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National Theatre

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
 Matinees Monday and Wednesday
David Higgins in
His Last Dollar
 Thursday, Friday, and Saturday
 Mat. Thursday and Saturday
The Convict's Daughter
 Prices—Matinee, 15 and 25¢
 Night, 15 to 50c

Cocoa Importations.
 Cocoa importations into the United States are now averaging more than \$1,000,000 a month, against \$250,000 per month a decade ago. Mean-time importations of both tea and coffee show a decline.

High-Priced Peaches.
 A commission agent in the Paris fruit markets recently shipped a basket containing 63 selected peaches to London. The price for the lot was \$60, or about \$9 each.

American Schools in China.
 Already more than 10,000 schools have been established in China, where Chinese are taught precisely as the youths are taught in the schools of this country.

Worms Stop Trains.
 Army worms are so numerous between Campbell, Mo., and Nemora, Ark., that railway traffic has been interrupted, the worms matting the rail slippery.

Cave Dwelling Gypsies.
 The gypsies of Granada Spain, are unique among the races as cave-dwellers, living in recesses hallowed out of a hillside not far from the city.

When weary statesmen need a brace
 They seek the great Muldoon;
 He gives them vigor, strength and grace,
 And puts their nerves in tune.
 How fine 'twould be for freedom's land
 If Muldoons here and there
 Could take all weary men in hand
 And free them from their care.

"A lady has just dropped dead at the hair counter," gasped the floor-walker of a department store.
 "What was the trouble?" asked the proprietor.
 "She found her exact size in something she wanted, I believe," answered the floor-walker.

One cold morning Beecher came up to a poor little boy selling papers. He was shivering. Handing out a paper, the great sympathizer exclaimed:
 "This little boy, aren't you cold?"
 "Yes, but I have a way," said the boy, and he took out a paper.

LONDON'S IMPORTANT CLUBS.

Their Names, Who the Members Are, And What They Stand For.

London's most important club, from the social point of view, is no doubt the Marlborough, which is situated in Pall Mall, not very far from Marlborough House. It owes its prestige to the favor of the King, who still visits it on occasion and has his favorite seat in the dining room, which it need hardly be said, no one would dream of occupying. Membership is practically confined to the people whom the King regards with favor, or who are in the more exclusive court set. Should his Majesty by any chance visit any of the clubs to which he belongs he is by his own request, treated like any other member, but it need hardly be said that no one would ever dream of approaching him unless special permission were given for the purpose, and the King always speaks first to any one with whom he desires to converse.

One of the most expensive clubs is the Naval and Military, founded in 1862. It is frequently spoken of as the "In and Out" Club, because of the two words placed over the gateways. Entrance to it is obtained by a fee of 40 guineas and the annual subscription is 10 guineas.

Much older however are the Guards and the United Service, which opened their doors within two years of one another the former having been started in 1813 and the latter in 1815. The year in which Waterloo was fought the Guards Club has a strict rule against the admission of strangers, and it forbids the playing of round games of cards. The United Service Club, which moved from Charles street to the premises it now occupies in Pall Mall, in 1828, has a change having cost close upon £100,000, is commonly called "The Serpents."

It has some of the most famous men living on its books, the Kaiser and the Czar being among its honorary members while such great soldiers as Lord Roberts, Lord Kitchener, and Lord Wolseley are members. The other Service clubs include the Army and Navy, the Junior United Service, the Cavalry and the Junior Naval and Military.

Among the political clubs the most important are the Carlton, for the Conservatives, and the Reform, which is strictly Liberal in its principles. The entrance fee to both is £40 and the annual subscription 10 guineas.

The largest of the political clubs is the Constitutional, which is housed in Northumberland avenue. It has a membership of 6,500, who pay an entrance fee of 10 guineas or 15 guineas and an annual subscription of 7 guineas or 4 guineas, according as they are town or country members.

The National Liberal runs it close in membership with 6,000, while the Junior Carlton, in Piccadilly, has 5,000 members, and the Junior Conservative 8,500.

At the head of the scientific and literary clubs stands the Athenaeum, which was founded in 1824, for the association of persons of scientific and literary attainments and artists, and noblemen and gentlemen, patrons of learning, etc. Those who originally came together for the purpose were the Marquis of Lansdowne, the Earl of Liverpool and Aberdeen, Earl of Chantrey, Sir Thomas Lawrence, Davy, the inventor of the safety lamp, Moore, and seven men who were afterward to be Prime Ministers of England.

The social clubs are exceedingly numerous, among the leading ones being the Bath, which combines society with swimming and other sporting accomplishments; the Windham, with the curious entrance fee of 31 guineas and the Wellington, which admits ladies as visitors, as does the Bachsors.

Among the other famous social clubs are Boodle's, the Cocoa Tree, and the Thatched House.

For those interested in the theatre there are the Garrick, in Garrick street, where famous actors can often be seen lunching as they sit at the tables by the windows, the Green Room, where the less exalted members of the theatrical profession fraternize, and the Savage, which numbers among its members lovers of no less a personage than the King himself.

To satisfy the growing clubbable instincts and desires of women there are close on thirty ladies' clubs. The one with the largest membership is the Empress, which numbers 3,600 women of social position, but the oldest is the Alexandria, which was established in 1884 for "ladies of position" only.—Tit-Bits.

Old Cello Found.
 An old cello, which the owner at Mount Noorah, Victoria, sent to be repaired, was found to bear the label Nicolo Amati, and the date 1626. There was also found a record of the instrument having been repaired by Louis Dandeh of Versailles in 1781, for Louis XVI.

The domestic service problem is the pig in the clover problem—first to get the domestics into the circle, then to keep them there.

The family is a despotism governed by the meanest member. It is not the strongest, but the worst tempered, who rules.

"Many a young man who has confidently thought himself a young woman's intended has found out later that he was only her intended."

TWISTED TREE TRUNKS.

The Direction of the Twist is From Right to Left

The Belgian geologist Van den Broeck has called attention to a singular uniformity manifest in the direction of twisting exhibited by the trunks of trees. During the past 18 years he has observed this phenomenon in many parts of Europe, Africa and America. He finds that in 990 trees out of every 1,000 whose trunks show torsion, the direction of the twist is from right to left, or contrary to the motion of the hands of a watch. Without asserting that the same cause operates in the two cases, he points out that this accords with the direction of revolution of cyclonic storms in the northern hemisphere, and also with that of whirlpools, which the French savant, Jean Brunhes, says almost invariably turn from right to left. The question arises whether in the southern hemisphere the torsion of tree trunks has an opposite direction, like the cyclonic motions of the atmosphere in that half of the globe. Youth's Companion.

Rich Chinaman in the Philippines.
 Don Mariano Valasco, the leading Chinaman in the Philippine Islands, whose Chinese name is Choo Choo Tim, celebrated his seventeenth birthday on July 29. He succeeded his father in the business of making candles in Manila in 1855. Now he is a wealthy merchant in that city, with 300 employes in his stores and with other large interests. His home is near Amoy China, where he owns a whole village said to be the most attractive in the province.

Plans of Siegfried Wagner.
 Siegfried Wagner, the famous composer's son, has bought about five acres near the Balthus theater, where he will build a villa for himself. He was an architect before the yearning to write music seized him. His study and composing room will be decorated with frescos depicting scenes from his own operas, but the large reception rooms will be adorned with frescos representing scenes in his father's musical dramas.

Gold Venus of Milo.
 A statue of the Venus of Milo, made of Tanana gold and weighing 400 ounces, has been received at San Francisco in a shipment of gold from the Washington-Alaska Bank of Fairbanks, and is an excellent reproduction in miniature of the famous statue. The gold in the statue is valued at \$1,225, including its small square base of gold the statue is 12 1/2 inches high.

When Mr Jones' seventh son was born there was great rejoicing. Two or three days after the event one of the neighbors, meeting Tommy, the oldest son, asked if he were not sorry that his baby brother was not a baby sister.

Tommy shook his head.
 "No ma'am, not me," he replied with great decision. "You see we're tryin' for a baseball nine"—Everybody's Magazine.

Action of Sulphuric Acid.
 That the finest stone buildings and monuments of many cities are disintegrating through the action of the sulphuric acid produced by the combustion of coal is asserted by a writer in Cosmos (Paris). In London, especially, it has been estimated that no fewer than 500,000 tons of acid are thus discharged into the atmosphere yearly.

Washington's Cut Glass.
 China and cut glass that were used on Washington's table at Mount Vernon have been loaned to the National Museum at Washington by Miss Nannie Randolph Beth for exhibition in the Hall of History in connection with the other Lee-Washington relics.

"Petrol" and "Petrol."
 "Petrol" and "petrol" both descend from "petra," a rock. "Petrol" comes directly enough, through "petroleum," rock oil, but "petrel" through St. Peter, after whom the bird was named, because it appeared to walk upon the waves.

Largest British Parish Church.
 The noble church of St. Michael, Coventry, England, the structure of the three tall spires, is the largest parish church in the British Isles, being 298 feet long by 127 feet wide, St. Nicholas Church in Yarmouth being the next largest.

Immense Figures.
 Immense figures were handled easily at the general convention of the Episcopalians, it being shown that the total resources of the church for 1907 for all purposes were \$82,257,219, as compared with \$47,005,405 in 1904.

Chinese Poll Tax.
 Owing to Asiatic competition an anti-Asiatic League has been formed in New Zealand, to advocate a Chinese poll tax of \$5,000, 10 times as large as the British Columbia tax.

"You say you were in the bar at the time of the assault referred to in the complaint," asked the lawyer.
 "I was, sir."
 "Did you take cognizance of the barman at the time?"
 "I don't know what he called it, but I took what the rest did."

She—This article says a trained nurse knocked down a burglar and covered him with a revolver.
 He—Well?
 He must have been a small burglar.
 —Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Five Minute Sermon

Jesus Heals a Leper

This man healed by our Savior was an image of man corrupted by sin and by means of penance cured by the powerful grace of Jesus Christ.

This is an important lesson to the ministers of the sanctuary and to all Christians, that they should, according to their ability, do all the good possible in the Church and for the salvation of their fellow-men without glorifying themselves and without making it known in order to gain praise or reward.

The centurion is to be admired for his great humility in confessing his unworthiness to receive Jesus Christ into his house. Employers should learn of him that charity which they should have for those under them. And all Christians should learn to recognize themselves as unworthy of the favors which God is pleased to confer upon them through His merciful kindness, and not through any merit of their own. Lastly, let us reflect that the Church takes so great account of the words of the centurion that she deems them worthy to be repeated three times when we are about to receive Jesus Christ into our hearts in the holy Communion.

Death of Reigeuse.

Sister Mary Gerard Garvey of the Order of St. Joseph, died at St. Mary's Orphan Asylum for Boys, on Monday, January 13th. The funeral was held on Friday last in the chapel of the asylum. Solemn requiem mass was celebrated by Rev. Malachi J. Garvey, rector of St. Michael's, Livonia, brother of the deceased, assisted by Rev. Charles Fischer, chaplain of the asylum, Rev. E. J. Gefell, former chaplain of the asylum, deacon and sub-deacon, and Arthur Sullivan as master of ceremonies. Bishop Hickey and the following clergymen were present in the sanctuary: Rev. J. O'Brien of St. Augustine's, Rev. John O'Hern of the Cathedral, Rev. M. J. Cluny of Honeoye Falls, Rev. J. J. Bresnahan of Churchville. The chapel was filled by the orphans of the asylum and many warm friends of the deceased sister who deeply mourn her untimely death.

Canandaigua.
 The funeral of Cornelius O'Neil who died Saturday at his home on the Rochester road took place Monday at East Bloomfield. Father Dougherty was called to Rochester on Thursday to attend the funeral of his step-mother, Mrs. Margaret Keeler Dougherty, who died at her daughter's home in that city.

The financial statement of the parish for 1907 shows that \$17,205 have been raised by pew rent, Sunday offerings, monthly subscriptions, picnic, fair, etc., while \$2,200 was borrowed money. The ordinary expenses and improvements run up to \$7,536.90; paid on debt, interest and improvements of new church \$5,200.81; on the new rectory \$8,045.24. There have been fifty-nine burials, seventy baptisms and twenty-two marriages in 1907.

The feast of the Most Holy Name of Jesus was observed last Sunday by the distribution of 2,000 cards urging reverence for the holy names and citing texts from sacred and other sources against the vice of profanity. The envelopes for the school collection to be taken up next Sunday have been distributed and the new list of names will be made out from the returns.

The Young Ladies Sodality and Children of Mary will receive communion next Sunday. The Catholics of our neighborhood parish of Shortsville are preparing to celebrate their deliverance from debt by burning a mortgage, February 25. The new church was built in 1900, at a cost of \$11,000—the last payment of which \$300 was made recently. Father O'Hanlon the reverend pastor tells his people in his annual statement that he is considerably improved in health and hopes soon again to take up a full share of priestly work among them.

Sympathy is extended to Father Garvey of Livonia, in the death of his beloved sister in Rochester last week. She was known in religion as Sister Mary Gerard.

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George Soule Spencer

Mr. George Soule Spencer, leading man of the Bellows-Spencer stock company at the Baker theatre, is one of the best known of the younger generation of leading men. His experience has been wide, but like all other occupations, education and natural aptitude have assisted him in deacon and sub-deacon, and arriving at the top of his profession earlier than is possible for the average man.

Mr. Spencer is a college graduate, a man of refined tastes and a worker. He is never idle, and his industry and force are infectious, for every one about him seems impelled to follow the pace

he has set for himself and as a result every one works and the Bellows-Spencer stock company performances show the result of this painstaking labor. Among his associates he is looked up to as an artist of a high order, and as a brilliant and a versatile man, but one who at the same time possesses a sweet and sunny temperament that is rare in these days of withering competition. In short, George Spencer is a man whom it is a real pleasure to know and a greater pleasure still to be associated with. Mr. Spencer, besides being the leading man of the company, attends to practically all of its business details.

National Theatre.
 Mr. David Higgins will appear at the National the first half of next week in the fifth edition of that popular racing drama and romance, "His Last Dollar" which is now enjoying its fifth successful season. It is the story of the love of a manly man and a womanly woman, well woven with bright comedy lines and mirthful situations.



Emma Salvatore in "His Last Dollar"

The greatest of all the season's melodramatic successes is undoubtedly that of "The Convict's Daughter." There is something so sensational and yet realistic about the play that one is held spellbound from the rise until the fall of the curtain. This play will be given a perfect production in this city at the National the last half of next week.

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