

STREET IS THEIR STAGE.

Former Vaudeville Artists Who Make a Living with Open-Air Shows.

Several actors who were formerly on the vaudeville stage and earning fair salaries are now playing with the asphalt pavements for a stage.

One "team" of four men makes more than a fair living. They give a really interesting and humorous performance. One of them is a juggler, another is an acrobat, the third is a musical comedian and the fourth acts as the orchestra and money collector.

The juggler carries a wooden box containing his juggling outfit, while the acrobat carries the stage, consisting of a large rug, rolled under his arm.

As he hops around on one foot, like a monkey on a stick, with the drum and cymbals crashing, he makes all beholders laugh.

The team takes nearly a half hour to give their act. They never fail to draw a large and interested crowd, them with coins.

Another actor, a cornet player, makes his appearance only toward evening, because, as he confessed, he is ashamed to be seen in the daytime.

This young man was a clever cornet player a few years ago. He was on the vaudeville stage and earned a handsome salary.

Save Their Powder. Hyenas are never shot by Arabs. Not that the Arab venator or superstitiously fears the hyena.

West Point Religious. The American Messenger, the organ of the Annual Tract society, says, in an account of the annual presentation of Bibles to the graduating class at the United States Military Academy at West Point, that there is a strong religious atmosphere there.

Between Friends. Clara—Fred's mother called on me shortly after our engagement. She says he is the flower of the family.

POTATOES THAT WILL KEEP

Boon to Farmers Found in South Sea Islands by an Ocean Captain.

Berkeley, Cal.—A sweet potato that will, like the Irish potato, keep for an indefinite length of time under normal conditions is the discovery of Capt. J. A. Macomber, of Oakland, who returned from an extended trip around the world on his schooner, Gotama.

The potato was discovered by Capt. Macomber on Papan Island, in the Ladrone group in the South seas. It was taken from the ground last April, and was of exceptional flavor and quality.

It will mean millions of dollars saved if we can get a sweet potato that will not only not have to be refrigerated to be kept, but keep as long as the other potato.

ADVISES A LIMIT IN HUGS. Woman's Hint to Girls on Courtship Topic May Prove of Great Value.

New York.—"If a man is obliged to stop in the midst of his ecstasy he is likely to come back again. Whereas, if he is sated he is likely to hug another girl the next night. Therefore, I say, if you would keep your best beau, limit your hugs."

WEIGHED IN THE BALANCE. New Minister Neither Kept His Hearers Awake Nor Let Them Sleep.

"So I hear you are going to part with the new minister, the one that came here from Brownsville?" "Just so; he didn't suit our folks at all," responded Uncle Jesse Putnam promptly, relating the New York Times.

MORE PAUPERS IN LONDON. Those in England Now Receiving Relief Are Greater Than For Forty Years Save in 1867-1871.

London.—Official figures relating to the legal poor of London show that the numbers in receipt of pauper relief in nearly every month of the year just ended have been greater than in any of the previous 40 years comprised in the returns, with the exception of the period of 1867 to 1871.

Kiss Not Careless, But Assault. A kiss is an assault. So decided City Prosecutor Emile W. Holmes, of St. Paul, Minn., who caused the arrest of C. B. Muller on complaint of Miss Mary A. Lander, who says Muller stopped her on the street and caressed her.

Wireless Telegraphy. The principal drawback to the usefulness of wireless telegraphy is its lack of secrecy.

In Praise of the Physician. Abuses exist in every walk of life, but no class of men work harder to keep their profession clean than physicians do.—Collier's Weekly.

THE NEW REGIME IN RUSSIA

What the Washington Star Humorist Thinks May Be the Prevailing Idea.

"Well, Briski, how has she been holding in my absence?" "In the right direction, I hope. At any rate, we've done our best. How's Paris?"

"My boy, I had a strange experience. I met an American, who is the Paris correspondent of one of the leading newspapers of his country, and he warned me against Parisian models.

"Chicago?" "Spell it."

"C-h-i-c-a-g-o." "Pronounce it."

"That's the place—Chicago. Well, we go there to learn how to boom a town. And that's a point we must cover particularly. I want the Mail to lead in advertising St. Petersburg, New York, Washington and Chicago, then, should supply you with all you'll need, and that'll give us a lift. We'll arrange the trip. But not a word about it. Just disappear when the time comes, and leave your cronies guessing. No letters, understand, except a few of a private nature to me, giving a suggestion or two, as they may occur. We'll make the Mail a bang-up sheet, Briski, or break the presses in the attempt."

PHYSICIAN PERFORMS UNIQUE OPERATION ON WOUNDED MAN, SAVING HIS LIFE.

Chicago.—Hospitals a reputation for unusual cases. During the last week three cases of international interest have developed. An entirely new idea of treatment of gunshot wounds of the liver was brought out by a conference of physicians at the People's hospital in the case of Hermann Johnson, shot through the liver by a negro. Johnson's life was despaired of by the best physicians of the South side until Dr. Gary, head of the People's hospital, was summoned.

PLAN GREAT BARGE CANAL. Forty Million Dollars to Be Asked from Solons for Project in New York.

Albany, N. Y.—Forty million dollars will be asked of the coming legislature for work on the 1,000-ton barge canal during 1906, according to the second annual report of State Engineer and Surveyor Henry A. Van Alstyne, a forecast of which was made public recently.

Little Fighting Necessary. "Senator," asked the inquisitive girl, "would you accept a railroad pass?"

Luxuries Cost Spain \$101,000,000. Twenty-five million dollars a year is what the Spanish people spend in cigars and cigarettes, according to Don Manuel de Sabano, who has just published a book of statistics on the luxuries in Spain.

Auto of the Gods. Are there motor cars in the celestial regions? Prof. Schaefer, of Geneva, has discovered what he describes as a new comet plunging due south at a rate of almost eight degrees a day, and careering across the Milky Way regardless of all other traffic.

TEACH GIRLS TO KILL

SHOULD BE ABLE TO PROTECT THEMSELVES AND PROPERTY.

Jersey City Pastor Would Instruct Young Women in Slaying Burglars—Propheas Evil for Midnight Maudslayers.

New York.—Rev. John L. Scudder, pastor of the First Congregational church and superintendent of the People's Palace, Jersey, proposes to teach young women how to kill burglars. He has built a revolver range at the People's Palace, and, in discussing its purpose said:

"I purpose to teach the young women of Jersey City to shoot and not to be afraid of firearms. In that way this will be an unhealthy field for burglars. If a young woman finds a burglar in her home at night she should shoot him. That is what I would do. And I can do it, too."

"I always keep a pistol close to my bed, and if a burglar were to come into my house, I would order him to drop the goods and throw up his hands. If he didn't I would put a bullet through him. That is the way young women should act, rather than swoon and then tell the police all about it."

In the People's Palace there are 500 young women members. Among them are the best society folk of the Bergen section, which is to Jersey City what Back Bay is to Boston. Here the wealthiest citizens of Hudson county live and burglars make it their field of operations.

CRIME RIFE IN LONDON. Eight Million Dollars a Year Spent to Keep Criminals in Check.

London is paying the penalty paid by all large cities. Crime is inside her gates. In round numbers she has to pay nearly \$8,000,000 a year to keep criminals in check; for that is the sum paid out to her police courts, prisons and prosecuting officers. It fails to include stolen property, losses due to idleness of criminals, losses to injured parties, etc.

SEXTON TALKS TO SPIRITS. Grave Digger at St. Louis Cemetery Becomes Insane Because of Nature of His Work.

St. Louis, Mo.—Fritz Borchart, 54 years old, a grave digger at St. Matthews' cemetery, evidently has become insane because of the gruesome nature of his occupation. He is being detained at the city hospital.

ENJOYS LIFE AT 104 YEARS. Oldest Man in Ohio Recalls Early History of His State Vividly.

Lisbon, O.—Probably the oldest man in the state of Ohio is Daniel Spiras, who is enjoying life at the age of 104 years at his home near the old Spring Grove camp grounds, in the southern part of Columbus county.

Side Issue with Him. "Who is that dusty chap in the blue overalls?" "That's our leading author."

Unearthed Unique Stone. Archaeological researches made in the canton of Vaud, near Avanches, Switzerland, have resulted in the discovery of a curious heating apparatus covered with magnificent mosaics.

Devotion to Bridge and Whist Provents Undermining of Minds of Women of Leisure Class. London.—"Laziness is a great contributory cause of lunacy," incidentally observed Dr. T. Claye Shaw, who took part in a discussion at the Harrelan society recently.

ASTROLOGER DREW WILL. Woman's Million-Dollar Estate Left to Stepson, and Husband Now Has It—Contest On.

Salem, Mass.—That the will of Mrs. Jennie Phillips Chase, whose death at Swampscott last September in circumstances indicating suicide is being investigated by the district attorney, was drawn by an astrologer introduced to her by her husband, Dr. Horace Chase, the heir to her million-dollar estate, was brought out in Dr. Chase's testimony in the probate court.

CLOSSON'S QUEER CLOCK. Freak Timepiece with Hands That Went Around the Wrong Way.

"Don't hear much of Bryan or Dowie or Ingersoll or anarchy nowadays," remarked Capt. Bill, relating the Newark News. "I suppose they're run down, like a clock I once saw when I was a boy. Ever hear about Closson's clock?"

LUNACY DUE TO LAZINESS. Devotion to Bridge and Whist Provents Undermining of Minds of Women of Leisure Class.