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The problem whether a manager can or cannot compel a vocal artist to accept an encore has probably not been seriously considered hitherto. Performers are, as a rule, only too ready to respond to demands made upon them by an audience or portions of it, and it can hardly have occurred to any one to conceive that an occasion would arise in which a vocalist would be censured by his employer for not conceding an encore. Such an occasion, however, would seem to have arisen in connection with an English opera theatre, and the case, it is said, is certain to come into court. The singer has been fined one night's salary for his alleged irregularity, and, according to his statement, the fine has been justified by the management on the basis of a private regulation, to the effect that any artist in its employment refusing to take a "call" shall be liable to a fine in question.

We shall not attempt to anticipate the decision which may hereafter be given, but, apparently, much will depend upon the meaning attached by judge and jury to the expression "taking a call." In ordinary theatrical parlance a "call" is simply a summons to the footlights, not a request for the repetition of a song or verse. It would, however, be almost a pity if the problem named above escaped legal pronouncement because of the nicety of meaning here involved. It would be interesting to have it formally declared whether an artist has any choice in the matter of encores, or whether he or she must concede them willy-nilly. Should the latter conclusion be arrived at, some vocalists will feel that a new hardship has been thrust upon them, and salaries may rise accordingly. The general public also would be more than ever at the mercy of those whose passion for encores is undiscriminating.—London Globe.

### The Handsome Women of Connemara.

The women of Connemara are picturesque in attire and shapely in form to a remarkable degree. Their limbs are long and graceful. They are erect and spirited in carriage, and the immense black braideens, or cloaks, with which all shortcomings in clothing are shrouded, fall in truly classic folds about them. Bare limbed as the men, at all seasons, you will not infrequently catch glimpses of legs as exquisitely molded as those of the Venus of Cos; while the most voluptuous types of southern Europe, or languorous, tropical Cuba, furnish no more perfect examples of tapering, dimpled arms, beautifully formed shoulders, and full but lengthened neck with dove like double curve. The broad, large faces are still superbly oval. The chin has strength, the full, shapely mouth is red and tenderly, expressively curved; the regular teeth are charming in pearl white glint and dazzle; the nose is large, well cut, with thin, sensitive nostrils; the eyes, under long, heavy lashes, look straight and honestly at you out of clear, large depths of gray or blue; the eyebrows are marvels of nature's penciling; the forehead is wide and fair, and such heads of hair crown all that were they unloosed the Connemara woman could stand clad in lustrous black immeasurably surpassing her sloe black braideen. Not a thread is on them besides the Connemara flannel. It is spun from the wool of the mountain sheep.—Irish Letter to Pittsburg Dispatch.

### Felling Trees by Electricity.

Hitherto machines for felling trees have been driven by steam power, but this is sometimes inconvenient, especially in thick woods, and electric power has been adopted in the Galician forests. Usually in such machines the trunk is sawn, but in this case it is drilled. When the wood is of a soft nature the drill has a sweeping motion and cuts into the trunk by means of cutting edges on its sides. The drill is actuated by an electric motor mounted on a carriage, which is brought up close to the tree and shackled to it. The motor is capable of turning round its vertical axis, and the drill is geared to it in such a manner that it can turn through an arc of a circle and make a sweeping cut into the trunk. The first cut made, the drill is advanced a few inches and another section of the wood removed in the same way until the trunk is half severed. It is then clamped to keep the cut from closing, and the operation continued until it would be unsafe to go on. The remainder is finished by a hand saw or an ax. The current is conveyed to the motor by insulated leads brought through the forest from a generator placed in some convenient site.—London Times.

### Changing Their Beat.

People often wonder why policemen are suddenly transferred from one section of the city, where they may have walked a beat for years, and know every dark alley and hiding place as well as every crook in that particular locality, to a part of the city where they have never been save as a citizen. At first glance it does look like an injudicious thing to do, but it is not. Take a patrolman from the West End or South End and put him down in the heart of the city and he's pretty certain to make a few good captures. West End or South End crooks feel secure when they get away from the locality where they are well known, and the first thing you know they will run right into your arms with all the evidences of guilt upon them. There is another advantage in these changes, which I believe should be more frequent, and that is that the policemen become familiar with all sections of the city, and thus are rendered more valuable in any emergency.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### The First American Silk Dress.

The first silk dress made in America was one presented by Governor Oglethorpe, the founder of Georgia, to the queen of George III. Oglethorpe expected his colony to become rich on silk raising and viniculture, and the first silk raised in Georgia was spun and woven for the royal spouse.—New York Telegram.

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The lamp-lighter goes post-haste to business, for he always makes light of his work.—Burlington Free Press.

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California has just had a rainfall of eight inches in four days. She is satur8ed and sati8ed with wet.—Lowell Courier.

### TWO LONDON LITERARY WOMEN.

#### Pen Sketches of Mrs. Cashel Hoey and Mrs. Campbell Praed.

Mrs Cashel Hoey and Mrs. Campbell Praed are both "in society." The first named is an Irish lady of about 60 or 65, short, stout, round faced and always dressed—according to American ideas—very unfashionably. The queen is the grandest of the grand army of dowdily dressed old English ladies, whose apparel would drive an American woman crazy if she were obliged to wear it. Loosely fitting bodices, lace shawls, enormous caps, plainly banded hair—natural or a "scratch"—mitts and reticule, are component parts of this get up a la Reine Victoria. By its wearers it is considered the dignified and becoming thing for elderly women; while the yellow skinned, thin old woman, with an abundance of elaborately dressed gray hair, no cap, diamond earrings and tightly fitting Parisian costume is looked upon as one of the most offensive of American products, and is the constant subject of derision from English pens, pencils and voices.

Although Mrs. Cashel Hoey has been for many years before the public as a writer, and has produced excellent work in fiction, she has never been fortunate enough to achieve a wonderful paying success. She has told me that her earnings average £500 a year, about $2,500, or $50 a week. She values her American connection very highly, and acknowledges that the larger part of her income is derived from America.

Having formed a literary partnership for copyright purposes with John Lillie, the Harpers are able to protect her later writings, and pay her with the promptness and liberality for which their name is a synonym. Mrs. Hoey lives in a pretty house in the old court suburb, Kensington, not far from the beautiful town house of the duke of Argyll on Campden Hill. Her husband is a legal light, and is a permanent member of the counsel for the management of the Prince of Wales' Rothesay estates. This office brings him a salary of £1,000 per annum, so that financially as well as socially, Mr. and Mrs. Cashel Hoey are in an enviable position.

Mrs. Campbell Praed is a graceful, delicate young woman about 35. She comes of a good family, and the name of her husband is also that of one of the gentility. She is a charmingly artistic dresser, and as far as her health will permit associates with a gay and fashionable set. Her novels are widely read, but in England are kept away from young readers exactly as those of Ouida. They are in a certain sense brilliant, but are restricted to the delineation of scenes and manners of a fast and loose class of people—a kind only too prominent in large cities in this feverish age. Her literary style violates all canons of the art, as understood and studied by more serious writers; nevertheless, there is a glamour in her periods, a fascination in her study of character which causes a reader to pursue her fiction breathlessly to the end, and then tossing it away, vowing that the time spent in reading it might and should be more profitably employed. Mrs. Campbell Praed has been in America, having made the now regulation trip thither with her friend Justin McCarthy.—Cor. Pittsburg Chronicle.

### Telegraphy Puzzled Him.

A man who had never seen the inside of a telegraph office wandered into that of New London the other day, and as some one came in with a message asked to "see it go." He was taken inside and gratified, but was not inclined to believe that a message was really sent by the clicking key. Finally Manager Smith built a short circuit in the operating room, with Operator Costello at one end and the old man and the manager at the other. Then Mr. Smith requested the old fellow to whisper something to him and he would send it to Costello. He did so, but when he saw his words written out at the other end of the short circuit he claimed that Costello heard him when he told Manager Smith what to send. Mr. Smith suggested to him that he should write on paper what he wanted to say, and then he could convince himself that there was no "shenanagin" about it. The old fellow did so, and Mr. Smith sent it to Costello, who returned the words on paper. Even then he could hardly be convinced, but he concluded that "it was the durndest thing he ever saw." He spent half an hour in the office and furnished a great laugh for the operators and messenger boys. He hailed from Ledyard and had never been in a telegraph office before.—New London Telegraph.

### A Wideawake Little Miss.

I have a little girl, 4 years old, who is a source of much amusement to all who hear her talk. The day of the presidential election we lost her; some one had left the basement door open and she was away up the street with the kitten in her arms. I ran after her and said: "Oh! baby, where are you going?" She said: "I am takin' kitty to the White House to boat for Clevelin."

Another time we were talking at the dinner table about the Feast of the Passover, and her father said: "The Israelites eat nothing but unleavened bread during that time." Baby followed with the remark: "No, not even 'lasses or jelly on it."

Yesterday I took her to see a lady with a new baby, and on her way home she said: "Mamma, why don't you buy a baby?" I said in reply: "I cannot afford it, because you cost me so much all the time." She waited a while and then said: "Mamma, if I cost so much you ought to be awful good to me."—New York World.

Why will people postpone their benefactions? Record was made in London the other day of a lady bequeathing a fortune in 1873 to a man who had saved her life in 1848. Twenty-five years are a big slice of a man's life, and perhaps, in the above case, the man died in the interval between his heroism and the proposed reward.

### Careless Mothers.

Many mothers have permitted their children to die before their eyes when they might have been saved. Any mother who keeps house without a bottle of Acker's English Baby Soother at hand, runs a risk which she may some time regret. It has saved the lives of thousands of children, and is doing so every year. For sale by T. C. Smith & Co.

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### San Marino.

There are in Europe several states, not larger than ordinary townships in England or America, yet permitted to enjoy perfect independence of the powerful governments which surround them. That which has least escaped notice is the ancient republic of San Marino, so called, as some say, after an old monk who was its founder, though another account is that this honor is due to a pious Mason of Dalmatia in the Fourth century. It is a craggy tract of country in the hills near Rimini, on the Adriatic, and includes about 33 square miles, with a population of about 8,000, and an army of 40 men, commanded by several "generals," for it is said that offices and titles and decorations are to be had for a suitable consideration, independent of meritorious service. Though inclosed on all sides by what were the dominions of the pope, and though it was severely menaced by Napoleon I in his conquering career, yet he was induced to respect its venerable autocracy, and so have all the powers into whose hands the surrounding parts of Italy have fallen, both before and since; so that this little republic has continued independent for at least fourteen centuries, a longer period than any other government in Europe can boast of.

Austria, Prussia and France have each had 1,100 years of united independence, England 800, and Russia 350 years only. It has an unwritten constitution, according to which the legislative power is vested in a council of 60, elected by the people. Of these 20 are nobles, 20 are townspeople and 20 are from the rural population. The executive lies with two of the councilors, who are chosen every six months and act jointly as regents.

The judicial power is exercised by a doctor of laws, who must be a stranger and cannot hold office longer than three years. The village of 1,500 people, which forms the capital of the republic, is situated high up on Mount Titan. It has a castle, which was fortified by King Berenger, of Lombardy, and as its principal object of interest a splendid collection of medals numbering about 40,000. The principal inhabitants reside in a more sheltered locality. The people generally are in a very backward condition. They have no printing press, but rejoice in four convents, five churches and a theatre.—Journal of Health.

### Killing Cattle Mercifully.

Any one acquainted with the management of slaughter houses, and who has previously witnessed the manner in which the animals are stunned, must have been shocked by the horrors attendant on the proceedings frequently involved in the admission of novices to the trade by using the living animal as a block on which to practice. The amount of torture caused in this way by unskilled hands baffles description. Young men come forward each in turn to strike a blow at the same ox. The ax may sometimes fall ten times upon the same unfortunate animal, whose eyes are often put out and his whole skull battered in a pitiable way before the practiced blow of the master butcher puts an end to his sufferings and lays him low. In order to end these cruelties the directors of the Berlin slaughter house have provided a practicing apparatus, upon which apprentices are bound to learn their trade. They are obliged to practice upon it till they have acquired sufficient strength and dexterity to hit a button in the machine with the same force as is required to make a strong ox insensible; and they are only permitted to touch the living animal when they have proved their competence with the machine.

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### The Race Improving

An English newspaper has been making a collective investigation regarding the questions given below: "1. Does your experience suggest to you that the race of Englishmen is degenerating physically? 2. Do you think that the great advance in the healing art is responsible for keeping alive much weak life that will in time affect the whole race injuriously? 3. Do you think that the increased indulgence in physical sports has, on the whole, a good influence on health? 4. Has it ever struck you that probably the great attention paid to health in these days may be producing an anxiety about bodily ailments which is a disease in itself?" Answers have been received from a long array of practitioners, among whom are the names of eminent London physicians. The general view taken, according to The Medical Record, is that Englishmen are not degenerating, but that, on the whole, the race is improving in vigor.—New Orleans Picayune.

### Rapid Building.

The Dayton Democrat relates the following, which illustrates pretty well the rapidity as well as extent to which building is carried on these days:

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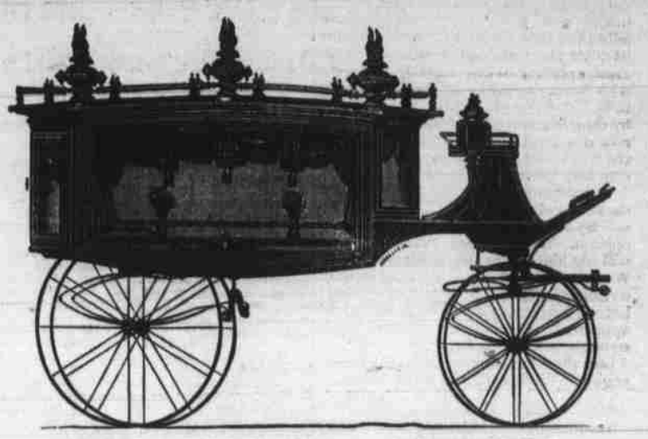

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