless merriment.

It may be held in the parlor and on the verandas where there are restricted grounds around the house, and the parlor floor or a platform made on the lawn serves for dancing, though the grass, if closely mown, is as good a place as any.

As this is the day of Colonial societies and renewed interest in ye long ago, the "backwards" party will have an extensive vogue this season in country house entertainment, owing its popularity to this spirit of the times.

The dresses are made in any quaint style one fancies, of flowered chintz, calico, lawn, dimity or white goods. The "backwards" party members must wear simple rustic gowns, not fine silks and brocades, because with them they don sunbonnets, whether the party be held in the afternoon or evening, and the manner of wearing these gives the reason for the party's name, as all the girls must put their bonnets on backward.

Two narrow slits are cut in the back of the bonnet to look through, but none for nose or mouth, as the back is loose, and admits of breathing freely under the curtain. In this way, when the bonnet is tied on, the back of the wearer's head shows where her face is expected to be, and in walking forward and in dancing she seems to be going one way and her head another, while, in fact, she does not reverse her movements at all.

The identity of the girls is lost to a most mystifying extent, even without powdering the back hair, for people must be very much interested in each other to remember the exact color of the hair.

It is extremely laughable to see the couples in a quadrille bowing to each other, and scarcely less so to watch the waltzers.

It adds greatly to the jollification for the men to wear the bonnets, too, and then the girls are also mystified about their partners.

The supper is served rather late, as the bonnets must, of course, come off first, and are not resumed for the few after dances when the mismatched young folks make matters straight again, vowing they knew each other all the time, while secretly conscious that they have been making love to Maud for Mabel all the evening.

Some make the bonnets to match their dresses, off the same piece, while others have a contrast. Sunbonnets may be bought ready-made at the large stores for a quarter-percale one; but for a backwards party those made of plain blue, pink or lavender lawn, with a ruching of the same around them are coolest and prettiest.

The idea may be adapted to dressing in character to represent notable Colonial dames of the "backwards" period; and whoever proposes this reversed bonnet frolic at a large summer hotel will be pronounced the author of the most successful merry-making of the season.

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Governor Signs New Laws.

Two Reform Measures Receive the Executive's Approval. Governor Hastings signed concurrent resolutions on Thursday directing Captain Delaney, Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, to furnish the Speaker of the House, President pro tem. of the Senate, Chief Clerk and Resident Clerk of the House and the Speaker's clerk with the desks and chairs used by them during the late session.

These bills were approved: Empowering the Burgess and Town Council of any borough to annex adjacent lots or outlots or other tracts of land on the petition of a majority of the freehold owners.

Relating to advocates of defense and authorizing judgment to be entered for a portion of a claim where there is insufficient evidence. Providing for the incorporation of associations for receiving and holding property, real and personal, of and for unincorporated religious, benevolent, charitable, educational and missionary societies and associations and executing trusts thereof.

Making the proceedings of the Department of Pennsylvania, Grand Army of the Republic, a part of the public records of the State.

Authorizing tunnel companies to charge for sewerage run through their property.

Providing a penalty of not more

than \$100 fine or two years' imprisonment in case of the failure of County Commissioners to comply with the act to protect timber lands from fire after demand made upon them by the Commissioner of Forestry, and providing for the Commonwealth bearing part of the expenses incurred under this act.

To provide a more equitable method of distributing the public school appropriation.

The reform measures to prohibit the payment of any occupation or poll tax of any elector by any person other than the elector, and to prohibit the assessments of and demands for contributions from the officers and employes of the State or county.

Creating a State Bureau of Mining in connection with the Department of Internal Affairs.

Authorizing the transfer of wholesale or retail liquor licenses from one person to another and from one place to another.

Authorizing the Auditor General to prescribe the forms and requirements of vouchers's monthly and quarterly returns and statements of county officers and institutions receiving State aid and to appoint expert accountants to examine such accounts.

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Death of an Aged Colored Man Recalls a Crime. Torbert Ganges, the aged colored man who figured prominently in the arrest of Wallace Burt, the half-breed Indian murderer of the aged Rightley couple, in Northampton County, a couple of years ago, died at the almshouse early Friday morning.

Ganges at the time of Burt's arrest lived on the outskirts of Morrisville, and gave the officers the information that led to the murderer's arrest in his hiding-place, in the swamp. He was one who secured a portion of the \$1000 reward offered for the arrest and conviction of the murderer.

About a year ago Ganges was convicted of stealing chickens, and had been serving sentence in the county jail until a few weeks ago, when he was removed to the almshouse for treatment, upon the recommendation of a commission appointed by the Court.

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