CHRISTMAS TREE BALLAD. NEW YORK HAS ONE OF ITS OWN.

An Air Which is Hummed by Shoppers on the Streets—Fully 106,000 Spruce and Balsam Sapplings Drawn From the Catskills, the Adirondacks and Maine—Central Park Bears Enjoy the First Heavy Snow—Prima Donna Receives \$14,000 From a Phonograph Company—Freak Christmas Jewelry in the Shop Windows Theatrical Notes.

Theatrical Notes.

Correspondence of The Observer.

New York, Dec. 16.—It is expected that fully 100,000 spruce and balsam saplings for Christmas trees will arrive here from forests of the Adirondaks, Catakills and from Maine. Among the trees brought to the city were specimens from which \$1.00 to \$14.00 are asked. Trees from Maine, the double balsams, are accounted the best. They are the most symmetrical and bushy, and they have a snow-like shimmer when lighted up.

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The trees bring the breath of the country to city homes, and the fragrance of the woods and the flavor of the forest give the touch of nature to the candles, the trinkets and the gifts; and down around the market the sight of the piles of Christmas trees recalls the memories of many childhoods away from the tall buildings, the paved streets and the electric lights of childhood under a star and moons it sky which seemed very near and very friendly, but the children of the city don't know what they miss and szen't troubled with any regretful and agen't troubled with any regretful memories when they see the sloping branches of the green shrubs that shel-ter of Pop Santa Claus's reindeer. As the first batch of trees made its appearance on the West Side one little street urchin shouted, "Hully chee? it's a Crissermus tree. Santy's a-com-in," And his fellows gathered with and danced a Highland fling about it that would have made a band of Sioux turn green with envy. The pas-sers-by went along, humming, un-

'I want a little horsey.

An' Martie wants a doll;

Pop, he wants a dead-sure tip,

An' Bob a bat and ball.

Ma' she wants a sealskin;

A' diamond ring for Mame.

Bo hurry up, Old Santy,

The Christmas tree has came." Not since the famous Prince Henry

the Metropolitan Opera House. The performance was "Aida," that most tuneful work by the melodist Verdi, who apotheosized the melodious possibilities of singing. The evning mark-ed the re-entry here as "Aida of Mme. Emnis Eames

to diminish the size of this huge audi-torium. Then down in the orchestra a sounding board has been built under and bringing their volume of sound in-to greater prominence. On the open-ing right as high as \$40.00 was paid for tickets.

The heaviest, snow of the season came the first week in December. Eastern people are always sympathizing the Northwest on account of its Dakota blizgards," so when the young "Dakota blizzarda," so when the young blizzard struck New York, it was re-ported that the Mayor of Bismarck telegraphed Mayor McClellan offering his sympathy and asking if he could do anything to fielp New York put. "Yes," wired back Mayor McClellan. "Come and take your d—n blizzard away!"

The snow brought great delight to the deer and other hardy animals in Central Park. While the children and Central Park. While the children and grown folks trooped in front of the bear dens at the park, "Snub Ears," one of the bables in the den marked the "nursery," sudenly created an immense gensation by stopping his game of leap-frog with the other little fellows to climb to the top of the stone cliff in the back of the yards. All the other bears watched him. What was "Snub Ears" going to do? He carefully crept along the ridge till he came to a place where the rock ran down to a place where the rock ran down at a steep angle to the door of the cage, twelve or fifteen feet. Then, sitting down, and poking his feet forward as a boy does when he slides down a cellar door, "Snub Ears" let go and tobogganned to the bottom of the hill. He brought up hard on the ge and tobogganied to the bottom of the hill. He brought up hard on the bottom of the cage, and not having the usual schoolboy's trousers to protect him, seemed surprised for a moment at

usual schoolboy's trousers to protect him, seemed surprised for a moment at the roughness of the icy stones. But in a moment he got up and capered back to the top of the hill. "Stop that, "Snub Ears!" called a keeper. He'll have his back all scars again," he added. He slid down again with all the delight in the world depicted in his solemn face. By the time the keeper made his way toward them governal other bears were sliding on "Snub Ears" chute and the grouty old mothers confirmed in the neighboring cells were standing up, scolding, and looking as if they wanted to de some spankins. But they couldn't. The keeper made his way toward the young animals, fore down their temporary "chute the chute" and walked off growling: "That Snub Ears, that brown European bear, can invent more mischief in two minutes than any other animal in the park."

says: "It may be that the plaintiff has made a profitable bargain, and that the party who has been induced by fraud to become a subscriber for the shares of a corporation may waive the fraud; but it is also his right to have the contract annulled. In a court of equity it is the fraud but not the damages: which would entitle him to relief."

The tarantula, half frozen, had failen into a pile of excelsior in the gutter,

Grant's Tomb was found to beleaking in many places and for several week's workmen have been making repairs on it. The magnificent granite and marble monument will be entirely overhauled and subjected to the same waterproof preparation of paraffin and wax that was used on the obelisk in Central Park a few years are when Central Park a few years ago when that relic began to show signs of perishing from the stress of the elements.

The fourteenth annual meeting of the New York Kindergarten Association was held at Sherry's, at which meeting the president riointed out that there are approximately 600,000 chil-

the winner of the fellowship, and to the publication and free distribution of the result of the research work. The splendid collection of scientific apparatus belonging to Mr. Adams, who presented Columbia with the gift in memory of his son, is also given to the knowledge, he will, unconsciously, consiler of the supposed to possess such a variously developed mind that he can take hold of any one of the many things with the results of our efforts. A reporter of The San Francisco Chronicle who saw the monster is authority for the statement that the which he has to deal and execute them with the facility and exactness of an expert. But when he is given something outside the sphere of his intimate knowledge, he will, unconsciously, consider it from the viewpoint of something else.

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Work on the Cathedral of St. John the Divine, on Morningside Heights, received a new impetus last week by the placing in position of the lower half of the eighth and last huge pil-lar which will support the apsis. Ef-forts are now being made to obtain the necessary funds to complete the great choir and "crossing." which are to illustrated by the following: have a seating capacity of 5,000 persons. It is estimated that one million dollars will be required to finish the work of roofing over the choir and the performance has so huge and so en-thusiastic an audience assembled to hear opera as marked the opening of this amount, \$200,000 was pledged conwere to be married. The young lady crossing of nave and transept. Of this amount, \$200,000 was pledged configured in a lavender luncheon somewhere, but had neglected to leave the address with the present, and \$100,000 was unconditionally pledged by another citizen of the present, and \$100,000 was unconditionally pledged by another citizen of the clay editor issued a general order to all hands from the editor to the convergence of the convergence of the convergence of the clay editor issued a general order to the convergence of the converge whose name also is not revealed.

The auditorium has undergone a marked change for the better in that the best hotels in the city were questioned on the subject of favorite winders with the decorative scheme of the proscenium arch erected last season. The new ceiling is heavy with a gold and brilliant with electroliers, but the house about the result of appearing to the cold weather, severages, and all say that whiskey and soda is an easy first. This drink is in constant demand, and with the gold and brilliant with electroliers, but the house of cold weather the sale of 'Scotch' especially goes bounding up. it brings about the result of appearing to diminish the size of this huge auditorium. Then down in the orchestra age consumption of winskey during the fallacy that the cost of living has increased. Mr. Gray is a man of afthe fall was five hundred dozen botfairs, knowing well the condition of the
string instruments, raising these tles a month. Hollands are stationary;
markets, and it is not reasonable to asthe gin-drinker, it seems, is thoroughly conservative; he refuses to change his "appetiser." The "Hot Tom and Jerthreatens to become extinct so far as the hotels are concerned, and sherry It is rumored that a phonograph sompany has affered a prima donna who sings at the Metropolitan Opera Housa this winter \$14,000 for four songs. That is, \$6,000 as soon as the songs are sung and \$2,000 a year for four years sung and \$2,000 a year for four years. as a reward for not singing into any and is said to contain quite a load of other machine. It seems that great "cheer," but all information is refused

she a reward for not singing into any orther machine. It seems that great cheer," but all information is refused and many are the means of income, of a goddess of, grand opera, an that one could live splendidly on the income derived from using a pill. a perfilma, a. plano or a phonograph.

The tangle of vehicles that has here to great the whole or a mentation of the modern to fore existed at Twenty-third street and Broadway was strightness out in an hour one day last week by the traffic poles aquad, it was wonderful countries in the great of the worst considered in position with least of the decadent spirit of the word of the word of the worst of the words of the words in the property of the words the tangled mass of vehicles into their channels. All vehicles going uptown, whether on Fifth avenue or Broadway, were ordered to turn to the right curb on Fifth avenue and then go to Twenty-fifth street. Then they could turn west. All vehicles going on the conventionalized lines of artificially trained Japanese trees, uniting them with geometric designs taken from Egyptian sources—then, in a general way, one has the ingredients of the jewels which gleam and sparkle in the shop windows at this season. It is said that the explanation is—oh, ing that there were no rehearsals, the

ty and cozy and compact.

Thousands of pieces of mail were re-cently delayed in delivery to the down-town district from one of the branch postoffices by the clogging of the com-pressed air tube from the general pressed air tube from the general postoffice. Ice formed on the inner surface of the tube and caught the metal shells that are used to hold the mail. It was several hours before the shells could be forced through, and a tremendous pressure of air was necessary.

The record price of \$1,300 was paid at auction in the second day's sale of the late Bishop J. F. Hurst's fine collection of American books, for a first edi-tion of the Mohawk Prayer Book. This volume, next to John Eliot's In-This volume, next to John Eliot's Indian Bible, is considered the rarest and most valuable of all books written for the instruction of the Indians of North America. It is a small quarto of 136 pages. The rare second edition of John Eliot's Indian Bible brought \$410.

A West Indian tarantula, boasting of legs somewhat greater than the circumference of the average tea saucer, reached a fruit stand down near South Ferry on Saturday last, in a consignment of bananas. Its residence was handed down in the United a Circuit Court last week by was discovered when the proprietor undertook the separation of the bananas into the regulation "hands." As a cratically of the bananas into the regulation "hands." As the worked, "Tom," his colored heiper, took charge of the bananas and carried them into the store. Item had just though the increased value of the completed a trip when he noticed the unwelcome guest. A West Indian tarantula, boasting of

len into a pile of excelsior in the gutter, and when the filmsy stuff was set on fire the big bug got out and sped off toward the sub-way.

FAN OSBORNE LOVETT.

THE SOCIETY REPORTER ABSENT Other Members of the Staff, Including the Office Boy, Write Up a Wed-ding.

Brooklyn Times.
It is an established fact that environ-

There is hardly anything in the world more varied than the work of a newspaper nian. He is assumed to be ready for anything, and is expected to reel off a readable story on short notice on any subject, from the relation of the celes-

to all hands, from the editor to the copy ach worth mentioning. On account of the cold weather, several of the head liquor dispensers at things he got:

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sume that, in the fact of depressing out notice to the public. times, he would undertake the added 4.00 a. m., No. 8, daily, for responsibilities that come with matri-mony. This happy wedding only serves for Winston-Salem, Raleigh, Goldsboro, to prove the accuracy of the statements Newbern and Morehead City, at Danville we have made regarding general conditions. Prosperity is here, and it has 6:05 a. m.. No. 27, daily, for Rock Hill, come to stay. come to stay.

This was passed up by the sporting for Statesville, Taylorsville and local points; connects at Mooresville for Wingray was held at the beautiful and Al Statesville for Hickory. Gray was held at the house of the bride Lenoir, Blowing Rock. Asheville and

Broadway theatres, and it is thought that New Yorkers will welcome the moderate-priced theatre, for with all the necessaries of life at famine prices, it is well to be able to economize on the luxuries.

When they enlarge the lobby of this new "enterprise" a lot and cut the play will probably run all season. The lobby remains in the mind, perhaps because it was the first and last thing through which novelty-seeking New York squeezed its way. It's so ridicuously small that you scarcely have room for asociable "Howdy!" and if you go not between acts you more than some of the interests that were converted to the theory of the interest that were converted to the converting the product of the most bitter political fructors to the play will probably run all season. The lobby remains in the mind, perhaps because it was the first and last thing through which novelty-seeking New York squeezed its way. It's so ridicuously small that you scarcely have room for asociable "Howdy!" and if you go not between acts you more than earn your drink or cigarette. For the rest, architecturally, the house, in its and coverage of the most bitter for the rest, architecturally, the house, in its and coverage of the most bitter political fructors. The political fructors are political fructors to find the provision of the most bitter political fructors to find the provision of the most bitter political fructors to find the provision of the most bitter political fructors to find the provision of the most bitter political fructors to find the provision of the most bitter political fructors to find the provision of the most bitter political fructors to find the provision of the most bitter political fructors to find the provision of the most bitter political fructors. The political has healed all wounds, and it was said Diring car service. in political circles to-day that Gray will not oppose Flaherty, the organization candidate, for alderman.

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Candidate, for alderman.

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Miss Smith and Mr. Gray was married to-day. There was a lot of cops around the house, and McSnide, the shampion 100-yard man, was there. Everybody was dressed swell, and after the thing was over everybody went downstairs to as fine a feed as Tim Sullivan aver gove it was all sight. Sullivan ever gave. It was all right. The result of all this effort was that the city editor threw all these effusions, and many more like them, into the waste basket, and sent his sleuths looking for the home of the lavender luncheon. Such is the power of woman

DECEMBER FISH STORIES.

The Tale of a Big Shark Which is Vouched for by Newspaper Re-

Chicago Inter-Ocean. It is a triffe unseasonable, but it should not for that reason be wholly ignored. A fish story is a fish story, even in December.

This one has to de with a shark re-

This one has to do with a shark recently caught by Captain Angelo Carnella and his crew of seven in the fishing boat, Riva, off Alcatray island, near San Francisco.

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