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IBILEE BARGAINS SAVED BY CRITICISM.

> HOW RACHEL WIPE OUT FAILURE WITH GLORIOUS SUCCESS.

> The Great Actress In the Part of Roxane. Influence of a Kind and Loyal Manager, a Friendly but Just Critic and a Proud and Passionate Father.

At the early age of 17 Rachel's fame had spread like wildfire throughout Paris. Jules Janin, the well known theatrical critic of the time, whose word made or marred, was unstinted in his praise of her marvelous genius. Crowds flocked to the Comedie Francaise to witness, one after the other, the plays of Racine and Corneille, in all of which Rachel scored immense success. Finally the management announced "Bajazet," a tragedy by Racine, for the next performance. On the eventful night the people literally fought at the doors for admittance. But, to the great astonishment of all, act succeeded act, and the actress failed to make the slightest impression upon her audience. The play came to an end in the midst of ominous silence. Rachel's failure was unaccountable, a

complete surprise to her manager and equally a surprise to herself. There was but one thing to be done-to

prevent if possible the publication of the failure. M. Vedel, the manager of the Theatre

Français, hastened at once to Jules Janin and besought him not to lay the entire blame upon Rachel, as he was responsible for having cast her in a role which was perhaps teo difficult for so young an actress. While they were still discussing the matter Rachel was announced. She seemed to be greatly agitated, but, without saying a word, simply stood before Janin with her head bowed, as a criminal before his judge. The great critic received her kindly; but, though he tried to reassure her somewhat, he admitted that in spite of his interest in her it would be impossible for him to render a favorable account of the evening's performance. Poor Rachel wept

like a child, but to no effect. After they had departed Vedel suddenly turned to Rachel and said: "Tomorrow I announce 'Bajazet' for the next performance. We will show them yet what you can do." Rachel eagerly assented and re-

ods, even if you don't want to! turned home. M. Vedel had scarcely reached the theater, however, when M. Felix, Rachel's father, was announced. He had learned from his daughter of the intended reproduction of "Bajazet" and boldly declared that the performance should not take place. "I tell you, she shall not play that role

> "And I tell you, sir, that the second representation of 'Bajazet' shall be announced for the day after tomorrow, and I warn you that if on the day of the performance Mlle. Rachel is not in her dressing room at 6 o'clock in the evening I will have the money refunded to the public, who shall be duly informed that your daughter's refusal to fulfill her contract is the cause of this scandalous proceeding; that the estimated receipts of this performance shall be deducted from her salary and that she shall not again set foot on the French stage until she has consented to play 'Bajazet' a

> second time." "You can do as you please, but she shall not act." And so saying M. Felix took his

departure.

Vedel immediately wrote to Rachel and entreated her not to listen to her father and risk her entire future success upon a mere question of pride. At 1 o'clock in the morning he received the following note, written in pencil on a little scrap of paper: How can I discbey you? When we love people, we do everything to please them. Your RACHEL.

Jules Janin's criticism of Rachel was cruel in the extreme. "How could one expect," he said, "that frail, delicate child, with her labored breathing, to represent the powerful lioness Roxane in Racine's tragedy of 'Bajazet?' Mile. Rachel no sooner appeared than the audience realized she would prove impotent in the role. It was not the expected Roxane that they beheld, but a poor young girl lost in a serag-

In spite of this adverse criticism, the recarsals for the second performance of "Bajazet" continued. The important night arrived. Vedel anxiously visited Rachel in her dressing room, where he found her already dressed and looking superb in her rich oriental draperies.

"Well, my child, how do you feel?" he asked. "All right," she answered, smiling. had a desperate fight at home, but I con quered, and I am here. I think it will go better tonight."

"You are not afraid, then?"

"You have read Janin's criticisms?" "Yes. He treated me nicely. He has made me furious. I am all the more sure of success tonight."

"Bajazet" was a veritable triumph for Rachel. She could not have had a more perfect revenge. Her preceding performances, in which she had gained renown as the great tragedienne of the day, all paled before this last, which surpassed everything that she had yet done. Again andagain she was called before the curtain. The storm of applause that greeted her bordered on delirium. Bouquets fell about her in a perfect avalanche. Such a scene had never before been witnessed in the

Rachel after the play was over. He found her dressing room, which had been empty after the first performance, now crowded with people. It was with difficulty that the great actress was able to reach him. When she came near him, she threw her arms about his neck and whispered in his ear: "Thank you. I knew all the time that you were right!"-San Francisco Chronicle.

The Charm of a Smile.

A beautiful smile is as potent in the drawing room as on the stage. Every woman can count among her acquaintances the favored few who possess the gift, not a studied, conventional smile that simply tightens the lips across the teeth. but the quick, responsive expression that springs first into the eyes and then to the lips. Another noticeable feature of this gieam of sunshine, which transforms the plainest face and can transfigure the most

SASH, MOULDINGS and other leaves the features as quickly as it appears. A useful charity called the Loncon spectacle mission provides spectacles for needlewomen and other deserving persons OAL—Egg. Nut and Blacksmith. dependent on their eyesight for a living.

dependent on their eyesight for a living.

Last year 726 applicants were provided

commonplace surroundings, is that it

It is probably not a very well known fact that the shedding of tears keeps the eyes cool. Such is the case, however, and no matter how hot the head may be, so long as there are tears the eyes will be cool.

MINDFUL OF THE HORSES.

A Statesman Narrates a Tale of His Trials and Tribulations.

"A prophet is not without honor say in his own country," quoted the reporter to a distinguished statesman. "Nor a member of congress save in hi own district," responded the statesman to whom he was talking, and who happened to be a representative from a state whose name shall not be mentioned here.

"Are they so bad as that?" "Well," laughed the statesman, "be good for a few minutes and I'll tell you a story. When I was running for congress in my second race-that is to say, for reelection-I had one appointment in the most remote county to which I had to go alone, my traveling companion having been taken sick. I knew only a few of the people, as it was very strongly the other way, and I did not cultivate it very zealously, and I scarcely knew the country at all. However, I got in a speech one night, and after it was over was picking my way back to the house where I was to sleep. In the course of my wanderings I struck an old shack of a railing, and the next thing I knew I had gone through it and dropped into a well of some kind, very large and with perhaps four feet of water in it. wasn't hurt, but I was scared, and I se up a lusty shout, which soon brought ;

through the dark. "'It's me,' I answered, 'Colonel Blank the member of congress. Help me out o

tation, most of which I heard. had first called, as if talking to some one that's been makin the powwow at th

'Let's let him stay thar. It'll only be one congressman less, and him the one we want to beat.' "'Dern ef I wouldn't like to,' said the

the well, and what'll 'the hosses and cow do fer drinkin water?" "What other pleasing reflections they might have cast upon me," concluded the gentleman, "I don't know, for I becam impatient and set up such a row that they

THE BRITISH SPEAKER.

Pretty Hard.

The speaker of the house of commons receives no salary at all, but he has to work hard for all that. He begins his du ties at 3 in the afternoon and usually continues until 3 the next morning, for the house is fond of sitting until somewhere near sunrise.

The speaker must have the present and the old rules of the house at his fingers' ends, for everything in England is done by precedent. He has to preserve order and must decide every parliamentary question raised, no matter what its nature. He announces divisions, pronounces punishment upon refractory members, and, worst of all, he must listen to all specehes, whether good or bad. He always presides, save when the house

is in committee, and then the deputy speaker or the chairman of the ways and means committee occupies the chair. On such occasion the mace rests beneath the table. When the speaker is in the chair, it is in full view upon the table. A "division" is about the most interest-

ing thing that ever happens to relieve the er will put the question in this form: pass its second reading. The yeas have it."

the speaker, who announces: "Division. Strangers please withdraw." The galleries are cleared. A little two minute sand glass is turned down by the through the religious and civil portion of clerk; an electric bell is rung three times | the wedding ceremony in the capital of while the sand is running out; attendants | the bride's country on behalf of his mas-

and policemen run through the various ter, making the responses for him and enough for awhile, parts of the house crying, "Division!" and | tendering his hand, as well as the ring, at the members come into the chamber. The speaker again announces a division and names two tellers to represent each side.

its quict .- Exchange.

Effects of Alkalis on Soil.

Useless to Wait. Since the fact has been published that bundles left in trains are often picked up by dishenest passengers who make a practice of being among the last to leave the car some disagreeable complications have

Two passengers sat facing each other as

mister," she said. "I'm not goin to furget this umbrell' and walk out and leave it. I'm a little lame. That's why I don't | from the committee that they curled up With the look of an injured man the other passenger got up and made his way

Cattle In Newfoundland. The Portuguese attempted to establish herds of cattle in Newfoundland in 1553, but all traces of these animals have vanMarket Comments

LOVE'S QUESTION. Shall I awake some day In loftier and lovelier realms above? I do not know, but here is life and May,

And love-thy love! Shall I find some high place

Where sings no mocking bird nor moans no I do not know. But here I see thy face And know thy love. Shall I drift far from thee

And walk alone in undiscovered lands?

When the facetious parent remarks,

to ingenuities of language, be answered

by the interrogation, "Whobody?" These

portmanteau words and short cut phrases

show that if children could only be in-

duced to keep up the verbal habits prevalent

from 2 to 5 our language might be indefi-

nitely enriched. Unfortunately after 5 or

6 the language of children is apt to become

pedantically conventional and correct .-

Royal Marriage by Proxy.

in Europe is the marriage by proxy of

royal personages. There are at the present

moment no less than three royal ladies

who have been thus wedded-the queen

regent of Spain, the dowager queen of

Portugal and the ex-queen of Naples.

Kings and reigning sovereigns are held to

be too important personages to be married

anywhere else than in their own domin-

ions. On the other hand, it isheld to be

infra dignitate for a spinster princess of

the blood who is about to blossom forth

into a full fledged queen or empress to

imperial bridegroom delegates one of the

principal nobles of the realm, who goes

the prescribed points of the ceremony. He

minions, acting as her chief escort. Ac-

cording to the ideas of the church, a cere-

groom to render any firther ceremony

ecclesiastical or civil, superfluons, and

when any additional religious function

takes place it usually assumes the form of

a "Te Deum" and a solumn benediction

attended by both husband and wife i

mediately on the arrival of the latter

the capital of her adopted country .- S:

Russian Royal iplendor.

diamonds, but also saddes, stirrups a:

There are hundreds of swrds, daggers a:

scimeters the sheaths of which are liter

ally masses of pearls, rubies and tur

quoises. Rare tanestries marvelous china

from Sevres and Japai, flawless gen

from Asia, priceless antique manuscrip

of the objects scattered wout the czar's 1

palaces with a royal ppdigality.-Pear-

Hairbrusks.

An experienced hand will by touch tell i

a broom or brush be all air or a mixture

But, if ever in doubt, pill out or cut off

suspicious hair and appl a mate. How

ever well doctored, the deception will be

shown at once. Hairsvill burn, rolling

up ball-like, with the wil known smell of

burned hair, while a vgetable substitut

will consume, leaving te charred portion

Withesd.

The brush trade is fill of deceptions

and jeweled book covers-these are a i

son's Weekly.

like a burned match.

ground instead of on te trees.

and fell off.-London lit-Biss.

tirely defaced, says galculator.

are made in Englan each week.

sets of harness covered with similar genus

Francisco Argonaut.

travel abroad in quest of a consort.

One of the queerest features of court life

London Spectator.

"Somebody's been walking on this flower

I do not know. Beyond is mystery, But here—thy lips, thy hands! Dh, let the future take All the rare joys from which we would no But let me live to sing for thy dear sake, Sweetheart, sweetheart! -Atlanta Constitution. LANGUAGE OF CHILDREN. Curious Vocabulary of Tots-They Are Inclined to Short Cut Phrases. A portmanteau word is a word which has another word packed inside it, or, to

couple of men to the rescue. "Who's thar?' called one of them down

"In response to this there was a consul-"'Oh, I say, Bill,' laughed the one who farther away, 'it's that congressman "'Goshariny!' hawhawed the other one.

first hesitatingly, 'but ef we do it'll spile

were forced to come to my assistance in a hurry."-Washington Star.

He Receives No Salary and Has to Work

monotony of the house routine. The speak-"The question is, that this bill do now "The nays have it," cries an opposition member, and the division is ordered by

The yeas pass into one lobby and the nays into another. Two clerks stand in each with a list of the members ready. As the member enters his vote is checked off. The totals are then announced, and the division, lasting usually 20 minutes, is over. The speaker makes the announcement of the result, and the house resumes

The means used by farmers to reduce the inert matter of the soil to a condition of plant food are many, though farmers may not always be aware of the chemical action occurring in the soil. When ma-The result of the second performance of | nure is applied or green crops plowed under, the fermentation of the substances induces changes of the mineral matter of the soil, and farmers have long ago noticed that lime causes an improvement of the soil, the effects of which were apparent for several seasons. The food value of lime is a small matter compared with its physical effect on the soil, as it favors the growth of the nitric ferment and also breaks down existing combinations. When soil is sour, it is neutralized by alkalispotash, lime, soda, etc .- and the combination of lime with other elements existing Vedel, wild with delight, hastened to in the soil liberates potash and places is within the reach of plants. The alkalis hasten the decay of vegetable matter, and this decomposition also causes chemical action by which the breaking down processes are continued, but lime may be useless on soils that abound in potash and phosphates, which are ready for the use of plants.-Philadelphia Record

the train rolled into the station. The aisle was full of suburbanites crowding toward the doors, but these two kept their seats. They were not in a hurry. Finally one of them spoke. "It won't do you any good to wait,

crowd out with the rest of 'em." as rapidly as possible to the rear door .-Chicago Tribune.

ished.

A CITY IN A VOLCANO. The Picturesque and Peculiar Island of

Saba, In the West Indies. If you will take down your geographies and look on the map of the West Indies, you will notice between the islands of Santa Cruz and St. Christopher two small | The stove grew hot at the discussion, islets which, unless your map is an unusually large and complete one, will have no names given. These two islands belong | The way that the cabbage and lettuce to the Dutch, and the most northerly and

westerly of them is called Saba. The Dutch are noted for their odd and quaint customs and for their perseverance, Holland being sometimes called the "land of pluck," but I doubt if anywhere in all their possessions have these curious people shown their queer and eccentric habits to greater advantage than in the little out of | The plate said the clock in the corner the way island of Saba.

The island is small, its greatest diameter being not over 21/2 miles, and it is nothing more than an isolated mountain top rising out of the sea. The sides are very steep and high, rising in places for a sheer 2,000 feet. There is no harbor, no beach, no safe anchorage and no large trees on the put it in another way, two words and two island. Although Saba has a population ideas are run together, and a compound, of over 2,500, yet you might sail all around which is also a new word, is produced. It without seeing any signs of houses of For example, a girl of under 3 was lately settlements. If you wished to land or "go told that she was going abroad, and also aboard," as the Sabans say, you would have that she was going to reach foreign parts to do so on a shelving rock on the southern by going on board ship. A mere grown | side of the island, and here you would find up person would have plodded on, using a steep, winding flight of stone steps lead

the two phrases side by side. But at 234 ing up the rocky mountain side. the mind is too alert for these dull ways, Following these steps, which number 800 and a portmanteau word was soon pro- and are called "the ladder," you at last duced. "When am I going abroadships?" reach the top of the mountain, and looking became a half hourly question. How inland see a small, grassy plain covered much more expressive and how much less with neat, white, red roofed houses, the long than "When am I going abroad on whole surrounded on every side by towerboard ship?" Both the new and important ing peaks and precipices covered with beauideas of foreign travel and sea voyage are tiful tree ferns, bamboos and wild plancovered over by that "one narrow word," tains. This little town, the only one on "abroadships." There is, of course, noth- the island, is known as the Bottom, a ing the least remarkable in such a com- curious name surely, but it is well named pound. Every nursery can furnish exam- nevertheless, for the plain on which it is ples of new words which often display far built is nothing more than the bettom of more euphony and also far better logic ' the crater of an extinct volcano. than the dreadful words produced by the

Descending the slope into this queerest men of science as labels for their new dis- of queer towns, you find the streets simply coveries in the regions of applied chem- parrow paths walled with stone, higher in places than your head, while every inch of The speech of children shows also a won- earth is cultivated with true Dutch thrift derful quickness and resource in the mat- and industry. Here and there small patches ter of supplying the language with direct of sugar cane, yams and arrowroot are side phrases and forms of speech. While the by side with beans, corn and potatoes, with grown ups are content to walk around, the palm and banana trees rising over all. The child takes a verbal short cut. Children | population consists of whites and negroes are very seldom content with such round- in nearly equal numbers, while the blue about devices as "Had not I better" do eyed and towheaded children play with this or that. "Bettern't I" is the much black skinned and curly haired pickanin more direct and much more expressive nies, but all are Dutch in speech, manners form adopted in almost all nurseries. and looks. The houses, shops, gardens-Take, again, the word "whobody" to everything is Dutch .- A. H. Verrill in St. match with "anybody" and 'somebody." Nicholas.

A DELUSION OF THE WHEEL

bed," he may, if his offspring is inclined Disappointing Men and Women Who Look Well When Seen From Behind.

"I have found that the experience was the same with both the men and the women," said a regular bicyclist, "and during two years of observation I have never known the rule to fail. The slim, tailor made woman, who looks tidy and pretty from behind and is as a matter of fact neither young nor pretty when her full face is seen, is already an old theme for comic papers and jokers, but it took the bicycle to put a new phase on the theme. Nine times out of ten the woman who sits erect, wears a well fitting suit and displays a particularly slim and graceful figure is certain to be-well, old, when you ride past her and look around to get a good view of her face. She is likely to be thin, with a wrinkled face, having as much freshness and youth about it as a dried apple. It's unfortunate that such should be the case, but it is so, and in the majority of cases the pretty, fresh looking girl will not ride half as well as her older rival, who can keep a spickness on the wheel that nobody can excel. The latter will dress better, hold herself better, and, so long as she is order to meet this difficulty the royal or | viewed only by the men riding behind her, she will be far more impressive than any of the younger and better looking women on wheels. It is of course disappointing when the opportunity for seeing the full face comes, but the spectacle is pleasant

'Something of the same kind is true of the men. I have known slim fellows, with then accompanies her to his master's dofinely developed calves, to turn out sallow faced, dyspeptic looking men with eyeglasses and a discontented expression. young athletes, and the contrast with their real looks was something awful. Not only physically, but also as far as their dress stock purposes. WM. CORNEIL. Oos, May 18th, goes, such men look better when seen form the rear than nine out of any ten men one sees on the Boulevard, and they ride along so slowly and delicately that they are never ruffled and never wilt their collars. They are, like the disappointing women, the spickest looking riders on the road, but they are never able to stand the

front view."-New York Sun.

No western imagination can easily conceive an idea of the splender with which He Wanted to Start Right, the Russian rulers are habitually sur-On one of the South Halsted street cars, rounded. Chairs and tabes of solid silve when it left the neighborhood of the stockivory thrones ablaze with brilliants a yards the other evening, was a man with sapphires, walls of ambir and floors brand new valise that had splashes of mother of pearl. These hings sound li mud on it and gave other evidence of hav an eastern fable, but the car has them a ing just arrived in Chicago. At Moscow, in the great lalace within t The man wore a black felt hat and sacred Kremlin walls, there are not only crowns, orbs and sceptes covered wit

large checked suit, and there was muil enough on his heavy boots to show he had just traversed a portion of the stockyards. He boarded the car at Thiry-ninth street put his valise on the seat beside him, and when the conductor stopped to take his fare he pulled out a roll of bills. The conductor extracted a nickel from \$1 bill and handed over the change. The

man with the valise extracted a silver quarter dollar from the change and handed it back to the conductor. "Here," he said, so loudly that every one in the car looked to see what was going on, "here's a quarter for yourself." "I've taken out a nickel," said the con-

ductor. "I don't want any more." "Now, don't say another word, friend," replied the passenger. "My wife told me before I left Kansas City I'd get along a good deal better in Chicago if I tipped everybody, and I'm going to start with you. You take that quarter like a little man and do the best you can by me on this trip, and don't say anything more, or I'll make it a half."-Chicago Tribune.

A Short Lived Island.

Caller-You call is garden scene In 1867 a new shoal was discovered in "June," but the leass are all on the the group of the Tonga or Friendly islands. In 1877 smoke was seen over the D'Auber-They wer on the trees, but | shoal. In 1885 the shoal had become a volcanic island more than two miles long the picture got such arithering criticism and 240 feet high, and a flerce eruption was taking place within it. In 1886 the island had begun to shrink in dimensions, al-A gold coin passes rom one to another though the next year its highest point was 325 feet above sea level. In 1889 its height 2,000,000,000 times refore the stamp or had diminished one-half, and the ocean impression upon it bromes obliterated by close around it was more than a mile friction, while a swer coin is passed deep. In 1892 the island rose only about 3,250,000,000 times efore it becomes en-26 feet above sea level. According to the lotest information, its complete disappear-Over 1,000,000 pas of boots and shoes ance under the action of the waves will not be long delayed .- Youth's Companion

A KITCHEN CONVENTION.

The fork said the corkscrew was crooked The remark made the flatiron sad : The steel knife at once lost his temper ; And called the tea holder a cad.

The tablespoon stood on its mettle; The kettle exhibited bile ; But the ice remained cool all the while.

Kept their heads was something sublime ; The greens dared the soup to mix with them And the latter, while it hadn't much thyme, Got so mad it boiled over-the fire Felt put out and started to cry ;

The oven then roasted the turkey, And the cook gave the grease spot the lye. Transacted the business on tick,

And the plate, which for years had been battered. The clock said was full of old nick. The salt said the cream should be whipped,

The cinnamon laughed-in a rage, The cream said the salt was too fresh, And its friend wasn't thought to be sage. Next the pepper, whose humor is spicy, "I dare any fellow," did cry,

"To caster reflection upon me!" The mirror took up the defy. Then the axe, with a whit sharp and cutting, Declared that the rug had the floor : While the key said the knob should be worshipped,

'Cause it was the right thing to adore. The bell, ringing in, said the cook book Must be bashful, else wherefore so read? The stove brush, a thing of some polish, Looked down on the saucer and said

It thought that the same was too shallow, But admitted the cup was quite deep ; The coffee tried to climb on the tea leaves, But discovered the same were too steep. You'd not think a thing that's so holey As the sieve would have mixed in the fuss,

But it did, for it said that the butter Was a slippery sort of a cuss. No one knows how the row would have ended Had not the cook, Maggie O'Dowd, (Her work being done) closed the kitchen, And thusly shut up the whole crowd.

YOU.

The wild rose in the morning air. All gemmed with dew, Is not more sweet and fresh and fair, My love, than you.

The bluebird, calling all who hear To love and spring, Has never note so soft and clear As when you sing. The star that throws athwart the night

Its silver beam

As dross beside.

Shines not so bright as to my sight Your dear eyes seem. If voice and lips and eyes were mine And you my bride, The gold of all the world might shire

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