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We take pleasure in announcing to our readers that with this issue we begin a series of remarkable, illustrated, biographic sketches of famous copie men and women who are making the history of the times. This series is by Fannie M. Lothrop, the well-known author and the ablest writer in this line in America to-day. For several years she has been a writer and critic on the leading publications of New York and Philadelphia.

For this work Mrs. Lothrop has a double fitness; from the literary side her knowledge of the great people of the day and her original way of putting things, and from the artistic side, her close acquaintance with the world's famous people fits her pre-eminently to select the best possible views of her subjects. To ber belongs the distinctive honor of possessing the largest collection of portraits in the world, now numbering over 400,000-a treasury of portraiture unapproached by that of any museum or library in existence. The time, patience, concentration of purpose, industry and systematic attention to detail expended in arranging such a collection is remarkable.

"Mrs. Lothrop," says a famous critic, "has unusual ability in presenting the vital elements of a man's character so cleverly, so deftly, and subordinating dates and details, that from her pen we get in a few lines living blographies that show the real man, his qualities and his life, more effectively than in whole pages by other writers. Some artists can give more in a thumbnail sketch than others can present in a panoramic painting."

Mrs. Lothrop passed her girlhood years in Wisconsin, her native State. Her father, I. F. Mack, a New England gentleman of that class we fondly term "the old school," was a lawyer, educator and thinker of rare power N. Y., and was identified with all local movements during his residence there, removing thence to Wisconsin, where he became prominent and wealthy by reason of his legal talent. Mrs. Lothrop's mother is a cousin of John Pierpont, the American poet, who was the grandfather of J. Pierpont Morgan.

For two years Mrs. Lothrop was a student of Oberlin College, standing highest in her class, and a graduate of the Normal College of Chicago, where her musical genius early attracted attention. She is brilltant in conversation and well informed on all topics of the day, though not a "new weman" in any sense of the word. In the library of her home in New York, filled with the best works of the best thinkers, she does all her literary work.

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TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLAR FIRE AT HINSDALE -

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protected faces of the determined men and when they arrived at the fire they were nearly frozen. At 9 o'clock the thermometer stood at 15 above, and dropped three degrees in an hour, but the intensity of the gale, laden with long be remembered.

The Grove department rolled up their hose and brought it down on the 10 o'clock train. The arrival of help came at a critical moment. Hinwhole had had five streams playing on the birning grocery and adjoining buildbravely held their own in a murky fog human endurance was nearly reached. the firemen becoming fagged, and just before the arrival of the La Grange company the mlendid control that

fell outward with a crash, opening up the smoldering furnace to the drafts of thousand blast furnaces. ing, converting the interior of the store into a furid and fantastic spectacle. this moment the barns were giving the Several of the firemen and their belpera were nearly overcome with the smoke and were forced to be temporarily relieved. At this stage the outside help arrived. Three more leads of hose were laid and fresh hope cheered the tired Hinsdale fire fighters.

The fire caused a loss of over \$20. 660 in property. Ditzler & Linsley losing \$10,000 on their stock with \$8,000 insurance. The building was owned by C. G. Anderson, who stated it cost \$10,-000 to build, and could not be duplicated today for \$12,000. He only carried \$3,000 on the building. The losses on the barns destroyed is not ascertainable, but is partly insured.

Ditzler & Linsley resumed business the next morning with temporary fices in the Froscher block, occupying a part of the store of the Hinsdale Electrical Supply Co. Their order cierks started out as usual and the goods will be supplied the burned through the courtesy of Fox & Davis and H. C. Kammeyer.

Ditzler & Linsley were burned out ighteen years ago when the Fox build ing now occupied by Fox & Davis was

otally destroyed As for a time it looked as though the tores south would go too, the occuants of the flats over Bahlmann's and Pfeifer's stores moved out their effects, as did the owners of the stores. Resients in other adjoining buildings had helr furniture and belongings packed endy to move out on a moment's no-Postmester McClintock with his staff of clerks, hastily locked the mail

other valuables of the postoffice sacks ready to vacate the premwhen the word came

ees was on duty until nt in calling back the re An hour later it wa gain call for help

SCHOOL NOTES.

The following article cut from the Chicago Tribune of Feb. 2d, so truly represents the condition of affairs in Downers Grove on a smaller scale that we give room, for its publication.

Our schools are greatly overcrowded. the town is growing all the time and the officers must face the need of more money -and then more. The means of supplying the need must be discussed and decided upon by the people. town is as prosperous as its schools. Let us keep ours to the front :

MILLIONS FOR SCHOOLS

Chicago must spend \$0,000,000 for school buildings. Within three years that great amount of money must be ment of old buildings and the crection of new ones. There is a reason for it. The President of the Board Education given it in a few easily un-Hindale had of the blaze was broken, derstood words, "Chicago The plate glass windows of the front natural increase of 5,000 children of

> half way measures. To throw up the hands and declare the problem incapable of solution is cowardly. The out

for the same purpose, Chicago is grow all the time trying to catch up in the matter of educational facilities for its tory under such conditions. The city quirements, and must look forward into

the future with determination. The best results cannot be obtained when schoolfooms are There is a limit to the possibilities of er. Chicago ought to have a school system of which every citizen should be proud. To reach such a state means new buildings of approved type. It in volves the enlargement of many present structures, architectural pearance being carefully considered. will require \$9,000,000, and then more But there is no way of escape, taxpayers will not find fault with the Board of Education if that body acts mensurate with absolute needs. with a broadminded recognition of fu-

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ture problems of equal magnitude

ing yours cleaned and renaired you may avoid a clogged up sewer also a heavy bill of expense.

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TRIOLETS. He said it hurt him worse than me I didn't hear him crying, When I was there acrost his knee He said it hurt him worse than me, I wight it had 'a' done, b'gee!

I think that he was lying. He said it hurt him worse than me I didn't hear him crying.

He must have thought it was a treat That he to me was handing. It's been some time sence he was beat.

He must have thought it was a treat I notice, though, he didn't eat His meals next day a standing. He must have thought it was a treat That he to me was handing.

It wouldn't be so awful bad To get a little licking. If that alone was all I had. It wouldn't be so awful bad: But "burt him worse!" That makes me mad.

It's that that starts me kicking. It wouldn't be so awful bad To get a little licking.

-Chicago News.

A FAMOUS RAT. When Napoleon, at the burning of Moscow, ordered the retreat of the grand army there happened to be in tiste. This man, unlike his comrades, who looted the doomed city of all valuables which they could carry, preferred to take away with him a rerat which he had captured. Slung in sult that there sprang up between fell to the earth in rain." them a strong feeling of attachment. Accordingly on their arrival safe in France the rat accompanied him to without further investigating the this new home.

ple of the veteran. Rheumatism racked his limbs, so that he seldom left the shelter of his roof, but passed the summer tending a few flowers, or sitting in the doorway smoking the pipe of peace, when Voltaire (the rat) would squat down beside him in an attitude just like a dog's.

Now, the front part of the house, at back of which stood the old soldier's shanty, was in the occupation of a butcher's store and a tobacconlat's, divided from each other by a corridor which led into the yard behind. Daily, attended by Voltaire, the veteran crossed the yard to buy his ration of tobacco, put up in a paper cone, when, after a brief chat with medame in the store, he would stroll into the neighboring butcher's to purchase meat ends for the rat, and

so back home On these occasions these was noticeable in Voltaire's conduct a marked difference. At the tobacconist's he jumped upon the counter and submitted to be petied by madame. But at the butcher's he would heaftate on entering, hide behind the door. afraid apparently to come right in. and evidently anxious to avoid the sight and smell of the fresh meats.

stiffened limbs, was forced to keep ed the rat each day to get some. The animal would take between its teeth ceive in exchange the package of ceive in exchange the package of tobacco which it delivered promptly to

without a hitch. At length one day he dropped his pipe and smashed it. Calling to Voltaire to come with him he set out to replace the broken artitoniehment the animal did not spond, but burrowed in its sleeping hox. Alone, therefore, Baptiste ited the store, selected a new pipe and was about madame drew him to one side: sir, there is a small account against you, if convenient." In vain he claimed that he had paid for his tobacco as he bought it. The other told him that two months previously the rat came in one morning and made off without leaving the customary penny for the tobacco. Since then the animal had never offered once to pay. and she, good soul, had gome on charging the amount to Voltaire care

of Mr. Baptiste. Perplexed and worried the old so died settled his account, and instituting an inquiry at the butcher's found there awaiting him the explanation of his pet's behavior. For two months it appeared that Voltaire, evidently tired of the potato soup and having by his diligence made good his credit in tobacco, spent the money for his master's smokes in buying state, concluded that the animal had

his authority to do the marketing. Meanwhile Voltaire had disappear ed for good. Baptiste, although much saddened by the turn affairs had taken, is said to have found comfort certain exhibition, and was greatly in the theory that, true to these high principles of honor which he had al- where a fine array of steam whistles animal had killed itself. It seems, however, just a bit more probable that this prodigy of rate simply had

sociation for a festival. It occurs on his seventh birthday. The entire school goes to the new pupil's home. leading a richly caparisoned and flowor bedecked donkey. The new pupil is placed on this little beast, and, with the hodja, or teacher, leading. the children form a double file and escort him to the schoolhouse, sing

ing joyous songs. To a stranger the common Turkish school presents a singular scene. The pupils are seated cross-legged on the bare marble pavement in the porch of the mosque, forming a semi-circle about the hodia, who is, as a rule an old fat man. He holds in hi hand a stick long enough to reach every student. By means of this rod he is enabled not only to preserve order among the mischievous, but to urge on the boy whose recitation is not satisfactory. But, as a rule, hodjas are lazy and often fall asleep. Then it is that the pupils enjoy what the American boy would style a "picnic." A trick they specially like to play on their sleeping teacher is to anoint his hair and long gray beard with wax, which is, of course, very difficult to get rid of. You may be sure that when the teacher wakes be makes good use of his lengthy weapon.

Some of the answers these little Turks receive to their questions would make an American child open his eyes in amazement. A half-grown boy, in the presence of a missionary who tells the story, saked the hodja:

"What makes it rain?" "Up in the clouds," answered this wise teacher, "our prophet, Mahomet, and the one who belongs to Christions, went into business together. Mahomet stole all the profits and ran the ranks a private by name Bap- away. In the morning when the Christian god discovered his loss, he purgues Mahomet in his golden chartot, the rumbling of whose wheels makes the thunder. The lightning markably fine specimen of a Russian is the bullets of fire which the god shot after his fleeing partner. Mahoa sack upon his back, Baptiste car- met, finding be could not escape in ried this strange pet from first to midair, plunged into the ser; the inst of the retreat, the privations of Christian god followed him, and the , which the two shared, with the re- shock splashed the water out and it

And the young Turks, believing the teachings of their hodia, grow cause of rain, the true source of which But soldiering bad made a crip is taught an American in the kin-

MARINE WHO OBEYED ORDERS.

The other night Marine Conant a recruit of a month's service, was stationed as sentry at the main gate of the Charlestown Navy Yard, Boston. A man approached in the darkness and sought to enter. Conant strictly following his instructions called upon him to give the countersign. It may be that in some military circles in these piping times of peace the counternign has fallen into disuse, but the recruit of a month did not so regard it. Consequently, when the other man failed to give the word he called for it again and again, and after the third time, the intruder insisting upon seeking ch trance. Conant brought his gun down with such force as to stretch the other man on the ground. When lights were brought it was found that the injured one was the commander of a cruiser lying at the navy yard dock. Somebody, with a keener mind for rank than for the rigid discipline of the service, ordered the arrest of the sentry. The circumstances were reported to the secretary of the facts, wired to the commandant at the Charlestown yard and ordered knows his duty and is not afraid to

This incident should be widely exploited. The marine who swung his who refused to give the countersign stood for the spirit that makes the military service effective. It mat ters not under what circumstances the superor officer refused or failed to give the countersign, nor does it affect the principle in the case wheth er the incident occurred in time peace or war. Regulations are made o be obeyed, and the injunction of obedience is even more argent apon the higher officer than upon the inferior. The marine who insists upon getting the countersign and who stops his man when he does not get it has the stuff in him that wins battles. Washington Star.

MY PET SQUIRREL.

which hing in the passage and bite off all the buttons. So my mother was kept busy sewing on buttons. He was delighted when in mischief Sometimes he would get at the sugar basin and throw out bit after bit, till perhaps at the very bottom he met with a piece to his mind. Then he would jamp away and eat it.

At dessert he was always charmed to belp himself. He would eat part of a peach or a plum and bring the 2:30 prompt. rest to tuck down my father's neck as a safe hiding place. I think now have told you as much about my pet as you will care to hear. It a pity he died .- Thomas Hynes, in the New York Tribune.

What He Meant.

An old sea captain was visiting a interested in the mechanical section. was on show. "How far can that one d!" he asked, pointing to a PIANO PLAYING attendance was only a deputy, but he promptly replied "Sixteen miles." "Sixteen dilen?" said the old salt When I say sixteen mflee," claborated the youth, "I mean cight miles this way and eight miles that way. SeeDundoo Advertisor.

To Be Given by the Arcadian Club.

The Arcadian Club will present this entertaining comedy at the Auditorium Friday evening, Feb. 19th.

gave "The Cricket on the Hearth" three years ago to an invited audience and it was so successful and complimented so much that they were encouraged to try their talent again, and invite the general public, who have always shown great interest in the plays given by the young people.

This time they are going to give comedy that will hold your interest straight through, and if you don't want to bubble over with laughter you are warned to take a good dose of anti laugh pills before going. CHARACTERS.

Mrs. Briggs, a woman of business. Ann Findlay RalphJason Littleford Jimmy Harry Davis Melissa Cora Handy belle Whitford, Grace Leigh, Wm. Her family. Silas Green, a near relation.....

..... Ray Miller Mr. Lee, a wealthy neighbor..... John Gray Virginia Lee, his daughter...... Grace Littleford Daisy Thornton, her friend, Edith Chilvers Mrs. O'Connor, with no liking for goats Thyra Alderson

Mandy Bates, whose tongue will Tickets can be obtained of any of the club members. General admission 25 cents: reserved seats, 35 cents,

NO REASON FOR IT.

When Downers Grove Citizens Show the Certain Way Out.

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WHEATON ITEM.

Arnold in Gary Memoria! Methodist Church, Wheaton, Sunday night was largely attended. In behalf of the Suilday school, Robert W. Campbell defirered an appreciative address on Mr. birthday. "Peggy Machree" comes di-Arnold, in a heart-to-heart talk, down Illinois as the field worker of ter citizenship and is greatly beloved the earth are melted and fused by the boys and girls of the communi- gether to the end that the typical Amergret the departure of this consecrated different nationalities and more races

Ladies' Aid Society, Congregational Church.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational Church helds its first meet ing of the year on Thursday of last week with a large attendance. Imring the social hour Mrs. Murray sang and Mrs. Prince gave a reading of Engene

the home of Mrs. M. B. Downer, 53 begin at 1:30; business

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AMUSEMENTS

AT THE CHICAGO THEATEES.

AUDITORIUM THEATER, CHICAGO.

 Milward Adams, Manager. Return of Ziegfeld's famous revue, Follies of 1908." At the Auditorium theater, next Sunday night, F. Zieg-It will be remembered that the club feld's revue, "Follies of 1908" will return for a limited engagement of four weeks, with nutinee Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday. Owing to the magnitude of the production it will be imnight, Feb. 7.

the Illinois theater six weeks ago. book this big variegated "fun" show at almost half the price that was charged during its previous run in Chi-

Bickel & Watson, Arthur Deagon, Jack Norworth, Billie Reeves, Anna-Schrode, Wm. Powers, Seymour Brown and Dazie are still members of the cast, and Nora Bayes, with her wonderful songs, remains the special feature. Ziegfeld's beauty chorus, which is the handsomest in the world, consists of the "Brinkley Girls," "Taxicab Girls," "Mosquito Girls," "Drummer Girls," "Navy Girls," "Rooster Girls" and Ziegfeld's dancing dolls.

The Society Prize Fight is still the big laughing feature of the show, and is said to be so funny that it defies de-

The engagement is positively limited to four weeks. No seat in the house will cost over one dollar and on Wednesday matinees the best seats can be find for 75 cents.

MYICKERS.

That stirring and vibrant play of present day conditions, "The Man of the Hour." has been given enthusiastic welcome again at McVicker's theater. Chicago, where it has but one week more. The final performances include serve as an object lesson, masmuch as special events—a big night for Calumet | it proves that the theater-going public Tribe of Improved Woodmen on Monday next, and a holiday matinee on putronize clean entertainment Friday, Feb. 12, the auniversary of Lincoln's birthday. As the Chicago diverting fun, for the story is full of Tribune says: "It is just the sort of funny situations, which make for a play that Lincoln would have liked. strong, sincere, wholesome and time ly." In fact the Chicago press has nothing but the strongest praise_for the immensely successful play which so accurately flashlights the existing conditions in most American cities, great and small, And Wm. A. Brady and Jos. R. Grbuner, whose special pride

is in keeping their trademark bright, are complimented for the strength of spect. the special cast, combined for Chicago, including such players of fine distinction as Cyril Scott, Harry Harwood, James F. Wilson, Rapley Holmes, Wil- Relieves Stomach Misery Almost Ham Deming, Alma Powell, Marian Chapman and Kate Lester. It is no wonder that "The Man of the Hour" has carned a great fortune for its producers and \$150,000 in revalties for George Broadburst, its author. "Peggy Machree," the delightful re-

mantic Irish comedy, with music, in which Jesoph O'Mara, Ireland's greatest singer, is starring, will begin a two weeks' engagement Sunday, Feb. 14, an extra holiday matince being scheduled for Motulay, Feb 22, Washington's Arnold's valuable service as superin | rect from a long and triumphant run at of the Sunday school for the the great Broadway theater. New

world is evidenced by the continued and meaning. "The Melting Pot" crucible in which the various nations of ican, results. Chicago has been likened by many prominent persons as "the huge melting not of the world"-more of distinct types have found in this city a haven of refuge. The intermarriage of Jew and Gentile of Irish and German, and of all other nationallties are exemplified daily in the reports of the marriage burean. This circumstance has made "The Melting Pot" locality of great interest and the making of the typical American is synonymous with the Chicagoan of the Inture Scats are still on sale for three weeks in advance.

MAJESTIC For the week of Feb. 8th the Ma

great bill headed by Miss Alice Lloyd the Majestic last season for two weeks. Get this protector for rour completely won over all who saw her. Another important feature will be the most eccentric comedians. They have an entirely original line of work, offer the Basin bank. In some way the story ing something entirely out of the or- leaked or, and the plan fell through, dinary. In the way of dramatic but one day, after it had been abansketches, "The Operator" is heralded doned, the principal, who had planned as one of the best in vaudeville. the hold-up, stood outside with the "Slivers," the famous circus clown, and of his friends looking wistfully through more recently a special feature of the the window at the cashier, After great pantomimes offered in the fam- time he said mournfully to one of ous New York Hippodrome, will be a pals: "It wouldn't have been no Arthur E. Fisher is in Downers decided attraction. He is assisted by nohow, boys; he's got it all." Grove every Friday, and can take two Arty Nelson, one of the most clever acrobats now before the public. Hall Apply at the Downers Grove Re- McAllister and company have a oneporter office, or address 512 Kimball act comedy called "The Girl of the made up to him when he de Times," La Petite Mignon is a remark-lacrye it.

able little comedienne who has been called a coming "Cisale Loftus." The Nightons are Olympian gymnasts whose remarkable feats have never been surpassed, and Redford and Winchester are two comedy jugglers who will provide a laugh for every second they occupy the stage. There are a number of other good acts on the bill.

WHITNEY OPERA HOUSE. "A BROKEN HOOL"

The laughing song play, "A Broken Idol," by Hal Stephens, Williams and Van Alstyne, has proved the greatest musical comedy hit that Chicago has seen in years. It is now rapidly approaching its 300th performance at the possible to start the return engagement | Whitney Opera House. Otis Harlan, with a Sunday matinee, so the first for years famed as an interpreter of performance will be given next Sunday leading comedy roles in the late Charles II. Hoyt farces, heads the cast which "Follies of 1908" returns with the includes Alice Yorke, Carrie Perkins, same eminent cast that was seen at Hon Bergere, Madge Voo, George Richards. Charles Bowers, Otto Hoffman, where so many people were turned David Andrada and Lawrence Comer. away that it was found necessary to The chorus numbers upwards of fifty. A short spring tour of the large cities in the largest theater in America, and will be made, the company traveling In private Pullman cars. The attraction will be taken to Boston for the summer and it goes to New York the latter part of August.

> LULU GLASER AT THE GARRICK. Miss Luin Glaser at the Garrick theater in the new Viennese operetta. "Mile, Mischief," has been so successfol that her engagement, which originally was for two weeks, has been extended a fortnight longer. This extension of time will give theater-goers an opportunity to see this dainty little actress until Saturday, Feb. 13, as her season at the Garrick does not termi-

nate until that date. During Miss Glaser's last week, which will be celebrated in Chicago as Lincoln week, an extra matince will be given on Lincoln's birthday. Friday, Feb. 12, in addition to the usual Saturday neatinee.

From every point of view Miss Glaser's tonr in "Mile. Mischief" has been a repetition of success. Every city she visits never falls to endorse the high praise that was her portion during her long term of twenty weeks in New York, Aside from Miss Glaser's personal success in this operetta, this demonstration would seem to is always willing and ready to liberally

In "Mile, Mischief" one finds much round of continuous laughter and the score is of the delicious kind of nuisic which we are beginning to appreciate, and which makes the average jingle which masquerades under the disguise of musical comedy, so monotonously in

"MHe. Mischief" is handsomely staged. Miss Glaser's supporting company is an excellent one in every re-

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