THE THEATER TALKER.

An Intolerable Nuisance Quickly and Quietly Suppressed by a Little Wit.

They had been reading a Rolfe annotated edition of the play, and there was nothing in "Julius Caesar" that they were not perfectly familiar with. Before the performance was half through there was nothing that they knew which everybody within half a dozen rows did not hear about; for among the three of them—a man and two women—there were such capacities for superfluous conversation as are met with nowhere except in a theater, says the New York Mail and Express.

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In tones that alternately hissed and brayed and rasped till spinal columns all around them ached they told one another that Antony was much better done than Brutus, that Portia would come on in a minute in the garden scene; that Casca was supposed to be a gruff old Roman; that Cascar actually did have fits—think of it! that it was a pity (this in a whisper that shivered far down the aisle and splintered at least a score of vertebrae) Roman ladies didn't wear corsets. So on, ad nauseam,

Roman ladies didn't wear corsets. So on, ad nauseam.

At last the ghost and the distraught Brutus met and there was a thrilled sidence in all the crowded house save in row Q, where a strident voice complained: "I can't hear a word the ghost says. Why doesn't he speak louder?"

A man behind the querulous disturber, quite beside himself with rage, leaned forward and said in tones as courteously sweet as the sting of a honey bee: "Perhaps the ghost is a gentleman, and does not like to annoy people."

Which, of course, was very rude, though it did fill many hearts with an unholy joy.

Bathing the Baby.

Young mothers naturally feel anxious about the baby's bath. It is best to begin at six weeks to put the little one in the water, first folding a soft towel in the bottom of the basin. Use only Ivory Soap, as many of the highly colored and perfumed soaps are very injurious to the tender skin of an infant.

ELEANOR R. PARKER.

Keeping Insanity at Bay.

Old Gentleman—So you think my daugher loves you, and you wish to marry her? Dudleigh—That's what I called to see you bout. Is there any insanity in your family?

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Go to the anatomist for inside information.—Chicago Daily News.

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The medical fraternity of Paris is considerably exercised over the an-nouncement of Dr. Garrigne, a member of the Paris Faculty of Medicine, that he has discovered a means of curing all microbe diseases—tuberculosis, cancer, diphtheria, hydrophobia and others.

Dr. Garrigne observed that microbes so ravage the human body that the formiates which vivify the blood are absorbed. When formic acid can no longer be produced the cells die or de-compose and the man ceases to live. The doctor's theory is to invert this process. To preserve the cells oxygen is necessary, and to produce oxygen he employs formic acid.

But the promulgation of this theory has plunged Dr. Garrigne into difficulties. Although he is a member of the Paris Faculty of Medicine the au-thorities at the St. Louis hospital have refused to permit him to treat lepers at his own expense, and his efforts to oring his treatment before the notice of other medical authorities have caused him to be treated as a quack. In spite of this, however, a number of reputable physicians have testified their belief in his system.

HAS LUMINOUS EYES.

Antarctic Fish Has Twenty-Four Electric Lights with Which to Discover Its Prey.

Very rare is this fish, which is not surprising, since its home is in the depths of the Antarctic ocean. A specimen was taken 1,500 yards below the surface of the water, and it is not likely that it ever ventured to ascend much higher.

A remarkable fact about this fish is that it is provided with 24 luminous



FISH WITH LUMINOUS EYES

organs, which serve to light up its home and enable it to pursue and catch its prey. Some of these organs form a grown around the eyes, and others are placed on the stomach and back.

The color of their light varies from bright red to pure white, and each is composed of a little speck, which is covered with a black pigment.—N. Y.

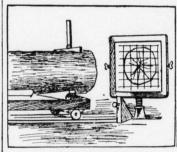
The Velocity of Light.

An attempt to fix the velocity of light with greater accuracy, using the toothed-wheeled method of Fizeau under improved conditions, has been described by M. Perrotin. In previous experiments, the beam of light was made to travel a distance of 12 kilometers (7,452 miles) and back, but in the recent trials and back, but in the recent trials it was reflected from a mirror placed at a distance of 46 kilometers (28, 566 miles) from its source. From 1,109 observations, the velocity has been found to be 299.880 kilometers been found to be 299.880 kilometers cent; three children, 6 per cent; four (about 186,225 miles) per seconds with a probable error less than 50 kilometers.

REFLECTOR FOR LOGS

West Virginian's Unique Invention to Indicate the Most Economical Cuttings.

In the operation of a sawmill the sawyer customarily takes his stand near the saw, from which position he is able to reach all the levers which control the carriage and saw and to adjust the logs in position for cutting. It is important that the sawyer should know with the least possible loss of time whether there are splits or cracks in the ends of the log, and part of the value of a skillful mill sawyer lies in his ability to judge the logs under his hand with reference to cutting them up to the best possible advantage. Heretofore it has been necessary for



INDICATES BEST CUTTINGS.

him to walk the entire length of the log to scrutinize the opposite end be-fore the sawing begins, but with the invention just placed on the market by William T. S. Diggins, of Centralia, by William T. S. Diggins, of Centralia, W. Va., it is unnecessary for him to leave his station beside the saw. This device consists of a glass reflector, divided by cords to indicate the line the saw will take in cutting the log. The sawyer has only to adjust the reflector by a simple mechanism within easy reach, and both ends of the log are shown in conjunction with the indicating lines, enabling him to turn the log to cut to the best advantage. Our picture shows the rear end of a carriage with the log in place, and also the mirror and log reflected therein, indicating several splits or checks similar to those which occur in actual practice. - Louisville Courier-Jour-

THE DIVORCE EVIL.

Where Families Are Large, Say Not So Very Violent.

Children are the best preventive of divorces according to statistics gathered by Dr. Friedrick Prinzing, a German scientist, who has devoted his life to the study of the conditions leading to separations and who has made a careful examination of the reports from all countries. The figures show that in cases of voluntary separation 54 per cent. of the couples have no children.

The statistics also prove that a large proportion of divorces are of persons who married under 20 years of age. As marriage has grown later, the ratio of divorces steadily decreases. Divorce rules highest in the sixth or

seventh year after marriage.

The number of divorces in different countries depends, of course, largely on creeds and laws, as well as on national temperament and morals; but, on the whole, the proportion of divorces to the sum total of married life is remarkably small among the European nations, ranging from 0.42 and 0.11 per thousand married couples.

In Japan divorce is much more common, and in the United States the ne-groes largely swell the number. Everywhere it seems on the increase. A significant feature in Germany is the growing number of divorces granted on the ground of mutual agreement. For the five years ending 1897 there were in Berlin alone 173, 302, 423, 416, 457.

children, 2.6 per cent.; five children, 1.1 per cent.; six children, 1 per cent .-- a strong argument for large families.

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Mr. Isaac Brock, of McLennan coun-Mr. Isaac Brock, of McLenhan coun-try, Texas, has attained the great age of 114 years. He is an ardent friend of Peruna and speaks of it in the fol-lowing terms. Mr. Brock says: "After a man has lived in the world

as long as I have he ought to have found out a great many things by experience. I think I have done so.

"One of the things I have found out to my entire satisfaction is the

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mate.

"For 114 years I have withstood the changeable climate of the United States. During my long life I have known a great many remedies for coughs, colds, catarrh and diarrhoea. I had always supposed these affections to be different diseases. For the last ten or fifteen years I have been reading Dr. Hartman's books and have learned from them one thing in parlearned from them one thing in par-ticular: That these affections are the same and that they are properly called catarrh.

"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Pe-

"As for Dr. Hartman's remedy, Peruna, I have found it to be the best, if not the only reliable remedy for these affections. It has been my standby for many years and I attribute my good health and my extreme old age to this remedy.

"It exactly meets all my requirements. I have come to rely upon it almost entirely for the many little things for which I need medicine. I believe it to be especially valuable to old people, although I have no doubt it is just as good for the young."—Isaac Brock.

A New Man at 79.

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Major Frank O'Mahoney, West Side, Hannibal, Mo., writes:
"I am professionally a newspaper correspondent, now 79 years old. I have watched the growing power of the Peruna plant from its incipiency in the little log cabin, through its gradations of success up to its present establishment in Columbus, Ohio, and I conclude that merit brings its full I conclude that merit brings its full

reward.

"Up to a few years ago I felt no need to test its medicinal potency, but lately when my system needed it, your Peruna relieved me of many catarrhal troubles. Some two years ago I weighed 210 pounds, but fell away down to 168 pounds, and besides loss of flesh I was subject to stomach troubles, indigestion, loss of appetite, insomnia, night sweats, and a foreboding of getting my entire system out of order. During some months I gave Peruna a fair trial, and it rejuvenated my whole system. I feel thankful therefore, for although 79 years old I feel like a young man."—Major Frank O'Mahoney.

In old age the mucous membranes become thickened and partly lose their function.

This leads to partial loss of hearing, smell and taste, as well as digestive disturbances.

In a later letter Mr. Saunders says: "I am still of the same mind with regard to your Pe-ru-na medicine."

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Peruna corrects all this by its specific operation on all the mucous membranes of the body.

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Mr. Samuel Saunders of Blythedale,
Mo., writes: "My disease was catarrh of the urethra and bladder. I got a bottle of Pe-ru-na and began taking it, and in a few days I was relieved and carded learnered westell before and westell being the light. I think the same was the learner with the same was the learner was the lea

it, and in a few days I was relieved and could sleep and rest all night. I think that Pe-ru-na is a valuable remedy. I had tried other very highly recommended medicines, but they did me no good. My physician told me that I could not expect to be cured of my trouble, as I was getting to be an old



Strong and Vigorous at the Age of Eighty-eight.

Rev. J. N. Parker, Utica, N. Y., writes:

"In June, 1901, I lost my sense of hearing entirely. My hearing had been somewhat impaired for several that I could hold converse with my friends; but in June, 1901, my sense of hearing left me so that I could hear no sound whatever. I was also troubled with severe rheumatic pains In my limbs. I commenced taking Peruna and now my hearing is restored as good as it was prior to June, 1901. My rheumatic pains are all gone. I cannot speak too highly of Peruna, and now when 88 years old can say it has invigorated my whole system. I cannot but think, dear Doctor, that you must feel very thankful to the all loving Father that you have been permitted to live, and by your skill be such a blessing as you have been to suffering humanity."—Rev. J. N. Parker.

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Stone Park this coming season. How is that for one 71 years old?"

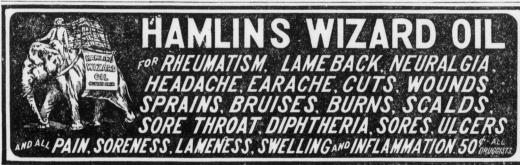
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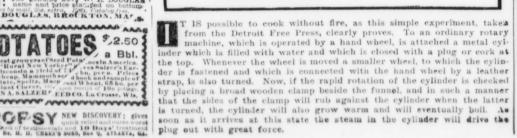


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