AMUSEMENTS. "A NATION'S DESTINY" has beaurunning during the week at the Chestn is to admirable houses, with the following cast: Angela, Miss Josephine Orton; Ducue-s d'Ossania, Miss C. Cappelle; Queen Isabella, Miss L. Cooper; Don d'Avila, F. Mordaunt; Don Carlo, G. H. Clarke; Marquis San Bris, A. Fisher; Don Fernandez, W. N. Moreland. The play is an adaptation of a work by Scribe, the French dramatist, written by Benjamin Woolf, Esq., of this city. It is full of sprightly incidents and interesting situations, and will bring the author fame and cash. We do not wish to spoil the pleasure of play-goers by detailing the plot, but would simply say that we, in common with the public generally, have been greatly delighted with the acting of Miss Orton, Mr.

THE "PROGRAMME."—It gives us pleasure to print the subjoined letter in reference to that sprightly sheet which figures at our places of amusement: "PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9, 1865.—To H. R. Hellier—DEAR SIR: We, the managers of the Philadelphia Theatres, take this opportunity to express our perfect satisfaction with the perfect and punctual manner in which the Evening Programme has been delivered to us, and in view of your arrangements requiring it, we agree to take the Evening Programme, as the Bill of the performance in use in our theatres for the coming year. Respectfully yours, Louisa Drew, Jos. D. Murphy, New Arch Street Theatre: Grover & Sinn, New Chestnut Theatre; Thos. J. Hemphill, Walnut Street Theatre."

Mordaunt, Mr. Clarke and Miss Cooper. They have all exerted themselves to the

utmost, and have made the drama a genuine success. It will be given this evening, to-morrow evening and at the matinee on

THE WALNUT.—During the week "Dombey & Son" has been running at the Walnut. Mr. John Brougham's personation of Captain Cuttle, in this play, was conclusive evidence that his theatrical fame is based upon a strong foundation. To play characters which are decorated with the characters which are decorated with the choicest language, sugar-coated phrases, glittering figures and poetical ideas, is an easy task; but to seize an uncouth "character part" like Captain Cuttle, and to galvanize it into life and beauty, is an attainment of the highest dramatic power. The Promethean fire of genius alone can accomplish it. Captain Cuttle's simple-minded admiration of his oracular friend, "Jack Bunsby," his noble though peculiar assistance to Walter's uncle, his grief for the supposed loss, and his joy at the safe return of Walter, as well as the gentle kindness of his treatment to Florence, were naturally and touchingly to Florence, were naturally and touchingly portrayed. The more we laughed at him for his peculiarities, the more we loved him for his kindness of heart. Mr. Brougham's "get up" was perfect, even to a certain amount of carelessness, betrayed in his dress, resulting from his loss of a hand. Mr. Brougham was well supported. Miss Graham comes first by right of circumstances and talent. As Edith Dombey she had a very unsatisfactory part, but frequently managed to strike fire from its dull surface. Miss Germon looked and acted to the life. Disloyed and acted to the life Dickens's curt, snappish, vixenish, but good-hearted Susan Nipper. Though perhaps the original was not half so pretty.

Mr. Griffith and Mr. Chester played very well. Mr. Taylor had a very good conception of the character of Mr. Dombey, but was slightly too pokerish. Mr. Fawcett was, as he always is, painstaking, amusing, thorough and successful. Mr. Barron was very good as Walter. This evening "Dombey & Son" will be repeated, together with "The Good For Nothing." To-morrow, for his ferowell honefit. Mr. Broughens are recognitive. his farewell benefit, Mr. Brougham appears in his great burlesque of "Pocahontas," and also in "The Serious Family," a play which is more than half his own.

THAT GRACEFUL AND FINISHED actress. Madame Ponisi, has been delighting the patrons of Mrs. Drew's theatre during the week, with a series of really superb personations, and she has had the most capable nations, and she has had the most capable support possible from the company. This evening she will enact the heroine of "The Lady of Lyons," being supported by Messrs. Mackay, Rankin, Marlowe, James, Wallis and Mrs. Thayer. The afterpiece will be "Turning the Tables," with Robson, Marlowe, Mrs. Henry and Mrs. Creese in the cast. To-morrow Madame Ponisi has her benefit. "Lost in London" is in rehersal for the holidays, and will be brought out at the Arch superbly. It has had an unparalled success in New York, and will doubtless be equally popular in this city. "The Sleeping Beauty" will be the

"THE SLEEPING BEAUTY" will be the great holiday attraction at the Chestnut.

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Facts and Fancies. Parepa goes to Portland and Springfield,

much to the dissatisfaction of other cities, who want to hear her, but can't. Nevertheless, the troupe may be called, Parepa-tetic. So says the Boston Advertiser. We hear that Parepa-rations are being made to bring her to Philadelphia.

The disposition that has been made of some of the rebel generals is curious and significant. General C. F. Anderson turned butcher at Atlanta and then auctioneer at Augusta. He began by cutting things up and then took to knocking them down. General Forrest acquired a considerable reputation for running, during the war, and now runs a saw-mill in Tennessee. Gen. Gardner, who surrendered his columns to Banks, at Port Hudson, now heads a column in a country newspaper, as local

A Southern Congressman who can take the oath is called a pro-test, and others are supposed to be con-tests.

The Diets say they won't stand much more of the Emperor Francis Joseph's nonsense. Sensible people change their diets, when they don't agree with them.

A sailor almost died in New Orleans from swallowing a piece of glass in his pie. He had most unusual panes in his stomach. It cost Hecker \$100,000 to be a defeated

candidate for Mayor of New York. Money doesn't always make the mayor go. King Leopold was called the richest and meanest man in Europe. To call such an

one mean is two extreme. A bold rogue of Bangor snatched a pair of gold spectacles from the nose of a citizen, and made off with them. But the citizen

was out of sight first. The Madeira wine crop will be double that

of last year—about four thousand pipes. It is nearly as large as the Great Organ, in There is a French Episcopal Church in New York, where the contributions are col-

lected by young ladies, and ill-natured peo-ple call it the "pretty waiter girl church." This denunciation of a young lady for leaving her seat in church is based upon a distinction which we regard as simply pew-or-aisle.

This is the shortest day in the year, which reminds us of a little conundrum. Why is a man whose horses are all out of the stable always in a great hurry? Because he has nt got 'em in it.

DAVIS-On Wednesday, 20th instant. Mary Davis. Her relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend the funeral from the residence of her aunt. Mirs M. A. Davis, Southwest corner of fortieth and Ludlow streets, on Friday, the 22d instant, at 2 o'clock, P. M. Interment at 8lockiey Cemetery.

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OFFICE OF THE DBLAWARE MUTUAL SAFETY INSURANCE COMPANY, PHILADELIPHIA, December 18th, 18-5.
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