

Amusements

Boats have sold rapidly for the engagement of "The Virginian," which is to be seen here to-night. This play is a dramatization by Owen Wister and Kirk La Sells of Mr. Wister's novel of the same name...

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their complete reconciliation and the beginning of what they regard a new career.

A GREAT PIANIST.

The Scranton, Pa. Times had the following notice of a concert at Scranton by Signor Angelo Patricola, who, with the Richardson Orchestra, will give a concert at the Academy of Music Friday night:

Another of the notably great pianists visited Scranton on Saturday evening, giving a remarkable program at the Conservatory of Music, in its concert hall. Angelo Patricola, a Sicilian by birth and protégé of the late King Humbert of Italy, is a handsome young man of distinguished presence...

Patricola's programme included the "Moonlight" Sonata by Beethoven, set of Chopin compositions ending with the immense Polonaise, ops. 33, three works of his own, four selected compositions by Gottschalk—"The Last Hope," Pasquinade, Manchega, Tremolo—and finally Rossini's "Overture to William Tell," arranged for piano by Liszt.

Patricola is best in those numbers which give play to his warm, enthusiastic temperament and dramatic virility. The scintillant delivery of brilliant passages and the resounding sweep of his thunderous chords were in instant contrast to the delicacy and sweetness of the more tender passages.

CUPID'S VICTIMS' TROUBLES.

A Prospective Groom in a Quandary—Board Near the Sky and Cottages Scarce—High Charges for Board and Scarcity of Cottages Due to Influx of People into the City.

He was quietly swearing to himself in an abstracted sort of way, this victim of Cupid. Knowing that he was to be married within the fortnight, the reporter asked "Why the long face?"

"It's this boarding house proposition," exclaimed the fellow in a tone of disgust and resentment. "What the devil is a married man to do in Charlotte, if he is married, I've hunted high and low and can't find a boarding place that half way suits me for less than \$65 a month, and several places want \$75 and \$80. For a man working for a moderate salary that leaves little for clothes and the other necessities of life, to say nothing of any luxuries."

"The only other recourse is a cottage and housekeeping, and it is harder to get a cottage than it is to get a wife. If a fellow wants to feel well at ease he must build a cottage of his own before he surrenders to Cupid."

There is no doubt but that the problem of living is becoming a serious one. Even to those in the best circumstances, the servant problem is a most worrying one and some of Charlotte's most popular society women sometimes have to do all of their house work for a more or less indefinite period. The unusually large charges for board and the scarcity of cottages and residences is due to the great influx of people into the city. The demand exceeds the supply and abnormal prices result.

MR. S. H. HARDWICK HERE.

He Talks Interestingly Concerning Labor and Railroad Business. Mr. S. H. Hardwick, passenger traffic manager of the Southern Railway, was in the city yesterday. He is making a tour through the South, studying the schedules and the conditions, with a view to making some changes or improvements for the winter. In talking in a general way with an Observer man, Mr. Hardwick said some very interesting things concerning the scarcity of labor, the demand for it, the growth of this section of the country, its needs and so forth. He admitted that it was almost impossible for the Southern to keep pace with the progress of the country. He said that it was difficult to secure labor to make improvements and to build new lines. It required three times as long and cost three times as much to build the double track from Washington to Orange, Va. as it was anticipated that it would do. Everything seems to be in big proportions to-day.

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A Scene From "Everyman."

so many of the best actors were not able to keep enough of his world's goods about them to make them comfortable in their old age. In reply he said: "I deny in the first place that many of the best men in my profession do come to old age with but little to show for their long and busy years of work. Those old days of providence are passed. We are getting more and more rational every year. We are getting more and more like (and possibly too much like) our friends, the business men. Now that we have anything against the business man. On the contrary we look up to the business man with great respect and admiration. But his ways are not, or at least should not, be like our ways and our ways should not be like his. A true artist has more or less of the insane man about him. It is not possible for an artist to be too great a business man. Neither is it profitable for the business man to be much of an actor. The two professions do not fit in one with the other. Just as soon as we allow the idea of money to come between us and our successors just there we belittle our calling and because this is so, we cannot afford to hamper our art with too great a regard for the money returns of a production or of a particular part. We have learned a little about contracts and are more provident and careful of our money than we used to be, but we are still children in the ways of finance and I hope will remain so for some time to come. We owe it to the world to be the best possible actor just as business men owe it to themselves to be the best business men they possibly can, and, if by becoming more worldly wise, we should become less able to take care of our parts upon the stage we would have little to care for with our increased knowledge and love the greater in looking for a less."

the young man's head and he finds that his old pleasures as well as his old companions and chums have ceased to amuse him. Ruth Jordan, the daughter of the boarding house mistress, a shrewd, shallow, calculating, catty girl, with a certain amount of dash and brazenness of manner, appeals to Carlisle's new point of view and she wins him away from Ann Gray. Sam Mead, a secret service agent, who is devoted to Anna Gray, tells her of the discovery of his chief, that in the redemption department some one is putting together small bits of bills and passing the three-fifths of the bills into general circulation. It is made apparent that Carlisle is the guilty party, but not until the second act, in the little Gray lady's room in the second story front of the boarding house. Mead comes to her and asks her if she ever took money which didn't belong to her. He tells her that the most recent theft is that of a hundred dollar bill which has been marked by the secret service men, which, when found by the department, will absolutely fix the guilt of the criminal. The secret service men have narrowed the possibility of the theft on four persons, of whom she is one and Carlisle another.

"EVERYMAN." The most novel dramatic performance ever seen on the local stage will be given at the Academy to-morrow evening, when "Everyman" is to be performed by the Ben Greet players, of London. "Everyman" is the finest of all the old moral plays, and the monks used to act in the Middle Ages, at a time when the stage was entirely in the hands of the Church. It is an intensely interesting play, this "Everyman," an allegory culminating in the drama's struggle between Everyman and Death. So vivid is the telling of this simple story, one which is so pertinent to every soul in the audience, that the religious element of the play is over-topped by its tremendous dramatic interest, with the result that a play revived as a literary curiosity by the Elizabethan Stage Society has become one of the most successful plays on the stage to-day. In London, New York, Boston, Chicago and Philadelphia the play has had long runs as acted by Ben Greet's famous English Shakespearian company.

In "Everyman" the stage is set to show the cloister yard of a cathedral in Spain, just such a place as would be chosen in the medieval period for the performance of such a work. Many of the characters make their exits and entrances through the audience. No orchestra is used, the music being supplied by an organ and cello. There are a score of characters, the principal ones being Adonai, Death, Everyman, Knowledge, Good Deeds, Goods, Doctor and Fellowship. In England the Deity was represented on the stage, but in this country the Voice only is heard. The Ben Greet Company has long held a high rank in England as a Shakespearian company, and comes here under the personal direction of Mr. Greet, himself.

At the Academy Saturday, matinee and night, will appear one of the most delightful of the medieval period for the engagement of the charming Helen Granity in the latest New York success, "The Little Gray Lady," written by Channing Pollock. Mr. Pollock is one of the youngest authors, although his name has been prominently identified with the theatrical world for several years. His reputation as a dramatist has been derived from the making of stage versions of several popular novels, but with "The Little Gray Lady" came his first serious effort as an original dramatist, and if its reception in New York by both the critics and laymen can be taken as a criterion of future accomplishments, he will occupy a prominent position among the native authors.

"The Little Gray Lady" finds its greatest charm in the simplicity of the story, the attractiveness of its atmosphere, the human quality of its characters and the skill of its construction, as well as the brilliancy of its dialogue. Stepped under the personal direction of Miss Granity, the character of the play is maintained with singular fidelity and is confined to the trials and tribulations, the sorrows and joys of a little coterie of government employes and their associates in the typical boarding house of Washington. The action of the play opens in the back yard of a Washington boarding house. Anna Gray, the "Little Gray Lady," has accepted a position as clerk in the redemption department and is living at the boarding house, the partners of which are all employees of the government. Ezra Carlisle, another clerk by the same division, has been the playmate and afterwards the lover of Anna in both Illinois town from which they both came. The transitions from the quiet life of a village community to the glitter and glamor of the nation's capital, turn



Miss Helen Granity in "The Little Gray Lady."

er, Carlisle has arranged to elope with the Jordan girl and, slightly under the influence of liquor, comes into Anna Gray's room and accidentally drops his pocketbook. Arriving at the railroad station he misses it and returns for it. Anna Gray discovers that he has a marked hundred dollar bill and endeavors to keep him from spending it, but he and her rival rush to the depot, where they are stopped by the girl's father before departing for Baltimore.

In the next act the secret service department has fixed the guilt on Carlisle. All that remains to be done is to obtain the marked one hundred dollar bill. This Carlisle has given to a ticket agent whom he is unable to locate. Mead comes to make the arrest, but by a clever ruse the "Little Gray Lady" destroys part of the evidence of the crime, giving Carlisle a chance to escape to Venezuela and takes upon herself his guilt of the offense, believing that she can extricate herself from the difficulty. In the last act, Carlisle, regaining his sense of manly obligation, returns to take his punishment, but through the efforts of Anna Gray and her friends he is cleared and the play closes with

KNUCKLEY CASE CONTINUED.

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