

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE CHICAGO THEATRE.

AUDITORIUM THEATRE.

The new and amplified production of "Ben-Hur," that magnificent spectacle founded on General Lew Wallace's renowned romance, is attracting immense throngs to the Big Auditorium, Chicago. In the beauty of its scenery and the splendor of its mounting this Biblical play has the distinction of being the finest stage production America has ever seen, added to which it possesses great dramatic force and other elements that are most effective. The life, color, action and love interest permeating "Ben-Hur" quicken our pulses and we feel the thrill of glorious days and deeds, of danger and delight. Action is a pre-eminent essential in any romance,

of the unsophisticated folk of the New England countryside where the play has its locale is as wholesome and as laughter-making as when it was fresh and new.

"Way Down East" will remain at McVicker's for the first week of the Fat Stock Show. The souvenir selected for the 400th performance of the play is a cream pitcher in the form of a cow. It comes in brown, blue and black, and is a dainty and very useful article, and particularly appropriate for "Way Down East," which has its drove of cows and its flock of sheep, besides the other live stock—the horses and dogs, always seen in the door yard of a fine farm. Seats for the Thanksgiving performances and for the souvenir night will be on sale after Thursday, Nov. 18.

MAJESTIC.

Vaudeville, as it will be offered at the Majestic theatre, Chicago, the week of Nov. 22nd, promises something out of the ordinary in the way

THE "TOGA VIRILIS."

It has been gradually perceived, in the family precincts, that Roger must soon have long trousers. He was at the age and size when short trousers were beginning to look very short, indeed. When consulted about the proposed change, Roger smiled in an embarrassed fashion, and said he "guessed he ought" to don the more dignified garment. There was an evident reluctance—perhaps a shade of regret at the passing of extreme youth. Still, the other boys were talking about having long trousers, too. On the whole, Roger looked forward with pleasure at the idea.

"Boys are odd things," said Roger's father, some days later to an old friend, who was calling late one evening. "There's Roger, one of the most reasonable boys I have ever seen—very little nonsense about him."

"What has he been doing?" inquired the other, shifting his chair so as to get out of the glare of the street light. They were sitting on the veranda.

"Why," said the father, "he's been putting on long trousers. It makes me think of when I put on long trousers, too—'panta' we called them then. Remember, Fred? We put 'em on the same Sunday, and went to church together."

"I remember," said the other smiling. "In fact, I don't think I shall ever forget. You came to my house to get me, wasn't that it?"

"That's right," said the other; "that's right!" There was a pause, suddenly broken by the same voice continuing, "But about Roger—that's what made me recall the whole business. I went down to Taylor's with him the other day and got him a suit with long trousers. I wanted to see that he had the right thing, because women, you know—well, anyway, I think men know more about men's clothes, no matter what their wives say. At the store he tried them on, and was very much excited about them. It was a Saturday afternoon, and Roger was to wear them officially for the first time on Sunday—the way you and I did. So I thought I might as well let him wear them home, seeing he liked them."

"You wouldn't have done that," said his friend, laughing.

"Nor you," returned Roger's father. "Why, you afraid-cat, you didn't dare stir out of the house till I came there! Now will you be good? But let me finish about Roger."

"I had to do some more errands, and he went on along home. I stopped to watch him for a few minutes, just to see how he looked, you know. At first he strode up the street as if he owned it, never turning his head to see what was happening. Then, after a hundred yards, some boy friend of his in short trousers met him, and made fun of him. Another boy sprang up from somewhere, and the last thing I saw was the three going up the street, Roger in front, and the two others running along behind, pointing and jeering."

"Human nature," commented his friend, briefly. "Most natural thing in the world. They would have done it to us if we hadn't gone together."

"And when I got home," continued Roger's father, "I found the boy sitting in that very chair, reading a book he had—"

"The short ones?" queried the friend.

Roger's father nodded.—Youth's Companion.

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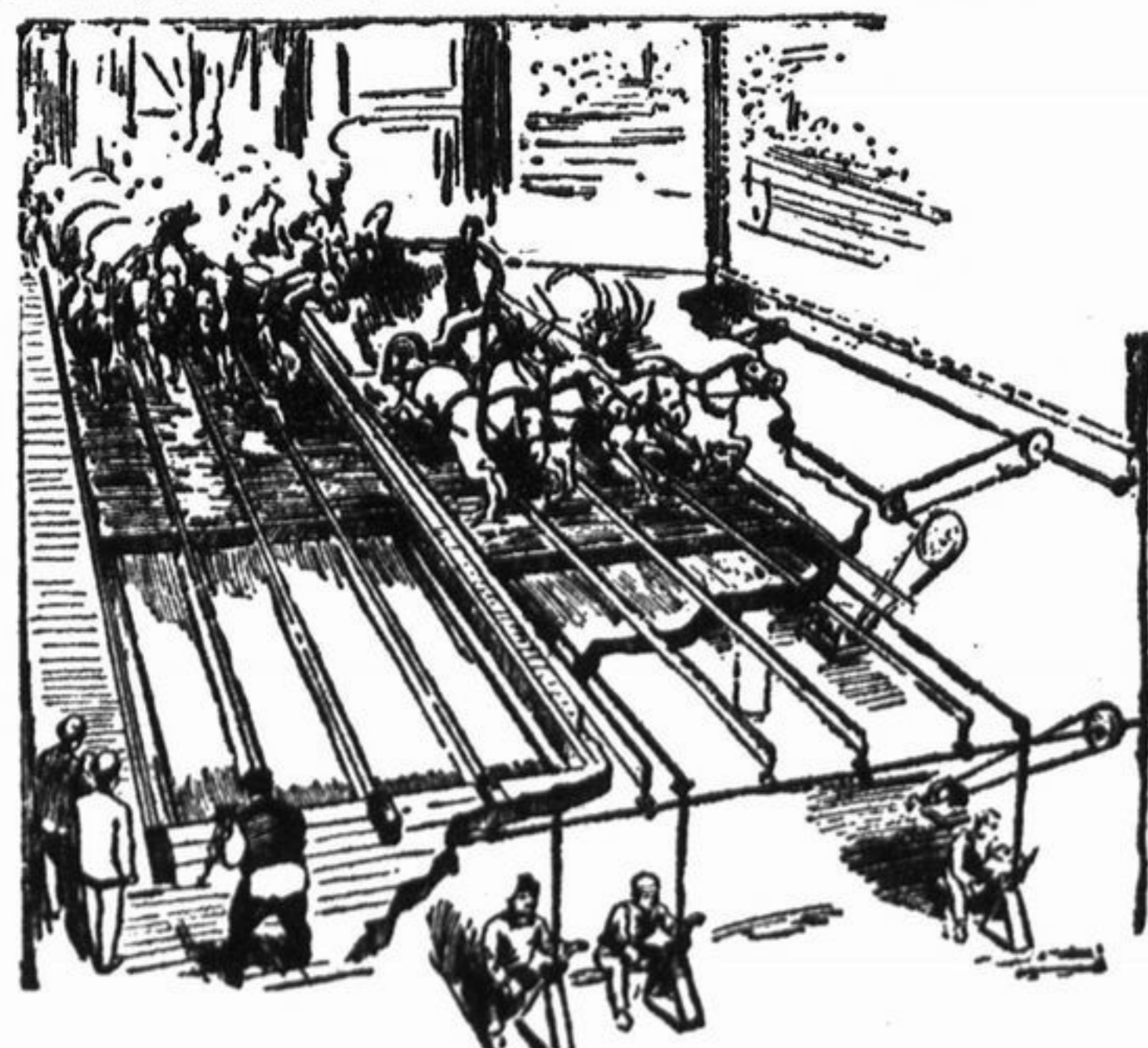
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—Morley L. Swart.

Skimmed milk has been proved a valuable food for laying hens, according to experiments at the Virginia experiment station.

It is well known that the long arctic winter, with its depressing effects on body and mind, often upsets the best balanced nervous system, even of the natives. But this hysteria vanishes with the summer. Explorers have suffered in the same way, and two have committed suicide. In summer Eskimos get so full-blooded that nose bleeding is very common.



The exciting chariot race scene in Klaw & Erlanger's new and greater production of Lew Wallace's world famous drama "Ben Hur," which is scheduled to fill the entire month of November at the Big Chicago Auditorium. Twenty horses driven in quadruple team to five chariots furnishes a thrilling spectacle that eclipses every scene in the annals of the amusement world. The contest for supremacy is as realistic and pulse quickening as the great races one witnesses on the big tracks of Saratoga, Sheepshead Bay, or Belmont Park.

and the naturally romantic and interesting times in which "Ben-Hur" is laid enthrall its auditors, for has not the past held for us all allurements which we cannot explain and draw our interest and sympathy more than the prosaic doings of our own time?

The engagement of "Ben-Hur" at the Big Chicago Auditorium ends in two weeks, the last performance being scheduled for Saturday evening, November 27th. In addition to the Wednesday and Saturday matinees to be given during the remaining two weeks a holiday matinee is announced for Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 25th.

McVICKER'S THEATRE.

"Way Down East," the greatest of the pastoral plays, will begin a fortnight's engagement in McVicker's Theatre, Chicago, Sunday, Nov. 21, the period embraced in its visit including an extra holiday matinee on Thanksgiving day, and a souvenir performance Monday night, Nov. 29, when the great drama will have been played 400 times in Chicago, and 250 in McVicker's.

The simple story of Anna Moore and David Bartlett has been told many times in the theatre since the first performance of the play, Nov. 17, 1897, but it never grows old. And the fun

of genuine entertainment. Prominent on the bill will be found Mabel Hite, one of the most popular and entertaining comedienne now on the stage, and her equally famous and popular husband, Mike Doulin, who has been covering himself with as much glory behind the footlights as he did while wearing the uniform of the New York Giants. This season Miss Hite and Mr. Doulin are appearing in a new skit, filled with humorous situations and lines, the name of which is "A Base Run." His dialect stories of life in the south are in a class by themselves. Lottie Williams, who has been seen in many important melodramatic productions, is a new comer in vaudeville. She has a one-act play by Edmund Day entitled, "On Stony Ground," which is said to tell a story of unusual interest. Thorne and Carleton, the American jesters, Harry Richards and company appear in a farce with music bearing the odd title of "Love a la Mode." Sam Watson and his barn-yard circus present a novelty act in which animals, cleverly trained, are put through a number of smart stunts. There are half a dozen other well known acts on the bill, which is well worth seeing, affording a visitor to Chicago a very entertaining afternoon or evening.

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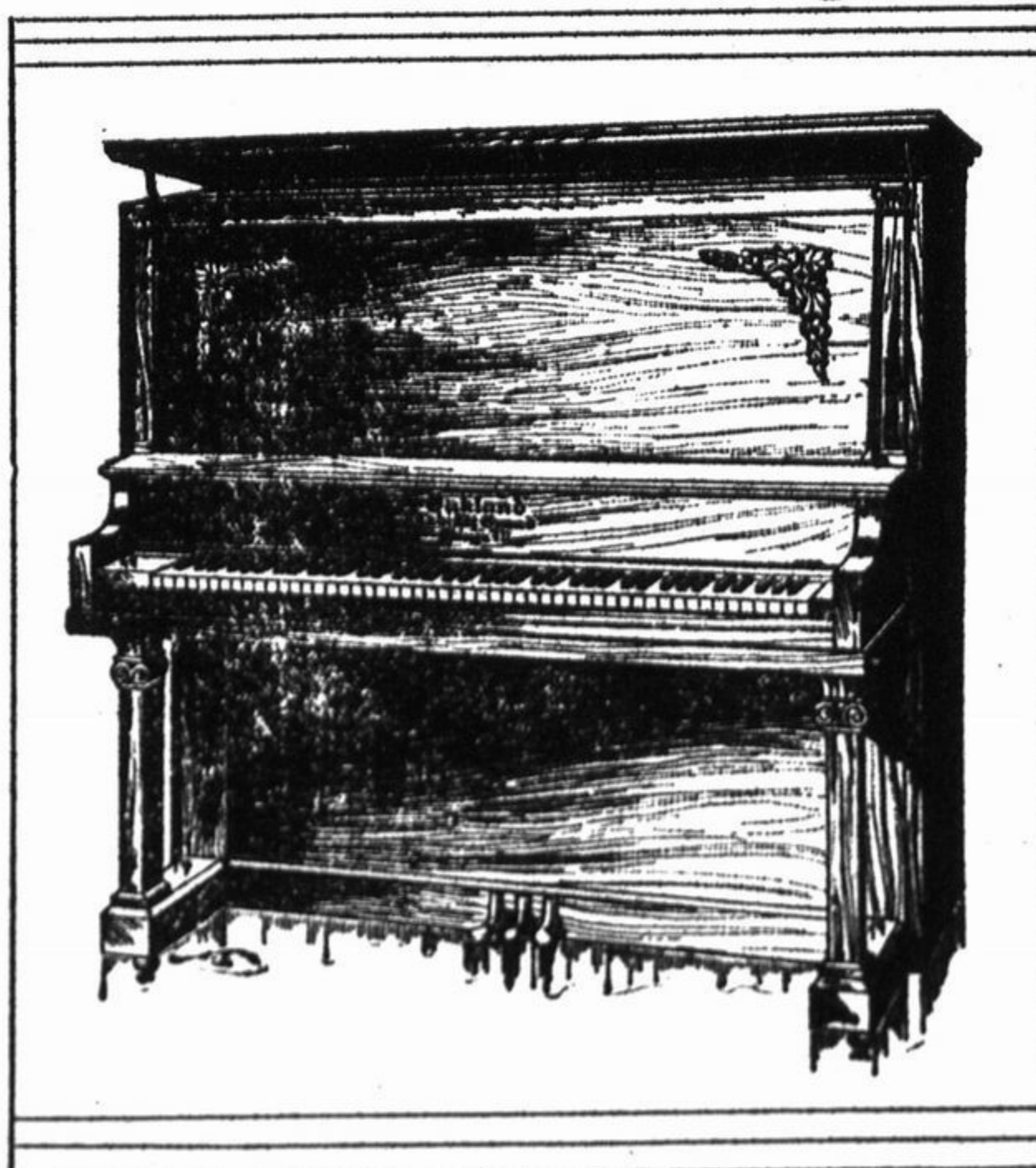
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2. PRIZES.—The capital prize will be an Oakland Piano. Also other valuable premiums will be given to the amount of several hundred dollars, which are announced herewith.

3. CANDIDATES.—Young ladies in this and adjoining counties are eligible to enter this contest, and the party receiving the largest number of votes shall receive the beautiful \$400.00 Oakland Piano, and other premiums will be distributed in accordance with contestants' standing at the final count.

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No votes will be accepted at less rate than the regular price of paper concerned in this contest.

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Contest to run not less than 90 days. Closing of contest will be announced 25 days in advance of closing. The right to postpone date of closing is reserved if sufficient cause should occur.

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