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A MUSICAL COMEDY

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swing blood red above the hills. Its rays erimmened a path across the slug-gish and silent waters of the Black river. ing of rain. In the east a low moon

river.

Upon a slight rise some distance from its western bank Colonel Prentice of the Ninth Mississippi, C. S. A., gazed longingly at the dim, misty lights of Tuscaloosa far back upon the opposite shere. The body of the young man was nearly breased in a new carry uniform. neatly incased in a new gray uniform, and the soul of the colonel was with the Confederate cause, but the heart of him was within the Union lines, and he was swithin the Union lines, and he was sore distrait, for the Federal troops held Tuscaloosa, and Tuscaloosa held many northern officers and the person of Miss Betty Tayloc, and, further. Miss Betty held the affections of nel Prentice.

Now, Randolph Prentice had fought the oppressors and bested them and had been defeated by them. He hated them right heartily as abolitionists, and he admired them beyond expres-sion as gallant focs. Therefore he mis-



"AH AD-DOOH-MUSIC," HE DRAWLED.

arnsted their abilities in the way of lovemaking. A man who fights generously and chivalrously is not, as a rule, excessively bashful or unduly tongue tied in the presence of ladies. Presently the colonel stamped his

booted foot and swore beneath his breath. The quiet air carried sound far and clear, and to his ears there came faint strains of music, the hum of a guitar and an enormous baritone raised in song. Then the colonel retired within the grove of trees to reappear short with two of his men. They cauwhich had been concealed by a clump of undergrowth. The obliging moon had retreated behind a cloud bank.

In the parlor of the Taylor manstor the lights were low-even candles were dear in the south toward the close of the war-but their dim rays could not conceal the beauty of two girls who sat lovingly upon a sofa, each with an arm about the other. Though they were sisters, one was dark and mischievous—the younger, Alice Tayloe— while the other was tall and fair and serious. Both were very good for a

soldier man to look upon.

To them came a song from the night ithout. Dick Amyas, captain o Nineteenth Ohio, and Lieutenant Hen-ry were of a mind that no time more ry were of a mind that no time more than the present was auspicious for the wooling of a maid or two. The swiger bussed resonantly under the deft fasgers of the captain and their commingied values warbied a melting seranade. Simultancously the four eyes of them were steadfastly observant of the vine twined parlor casement. They were expectant of an inant of the vine twined parlor case-ment. They were expectant of an in-vitation to enter. This was not their first duet beneath the window. In-deed, it is to be suspected that Miss Allee was in no way averse to the con-quest of the north bloodlessly and by units.

Three gray stadows stole up behind the two. Coloner Prentice held up a warning hand and paused, listening with hardly ravished ears to the concluding bars of "The Blue Juniata." He nodded in appreciation of an ex-cellent rendering, but when the song cenent rendering, but when the song came to an end and a pleased murmur desired through the casement the heart of the Confederate was hardened. "Gentlemen—hm!" be observed soft-ly. "Could Ab pahsuade yeb to repeat

the effort?"

The gentlemen with one accord wheeled and gazed with interest into the muzzles of a couple of navy revolvers. Prentice recognized Captain

"Ah ad-doah-music," he drawled.

"Yo' humble servent, suh!"

you?"
"Several,

reral, gentlemen — a subficient ch. Ah repeat, can I pebsuade "You cast" replied Lieutenant Henry

"You can" replied Lieutenant Henry promptly. They obliged con amore. "Ye'y fair," commented the colonel when they bud finished. "And once meah, if yeh please."

"Randolph, I'll be even with you for this!" Amyas threatened hoty.

"Oh, sing something else if yeh prefer," indifferently.

They same.

At the window there had been breathless surprise at the repetition of the song. Now, surmising that some thing was amiss, Miss Betty stepped out upon the verauda. She shaded her eyes, peering down upon the group. "Randolph Prentice!" she cried. "Is

it truly you?"
"Yes, Miss Tayloe," he made answe

humbly.
"What do you mean by this?"
His eyes shone, twinkling. "Ah addoah—music." "But you have no right!"

"Does it offend yeh, ma'am? Ah'm so thoughtiess, Shall Ah make 'em

stop?"
"But—but what do you propose to do with them?"
"Hang 'em, Miss Tayloe. Gentler

"Hang 'em, Miss Tayloe, Gentlemen, please don't sing so fab off the key. But don't stop. Sing something moah sentimental." He beckoned to his men, "Ah'm going in," he amounced. "See that the gentlemen continue to—ah—sing. If they stop or try to escape—well, discourage 'em."

It was Miss Alice Tayloe who greeted him at the door—and deserted him

ed him at the door—and deserted him basely on the threshold of the parlor colonel paused, awkwardly finger his eyes to Betty, but when he sum moned up the courage he saw her shoulders shaking. Without, "Rosalie the Prairie Flower" was in spirfted execution. The colonel grew more bold, advancing fully three paces. "Now, sir," cried Miss Betty, facing

him suddenly, "what have you to say for yourself?"

"Ve'y little, Ah'm afraid, Miss Betty. Ah—Ah was hoping yeh'd consent to be mah excuse."

"And for what, sir?" "Foh mah dahing"-

"To approach yeh," he added hastily.

"You've no excuse for risking your life, sir. The south needs you." "Yes, ma'am." He twisted his cap helplessly. He felt anything at all but bold, and words choked in his throat most unaccountably. "But Ah—Miss Betty, Ah need yeh moah'n the south needs me!" He was utterly abashed by his temerity. He could say no more but his eyes spoke for him.

"Betty!" "Randelph Prentice!" "Could you, Betty?"
"Could I what, Colonel Prentice?"

"Forgive me?" "Ran-Randolph, there is nothing to forgive." Her eyes were downcast. The long lashes trembled moist upon

her cheek.

A Pag quarter of an ilou, fra sel.

Colonel Prentice reappeared upon the veranda

"Cease firing, gentlemen," he said gayly, "Ah'm infinitely obliged to

"Hang you, Prentice! I call this very

unhandsome of you!"
"The end" - firmly - "justifies the means, gentlemen. Now, will yeh promise to make no distubance while we are within the lines? Ah don't want to gag yeh."
"We promise," said Amyas sullenly.

"We promise," said Amyas sullenly.
"We are your prisoners."
"Then thank yeh and good night."
He leaped lightly to the ground and,
calling to his men, started away.

"But. Prentice!" cried Amyas amazed.

"Yeh promised to make no noise,"

he warned them. "Ali'm taking no prisoners tonight,

gentlemen-leastways no moah than one. Will yeh congratulate me upon winning the hand of the sweetest girl in the land?"

"Which?" demanded both to breath.
"That, gentlemen, I must leave to

yehselves to find out. But, believe Ah thank you. Good night."

A Story of Governor Washburn. teous, well bred and with an entirely sufficient sense of his own dignity. But sufficient sense of his own dignity. But he had little respect for any false no-tions of gentility and had a habit of going straight at any difficulty himself. To this habit he owed much of his suc-cess in life. A very amusing story was told by Mrs. Washburn long after her husbend's death.

husband's death.
Her story was that one time when Judge Washburn was governor the members of his staff came to Worcester on some public occasion and were all invited to his house to spend the night. When he got up in the morning he found to his consternation that the man who was in the habit of doing such services at his house was sick or such services at his house was sick or for some other reason had failed to put in an appearance and none of the boots of the young gentlemen was blacked. The governor was master of the situation. He descended to his cellar, took off his coat, blacked all the boots of the youngsters himself and met them at breakfast with his usua pleasant courtesy as if nothing had happened.—Senator Hoar in Scribner's.

Hopi Songs.

The Hopi songs for different purposes are different in character. They are all definite in form, with forceful are all definite in form, with forceful graceful or poetic words. The Katelna daries songs consist of an introduction on vowel syllables, then the song itself, also interspersed with yowel refrains, and lastly a sort of coda, again on vowel syllables. And the Hopts sing. Theirs is no crooning over a camp fire, so monotonous chanting, no masal droning. The men have fine, clear voices and the women sing softly with a "breathy" tone, the quality of which sounds often just a little sharp in pitch. The gentle lulishles, the pretty, graceful basket songs of the women and the melodies to which they grind their corn are as different from the rugged, thythmic Katelna songs as are the cliffs of the mesa from the blessoms in the fields below. Natalie Curlis in Harper's, KINGBIRD AND ORIOLE.

The Difference In the Birds Shown The difference in the nature of the kingbird and oriole is strikingly exhibited in the style of their nests. The in the Mercantile Marine," is the sin-kingbird hasn't a particle of imagina-tion, not an atom of the artistic. His meet with death or accident by falling is nard beaded, straightforward and serious, somewhat overbearing, perhaps, and testy, but businessilike and refined in all his tastes. His nest is himself over again—strong phale, adequate, but, like its builder, reflued. Contrast the oriole's. Romance, poetry and that is describable forms. of it! Why, the thing was actually woven of new mown hay—as if one should build his house of sandalwood—with all the scent of the hay field about it. I put my nose near and took a deep, delicious breath. The birds had selected and cut the grass themselves with sap. One side, exposed to the sun through a leaf rift, had gone a golden yellow, but the other side, deeply shaded the day through, was yet green and making more slowly under the leaves. And this nest was woven, not built up like the kingbird's; it was hung, not saddled upon the limb, suspended from

Women on the Stage.

the slenderest of forks so that every

loosely woven, so deftly, slightly tied!-

National Magazine.

An attempt was made at Blackfriars theater in 1629 to introduce French women on the stage, but without suc cess, and the appearance of Mrs. Cole-man in Davenant's "Siege of Rhodes" in 1656 was of a private character. On Dec. 8, 1660, an actress, who

name in not certainly known, took the part of Desdemona at Killigrew's theatere in Vere street, when a "prologue to introduce the first woman" was writ-ten by Jordan.

theater, where was acted Beggars' the mother Bash, it being well sone, and here the American. first time that ever I-saw women come now the stage."-London Standard.

The bride was falls and slight and in the white. Wordsworth, he says, the stylle structest same of the work, notices were stain who had watched them more or an incurrable habit that will make your eyesight fall early in life. Natural blinking is necessary to clear and moisten the eye. The average number of natural blinks is about twenty per minute. But a nervous blinker will wink 100 times in a minute. The result of this will be an excessive devalued to the structest and and the people on the long distance train who had watched them more or lateral blinking is necessary to clear and moisten the eye. The average number of natural blinks is about twenty per minute. But a nervous blinker will wink 100 times in a minute. The result of this will be an excessive devalued and the people of the long distance train who had watched them more or less openly from San Francisco were close to the sight of a shower of putting bis arm round his blinking with too times in a minute. The result of this will be an excessive devalued and the people of the long distance train who had watched them more or less openly from San Francisco were closed by the sight of a shower of putting bis arm round his blinking with too times in a minute. The result of this will be an excessive devalued and the people of the long distance of the work in distance were late and the people of the long distance train who had watched them more or less openly from San Francisco were late and the people of the long distance train who had watched them more or late and the people of the long distance of the work in the strictest and an ably the important variety. When the circular variety and the structest and an all the structest and an arror rifet, the capability of being greatly inspired."—Braiford Torret in Altimatic.

Effect of Ford.

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The w sult of this will be an excessive destrangers.
velopment of the eyelid muscles. It "I reckon there's no need for me to which acts on the optic nerve and renders the sight daily more weak and irritable. Once contract this habit and to smile any more than 's polite, for you will find you cannot bear a strong light or read small types, and the eyes will get worse and worse. The symptoms may indicate a need of spectacles

How Long Mosquitoes Live. It is not known just how long mes-quitoes can live, but their average life is much longer than is ordinarily suposed. Thousands of them live through vinter, hibernating or asleep in dark places in barns or house cellars. In

sparsely settled localities, where they cannot find such places for shelter, they live through the winter in hollow trees, in caves and holes under upturned trees, and even though the tempera-ture may fall far below freezing they are not winter killed, but on the approach of warm weather become active again. Mosquitoes are frequently seen flying about in the woods before the snow has wholly left the ground.—Wil-iam Lyman Underwood in Popular Science Monthly.

Turned the Tables."

An Irishman was called on to give evidence in a shooting affray. "Did you see the shot fired?" asked the mag-

strate.
"No," replied the witness, "but I

Magistrate (sharply)-That is not sat-

angistrate (san phy)—Inst is not satisfactory. Go down.

As the Irishman turned his back he commenced to laugh, but was rebuked by the magistrate, who added that it was contempt of court.

Pat—Did you see me laugh?

Magistrate—No. I heard you. Pat-That's not satisfactory.
And the court laughed.

Savage Revenge of a Gypsy Rand.

A young Hungarian gypsy who had betrayed his party to the authorities after a robbery begged the magistrates at Magyar Egres for protection, as his companions threatened to kill him. The man was given shelter, but the room was found empty on the following day.

Eventually his body was discovered in a field. The eyes had been burned out, the tongne excised and the man hanged by the feet on two acacia trees. The body had been cloven in two.

Well Connected.

Visitor—I hear I must congratulate you on the engagement of your son, What an extremely nice looking girl What an extremely nice looking girl she ist

Mrs. Nolonger Brown—Yes, and so well connected too. In fact, I've been teld that her ancestors were relations of the Spanish armada.

"Well, if Skinflint and religion have come together at all I think it is safe to say that he has got religion. There exists the has got religion has got him."—Chicago Post.

The same boy who is truckly the same boy

FALLING FROM ALOFT.

Peculiar Exemption of Sailor Men From Accidents of This Kind, "One of the wonders of scafaring life," writes Charles Protheres in "Life

like its builder, refluct. Contrast the oriole's. Romance, poetry and that in-describable touch—the light, easy, neglighed touch—the light, easy, neglighed touch of the arlist—in every line about 'hanging on by the orional's be-

comes almost a truism.
"One would think the situation was highly spiced enough by danger without needlessly increasing it. Yet it is not altogether an uncommon thing to see a man, if he happens to be bare-footed, run out along the yard in preference to using the footrope placed un-der it for the purpose, to reach what is a post of honor, the weather ear

knowing the actual percentage, I make bold to say that not more than one sailor man in hundreds is killed or in-jured by falling from aloft. If I use my own experience as a base, the pro-portion would be less, for in over twenty years of sea life I was never caused the pain of witnessing such a catastrophe."

Parents as Teachers

Of all the teaching in the world ninety-nine one-handredths at least is done by fathers and mothers. child learns more in the way of actual facts from the day of its birth until the end of its seventh year than it can possibly learn in all the rest of its life put together. During these first hours and years of life the child learns to tere in Vere street, when a "prologue to introduce the first woman" was written by Jordan.

Letters patent were granted by Charles II., dated Jan. 15, 1632, to Sir William Davenaut, and these recited that whereas women's parts had formerly been taken by men, to remedy this abuse it was now "permitted and these green". They start the operations of the initial, after speaking almost control in the special parts had formerly been taken by men, to remedy this abuse it was now "permitted and leave given" that all women's parts had for the first time to carre should bewaver conscienting and the parts had for the first time to carre should bewaver conscienting and the parts had for the first time to carre should bewaver conscienting and the parts he was inspired, at either the carre should bewaver conscienting and the parts he was inspired, at either the carre should bewaver conscienting and the parts he was inspired, at either the carre should bewaver conscienting and the parts. walk, to talk, and, what is far more merly been taken by men, to remedy this abuse it was now "permitted and leave given" that all women's parish then, and for the time to come, should be performed by women.

In Pepys Diary, under date of Jan.

3, 1660, we find the record, "To the theater, where was noted "Beggars" the stacking influences of the state, "New York being well done and here the most father, "New York being well done and here the "Amerlean."

A Levy Ora Too.

The bride was take and slight and the bridegroom was dark and stalwart.

"I reckon there's no need for me to say we haven't been married long," he announced in full chest tones, "but I can tell you one thing. You don't want to smile any more than 'a neitle for my spurpose, a dirty, ragged bit of girl humanity. I spoke to her said wrote a message on the said when speaking on the said, which is said, when speaking on the said, when speaki involves a counter irritation, say we haven't been married long," he tle she's my violet and I'm her sheltering oak, and I weigh 204 pounds."

A Quaint Examination. Silence, it appears, is an unknown quantity at a divinity examination in Mandalay. The commencement is signaled by the clashing of cymbals and the beating of drums. While the candidates are writing their answers they are surrounded by a jabbering crowd, who pass audible remarks about what is being done. The test lasts ten days.

Guided. She had persisted in it, for she said: 'He's my artist. I found him first.''—London Tit-Bits. and the people make the examination the occasion for gaining merit by feeding the candidates, and cart loads feeding the candidates, and cart loads of provisions of all sorts find their terent kinds of wood, ebony, ironwood, way to the pagoda precincts, and Burmans from every quarter or the pagoda precincts, and burmans from every quarter or the pagoda precincts. lecting money to provide the competi-tors with the necessaries of life and luxuries as well,—Rangun Times.

Mark Antony gave the world for a woman's love, but found himself so poorly compensated by the exchange that in desperation at the approach of Octavius and being informed that Cleopatra was endeavoring to make terms for herself by surrendering him he stabbed himself with his dagger. Being revived, he received the message sent by Cleopatra that she desired to see him. He was carried to her place of refuge. Cleopatra and her maids raised him by ropes to the window of the tower where the fallen queen found her last home. He was lifted in and died in her arms.

Peculiarities of Fish.

There are two popular delusions about fish—one that they cannot live out of water and the other that they can live in any pure water, the food supply taking care of itself. As a matter of fact, there are fish in Africa which, having to exist in absolutely dry rivers for a portion of the year, have developed lungs, while in many an amateur's aquarium fish cannot live in the water provided owing to lack of food.—London Field.

Reasonably Certain.
"I understand old Skinflint has got religion." "It's possible."

"Do you really think so?".
"Well, if Skinffint and religion have man, than fighting for the truth,

The same boy who is taught to be-lieve that the drumstick is the best Speaking of imitation jewelry, a diamond on the finger is worth a paste in that his wife always gives in to him.—

New York Press. NAPOLEON'S LETTER.

How the Initial "M" Panetuated the From Marengo to Moscow was the long swing in the pendulum of Napoleon's life, the one the greatest battle out of which he came with his life, the other the abyss which engulfed him. Mr. J. M. Buckley, who is a literary expert on coincidences, points out ho the life of the great conqueror.

Marboe was the first to recognize the gealus of Napoleon at the Peole Mili-taire. Melas opened to him the way to Italy. Mortier was one of his first generals. Moreau betrayed him, and Mu-cat was the first martyr to his cause. Marie Louise partock of his highest destinies. Metternich conquered him

on the field of diplomacy.

Six marshals—Massena, Mortier, Marmont, Macdonald, Murat and Money and twenty-six of his generals of divi-sions had names beginning with the letter M.

Murat, duke of Bassano, was the counselor in whom he placed the greatest confidence. His first great battle was that of Montenotte: his last was that of Mount St. Jean. He gained the battles of Moscow, Montmirail and Montereau. Then came the assault of Montmartre. Milan was the first ene-mics' capital and Moscow the last in which he entered.

He lost Egypt through the blunders of Menoa and employed Miollis to make Pius VII. prisoner. Malet comspired against bim, afterward Mar-mont. His ministers were Maret, Mon-talivet and Mollien. His first chamberlain was Montesquieu.

Wordsworth's Secret.

And Wordsworth's secret? Any poet's secret? Well, for aught we can see, it remains a secret, a something as far beyond human subtlety to explain as it is beyond human ingenuity to produce.
"The wind bloweth where it listeth."

her and wrote a message on my card for her to give to her mother. Next morning she came in charge of an older sister, as tattered and unkempt as her-self. When I had made my sketches of the two of them I asked the elder one if she had any more sisters like herself. 'Gh, yes, four or five, worse than I am.' 'Bring them round,' said

the fiercest fire has difficulty in "get-ting hold" of it, there is only one sort, and so far as now known, that is practically fireproof. This is a small, scraggy tree, a native of South America, called the shopala, with thick, tough, stringy bark full of a sort of fire resisting sap, This curious shrub grows largely on the great, grassy savannas, which are the great, grassy savannas, which are swept by fire almost every year dur-ing the heat of the summer. There it thrives splendidly, for the annual scourge only kills off its bigger and hardler competitors and leaves the ground free for the growth of this vegetable asbestus.

Smart Sayings.

Lord Palmerston's reply to the illit-erate member who asked him, "Are there two hens in 'Oniton?" is a specimen of his rather boisterous chaff. "No; only one. That's why heggs are so scarce there." Mr. Disraeli's comment upon a por

trait of himself, "Is it not hideous so like?" exhibited a discernment not common with unflattered sitters.— "Twenty Years In Parliament."

Mrs. Waldo-Cecil-He has a barrel of

Edith Waldo-Cecil-But is he all tight socially? Mr. Waldo-Cecll-Oh, yes; he hasn't the least idea how be got it!-Puck.

Piling It On Dedude—That man called me a liar, a cad, a scoundrel and a puppy. Would you advise me to fight for that?
Old Blunt-By all means. There's nothing nobler-in this world, young

"Natural?" the woman impatiently replied. "There's nothing natural about her but the framework,"—Chicago Rec-ord-Herald. HINTS FROM SHOPLAND.

State detrain

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The newest organdies shown for summer wear have white grounds covered with delicate flower designs.

Coats in spring tailor suits are de-

decorated and dainty open-worked or lace inset stockings come in all the colors, as well as black and white. A flat hat is of rough straw faced with brown tulle and trimmed with rosettes of the tulle and small yellow

roses. The popularity of the Oriental girdle is on the increase, and the shops are showing beautiful ones that range in price from \$2 up to \$5

A smart braid is like a tiny peacock feathers held together by a white cord running through the centre. The colors are softer, not

No More Stiff Collars. Solid comfort will be found in the dainty summer waists, for, to be strictly in line, the Dutch round neck

is the proper thing. No more high still collers: they must give way to the narrow ruffle of lace, or what is still prettier, the wide turn-over collar, which falls away from the neck in a shallow V. These collars are particularly effect tive on mull, organdie and wash China

Roasted Vegetables. Potatoes reasted in the pan with beef or mutton are known to be palatable, but not very many American cooks know that onions, carrots, and even cucumbers are equally as good cooked in this manner. Medinm sized cucumbers are pared and saited and reasted with yeal for half an hour with mutton.

A correspondent asks for a recipe for ginger water be. Prepare a plain iemon ice and flavor it strongly with the symbol preserved ginger, prefer

dull, invidious and lazy, when eaten constantly and in excess. To pre-serve the memory, even to an advanced age, nothing is better than mustard.

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