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Four ladies stood at the box office window at Palmer's theatre recently just before the performance began and spent five minutes in selecting seats. There were not many to choose from. The house was nearly all sold out, and four seats in one of the rear rows in the orchestra and a few in the balcony were all that were left, save an isolated chair here and there. The ladies finally concluded to sit in the orchestra, and as they announced their decision each pushed a bank note through the window to the ticket seller. They were intimate friends, critically, and had come to the theatre in a party, but each paid her own way.

"I wonder why it is," said the ticket seller, when the rush of business was over and he had a chance to breathe, "that everybody pays his own way at a matinee."

"Is that the rule at matinees any more than it is at evening performances?" a Star reporter asked.

"Why, yes. For the evening performance a large proportion of the seats are sold in advance. A man will buy a couple of seats during the day, or perhaps several days ahead. If a party of four people or a greater number intend to visit the theatre together, some one of them will secure seats for the whole, and long enough ahead so that he can get them in a block and in a desirable part of the house. But even if several people attend in a group and get their seats on the spot, one of the gentlemen in the party will select and pay for them, and if he is not entertaining will settle the little financial pool with his friends afterward, if he has not levied an assessment before they have reached the house. You seldom see a 'Dutch treat' in the evening."

"A 'Dutch treat'?"

"Yes, 'Dutch treat,' Pennsylvania treat." Every one pays his own way, you know, and pays it on the spot. It's a matinee institution. Sometimes two men will come up to the window at an afternoon performance and each buy his own seat, but not often. It is a sort of woman's fad. It makes a big difference in the work of handling tickets whether we sell them singly or in pairs or in blocks of four or more. Men are naturally liberal—extravagant, if you please—in such matters. A man will ask a friend to go to the theatre with him, and at his cost, with the same grace that he will offer him a cigar. But women very rarely entertain each other outside of their own home when it costs money to do it."

The ticket sellers at other theatres had similar stories to tell. The man who sells you "the best in the house" at the Fifth avenue said that women from the suburbs had a monopoly of the "matinee Dutch treat" at that house. "And each one of a party passes in a big bank note, usually a ten dollar bill," he continued, "and I have to make change four times in what is virtually a single sale. I wonder how it is that they always have big bills. Women who come to a matinee very seldom have the exact change to offer, and rarely hand in a two dollar note in payment for a seat. Almost always it is a ten dollar note that is pushed in through the window, and it is usually folded up. When I have unfolded four ten dollar notes and handed out four piles of change of \$5.50 each, as I frequently do, I have done about all the work I ought to in selling four seats."—New York Star.

The Royal Widows of Europe.

There never were, I think, so many royal widows in the regal circles of Europe in existence at one time as there are at present. Beginning with Queen Victoria, the Empress Eugenie and the two German empresses, Augusta Victoria, there are now Queen Christina of Spain, the Duchess of Albany and, latest of all, the Grand Duchesses Stephanie, whose aunt, the mad Empress Carlotta of Mexico, has never put on widow's weeds, as she is in daily expectation of the arrival at her present home of the Emperor Maximilian. What a brilliant destiny that unfortunate prince threw away when he left the charming shades of Miramas to run after the will-o'-the-wisp grandeur of a vision-empire in the new world. He would have been now, by the death of his nephew, Prince Rudolph, the heir to the Austrian throne, and popular and beloved as he was, he would have been rapturously hailed as the future emperor by the nations under the sway of Austria. Napoleon III did his most fatal work when he lured the intelligent, amiable Maximilian from his conjugal happiness and the brilliant possibilities of his future, to work out his own sinister designs, which were not for the aggrandizement of the unfortunate archduke, nor even for the regularization of French claims in Mexico, but which were simply covert acts of hostility against the United States. "I have carved you an empire out of a block of silver," was the remark of Napoleon to Maximilian when the latter came to take leave of him. It was not an empire but a sarcophagus that the crowned Mephistopheles had hollowed out for his luckless guest, and not from a block of silver, but from one of granite—not in sunny Mexico, but in the dim funeral vault of the Hapsburgs—Paris Cor. St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

The Nickel in the Slot.

You can drop a nickel in the slot and get almost anything. You can get your weight, your height, try your grip, try your lungs, get your bonbons and chocolate, etc. The latest thing is an automatic insurance policy. It is for railroad employes only. There is one of these boxes up in the Lake Shore depot. Underneath the glass in front is a copy of the ticket. The employe drops a nickel in the slot and gets an accident insurance. Ticket good for twenty-four hours. The same company has a box in the Palmer house for traveling men only. The benefit is so much for death through an accident and so much per week while suffering from injuries sustained.—Chicago Herald.

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WOMEN'S COURAGE.

Two Girls Who Brave a Storm, but Fly in Terror from Halls.

Miss Nina Trevelyan and her sister Nannie, two young girls, left their residence, near Norfolk, Va., a few days ago, accompanied by a gentleman friend, on a wild goose and duck expedition in the bay. Both ladies were familiar with the use of shot guns and anticipated a pleasant time. At 3 o'clock they procured a sail boat and sped across the bay, where the blinds were ready for occupancy. After sundown, when they had secured considerable game, they hoisted sail and endeavored to make the landing from which they embarked. The night was very dark and they were on the eastern side of the Chesapeake. When they started the wind was northeast. They did not discover that it had changed to several points to the south and lost their reckoning. For hours they beat up and down the Chesapeake, lost as if in midocean. The night was bitter cold, and the gale high, but the girls never expressed any fear. They were seated amidships, in heavy blankets that had been used for blinds. No sign of human habitation or civilization-hove in sight until after midnight, when their craft ran into a lot of anchored skiffs. This brought them to the shore, where, at midnight, after being exposed to the weather, they discovered a cabin in which they found a plenty of food, and soon had a crackling fire, but it was a long time before the half frozen ladies recovered. Finding four bunks in the cabin they, with much persuasion, were induced to try to get a little sleep. Suddenly a piercing scream came from Miss Nina, who sprang to the center of the cabin, holding her skirts high towards heaven. The other young lady, frightened almost to death, sprang, too, and, finding several severe contusions and at the same time adding her soprano to the music. The trouble was explained when the younger one exclaimed, "Rats!" Investigation proved that a horde of marsh rats had entered the cabin and sought refuge under the blankets and the pillows. At day-break Sunday sail was hoisted and, after scouring the bay shore for hours, they finally discovered their landing, arriving home late that evening. The girls were received with open arms by their parents, who had given them up for lost.—Baltimore American.

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Many Struggling Men Keep Pup by Supporting a Useless Cautie.—Toledo Blade.

Horses are nearly all kept on the installment plan now.—Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

A Thackeray Dinner.

Thackeray was in high spirits, and when the cigars were lighted he said that there should be no speech making, but that everybody, according to the old rule of festivity should sing a song or tell a story. Lester Wallace's father, James Wallace, was one of the guests, and with a kind of shyness, which was unaccounted for, appeared in a veteran actor, he pleaded earnestly that he could not sing and knew no story. But with friendly persistence, which was yet not immoderate, Thackeray declared that no excuse could be allowed, because it would be a manifest injustice to every other modest man at table, and put a summary end to the hilarity. It was to be a general sacrifice, a round table of magnanimity. "Now, Wallace," he continued, "we all know you to be a truthful man. You can, of course, since you say so, neither sing a song nor tell a story. But I tell you what you can do, and what every soul at this table knows you can do better than any living man—you can give us the grand scene from the 'Rent Day.'"

The Evolution of Toys.

Harlow Gale has written a thoughtful article tracing the evolution of holidays. He might take as a theme the evolution of toys and other means of amusement. The advance along this line has been something tremendous in the past few years. The toys of a few years ago were pretty tame beside the ones of today. They have become so respectable, in fact, that adults may get recreation from them, and even get enthusiastic in their use. Think what a furore the bicycle has made. Minneapolis wheelmen are now numbered by the hundred, and few people now stop to consider a moment whether it is dignified to ride a wheel. Even the ministers employ them. Amateur photography likewise is brightening existence for thousands of people. The latest and probably the most delightful toy that could well be imagined is the phonograph. To be sure it may become vastly more than a toy. But even as such it has a great future before it. Think of the thousand one novel uses to which it can be put. It tires the imagination, even to picture the thing beforehand. As a bedside comforter it could have no rival for years to come.—St. Paul Pioneer Press.

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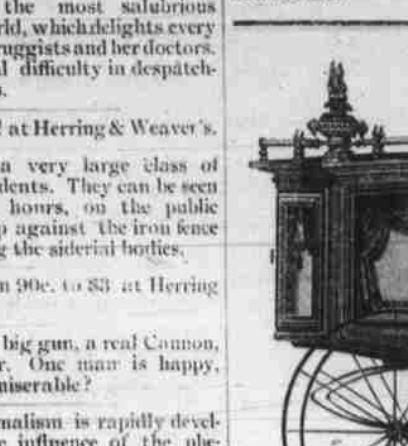
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