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DRAMA VICISSITUDES.

SOME POINTS WHICH BARRETT CAUTIOUSLY OVERLOOKED.

Trials of Actors and Plays in the Far and Reproachful West-Henry Guy Carleton Makes Some Side Splitting Remarks Upon The Vexed Question.

New York World.

I read with emotion the profound article on "The vicissitudes of the drama," by Mr. Lawrence Barrett, in the North American Review, and was surprised to learn how long and how much she had vicissed.

After speaking of the Roman and the Greek drama, and of the drama in the middle ages, when he was a little boy, Mr. Barrett remarks : "While we shall watch with interest this movement abroad, we may be sure that we have no cause to be idle here. In our land the glories of the English stage are with us in all stages, even of the Fifth avenue stages on cold days when the walk ing is not good for heavy tragedians in light

summer check suits. But of the local vicissitudes of the drama Mr. Barrett says nothing, and of the con dition of the railway ties and lunch facili ties between here and Sheboygan he refuses

Many a young and promising drama has started out for a Western tour in a private car and struck more vicissitudes in one week than Mr. Earrett mentions in a whole era, and the manager, who only had \$72 when he left New York has lost \$83,000, nearly the whole of which was in his mind's eye.

Mr. Barrett has forgotten to mention the harrowing vicissitudes of Mr. Gerald St. Wynne, who is cast for Lord Algernon in The Duchess' Secret, or the Tragedy of Wyndham Mere, and whose only suit was purchased at a misfit store.

The vicissitudes of the thin gentleman who is cast for Falstaff both in Henry IV. and in Montgomery, Ala., when the thermometer is 104 in the shade, seemed to have escaped his attention also.

I see eight pages devoted to the vicissitudes of the drama in general, but not one line to those of John A. Steven's great society drama, in three fits and a spasm, known as "The Unknown."

I beheld this powerful drama once, and saw the author himself play in it. The hero goes crazy in the second act, and remains so, but he could not help it. It was the most satisfying drama I ever saw. A little of it went a great way, and so did most of the audience.

I heartily concur with Mr. Barrett that "we have drawn alike from the English and continental literature in our plays," Messrs. Boucicault and Daly have drawn as regular ly as the Havana lottery, and as long as dictionaries and foreign authors are plentiful their fertility will continue to amaze

Some of our plays are distinctly national in character, but two of these, Adonis and We, Us & Co. have entirely escaped Mr. Barrett's notice.

It is easier to write a play with a pair of shears and a hired translator than by working the brain and it is a blessing that this native process continues to be popular.

The noblest and most instructive dramas are those written specially to fit some particular star. I saw a play once called 'The Dog Detective," which was written to fit a large, bow-legged bull terrier, and made a great hit. The dog detected the villain in the first act, chewed his leg in the second, sampled his abdomen in the third and po-lished him off in the fourth, amid the tumultuous plaudits of a large and fashionable au-

Some of the vicissitudes of travel might have been made very interesting had Mr. Barrett chosen to be personal. When Brutus and Cassius have to come on in the fourth act with nothing but a Roman shirt and a quarrel to keep their legs warm, it becomes necessary to set up a stove in the tent at Phillippi, and then critics, who know nothing about the true exigencies of the stage, point out the anarchronism and make

Mr. Barrett says that "divines and scholars hopefully regard the future of the theatre as a grand helpmate in the education and culture of the nation." This is nobly true. Those divines who have seen "The Corsair," and "Mazulm" will agree that for education, especially in anatomy, some of our recent productions are powerful help mates, and I have noticed with pleasure that venerable civizens go night after night and occupy the first row as a slight token of esteem. When we contemplate the proud fact that fifty active young ladies, neatly clad in a spear, a tin shield and a sunny smile, threading the mazes of the "Ama zons' March," will make money six hundred consecutive days, while "Othello" will not run one night, we can justly esteem the progress which has been made. - HENRY GUY CARLETON.

THE WORK OF A MESMERIST.

The Mysterious Case of a Young Lady in a Michigan Town. CHICAGO, Feb. 7.—It is stated that Dwight

T. Holmes, a mesmerist, put a young lady named Annete Garlanger, of Alamo, Mich., under hypnotic influence on Jan. 9th, and while in this state she smoked a cigar- and did other strange things at Holmes' command. Then he experimented on Kitty Rood, and it is claimed ordered her to feign death. She obeyed and the exhibition proved an agreeable one to the spectators until it was found that respiration had ceased. A doctor was called and he pronounced it a case of heart disease and said the girl was

The funeral occurred on Jan. 13th and the night before Holmes disappeared, having first exacted a promise from Miss Gallanger that she would say nothing about the matter. At the grave, however, she became violently hysterical and was conveyed home, where, after composing herself, she told the story. There was then a mad rush to the cemetery and the coffin was dug up. Dr. Vanderburg, of Paw Paw, who had been summoned pronounced the girl not dead though life was hanging by a very slender thread. When a tendon was touched with a sharp pointed rod, a slight contraction was noticed. Several persons who claimed to be possessed of hypnotic power presented themselves, but they could not call Miss Kitty from her trance. Holmes is believed to be the only one who can bring her out of her present condition. He is thought to be in hiding for fear of arrest for manslaughter. Detectives are looking for him.

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WASHINGTON LETTER-

Changes in the Term of Office of the Presi

dent and Members.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3. - Among the little things and big things that have been done in congress this week I will mention that the senate, unanimously and without de-bate, voted to substitute the 30th of April for the 4th of March as inauguration day. They also voted that the term of office of the president and of the fiftieth congress shall continue until the 30th day of April, 1889, at noon ; that the senators whose existing term would expire on the 4th of March, 1889. (and thereafter), shall continue in office until the 30th of April succeeding such expiration, and that the 30th of April shall thereafter be substituted for the 4th of March as the commencement and termination of the official term of the president, vice-president, senators and representatives

In the house end of the capitol there is on the calendar another constitutional amendment awaiting a vote. It fixes the day for the meeting of congress on the first Monday in January, and the time of final adjournment at noon on the 31st of December. This, you see, would practically make a continuous session for the two years' term, interrupted by only such recesses as both houses should agree to.

Prohibition bills, memorials and petitions continue to pour in upon both houses. One of the latest and strongest is the result of the yearly meeting of the society of friends in Baltimore, which shows that the friends do not believe in half way measures. The petition calls for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the manufacture, exportation, importation, transportation, and sale of liquors in the United States.

There was a little contest in the senate over the one cent postage bill. In presenting the senatorial post-office committee's adverse report upon the dainty measure, Chairman Sawyer stated that the post office department was not self-supporting yet, and therefore it was not time to attempt any further reduction on letter postage. Senators Beck, Hoar, Platt, and others each believed in penny postage. They argued that the people wanted and demanded better and cheaper mail service, that they had never asked that the post office department should be self-sustaining, nor had they ever complained of extravagance in that branch of the government. Members of the house generally favor the reduction of postage, on drop letters, at least, to one cent. There are other bills on the subject besides the one snubbed by the senate committee, and others are being prepared which will be introduced at an early day. During the one cent discussion Senator Beck said he could not understand how the government could afford to carry bonnets, harness, and all kinds of merchandise over the country fer a cent an ounce, and not be able to carry the intelligence of the people at the same

It is said that the forthcoming tariff bill, which is being framed with such care that it is expected to please the whole country, is not of a radical character. The revenue reformers who are clamoring for a reduction on the necessaries of life will be pleased, it is thought, with the disposition made of wool, woellen goods, cotton goods, and sugar. The Randall democrats will be placated with the duties of tobacco, cut, some \$20,000,000, while the whiskey tax will not be touched.

A VIGOROUS CHURCH.

The Many Interes a arctully Looked After -Canadians at the Head of It.

One of the best organized and certainly most aggressive of the New York parishes is that of St. George. This parish is in charge of the Rev. W. S. Rainsford, a very enthusiastic worker, with a natural taste for business details, which appears in the perfect system of mapping out and working up the city districts from river to river and end to end of the island. The charity work of that parish is divided into eight departments, the poor fund, visiting committee, sick nursery, delicacies for the sick, industrial school, employment society, and seaside work. Mr. Rainsford said : "No account can give any idea of the amount of good that is done by the fifty or more ladies who devote themselves to these works. Almost \$3,000 have been distributed in groceries, lodging, rents, drugs, shoes, nurses' wages, thanksgiving meals, coal, milk, woodyard tickets, and direct relief during the past year. Two hundred and fifty families in that time received dinners, and nineteen hundred garments given away. Two thousand individuals belonging to poor families are under the care of this church.

"The sesside work is a prominent feature of its charity. The collection for this purpose for the present year amounted to \$2, 117. A home-like cottage, the equal in location and condition of any well ordered seaside hotel, has been engaged at Rockaway through the past three seasons. Tired mothers, shop girls, boys and girls from the various clubs, and teachers to an average of 123 daily, have found rest, good luncheons, and good times at this pleasant summer home. An expert swimmer is employed to superintend the bathing. Nearly 9,000 people in all were given the advantage of a brief rest there during the last season. One of our most active workers is Mrs. John Pierre pout Morgan Her name with that of Mrs. Astor and the younger Vanderbilts, W. H. and Cornelius (juniors), are seen frequently on our subscription lists against amounts proportionate to their means. The responses to calls for aid in this church are remarkably prompt and liberal. The people are well trained in habits of giving, and have full cause to justify their generosity in the ex-cellent work that is being done."

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