

of another comedian, Mr Worman has stuff in him; but he really should not waste his ability on poor material. Mr George Watson is too much given to shouting his songs, one of which, belonging to the descriptive order, would have been all the better for the introduction of a little light and shade. "Didn't she lather him," describes the fortunes and misfortunes of a husband blessed with a wife who can earn an income by shaving his customers. The conduct of the lady in question, we may say, seemed quite cutting enough without the employment of razor. The wire-walking of Herr Robzat has to be restricted to a filament of steel slanting from balcony to stage. On this he performs various juggling feats with neatness and skill. Mr Harry Rose, a comic vocalist new to us, winds up the programme, which is contributed to by Miss Kate Rush-ton, serio and dancer; Miss Lily Burnand, a vivacious serio-comic; and Mr Harry Leyton, who is heard to advantage in a laughing song. Mr Isaac Baker, an excellent fiddler, leads the small band with ability.

#### THE TIVOLI.

When Mr William Joseph Hamnett, the auctioneer appointed by Mr Justice Chitty, ascended his rostrum in Room D at the Mart, Tokenhouse-yard, E.C., on Tuesday afternoon, for the purpose of offering the Tivoli Theatre of Varieties for sale by auction, the room was uncomfortably crowded. Mr Hamnett confined his opening remarks to a brief description of the property, the value of its position, the excellence of its building, and made no secret of its failure hitherto to attract the public. He said the place was built only a year ago at a cost of about £300,000, was freehold, and covered an area of nearly 8,000 feet. It was fitted up as a music hall in a most costly manner, and he had no hesitation in saying that it occupied a position second to none in

the city. (Mr Onslow) would ask his Honour to make an order in accordance with the offer made by the defendant.

The learned Judge ultimately made an order for payment by instalments of £2 a-month.

#### ARTHUR FORREST AND HIS COACHMAN.

At the Lambeth Police-court, on Monday afternoon, before Mr A. A. Hopkins, Mr Arthur Forrest, of 186, Kennington-road, was summoned for assaulting Joseph Targell.

The complainant, a coachman, stated that at about a quarter past one on Sunday morning week he was in the mews where the defendant's stables were, in East-street, Kennington-road. He had previously had a few words with a friend of the defendant's about the horse, and the defendant said, "You have had a good bit to say. You had better take your money and go." He asked for a week's notice, but the defendant said he would not get any notice from him. About five minutes afterwards the defendant struck him two or three severe blows in the face, and knocked him down. He struck him whilst he was on the ground, and again when he was trying to get up.

Mr Armstrong—His stable is at the back of the defendant's house? Complainant—I know it is. The defendant did not complain that he was drunk.

Mr Armstrong—Did Mr Forrest, rightly or wrongly, complain of your nearly overturning the brougham at Storey's-gate, Westminster? Complainant—He did not. Mr Hopkins adjourned the case for a week.

Mr Armstrong remarked that as Mr Forrest was a public man, he thought it right to say that he had a perfect answer to the charge.

PROFESSOR ANNIE J. OPPENHEIM, "the renowned physiognomist," has been attracting attention on three nights this week at Mr Morton's handsome Grand Hall at Bromley.

MR EDITOR.—Sir,—Your Birkenhead critic mentions me as Mr J. Wootwell, an excellent Negro eccentric and immense favourite. I wish you would kindly correct this, as I am neither Mr J. Wootwell nor Negro eccentric. Yours truly, TOM WOOTWELL, the loose-legged comedian.

#### MUSIC HALL GOSSIP.

MISS JENNY HILL, we regret to hear, is dangerously ill through an attack of *la grippe*, with pulmonary complications. On Wednesday Dr. Percy Boulton, of Seymour-street, was called to her assistance at her residence at Streatham, and on Thursday happily some of the worst symptoms showed considerable abatement.

MR ALBERT CHEVALIER, the clever comedian, has this week been the recipient of a letter from a gentleman in the country asking for permission to sing his songs. To this Mr Chevalier, in very courteous terms replied, saying "that as he was himself going into the country to sing them, he did not see his way clear to give the required permission." In answer to this another letter came, in which the gentleman very modestly informed Mr Chevalier that his first letter was "not so much to ask permission, but to know what royalty he might expect for singing Mr C.'s songs and making them popular," and concluded with a eulogistic account of his own talent in the song-singing direction. To this letter Mr Chevalier replied thus—"Dear Sir,—Yours truly, ALBERT CHEVALIER."

IN the vestibule of the Empire has been placed a full length portrait of Madame Katti Lanner, painted as a *souvenir d'amitié*, by her friend Lucien Besche. The popular ballet mistress is in evening dress, with a spray of roses ornamenting her corsage, and a basket of flowers is placed at her feet. The likeness is excellent.

THE insurance of music hall profits, it appears, is no novelty. It was the custom of Messrs Fred. and Michael Abrahams, late proprietors of the Queen's, Poplar, to always cover six months' profits by insurance, and since that establishment has become the property of a limited company the insurance has been increased

was exceedingly popular. Much local sympathy has been shown for Mr Lovejoy in his severe trial.

THE cats, rats, mice, and canaries engaged in Leonci Clarke's entertainment bore their voyage across the Atlantic with commendable fortitude, and are now prepared to exhibit their clever tricks to amusement seekers in London.

"ADVERTISEMENT is the soul of business," says Mr Jack Lotto, as he drives from hall to hall in his pretty miniature 'bus, on the sides of which are emblazoned the names of Lotto, Lilo, and Otto.

WE regret to announce the death on Monday last, at his residence, 9, Belgrave-road, Leicester, of Mr James Paul, formerly proprietor of Paul's Concert Hall, and lately and up to the time of his death, acting-manager for Messrs Reeves and Verdo, Gaiety Palace, Leicester. His loss is deeply mourned by his family and a very large circle of friends, professional and private.

IN order to increase the attractiveness of her sketch, *Darkness and Light*, Mlle. Bella Rao has had written for her a new song by the leader of the Aquarium band. —Bonnie Kate Harvey has recovered from a severe attack of bronchitis. She was regretfully obliged to disappoint her Birkenhead audience on Monday night, but appeared on Tuesday.—The Two Macs leave for a visit to the States in September.

THOSE popular duettists and dancers the Sisters Twibell have been secured to play Robinson Crusoe and Polly, in the Milton-Rays' next pantomime, opening at Bury at Christmas.

PROFESSOR MACCANN, the celebrated concertinist, has brought back with him from America a fine medal, which became his property by a rival musician, Amdeus Vestman, failing to meet the Professor in a concertina contest for the championship and \$300. The medal bears the inscription "America's Champion Concertinist," surrounding a lyre, a horn, and an open book of music. The inscription is itself surrounded with rays and wreaths, and the medal hangs from a clasp bearing the words "Professor Maccann, 1890-91," and surmounted by an American eagle with outspread wings.

SIGNOR ANTONIO MORA, musical director of the South London Palace, died at his residence, in Brook-street, Kennington-road, from pneumonia, early on Saturday morning last, and was buried at Tooting Cemetery, on Friday (yesterday). He had occupied the position of conductor at Mrs Poole's establishment for about three and a-half years. A graceful and prolific song writer, he composed and arranged the music for the Christmas pantomime in 1882, by Robert Reece and Alfred Thompson, on the subject of "The Yellow Dwarf," at Her Majesty's Theatre, where he held the *bâton* of *chef d'orchestre* for a short period. The deceased was decorated with the Legion of Honour and with the Iron Cross of Vienna, and received the highest testimonials from the Conservatoire of Leipzig. Years ago he was with Adelina Patti in America, the family of the diva being well known by his father, Joseph P. Mora. The funeral was attended by the band and staff (who sent wreaths), by Mr Fred. Law, Mr James Crook, and Mr J. J. Poole, representing his mother, the proprietress of the South London, who sent a handsome floral cross as a mark of sympathy. Mr H. Ulph, sen., also sent a wreath.

THE funeral of Miss Norah Nevere, wife of Mr Walter Bannell, took place on Monday, at the cemetery, Norwich, in the presence of a number of professional and private friends. Beautiful wreaths were sent (among others) by Mr William Whitley and the artists engaged at the Connaught Varieties, Norwich; Mr Oswald Stoll, Mr Charles Sool, Mrs Noble, Mr Robert Seaman, Mr Ark, and Mr Herbert Smith. The deceased lady was highly respected in her native city, and her painfully sudden death has drawn forth much sympathy. She was called away in the full tide of professional success, her prospective engagements being numerous and lucrative.

THE defendant, who has been described as a member of an entertainment bearing a peculiar name, and now being carried on at Waterloo House, Pall-mall. In giving evidence as to means the plaintiff said the defendant was described in the advertisements as being the business-manager of the entertainment, and if that was so, he certainly ought to pay the amount due under the judgment. At the time the order was made the defendant was fulfilling an engagement at Toole's Theatre, and for some time went on tour with a travelling company, therefore, it could not be put forward that he had not had the means of paying the money.

His Honour—I can't make out this extraordinary name, which is supposed to represent the name of the entertainment of which the defendant is said to be a member.

Mr Chilcott, solicitor for the defendant—It is a most peculiar name, sir, and I am unable to say who is responsible for its creation, but what I can say with confidence is that the defendant is not at the present time in a position to pay the money. He has for six weeks past been engaged at this entertainment at Waterloo House at a salary of £5 a-week, but up to the present time he has not received his salary.

The Judge—Why does he not come here himself and let us hear what he has to say on the matter? Mr Chilcott—He would have been here, sir, but for the fact that he has a most important engagement with Colonel Sargent, and it would be very detrimental to him not to keep it. I have a personal knowledge of the defendant's affairs, and my attendance here to-day on his behalf is a pure matter of friendship. I am prepared now to offer payment by instalments of £1 a-month. Plaintiff—That is ridiculous under the circumstances. The Judge—There will be an order for payment of £2 a-month.

BIRTH.—April 7th, 1891, wife of Thomas Holden, of a daughter.

BIRTH.—March 21st, wife of James Holden, proprietor of Holden's fantoches, of a daughter.

DIED, April 17th, 1891, of diphtheria, Alice, the beloved daughter of Thomas and Sarah Holden, aged nine. Deeply regretted by her loving parents.