THE CHICAGO OPERA HOUSE Ro-Opens on September 6th With

William Gilletto's New Comedy

"Ticey."

The importance of the opening of the Chicago Opera House on Saturday light, Sept. 5th, is made so by the combination of facts concerning the initial production of "Ticey." This comedy is from the pen of William Gillette, who is unemestionably the foremost American contributor to the dramatic stage of America. Since the death of Bronson Howard, Mr. Gillette is generally

face monologue, king, "Honey Boy" George Bynns, and sugmented by one hundred other "Honey Boys" and min strel stars, discloses the amazing and enchanting wonders of modern minetrelsy, of which the energetic and talented young Mr. George M. Cohan is the sponsor. Mr. Cohan has fulfilled the expec tations of his host of Chicago admirers by a production which, while retaining all the good qualities of the old time famed and favored minstrels, is brimful of Cohanesque genius in everything from novel and sumptuous stage settings to the snappy songs in which it abounds, and which were written by this prolific writer of musical farce. Special stage settings in elaborate electric light effects, which are introduced in the numerous changes, provide stage pictures of unusual beauty and marvelous attractiveness.

The Gordon Boys appear in a big new conceded to be the dean of American I dancing number, which embraces the



MARY RYAN In William Giffette's New Comedy "Ticey."

playwrights. It is original plays and adaptations include "The Professor." "Emperalda," "The Private Secretary," "Held by the Enemy," "All the Com- famous on both sides of the Atlantic Widows," "Too Much Johnson," "Se- tette;" Matt. Keefe, the warbier; Thus, eret Service," "Secume She Loved Him E. Clifford, Earl J. Benham, Charles F.

orfo Thompson, has done big things since he became identified as an amusement provider. Miss Ryan has, in con- lar price policy, which has marked the acquemen, evented for herself a followliam Gillette's latest play, "Tirry," in the past season, prevails for the limited which she is said to be particularly lengagement of the Colum & Harris Min-

Every other member of the large interpreting company in "Tery" has been carefully selected by Mr. Thompson and Mr. Gillette himself.

The seats and boxes for the opening performances are now being sold at the Chicago Opera House but office. A special matince performance has been arranged for Labor Day.

The prices are from 30 cents to \$1.50 evenings and Saturday matinees, and 25 cents to \$1.00 at the Wednesday The evening performances will begin at 8:15 and the matiness at 2:15. The theater has been redecorated and completely renorated.

MAJESTIC.

For the week of Rept. 6th, the Ma othe Theater, Chicago, offers a bill in the vandeville field. The be the famous Four reputation as enter tistners has long been world wide. Fa mother, son and daughter, this talented family occupies a unique place in stage history, not surpassed even the colebrated Four Cohans. Clara other big act on this bill will be Gus Edward's School Hoys and Girls, which is a great favorite with all theater Several songs have been written onnectally for this act by Mr. Edwards. in fact, it is in this production that his famous hit, "School Days," was first brow character comedians, will have a new jokes, parodies and m with which to tickle their audiand for the benefit of the childeen there will be Sam Watson's Barnpard Circus. Various household pets have been trained by this man to do clever stunts. Bowers. Walters and Crooker, three comedy mre the funniest people she ever saw. will no doubt make audiences laugh nime bill with them and every perwell as the latest motion picture sub-

AUDITORIUM.

Big Anditorium Theater opens Sept. roeld-famed artists.

The second brilliant season of the "girls" who sold candy and lemonade. militarium Theater will be inaugurat- years old. Some doubt was expressed ion, led by the black- tion.

and for which James German has con- ding." ceived a new march. Frank Morrell, Home," "Mr. Wilkinson's as a former member of "That Quargregation who provide the vocal fea-The producer of "Ticey," Mr. Fred tures. A special orchestra of eighteen shopping." rejected numerians is under the direction of Carl Schilling. The same popul-Klaw and Erlanger regime, in offering the highest class entertainments during

TIME TO ACT.

Don't Wait for the Fatal Stages of Kidney Illness. Profit by Downers Grove People's Experi-

ences. Overshound attacks of backsche, irregular orination, headaches and diggy of kidney disorders. It's an error to much!" glect these ills. The attacks delay a minute. Begin taking Ibon's The young man roused himself from Kidney Pills, and keep up the treatment until the kidneys are well, when your old time health and vigor will certainly a bit of a fool, and a very return. Cures in Downers Grove prove the effectiveness of this great kidney

James C. Anid, formerly living on corner of Rogers and Elm Downers Grove, III., says: "I suffered severely from pains in my back and loins. The secretions from my kidners were highly colored and contained sedlment. Hearing of Donn's Kidney Pills, provured a supply at Bush & Simonson's drug store and after using the unitents of two loses felt greatly re-Hered. My pains consed, the secretions and action of the kidneys became nor mal and my beatth was much improved. heartfly recommend Donn's Kidney

Pills to anyone having kidney trouble. For sale by all dealers. Price 50 Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, New York, sole agents for the United

Remember the name—Donn's—and

Even the extraordinarily low-priced cigarettes with which American manurabe acrobats, whom May Irwin said facturers have flooded India hardly hold their own with the native "biri." The birl is now made in large quantitles at Tirors. The tobacco is brought from so far affeld as Madras and Assam, and yet a thousand are sold for formance found Miss Irwin standing | ten annas and even less, It is a questhe wings convulsed with laughter tion of cheap labor, the wages paid the watched their antics. There are being a little more than one price for number of other high class special- | rolling a hundred cigarettes. A thouswhich will complete the bill, as and persons, men, women and children, are engaged in this industry at Tirora alone, and they seem quite content with earnings.--Rhandara Gazetteer.

In recently published reports of the with Cohan & Harris' Minstrefs. fair which took place at the Home of "Honey Boy" Evans heads this the Daughters of Jacob, New York, mmoth and novel aggregation of mention was made of the chief usher, a "lad" age 105 years, and of the and Belanger management of the although they were only 103 and 107 atternoon, Sept. 6, with a as to the ages of these inmates of the array of talent as represent home. Albert Kruger, the superintendthe Cohon & Harris Minstrela, ent, said that there was no exaggera-

And parted with his diamond ring To buy the gasoline. Before, along the country roads, The sumac lit its fires. He put a mortgage on his house To purchase rubber tires; His tables and his chairs

But inclinations gay,

A motor (ar one day.

And next be auctioned off his beds, To give the car a coat of paint And make some slight repairs. But speeding in the early dusk,

There was a man of modest means.

Who sold a curper lot and bought

Me diesed his business up to ride

Within the big machine.

Without his lamps alight, A man in blue and brass appeared And stopped his dizzy flight. He didn't have a single cent To pay the fine imposed: They took the auto for the debt.

And so the tale was crosed. -Popular Mechanics.

Near the Rose

COCOCOSTS STATE OF S They occupied the two corners of seat on the parade, and took it in turns to cast appreving glances at each other. Each was profoundly con scious of the other's attention, and unaware that the other knew it. They cherished an acute fear in common some insufferable blunderer aft down on the considerable area of green beach that separated their cor

The girl was not without resource her bookmarker -- the latest thing is publisher's advertisements-fluttered toward the cliff. The young man sprang up.

"Allow me," he murmured, and re-In sitting down after this feat of

return to his corner. "Thank you," said the girl, a little

nervously. "It's so windy today, isn't "Very windy," agreed the young

man, with conviction. "flut warm," the girl suggested.

"Oh, decidedly warm," he allowed "Such a change from last week." "And the week before." "Oh, you've been here so long?" the

"About three weeks." "Really? We came a fortnight ago;

girl cried.

we stayed in town for a late wed He flicked a speck of dust from his

coat. "Lady Marjorle Dalhurst's " "And are you staying much longer?"

"We go North next week-next "Sherlock Holmen," "Clarice," Orr are among the members of the ag- Thursday; but we think of getting a day or two in town before that for "Our programmes seem to be much

North, too, with one or two men who are at the hotel"-"The Grand?" she asked quickly.

"No: the Emptre." "Oh! We're at the Grand."

Their conversation had traveled a considerable distance from hotels when an exclamation-from the man suddenly broke it off.

"Pray excuse my rudeness," he said, with some appearance of haste. "Would you -would you mind walking a little way? The fact is, I've just caught sight of a man I wish particularly not to meet-no, not that one to rove right, with the lady in green -and if you would thank you

"Is he so very bad?" she demand ed. "A knave, a fool, or only a bore?" "Who? Oh, yes, Colonel Ayton." an apparently gloomy train of thought "He's oh, he's not a knave, but he' pronounced kind of a bore."

The girl nodded sympathetically. "Could we walk toward the post of fice?" she suggested. "I have some

They were opposite to it and about to cross the road when the girl drew

The young man glared after it "Let me post them for you?" he said solicitously, and hurried across road. A name on the appermost envelope caught his eye.

"Lady Andrey Ware? Then this one must be"-a notice in "Visitors' List" flashed back to his memory-"must be Lady Phyllida, the

As he rejoined the girl a neighboring clock chimed out a quarter, and he consulted his watch with incred-

cried. "By the worst of luck, I happen to have an appointment which is rather important"-

The girl broke in. "Oh, it is late! had no idea, either. I must hurry, too, or I shall be late for dinner."

They set off briskly. "Do you generally sit on that seat?" asked the young man, The girl laughed, "Oh, sometimes!

Im not very often out"-He glanced at her in surprise. "No,

ole are very particular. They'd be simply horrified if they knew, and I paused in distress.

self?" he pleaded. "Oh, well-! There's an hour or so notus are viviparous, and this species

after lunch, while they're having alone lays eggs. Furthermore, accord-

"I krow. They call it writing let- | tiles," the new laid eggs usually show ters, don't they?" She nodded, smiling. "But I really embryo, unless oviposition is delayed,

mustn't"-she persisted. "Please," he murmured; morrov asyway."

She shook her head undecidedly, itn a soft bed of loam or decaying "I-I can't promise. Perhaps"-

vegetation, or in a heap of manure.

process of laying is slow, they will be

The young batch in late summer or

autuma. Before batching they de

the tip of the snout known as the

open. Unlike hatching chicks, which

are suddenly dispossessed by the

young spakes may make many in

cisions in the parchment envelopes

and take many peeps at the outside

world before venturing forth into the

At first the young live on insects

and worms, but within a few weeks

they are strong enough to attack and

devour young frogs. Strangely enough

although the adults are strong swim-

mers, and spend much time in ponds

and streams hunting the fish and

frogs on which they subsist, the young

are unable to swim, and they wil

soon drown if they fall into the water.

The European ring snake, as well as

the American water snake, makes an

excellent pet; it is perfectly harm-

less, becomes very tame and learns

to know the difference between

friends and strangers. Gadow tells

of a pet ring snake that would est

from his band, crawl up his cost

sleeve and coil itself contentedly on

MOTHER FOX'S CUNNING

ters' Attention From Her Den.

earthed five little ones about as large

as well grown cats. The mother for

while the hunters worked with their

She apparently understood what

the ground, uttering whines and

moans. Then she would limp off as

The hunters were not to be drawn

away from the work in hand by such

tactics, and finally, after much dig-

ging, came upon the den where the

five pretty little fellows were shrink-

ing. They made no resistance and

seemed rather to like the handling

them were taken to a farmhouse.

where they are confined. They will

ing communities. Hunters say it is

fly, one and two in widely separated

retreats. It is said too that foxes

will not rob roosts close to their dens

but will go miles away for food and

Fighting the Rats.

killed in the San Francisco plague

campaign within the last year. Traps.

and poison and Danyag's virus, which

produces a mild form of typhold, fatal

to rate and harmless to man have

been the principal means used. Not

all of the rate were plague-ridden

plague and inoculate the fleas that

carry to disease to mankind. Thou-

sands of dollars have been spent in

rat-nests, and in rendering rat-proof

kets restaurants granaries etc. As

an illustration of the imminent dan-

ger of infection unless vigilance is

constantly exercised the case of the

One day last November two little

boys named Bowers, one six the other

seven years old, found a dead rat

while they were at play. They put

it in a small cardboard box and play-

ed at giving it a funeral. Within a

funeral. The body of the rat was re-

covered, and an examination showed

that the animal had died of bubonic

done to aid the Bowers family, but

they died-father, mother, grandmoth-

er, and four children-leaving only one

Many Languages of Mexico,

survivor, an infant two months old

-Harper's Weekly.

Everything possible

Bowers family will serve

More than a million rate have been

carefully hide their trails.

and petting they received. All

Hunters found a den of foxes in the

his arm.-Scientific American.

hatching the egg-tooth is lost.

environment. Shortly after

The other snakes sometimes lay as The young man stopped suddenly, and she looked up. They were at the many as a dozen eggs or more and Empire Hotel. A porter was carry- they usually stick together so that ing a portmanteau down the steps the entire cluster can be picked up to a cab, and on the pavement stood at once. Sometimes, however, if the

"The bore!" whispered the girl, separated. The eggs are about an with dancing eyes. But there was no | inch long and of a whitish yellow colresponse from her companion. He for. The shell is thin and flexible like stood very still. And then suddenly parchment. at a curt nod from the man near the cab, he left the girl. She stood in helpless astonishment, an unwining velop a sharp calcareous growth of

and unnoticed listener. "Why the dickens are you always egg-tooth, with which the shell is slit out of the way when I want you?" growled the colonel.

The young man's manner remained breaking of their brittle shells, the stiffly, rigidly respectful. "You gave me leave to be out till

seven, sir," be said. The colonel frowned impatiently "Oh, well, I suppose I did. But it's been a confounded nulsance. I'm called back to town unexpectedly, and I've taken what I want for the night. You can pack the rest and follow with it tomorrow morning."

As the cab drove off the young man turned, and without a look at the girl began to mount the steps. She gave a little start, and her color came and went. Then she ran to the fort of

"Very good, sir."

"You've got my fan," she called

He turned and descended stiffly "i beg your pardon, my lady."

She took it, opening and closing i "Come with me: I want to speal

to you," she said, and led the way

to the beach in silence. But when she had sat down and he was standing before her, she seemed to have nothing to say, and it was he

who broke the silence. "I must have been mad." he said bitterly. "And now I suppose it will hills south of Hagerstown and uncost me my piace."

"No, no!" He glanced at her. "You're very escaped before the hunters reached good, my lady. I don't know what the den, which was lined thickly with made me do it. Your seeming to soft grasses and feathers. Instead of agility it did not seem necessary to think from the very start that I was running away she kept within sight the real thing"-

> "The real thing?" shovels. "A gentleman, I mean. It seemed to-to go to my head" they were doing, for she endeavored

> the nodded. "Yes," she said softly, by every means to attract them away "that was it." from their work and toward berself. He looked a little puzzled. "It's so She approached quite near and acted

easy," he went on carnestly, "to copy as if lame and distressed. She would the real ladies and gentlemen; you lie down on her side and writhe along would hardly think how easy." "Yes." "And-and, of course, I don't mean if very lame, going very slowly and

to stop in service. I'm saving up to halting frequently. buy a business; but I'm not ready yet, and if the colonel was to hear"-She gave a little low laugh, "He won't bear."

"I'm much obliged, my la"-"Don't! Oh, don't!" she breathleasly, "Don't you see? It was that with me, too-your seeming to be

sure I was the real thing." He looked at her incredulously, You're not Lady Phyllida?"

not be released, but will probably be painlessly despatched. Grown fores She flushed. "I'm Lady Phyllida's do not make good neighbors in farm maid. But-but one learns a lot, you say, and I don't mean to be very rare for mother foxes to leave maid always; and it-it was nice, preall their young in one place. It tending." their cunning habit to scatter the fam-

"Upon my word!" he said admiring ly. "Pretending? You match the part as—as white matches white."

There was a short silence while he puraced an elusive foreign remark he had met with in his efforts toward a higher education. He grappled with it at last. "El ofle n'est pas la ros? olle a vecu pres d'elle," he understood himself to say, and then was conscious of a vague fear that the remark was not as entirely appropriate as he could have wished. He glanced anxiously at the girl. She blushed and amiled.

fessed prettily; "my Latin is very rusty." And the young man drew a breath of relief.

"It's about roses," he explained inaccurately, "and they—they stand for destroying rubbish heaps, rat-runs and yon and Lady Phyllida," hundreds of bakeries, stables, mar-

The mention of Lady Phyllida had the immediate effect of depressing the girl. "I'm an hour late," she said ris

The young man looked at her solicit "Will there be a row?"

The girl's lips trembled. unstable shingle, and he offered arm in silence.

week the entire family of seven per When they reached the firm groun sons was ill with fever, attended with of the parade, he addressed a remark defirium. The family was removed to the sea: "In one year from now, to a plague hospital, where after he assured it firmly, "I shall be in much questioning the doctors learned position to buy a little business." from the boys the story of the mock

The girl became absorbed in the buttoning of a glove. "Is it high tide vet?" she asked, with a marked in crease of cheerfulness.-V. H. Friedlaender, in the Sketch.

SNAKES EGGS HATCHING.

Tip on the Young Reptile's Snout With Which It Breaks Its Way Out.

During the fiestas of Christmas of Because of the popular aversion to the week of All Souls and All Saints, the serpent family there is a surpris- when the Indians swarm down from the simplest of snake habits. It is wares for sale, visitors in the city of Mexico may notice the strange could be given to the question wheth- language that the venders use in ader snakes lay eggs or bear their young dressing each other. Even when they turn to serve the purchaser their Spanish is neither Castillian nor ovinarous. Most of the poisonous Mexican but is frequently broken by snakes, as well as many of our harmpeculiar syllables and accents, less varieties, belong to the former

This is merely an illustration of the fact that the Indian languages of old The European ring snake is close- Mexico have not been entirely subly allied to our common water snake merged by the conquering Spanish, and goes by the scientific name Tropi-"Don't you get any time for your- donotus natrix. Curiously enough, al! tricts of the republic various and dis other members of the genus Tropidotinet languages handed down from the pre-Columbian era are still spoken in their pristine purity by many tribe ing to Gadow's "Amphibia and Repmembers.-Mexican Herald. not the slightest visible sign of an

> on in the world is doing service at when the embryos are more or less de. | Nome. It is 26 feet long, and 7 feet high from the axie and has wheels if The earn are laid in July or August | feet in dismeter

The Grand Canyon of the Colorado River

asked to appropriate money for a monument to John Wesley Powell, to he erected somewhere on the rim of the Grand Canvon of the Colorado, which he was the first white man to explore. His achievement differed from those of other explorers in that they followed routes or trails more or less known to the aborigines, while his way was eled out of the earth by the erosion of through a chasm so tremendous, so unpalling to its vastness, so filled with ory that this great chasm is solely the hidden perils that even the natives feared and shumed it. Until after down from the mountains every spring Powell and his companions passed and summer-but Mr. Ordonez, a disthrough the terrific depths of the Grand | tinguished Mexican geologist, who Canyon what the world had known of it came here not long ago, made a sugges-

Congress, at its last session, was | Grand Canyon it would appear hardly furger than a baby ribbon to a spectator on the rim. It is estimated that to obtain enough earth to fill the Grand Canyon it would be necessary to excavate 20,000 Panama canals.

The Grand Canyon is like an inverted mountain range, 217 miles long, reaching a depth of 7,530 feet, with a series of depressions averaging 6,000 feet chisages. It is the generally accepted thework of water-of the floods that come was mostly based upon mythical tales | tion which may not be entirely new but told by the Indians, or some hunter or is worth mentioning. It is his idea prospector. Stories were related of that, while the earth was cooling, the parties entering the gorge in boats, and | soi! and the rocks contracted and split being carried down with fearful ve a deep and wide fissure in the surface locity into whiripools, where all were of the plateau, and that its sides have overwhelmed. Others told of under since been worn down and polished by



GRAND CANYON FROM SCENIC DIVIDE.

ground passages of the madly rushing the action of the water. That seems river, into which bonts had been car | reasonable, ried, never to reappear. It was currently believed that the river was lost under the rocks for several hundred miles, and that any attempt to ride its surface meant certain death. There were stories of great catracts, from which the roaring music of the water, could be heard on the summits of dir tant mountains, and there were counts of parties wandering on the brink of the canyon, valuly endeavoring to reach the waters below, and, finally fring from thirst within sight and hearing of the river, which seemed to mock their distress. The mysteries of the eanyon were weren into the mouths : the religion of the Indiana.

The Grand Causon of Arizona is within a government forest reservation staty by eighty miles in size. About two-thirds of it is on the eastern and the other third on the western side, The timber is in fairly good condition. There was a lad fire two years ago which ruined several bundred acres of fine forest, but there is little danger of Its recurrence because of the vigilance of the superintendent and his corps of

It is thirteen miles from one rim of the causes to that on the opposite side. and there are two trails by which the - DELT THE RESIDENCE OF THE RESIDENCE

MYSTERY OF LOST MEMORY. Not an Uncommon Occurrence for

Persons to Forget Names. A young Parisian actress who had for weeks held the title role in a popular play, recently, it is said, was, while on the stage, suddenly afflicted with forgetfulness and was utterly unable to repeat the lines of the last act, though she had successfully passed through the three preceding ones, says the Indian-

apolin Star. It is not an uncommon happening with stage people, lecturers and others, and seems more likely to occur when the matter memorized has been so often repeated that forgetfulness would appear impossible while intelligence re-

The same thing happens in a less marked and complement way to a great number of people, its most common manifestation being forgetfulness of proper names. A name ordinarily fomiller and just about to be spoken will canish from the mind at the instant and he to the one about to utter it as if it had never been. His consciousness gramm at it in vain, and, as it were brace against a blank wall. It is alware a disagreeable experience, this western side may be reached. One of momentary failure of the memory, and them, the Bright Angel Trail, is on sometimes extremely embarrassing, posite the new hotel, and although it is Often it happens when the victim is



VIEW OF THE RIVER FROM ANGEL PLATEAU

climb is comparatively easy. It follows when it is desirable to introduce two a stream of clear, pure cold water | men, each of whom he knows well. canyon on the western side, and Major Powell during his first memorable ex- but those who experience it know that ploration of the canyon called it the it occurs when they are especially Bright Angel River because it was such | weary or overworked, and they may a grateful discovery.

way to the Grand Canyon. Last year, as a lameness of arms or legs. That which was the first since the railroad it is most often displayed in connection was opened, about 12,000 people came. With proper names is perhaps due to This year, if the present average keeps | the fact that these are each held in the on, there will be from 20,000 to 25,000 memory by separate and arbitrary acvisitors, and every one who comes goes | tion and not through association, and home a walking advertisement for the are therefore most easily lost. But place. There is nothing to compare whatever the cause, the multitude of with it anywhere in the world. It is persons who forget names will have a impossible to exaggerate the grandeur, sympathetic comprehension of the state the sublimity, the impressiveness of the of mind of the French actress when she scenery; and its fascination cannot be belpiessly sought to find the words of accurately described. It is impossible her play. for one man to express his emotions to

fourths of the people who come to the canyon are women. A large number of them are well along in years, and the endurance and the nerve they show is extraordinary. Nearly every woman who comes insists upon going down to the bottom of the canyon, while only What is said to be the largest was half of the men show that amount of

Were a canal of the size of the prejected cut at Panama to be dug in the eg."-Kansus City Times.

occusional defect in the mental powers. therefore assume that it is a form of People are beginning to find their brain fag and as readily accounted for

Genteel Restraint.

Judge-You'd better be careful shall commit you for contempt of court. The Lady-Don't be 'ard on me, yer worship. I'm a-doin' me best ter conceal me feelin's.-The Sketcha

Not to Be Expected. "Have you any idea how many pounds the shipments of tea received in this country in a year would total?" "Of course not. I'm not a fee-total-