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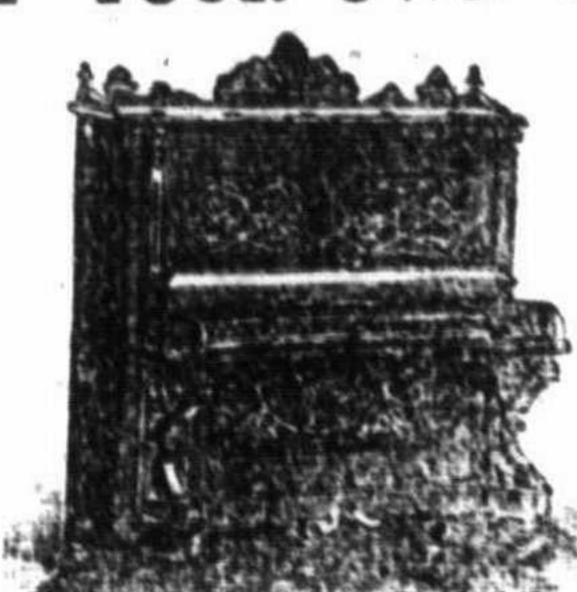
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### AMERICAN AUTHORS.

HOW THEY READ IN NEW YORK FOR INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT.

Pictures of Many of the Brightest Writers of the Day, Including James Russell Lowell, James Whitcomb Riley, "Mark Twain," George William Curtis, Etc.

The most distinguished of living American authors have lately given the elite of New York a rare two days' entertainment at Chickering hall. It was a brilliant success in all respects but one-the reading. It is now an established fact that good writers are seldom good readers. The only great success in delivery was by a comparatively new man -James Whitcomb Riley, of Indiana-and he did not read; he recited a very humorous sketch, which completely broke down the fashionable reserve of the very fashionable audience. The hall was literally packed on both days by the ultra fashionables of the city at \$2 a head for admission, and the receipts reached near \$6,000, all of which goes to the fund to be used in securing an international copyright law.

The place of honor was held by James Russell Lowell, president of the Authors' association, who was introduced by Bishop Potter. He is a man of rather dignified appearance, looking more like a diplomatist than the author of the "Bigelow Papers," as a reader thereof would naturally think he ought to look. Next to him sat Samuel J. Clemens ("Mark Twain"), clad in a loose fitting sack coat and exhibiting the native Missourian in his some what loose jointed frame. Near him sat Edward Eggleston, who has, accidentally and innocently of course, done his native Indiana a bad turn by picturing her as she was fifty years ago, yet leaving the impression that his sketches represent her today. Near sighted people and those in the rear of the rather dimly lighted hall wondered why the Hoosier preacher and author was wearing a gray white wolf skin cap on the stage; but those who sat near discovered that it was only his natural hair. He looks the stage and typical "Hoosier" to perfection, though thinly



LOWELL

RILEY. HOWELLS. clergyman; and it is only fair to add that he retains rather more of the Hoosier of forty odd years ago than does the region in which his stories are located, for the traveler who should visit southern Indiana now in search of "Bud Means," "Pete Jones" and other "Flat Creek" characters would be disappointed. James Whitcomb Riley and Bill Nye are a good pair—both smooth of face as Buddhist priests, and both scant of hair. The oldest author present, apparently, was the poet R. H. Stoddard; and the youngest H. C. Bunner, who has lately come into literature, and who read his latest production, "The Zodiac Pines Labor Union." Other noted authors in sight were George W. Cable, George William Curtis, Rev. Howard Crosby, W. D. Howells, Frank Stockton, R. M. Johnston, Thomas Nelson Page and Charles Dudley Warner.

President Lowell, in his opening address, announced the object of the entertainmentto aid in securing an international copyright law-and claimed that a cheap book was not as valuable as an honestly obtained book. While the American government professes to give tariff protection to skilled labor, it is only to those who labor with their hands; authors, some of whom work for nothing, are in competition with the cheapest as well as the best foreign authors, as publishers here can "pirate" foreign books and pay no copyright. Mr. Lowell sail that in his boyhood there were but two American authors who could have supported themselves by writing, Cooper and Irving, while now many are able to make more than a competence. We have originated or developed a style of racy and popular humor which is thoroughly wholesome; no nonsense can long look it in the face without flinching. And in proof of it he introduced Mark Twain, and after him Dr. Edward Eggleston. The latter read a satire, purporting to be extracts from a paper published in 1987, by an antiquarian who described the fashions and follies of 1887. It satirized all the fads and fashions

of today. On the second day the interest of the audience seemed to center in W. D. Howells and Frank Stockton, the popular novelists and writers for the magazines. The former seemed so embarrassed that he could hardly read at all, and the latter's voice was so weak that no one heard him, but the applause was lively all the same. The audience wanted to see the men and was gratified. Mr. Howells is stocky, with a fat chin and a short neck. Indeed, as his collar rose under his embarrassment, it seemed that his head simply sat on his shoulders without the intervention of a neck. Mr. Stockton is quite a contrast to Mr. Howells, being tall and rather delicate in build. His selection was entitled "Prince Hassack's March," but the



CABLE. WARNER. title was about all the reporters could hear. There seemed to be such a general incompleteness of things when he closed that J. Whitcomb Riley was again brought to the front. He gave in his most effective style one of his most humorous poems, eliciting much laughter and applause, and so happily ended the entertainment.

#### NEWSPAPER NOTORIETY.

What the Press Says of Prominent People in Various Parts of the Habitable Globe. Mrs. Celia Thaxter, the artist and poet,

has become a convert to esoteric Buddhism. Mrs. N. P. Willis, widow of the poet and essayist, will take a house in Washington for

Senator Stanford is to bring 100 vineyardists from Bordeaux to work among his California vines.

Mrs. Susan B. Anthony and other ladies interested in the work are organizing woman suffrage clubs in Indiana.

Elias Wayman, of York state, is 104 years old and has used tobacco for ninety-four years. He fears it will be the death of him yet if he cannot break off the habit.

Thomas C. Hance, of Macedon, N. Y., is 106 years old. He is bent and wrinkled, and white haired and weak eyed and deaf, as befits his age, but "otherwise he is in sound condition."

The empress of Japan and her ladies abhor tailor made suits, but leve flowers and bright fancies and dote upon mirthful conversation. They always endeavor to remain little maids from school.

One of the most successful surgeons of Philadelphia is Dr. Caroline V. Anderson, the daughter of a wealthy negro coal merchant. She was graduated from the medical department of the University of Pennsyl-

The archbishop of Munich, Bavaria, has protested against the performance of Zoeliner's "Faust" at the theatre there. The reason of his objection is that three archangels are introduced in the prologue as acting and talking in the presence of God.

Verestchagin, the Russian artist, will paint some realistic scenes of poverty and eviction among the Irish peasants. He has also made some sketches of the tramps' rendezvous in Trafalgar square, London, which he will reproduce with accumulated horrors on canvas.

Pope Leo XIII is very fond of agriculture, and has a passion for planting trees. One of his first works after his election was to plant the garden of the Vatican with fruit trees and vines, and this year for the first time the grapes of the Vatican garden are turned into wine. His holiness superintends the operation and gives the necessary orders.

Mrs. Charles Dickens, who is visiting this country with her husband, is described as a motherly, sweet faced little English mation of the true British type, even to the bit of lace that answers for a cap and rests on the bands of smooth hair that is brushed so carefully off her pleasant face—a type of woman so distinctly different from the American matron.

Archibald Forbes has become a familiar figure on the streets of Washington. Mr. Forbes is still extremely weak, but his physicians do not consider his case hopeless. He has a magnificent physique and a strong constitution, and his improvement in health since he reached the capital is considered a most favorable sign. He and his wife receive a great many invitations to dinners and receptions, but owing to his feebleness are obliged to forego social pleasures.

Robert Louis Stevenson is living in a neat little cottage on the Saranac river at a thinly settled point. With him are his wife, mother and stepson, Lloyd Osborn. Mr. Stevenson is constantly growing stronger. He walks about half a mile every day over the snow, making use of Indian moccasins in his short tramps, His spirits have improved wonderfully since he entered the woods, and he smokes fewer cigarettes than formerly. The cold, windless, piny air which he breathes has strengthened his lungs and put new life into his frame.

When Mrs. Langtry was called before the curtain recently in a Toronto theatre a considerable number in the audience called for a speech. After hesitating for a moment she said: "I thank you for your kind and cordial reception of me, and I assure you that whatever corner of the earth I may be in I shall always retain a warm spot in my heart for Toronto. There is another reason why I am interested in your city. I have a dear brother buried in St. James' cemetery, and I don't like to think of him as being among strangers. I want you all as you pass to put a flower on his grave for my sake."

Madeleine Garnier, a niece of Joaquin Miller, is a clerk in the first assistant postmaster general's office. She lives entirely alone in the log cabin erected by Miller on Meridian hill, just outside of Washington. She seems to have no fear of danger in her out of the way retreat, and attributes her lack of nervousness to a clear conscience and the possession of a trusty revolver. She is a crack shot with this weapon, and devotes some of her spare moments every day to pistol practice. She is artistic in her tastes, and her sketches are extremely clever. At her department desk she is retiring, industrious and able.

### Gray's Latest Invention.

A wonderful account of the telautograph analogous to that of the telephone, and consists, briefly, of a plaque on which is laid the paper for writing the message. As the writing is done, the plaque vibrates under the pressure of the instrument used, which may be a pen, a pencil, or any other pointed may be a pen, a pencil, or any other pointed article, and a similar instrument at the other end of the line, acting synchronously, reproduces exactly what is written at the station of transmission, so that not only the words of the telegram but the reproduced writing of the sender will be put into the hands of the receiver. The advantages are so apparent that it is hardly necessary to name them. The telautograph is nearly finished, and it remains to be seen whether it will, in actual use, prove equal to the claims its inventor makes for it.-Detroit Free Press.

### Falls of the Rhine Threatened.

Visitors to the Rhine are well acquainted with the Rhine falls, situated at Schaffhausen, these forming the largest cataract in Europe. In this practical age of inventions and progress very few will be surprised to hear that an application has been made for a concession to utilize these magnificent falls for the manufacture of aluminium, the story of which, with numerous illustrations and maps, has been recently told by one of the American consuls,—London Times.

### A Modern Noah's Ark.

A covered wagon, eastward bound, passed through a Nebraska town a few days ago containing the owner of the outfit, his wife and five children, a living buffalo, an antelope, of pair of wolves, a pair of swift or prairie foxes and a box of white rats, besides a considerable store of provisions. - Chicago Tribune.

### Divorces in France.

The latest statistics in regard to divorce in France show that separations have been most frequent in the wealthy districts. Onehalf have been among the liberal professions and instituted by women, being generally on account of cruelty.

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