

large cities hundreds of them are railroaded to jail, practically without trial and almost always without legal defence. Then sent to jail, to be the companions of hardened criminals, released only at the expiration of their term, as jail-birds under the suspicion of the police.

If a tithe of the care and cost which are expended upon the defence of great criminals were devoted to the youthful offender, how many of them would be released without a conviction?

Better yet, if the Jean Valjeans of society were released on parole when convicted of stealing a loaf how many of them would again appear in a criminal court?

HOW THE WOMEN TEACHERS OF CHICAGO WERE SWINDLED

By Miss Jane Addams.

The wireless telegraphy scheme which was worked in Chicago several years ago will illustrate this: When wireless telegraphy was first

and fascinating field in its manipulation. An office was located convenient to the rooms of the board of education, which contained a wireless "demonstration apparatus," a full equipment of wireless literature, and—most important of all—a list of all the school teachers of the city. The women teachers received a broadside of literature in which handsome dividends were promised from an investment in the greatest scientific discovery of the age, and also an implication that the stock was offered first to educational people who were best fitted to understand its value and who would have sentimental as well as a material satisfaction from such an investment. When an abundant harvest had been garnered from the savings of women teachers, a series of maneuvers was instigated which left undistributed in the possession of the promoter of the scheme the thousands of dollars he had acquired. The teachers received a "confidential and important" announcement from his office to the effect the most powerful rival in the immediate field of his company's operations had consented to a consolidation on terms which he regarded as highly advantageous to all his investors. The consolidated company would be so much stronger than the one in which they had made their investment that they could not, of course, expect to exchange the stock on an even basis, share for share. He advised them, however, to increase their investment so that they could still retain their original number of shares which would not fall to prove immensely profitable.

This appeal not only induced many of the original investors to put in additional money, but it also brought a fresh volume of recruits. A little while later a consolidation was announced—this time a consolidation with all the principal wireless companies then in the field. It was explained that this not only did away with competition but eliminated the possibility of troublesome and expensive litigation with regard to patents and improvements. This was said to be a great victory and his investors were again urged to surrender their old certificates, in a descending ratio, for those of the new "complete" consolidation. As they were anxious for anything which promised to give them dividends on their investment they fell in line with the suggestion. At the time of the final consolidation the promoter disappeared—leaving behind him a wake of hardship, privation and suffering.

DRAMATIC NOTES.

THE GARRICK.—The proposition in mental science and telepathy that thought transmission may cause or prevent crime, that sheer force of unspoken command or suggestion may be practically applied, forms the basis of argument in the new four-act play by Augustus Thomas, "The Witching Hour," which will open at the Garrick on Sunday, Jan. 19th.

The story of the play concerns Jack Brookfield, a Louisville Gambler; his niece; Frank Hardmuth, assistant prosecuting attorney for the city, and Clay Whipple, a son of Brookfield's old sweetheart all of whom are involved in a plot of love and crime. Brookfield opposes Hardmuth's suit for the hand of his niece because of his lack of moral fibre, and encourages the suit of young Whipple upon whom he has been keeping a guardian's eye. Whipple has an inherited aversion to a Cat's Eye jewel, and kills an habitue of Brookfield's gambling house, who has annoyed him by forcing a Cat's Eye scarf pin upon his attention.

KNEW WHO HE WAS.

One summer's day a number of years ago, when Henry Ward Beecher was passing a part of his vacation at Litchfield Springs, Conn., he passed a young lad who looked at the great preacher so determinedly that Mr. Beecher made up his mind to speak to him. He was always fond of children and usually made friends with them.

"What is your name?" asked Mr. Beecher.

"Johnny Brown," modestly answered the boy.

"Well, Johnny, do you know me?"

"Know you? Sure I know you."

"Well, who am I?"

"Shucks," said the boy, as he hurried off to school, "everybody knows you're the husband of the lady what wrote 'Uncle Tom's Cabin'."—Boston Herald.

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