



ACROSS THE FOOT. The above are the theatrical attractions for the week.

It seems that Joseph Jefferson has a glorious opportunity to delve into the best of dramatic literature. There is hardly any great part in any great play that he cannot assume and make a creation. He has shown that in his work already. Ten years ago his name was associated with that of the vagabond of the Catskills, and no one thought of him in connection with a whole suit of clothes—least of all as attired in the evening dress of a Mr. Gollygosh or the embroidery and lace ruffles of a Bob Acres. Yet now that he has got into the habit of playing such parts, it is hard to imagine him as Rip Van Winkle or Bob Acres until he actually walks upon the stage in those characters. Looking at Mr. Jefferson last week as Bob Acres or Dr. Pangloss, no one could see why he should be thinking of retiring from the stage. His step was as light and spry as that of a young man, and his voice as clear and powerful as if he had not reached the wrong side of thirty. Why should he retire? Why should he not rather look through his dramatic library and bring forth one, two, or three more of those parts that have been practically shelved for a quarter of a century or so, and give us a new Jeffersonian reading of the principal comedies of his own time? Now that his name is so distinctly associated with his own personality into other classes, but never let him talk about retiring from the stage for 20 years to come at least.

Who that sees Florence on the stage can fail to recognize in him the "Billy" who is known from one end of the continent to the other as everybody's friend. The good nature we see in every lineament of his jolly face as Sir Lucius O'Tyger is the expression of "Billy" Florence in private life, and it is not rather look sweetly on his countenance. Whenever Jefferson sings an old play to be revived, there will always be a part in it for Florence. Let us hope so at all events.

Robert Mantell has had a hard week of it. As THE DISPATCH stated exclusively last Tuesday he had two doctors on the stage throughout the performance of the Monday night. His ailment was laryngitis. The same story was repeated all the week. It was only by the exercise of indomitable will power, assisted by the unerring attention of the doctors, that he was able to carry out his engagement at the Bijou. Last night, after a class of his illness was completely exhausted. He will go to New York tonight for treatment and his company will lay off for the remainder of the week. It is more than probable, however, that the week next will be resumed this season. It is more than probable, however, that the week next will be resumed this season. It is more than probable, however, that the week next will be resumed this season.

I have received a biographical sketch of Clarence Bennett, who appeared at the World's Museum last week in the "Royal Slave." It reads as follows: "Clarence Bennett is the son of a Baptist clergyman, Rev. Perry Bennett, of Springfield, Ill., who, though possessing talents of unusual order, had no time to devote to his own education, and he was obliged to earn his own living by his own hands. He was a member of the United States Senate, preferred to remain in his humble calling as a minister of the gospel, drawing around him as warm personal friends the names of such illustrious names as John Palmer, and the martyred President, Abraham Lincoln. With the latter it was a Damon and Peleus friendship. He lived in the city of New York, and at the age of 18 graduated from college, paying his own way by teaching and literary work for various institutions. Having completed his college course he struck out on his own for the purpose of the West, securing his first engagement at the Western circuit with the well known and successful actor, J. W. Walker, playing Faust in the latter's "Mephisto, Richard III, etc." After two years experience in a wide range of countries, he returned to his native land, and his way into popular favor as a faithful exponent of romantic and tragic roles. While laboring so faithfully in the West, he was not idle, and he has now in press a volume of poems that are worthy to take a high rank in the literature of his country. He has also turned his attention to a kind of art, painting, in which he has been equally successful, some of his works being bought by a place by the name of the Clark street bridge.

A special telegram to THE DISPATCH says: A letter from Mrs. James Brown Potter, dated February 5, from Calcutta, to a friend in London says that she and the faithful Kyrie Bellie have been having a large time in India. They played "La Fida" before the Rajah, and he was so much pleased that he gave a magnificent entertainment in their honor. They met no one more than ever before. All from Calcutta she and Bellie were going to Bombay and thence to various military stations in the Hill country, where they would also be here. From India they will return to London; and Mrs. Potter will go to the States to see her mother, with whom she has been spending the winter. Mrs. Potter has had a very successful season in India, and she has been equally successful, some of his works being bought by a place by the name of the Clark street bridge.

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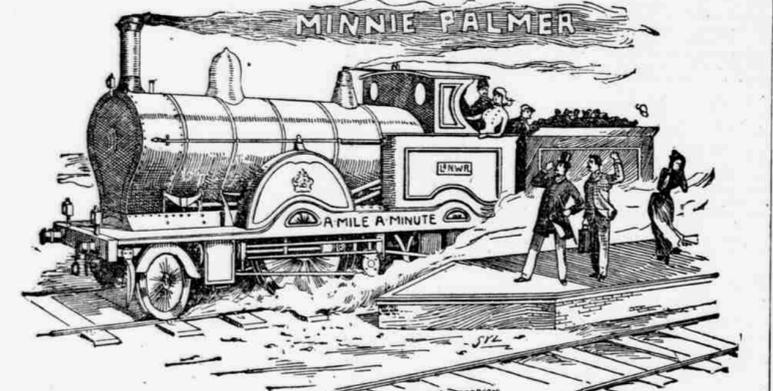
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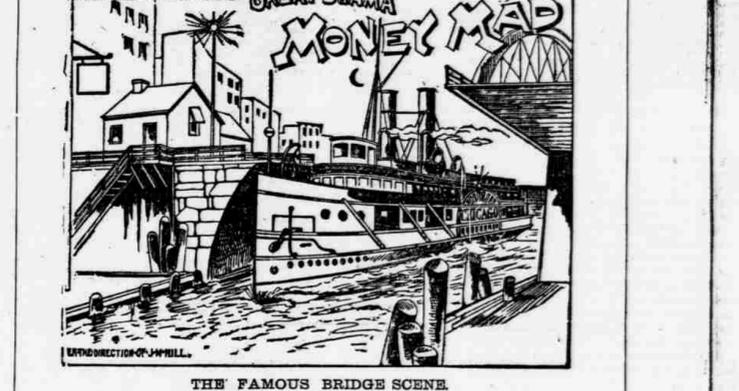
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