

AMUSEMENTS

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Klaw & Erlanger's massive production, "The Round-Up," will be seen at McVicker's Theatre, Chicago, for two weeks beginning Sunday, December 5.

MAJESTIC.

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"Will Weigh Your God and You." The conversation had drifted into a discussion of the ways of God and men. One of the two men had been saying that God, being omnipotent, could not stand in any very great need of men, nor be concerned with what they did or left undone.

The bill was issued by the United States and was an ordinary greenback silver certificate, assuring the possessor that there had been deposited in the treasury of the United States of America one silver dollar, payable to the bearer on demand.

the note bore on its back the blue rubber stamp of the Bank of Mountmellick, in Ireland.

"Interesting, but hardly necessary, I think," said one of the men. "The promise of the government of the United States is good without the indorsement of the Bank of Mountmellick, of which I do not remember ever to have heard before."

"But that is just the point," said the other. "I am not sure that this stamp was superfluous. Some American tourist gave the bill, I presume, for a bit of Irish lace, or some other thing, and the seller of the article took it to the bank to be assured that it was good."

"I do not know how many times it changed hands in Mountmellick, but I am not at all sure that in that corner of Ireland this rubber stamp of a bank of which you and I never heard before did not extend by one dollar the credit of the government of the United States, and give value to its promise to pay that sum."

"Well, what of that?" inquired the other.

"My point is this, that God, although omnipotent, may sometimes need our help.

"The world is moderately full of people who estimate the value of religion by its effect upon the lives of those who profess it; indeed, in the last analysis I suppose we all do that, and must do so. Do you remember Kipling's word:

'By all ye will or whisper, by all ye leave or do,

The sullen, silent peoples will weigh your God and you.'

"Some such thoughts came to me when this dollar bill came into my possession several months ago. I smiled at first, and thought it an impertinence that the Bank of Mountmellick should have underwritten the promises of the United States. But the more I thought of it, the more it seemed to me that there was another aspect of the case, and that it had value as an illustration of something more. So I give you the thought for whatever it is worth, that even the great and good God may be glad to have people who know us better than they know Him, so living and so testifying, that even His promises shall be more certain because of our indorsement."

Speak Up, Boys!

Next to standing erect, and having a manly bearing, I like to have a boy speak up when he is spoken to. He can never make a good impression if he mumbles or "mouthes" his words when he is talking to others.

"Did you take that package over to Brown & Smith's for me?" "Mum-mum."

"Oh, speak up so that I can understand you!" said the gentleman, a little sharply. "I do not know what 'mum-mum-mum-mum' means."

It sounded exactly as if the boy were saying "mum-mum-mum-mum" every time he opened his mouth. When he finally held up his head and spoke more intelligibly, and had then gone from the room, his employer said:

"I really think that I shall have to let that boy go. He mumbles everything he says so that I can hardly understand what he means. I do not like to send such a boy with messages to our customers. I like a boy who can speak up like a man. He can do that, and, at the same time, be a perfectly modest and respectful boy. Somehow I feel rather suspicious of a boy who hangs his head and mumbles everything."

I think that a good many people have that feeling although a boy may be excessively shy and mumble all that he says, and at the same time be a perfectly honest boy. But he makes a very poor impression, and will not advance so rapidly as the boy who looks one squarely in the face and speaks up like a man when he has anything to say.—Success Magazine.

Irish potatoes, like Irishmen, do better abroad than they do at home, and just as the average Irishman when he gets to colonies becomes a governor general, like Lord Macdonald or Sir Gavan Duffy, so the average Irish seed potato planted in England knocks the spots out of the average Scotch or English seed.—Irish Homestead.

SOMETHING FOR EVERYBODY

The soil of Siberia is in many regions as rich and fertile as that of Canada.

Nineteen States have naval militia. England sends many of her orphans and deserted children to Canada.

District after district in China is raising money toward the endowment fund of Hong-Kong University. Canton district has given \$43,760.

The new bridge over the Ganges River at Sara, India, for the Eastern Bengal Railway, is to cost \$6,500,000. It will replace the ferry now in use. It will be over a mile long.

In eighteen months there will be direct railway communication between Buenos Aires and Asuncion, the capital of Paraguay. The railway has already reached the Bolivian frontier.

By a traveler in Italy the Rubicon, the famous river crossed by Julius Caesar, is described as "the merest trickle of a stream, in which it would be quite impossible for a man to drown himself."

Great Britain sent Canada 100,129 immigrants in the twelve months ended July, 1909, a decrease of 25,809 from 1908 and of 73,869 from 1907. It is the lowest record since 1904. About three-fourths were English and Scotch. Only 3,799 were Irish.

Two children, age about six and eight, wandered into the receiving ward at a London hospital. The elder handed the doctor in charge the following note from his mother: "They have awful cauf. I think it is whooping cauf. You wait a minute and hear them cauf." She was right.

In Alexandre Blisson's new play, which will be performed at Paris for the first time next week, an additional scene has been created in order to introduce two police dogs. They chase the villain up and down, across and under the stage, and finally capture the bad man. The dogs enter so heartily into what they seem to consider a great lark that the unfortunate villain has expressed the hope that the play may be short-lived.

The reappearance of Halley's comet has revised the old calumny that Pope Callistus III. launched a bull against the comet in his day. Historical facts in this case show that he ordered public prayers that, if evils were impending, God would turn all upon the Turks, then fighting the Christian armies. No bull of exorcism is mentioned against either the comet or the Turks in authentic documents of the period.—Catholic Truth.

It is expected that aluminum coins of low value will be in circulation in France by the end of this year. It is interesting to note, in this connection, that the adoption of M. Naquet's proposition for an aluminum coinage in 1871 would have resulted in a heavy loss to the French treasury. Although experts declared it to be impossible that the value of the metal should decrease, it has now fallen to nearly half the price ruling at that time.

Maisie, a poor young woman of London, was being entertained by a "patroness." During tea the girl led the conversation into personal channels. "If your husband in work?" she asked her hostess. "Yes," and raised her eyebrows. "How many children have you?" "Two"—and an astonished smile. "Does your husband drink?" "Why, my dear, what put all this into your head?" "Mother said I was to talk like a lady, and that's how they talk to her."

Convicts who are sent to the French penal colony in French Guiana are punished in exactly inverse ratio to their crimes. The murderers and the most dangerous convicts are sent to the Island of Salvation, where they lead lax and healthy lives, but the men convicted of lesser offenses work and die in a terrible climate on the coast. In the settlement of St. Jean de Maroni the mortality is from 40 to 50 per cent. The average life of a convict is two years.

Princess Patricia of Connaught, who has been exhibiting some of her artistic work at the East, Berks art exhibition, is one of the most versatile of Europe's royal ladies, and, besides being a painter of great merit, is a noted sportswoman, being almost equally proficient in tennis, hockey, golf and horse-riding. One of her favorite hobbies is the collection of uncut gems, of which she has a magnificent assortment. The princess is very democratic in her ideas, and she once remarked to a friend: "Mamma says that we can forget about the royalty if we only remember that we are ladies."—M. A. P.

When British bluejackets could not write they used to pay a purser's clerk to write for them. The fee was a shilling. Two men on board a British ship in the Baltic during the Crimean war wanted to write to their wives, but since they could only muster a shilling between them they agreed to have a joint letter written to the women to suit both. It began: "H. M. S. Dear Polly and Susan—This letter comes from your loving husbands; they wish to tell you that they are well. We are thrashing the Russians and mean to thrash 'em again; and when that's done we'll get back, so no more from your loving husband Bill—and your loving husband Jack."

The English courts are taking strong action to catch and send up rascally bird dealers who for years have been systematically blinding song birds which they put on the market under the popular impression that blind birds sing best. The fearfully painful methods of blinding these beautiful little innocent tufts of color and song is to stick a needle in behind the eyeball and tear the nerve of sight in two with the point of a needle. Such birds look and behave like other birds, and can find their water and seed in their cages after recovery from pain. It seems this brutal world ever needs returning reincarnations of the spirit of Victor Hugo to remind it of its coldness, cruelty and brutality.—New York Press.

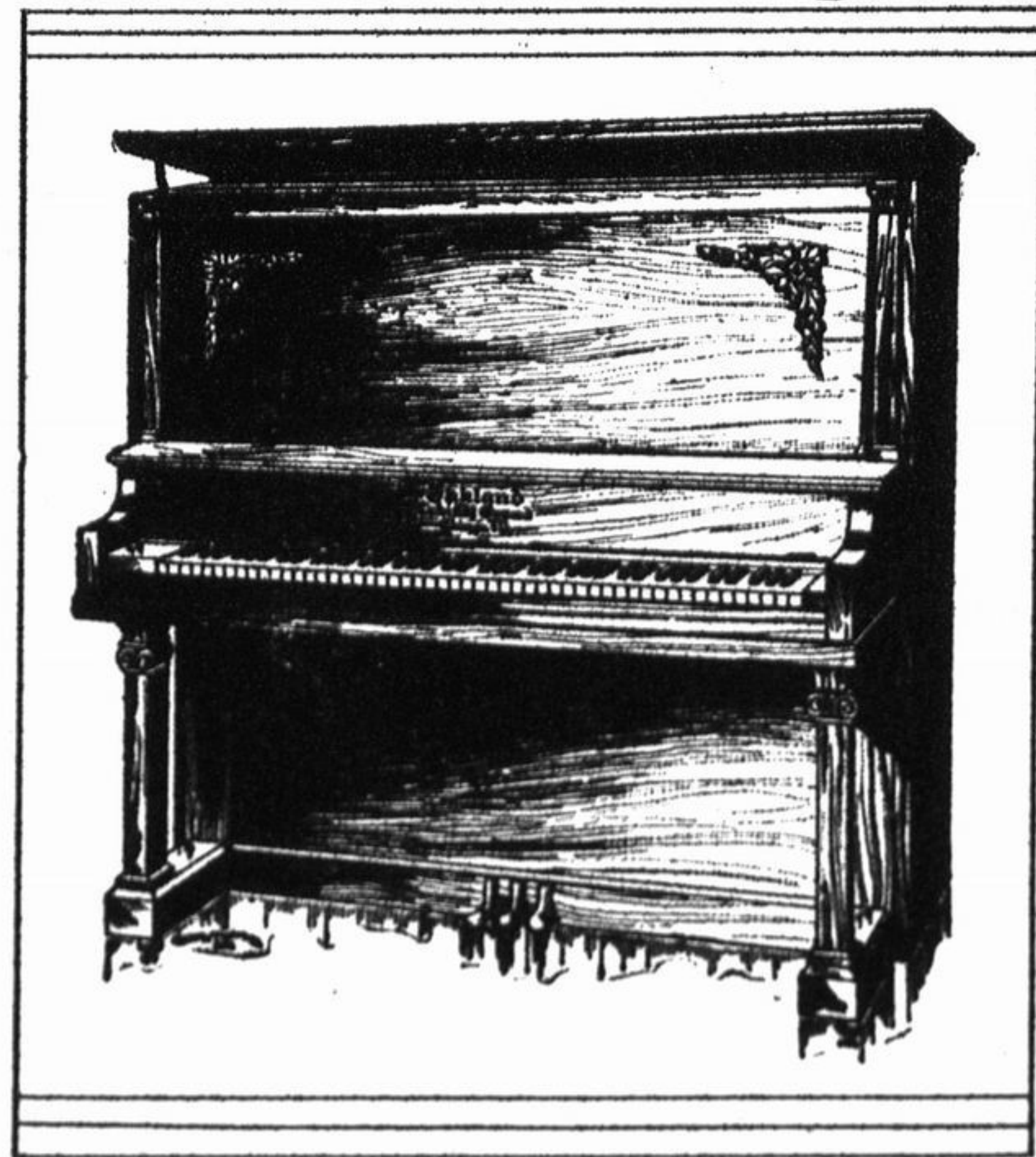
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2. PRIZES—The capital prize will be an Oakland Piano. Also other valuable premiums will be given in the amount of several hundred dollars, which are announced herewith.

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.

4. TIE IN VOTES—Should any of the contestants tie in votes, the Publishers' Music Company will award a similar prize in accordance with standing and value at final count.

5. VOTES CLASSIFIED—Votes will be issued in the following denominations: New subscriptions 500 votes for \$ 1.50 Renewal subscriptions 400 votes for 1.50 Renewal more than one year 500 votes for 1.50 Back subscriptions 400 votes for 1.50 General advertising 300 votes for 1.00 Job printing 200 votes for 1.00 Five years' subscriptions 5,000 votes for 7.50 Ten years' subscriptions 12,500 votes for 15.00 Twenty years' subscriptions 25,000 votes for 30.00

6. INSTRUCTIONS—Results as to standing of votes will be issued after 30 days. No votes will be accepted at less rate than the regular price of paper concerned in this contest. No one connected with this paper will be allowed to become a candidate in this contest or work for a contestant.

Votes after being voted cannot be transferred to another.

Be sure you know whom you are going to vote for before coming to ballot box, as the editor or any one will positively not give you any information on the subject.

The keys to government ballot box shall be in the possession of the awarding committee during contest.

For the first thirty days the paper will run a 25-vote coupon, which can be voted free for any lady contestant.

Contest to run not less than 90 days. Closing contest will be announced 25 days in advance of closing. The right to postpone date of closing is reserved if sufficient cause should occur. The contest shall close on a date which will be announced later in the columns of this paper. Ten days prior to closing contest, the judges will carefully look over seal ballot box, and take the same to a bank, where the same will be kept in a place where the voting can be done during business hours and locked in a vault at night until close of contest, when the judges will take charge and count same and announce the young ladies winning in their turn.

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