

DOMESTIC OPERA.

From the Boston Gazette. The opera here again, our friend Gamut was thrown into ecstasy. He had procured his tickets for the Figueron night, but, dined at the store by a customer, arrived home to tea late, with the whole trouble of getting ready before him at half past six. Gamut always had insisted upon it that twenty minutes was enough for any one to get ready in; a threat at Mrs. G. 'SOME—A chamber. Mrs. Gamut disconcerted in his undertones. Mrs. Gamut at the mirror in full opera costume, having begun to get ready at four o'clock.

Mrs. G. Gracious goodness, Mistress G. You are ready first, I see. Mrs. G. (sardonically). Yes, my love; to keep you waiting. Would be far too aggravating. Mr. G. Quite regardless that, my dear; I'll be very late, I fear. Mrs. G. No, my pet, please hesitate. Only women folks are late. Mr. G. (rummaging in a drawer, and throwing everything around in confusion). I will be a silver dollar. That I haven't got a collar. Mrs. G. There's your collar—where's the collar. Where's the collar?—there's your collar.

Mr. G. (looking everywhere). Where's your tie? Oh, how provoking. With impatience I am choking. Mrs. G. Do be gentler, Mr. G.; No one frets at home, but me. Mr. G. Do not fret, my dear. Help me find it. Where 'tis I can't understand. Mrs. G. What a searcher! Don't you mind it? There, you see, my dear. Mr. G. My head is itching with your hair. Mrs. G. Do not worry; do not worry. Mr. G. Don't sit there my misery mocking. Have you seen my other stocking? Mrs. G. Ha, ha, ha, my dear, you've got them both upon one foot. Mr. G. Everything is topsy turvy—Nobody at hand to serve me—Leaving room for my wife. Mrs. G. Do not fret yourself, my ducky, with no worse than this you're lucky.—Pray be reconciled. Mr. G. Good heaven it is half-past seven. The opera begins at eight. What a tussle, crowd and bustle by crinoline when one is late! Mrs. G. What a fuss you make, my dear, and how you fuss over me, my dear. You frown and fret. And storm and sweat, As though your bones did ache, my dear. Mr. G. Desperation seizes me, My disappointment freezes me, My boots are leaking. All their blocking, My neck-tie how it chokes me! And then the worst of all the fits These gloves are only number six.

Mrs. G. Banish your trouble, Care is a bubble, Let not despair your heart overcast; I can relieve you, The clock doth deceive you, 'Tis just a half an hour too fast. Mr. G. Thus woman comes to soothe our sorrow. Blessed be to man bestowed. Mrs. G. Do not care and trouble be vexed. Soon enough will come the load. Mr. G. There's the carriage. Trundle Bed Chorus—Boys' voices, next chamber. Isn't it jolly? Oh for fun, Up and at 'em! touch and run; Now about the theatre and show. Mother's shawl shall make a swing; Who shall question what we're at? Kate be blowed and hang the cat! Thus around, and we go, Nobody to say us no. No man was more amiable at the opera than that Mr. Gamut, and Mrs. G. saw, by the courteous manner in which he returned the bows, that he was disposed to follow her advice about care.

The Poacher's Dog. A dog belonging to a greyhound and a terrier, makes the best "lurcher," or poacher's dog. You may generally know a poacher's dog when you see him. He looks very sleepy in the daytime, and seems stupid when he is out at night. Moreover, he seems to have a sniffer about his nose, and is much more than other dogs. There is too much of the Jesuit about him to enable him to pass for an honest dog, and he sulks does the bidding of his master with the air of one who is doing it for hire. He is seldom in good spirits, and when he is some rare occasion he wags his tail, he does it as if he were ashamed of himself. Poacher's dogs are employed, not for catching game, but for running it into the hands of the poacher, and to scour a field in the darkest nights, and work all the hares and rabbits towards the nets in the gateway, or on the cover sides. Sometimes they are put to watch their master's net, and will fly at any one who attempts to interfere with it. They never give a mouthful of any circumstances, being too well trained to fall into that error. A Shropshire farmer once told us, says the Argosy, some rather good stories about a poacher's dog. He had been trained to run away from his master when called to approach him, and never give a mouthful of any circumstances. Once upon a time this same poacher was brought before the magistrates, and the keepers tried to identify him by his dog. The animal was brought into court as the supposed property of the poacher. "This he stoutly denied. He was told to call the dog in him, which he did, and immediately the terrified dog scampered out of the court.—English Paper.

LEGISLATION IN VERMONT.—The Vermont legislature, at its recent session, changed the distribution of the school funds, by which one-third, instead of one-fourth, heretofore, will be divided equally between the common school districts and the remainder in proportion to the average daily attendance of scholars. A law was passed allowing parties in court to testify in their own behalf. An act was passed limiting the liability of the State banks (now being closed under the operation of the national laws) for the redemption of their currency for the period of one year, commencing from the publication of due notice, which publication must be made through the year. The salaries of the Judges of the Supreme Court were increased by \$400, making them \$2,600. All efforts to increase the efficiency of the militia were unavailing. They say a train on the New York Central Railroad was stopped several times by a horse on board pulling the bell with his teeth.

Why Industrial Partnerships Fail.

Thomas Hughes writes to the London Times: In a speech which I made last week at a public meeting in Cambridge Hall on partnerships of industry, I alluded to the failure of three attempts made some years ago to establish tailors' associations in London, without stating the causes of those failures. I have been requested—I should, perhaps, say challenged—by several correspondents to give the reasons of these old failures in the Times, and to explain, if I can, why a similar attempt, under the new name of "Partnership of Industry," is more likely to succeed now. I have no objection to accept the challenge, if you, sir, will allow the space. The first of the old associations failed because the manager proved to be thoroughly incompetent and dishonest. The second failed from want of sufficient capital, and disputes among the associates. The third failed because, having been started in the ready-made or slop business, in reliance on large custom from trades societies and other organized bodies of workpeople, the venture was never forthcoming. So much for the failures. As to the other side of the question, I say a partnership of industry is more likely to succeed now, because—1. Under the Partnership Law Amendment Act, 1855, a share of profits proportioned to work done may be given to each person employed without giving him any voice in the management or rights as a partner, which could never be done safely in the last year. 2. A far higher class of work people are now ready to try the experiment. 3. Persons experienced in the trade add used to the management of business—the master-class, in short—are now willing to join, thus bringing to bear a power which the old associations could never command. It is impossible in any space you could be reasonably asked for, to go further into this large question, but I can assure my correspondents that those who advocate partnerships of industry are clear as to their own meaning, and are not, in any way, trying to hide, but, on the contrary, court the most searching inquiry into the principles and forms of these new associations.

I am, sir, your obedient servant, LINCOLN'S INN, NOV. 5. A Singular Indian Tradition. Among the Seminole Indians there is a singular tradition regarding the white man's origin and superiority. They say that when the Great Spirit made the earth, he also made three men, all of whom were fair complexioned; and that, after making them, he led them to the margin of a small lake, bidding them leap in and wash. One obeyed and came out of the water purer and fairer than before; the second hesitated a moment, and when he was again urged by the first, had become muddled and, when he bathed he came out copper-colored; the third did not leap till the water became black with mud, and he came out with his own color. The Great Spirit laid before them three packages, and out of pity for his misfortune in color, gave the black man the first choice. He held of each of the packages, and having felt the weight, chose the heaviest; the copper-colored man then chose the next heaviest, leaving the white man the lightest. When the packages were opened, the first was found to contain spades, hoes, and all the implements of labor; the second wrapped hunting, fishing, and warlike apparatus; the third gave the white man pens, ink and paper, the engines of the printing press, the means of mutual, mental improvement, the social link of humanity, the foundation of the white man's superiority.

CIVILIZATION AND BARBARISM.—One of Herman Melville's sailor characters extols the delights of living in Madagascar and derides the faded benefits of civilized life. The Mobile Tribune seems to think there is not so much difference between the two states of existence after all. He says: "Be not so vain as to think that any of us better or wiser for the suit of broadcloth on your back, or for the advantage you possess over the men of other climes in being able to telegraph or travel by rail road, or that you may be dressed in broadcloth, and a telegraphic message in your pocket, and a railroad ticket in your pocket book, and still be as perfect a savage and black-guards as if you were a striped starling, naked and run through a ball-park at the Feejee Islands. There are really as many savages in the nineteenth century as there were in the first. Catch the one standing this day around church doors, strip their fine clothes from them, and they are no whit better than the ancient Britons or the aborigines of New Zealand. A fig for your superiority of the nineteenth century."

THE BEAR AND RAGGED STAFF.—Hotten's "History of Signboards," says: "The Bear and Ragged Staff is still the sign of an inn at Cunnor, to which an historic interest is attached owing to its connection with the dark tragedy of poor Amy Robsart, who in this very place fell a victim to that stony-hearted adviser, Robert Dudley, Earl of Leicester. Sir Walter Scott has introduced the house in the first chapter of "Kenilworth." The power the Warwick family once enjoyed gave this sign a popularity which has existed to the present day, though the race of old Nevil, and the kings he made and unmade, have vanished and all passed away. Its heraldic designation has been better preserved than in the case of some other signs; only in one instance, at Lower Bridge street, Chester, it has been altered to that of a Mallet. Sometimes the sign of the Bear and the Ragged Staff, we may inform the reader is jocularly spoken of as the Angel and Flute.

MURDER OF TWO LANCASTERIANS.—Jacob Zook, of this city, yesterday received a telegraphic despatch from Vicksburg, Mississippi, signed by P. E. Upton, stating that his sons, Noah H. and Abraham H. Zook were missing, and that it is supposed that they have been murdered. The Messrs. Zook, whose name we did not learn, leased a plantation, about twenty miles from Vicksburg, on which they were raising cotton. These two young brothers had made the hotel of M. A. Upton, in Vicksburg, their headquarters, until the cotton was ready to be gathered, when they started out to the plantation, where they intended remaining until the whole crop was secured. Nothing has been heard from their friends here, either of these or during the last three weeks. —Since the above was in type, another despatch has been received, which states that the body of Abraham, horribly mutilated, was discovered, and that, though the whereabouts of Noah's body is not known, traces of the place where he was butchered have been found.—Lancaster (Pa.) Express.

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A Curiosity of Telegraphy.

Our London reporter, says the Leeds Mercury, sends us the following as an instance of the many applications of telegraphy: A gentleman whom we will call Mr. M., resident in London, is employed there to "manage the wire" for a Glasgow journal, that is to say, he arranges the news to be sent to each evening by the wire which that newspaper employs by special arrangement with one of the companies. The principal office of that company is at the top of several flights of stairs in one of those immense buildings erected to furnish office accommodation, which abound in some quarters of the city. After a certain hour in the evening, the telegraphic clerk who sends off the "copy" by wire is the sole occupant of this mansion, with the exception of the porter, who attends to the door, which after the hour referred to, is generally shut. This functionary, who is not often found nodding, got into this abnormal homing state a night or two ago, and so profound was his slumber that not all the fantasies which Mr. M. performed on the door—loud enough to have awakened the Seven Sleepers, and even under than the works of some of our modern composers—could arouse him; at length Mr. M. was fain to desert. It was, of course, out of the question to attract the attention of the clerk at the roof of the establishment. Mr. M. fortunately, however, hit upon the following expedient for letting the porter know he was waiting for admission. He went to an adjoining telegraph station, and sent a message to the company's office in Glasgow, requesting the clerk there to telegraph to the clerk in the London house, and instruct him to go down stairs to see if "particulars" were wanted. It was, of course, out of the question to attract the attention of the clerk at the roof of the establishment. 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