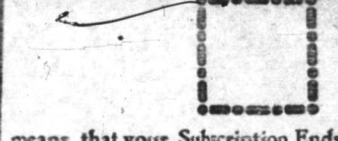


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A MUSICAL COMEDY

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The night was still and sultry, hinting of rain. In the east a low moon swung blood red above the hills. Its rays crimsoned a path across the sluggish and silent waters of the Black river.



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

He trusted their abilities in the way of levitating. 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 fan and an enormous rattle raised in song.

Three gray shadows stole up behind the two. Colonel Prentice held up a warning hand and paused, listening with hardly ravished ears to the concluding bars of "The Blue Juniata."

"Gentlemen—hm," he observed softly. "Could Ah pahnade yeh to repeat the effort?"

KINGBIRD AND ORIOLE.

The Difference in the Birds Shown by Their Nest-Building. The difference in the nature of the kingbird and oriole is strikingly exhibited in the style of their nests.

Women on the Stage. An attempt was made at Blackfriars theater in 1629 to introduce French women on the stage, but without success.

Parents as Teachers. Of all the teaching in the world ninety-nine one-hundredths at least is done by fathers and mothers.

A Favorite Toy. The bride was fair and slight and the bridegroom was dark and stalwart. They made a most interesting pair.

How Long Mosquitoes Live. It is not known just how long mosquitoes can live, but their average life is much longer than is ordinarily supposed.

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

Savage Revenge of a Gypsy Band. A young Hungarian gypsy who had betrayed his party to the authorities after a robbery begged the magistrates at Magyar Egres for protection.

Well Connected. Visitor—I hear I must congratulate you on the engagement of your son. What an extremely nice looking girl she is!

Speaking of Imitation Jewelry, a diamond on the finger is worth a paste in the ear.—Philadelphia Record.

FALLING FROM ALOFT.

Peculiar Execution of Sailor Men From Aboard of the King. "One of the wonders of seafaring life," writes Charles Frothingham in "Life in the Mercantile Marine," is the singularly small proportion of sailors who meet with death or accident by falling from aloft.

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.

Roasted Vegetables. Potatoes roasted 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.

Effect of Food. Better than any other food its users pneumatic and happy. Apples are excellent for brain workers, and everybody who has much intellectual work to do should eat them freely.

Fireproof Wood. Though there are a number of different kinds of wood, ebony, ironwood, etc., of such close, hard fiber that even the fiercest fire has difficulty in "getting hold" of it.

The Death of Mark Antony. 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 to be stabbed himself with his dagger.

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.

Reasonably Certain. "I understand old Skindint has got religion." "It's possible." "Do you really think so?"

As Others Knew Her. "The woman impatiently replied. 'There's nothing natural about her but the framework.'"—Chicago Record-Herald.

NAPOLEON'S LETTER.

How the Initial "M" Punctuated the Great Conqueror's Career. From Marston 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.

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HINTS FROM SHOPLAND.

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