

The Carnival.

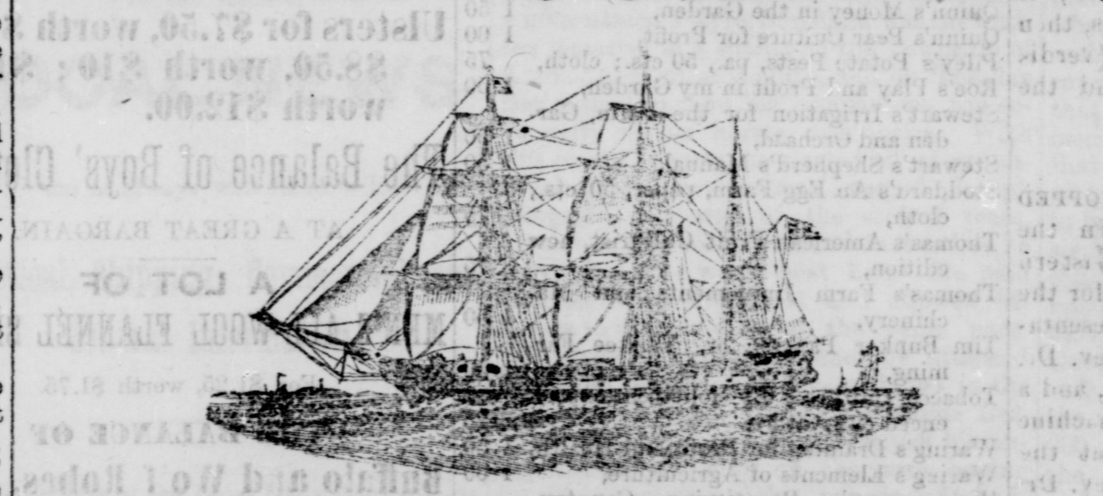
THE CARNIVAL COMES round with us now in the cycle of time just as regularly as Christmas or New Year's Day; and the preparations for it delight the ladies more, in proportion perhaps, than any other festival in the year. The feminine mind is always fond of display, and a certain amount of innocent rivalry exists among the fair ones as to who will have the handsomest dress, or look the most becoming in it. It is consoling to their dear little hearts, and that each and every one of them believes that her dress looks the best, and that she, and she alone, is the centre of attraction and admiration. We certainly think that they adopt a very happy way of settling this little difficulty, as it is one we would not like to decide for them. The success of the Carnival depends, we think, not so much on the richness of the dresses, or the costliness of the materials, or the crowded Rink, as on the decorations of the Rink itself, the beauty and symmetry of the ornamentations, the brilliant lights and reflections, and the variety of the costumes. When we heard the names of the decorating committees, from their well known skill and taste we concluded that nothing would be left undone that skill could do, or ingenuity possibly devise, to make the Rink look well, and that the interior would present a somewhat different appearance from the Carnival of last year. Bent on securing a comfortable place, about a quarter to eight last night, we arrived at the "Citizens Skating Rink," but, alas! for the realization of earthly expectations! We found a great crowd there before us, all, no doubt, with the same object in view as we had ourselves. However we bear no malice, and whoever found our comfortable seat was welcome to it. We didn't. After considerable pushing and elbowing we squeezed ourselves into a position of great discomfort, between two ladies—neither very young nor very old—but just about that age when their friends are getting a little anxious about their future. Although evincing from the very earliest period, that we can recollect, a fondness for female society, we could very well have dispensed with it on this occasion. They were somewhat solid re'pres'entations of the gentler sex, and seemed in no way inclined to learn on themselves, although they were evidently quite old enough to have a little self-reliance, and strength enough to support each other, even under more trying circumstances. They showed not the slightest sign of easing the great weight of responsibility that rested on us. A liberation from our very confined circumstances was probably effected by the strenuous exertions we made to get out our note-book and pencil, for, in the course of these exertions, we felt our elbows come several times in contact with some foreign obstacles, and we heard also some deep-drawn ejaculations forcibly repeated. The upshot was that we soon found ourselves in easier circumstances and able to look around and note the effect of the decorations. Certainly they were a success, and almost exceeded expectations. We could not imagine we were in the old plain Rink, nor did we want to think we were. At eight o'clock, when as by wave of magician's wand, the empty and darkened Rink was suddenly filled with people and made all ablaze with light, the night was magnificent. The bright meteor-like rays of the many colored lights, coursant from the glittering stars of glittering steel, and radiating from the sparkling gold and silver tinsel of the handsome costumes, mingling with the flashing brown, black and blue orbs of the skaters, made it appear as if we were present at some pantomimic transformation scene or within some beautiful fairy grotto. Watching the evolutions of the Grand Amazonian March, we saw the people of every known nation and tongue, representatives from the snowy plains of the chill north to the scorching heat of the torrid zone; from the northern homes of the silvery, crackling mountain streams, to the dense weed-matted source of the congo; from the land of lofty minarets and black-eyed Houris to the wild western prairie lands of the unfettered red man, gathered together from the north and the south, from the east and the west, to take part in our Annual Carnival; skating in and out, twisting about, right and left, down the centre and up the sides; performing evolutions too dazzling for eye to follow. At last, this indiscrutable whirl of nations; this bewildering babel of dresses dissolves and singly, or in twos or threes, forming the strangest alliances, they glided on the smooth ice, keeping time with the soul-inspiring strain of the Band. We would follow the usual way of calling it "The Charlottetown Brass Band," were it not that that expression is in dispute; some holding that the style and name is derived from the prevailing metal in the composition of the instruments; others, that it is a nick-name on the performers from their cheek and brass in styling themselves a Band at all. As the different characters sped on their way past our position, we might, with some fairness, use an old and often-repeated expression of the Press, and say, "Where all were good, it would be invidious to particularize." Yet some of them struck us as being better than others. We recognized some from the completeness of the character they assumed, and the clever way they sustained them; others, we knew by report and through their labored efforts to act the characters in conformity with the dresses in which they had clothed themselves. But what matter, if all tended to the general amusement, as few recognized the difference between good acting and burlesque. Now, as some pretty girl with well-fitted costume, and large dark eyes under their fringe of long black lashes, would catch our eye, she carried us in fancy far away to sunny lands where ice is unknown. In one of those flights we were reminded of the uncertainty of this life, by a funeral scene—one of the merry clowns having been shot in a friendly duel. They are making preparations for planting him,

and the chief mourners, in the deepest black, follow his remains, to the grand strains of the Dead March, from a shrill flute. In the smoking room, however, he is waked to life again, nor does his sudden resurrection seem to impress him at all seriously. Now away on the giddy wing of fancy to the dreamy land of the Orientals, as the darling Lallah Rhook, raising the natural veil that fringes those lustrous eyes, Tom Moore so raved about, met our gaze. All at once, shivering with cold in the snowy ice-clad polar regions—
"Ever thicker, thicker,
Fell the snow on ice and wold,"
and we find ourselves on all sides surrounded with "Winter," as a swift footed Icelandic lady darts past. A perceptible change comes over the weather, and the "beautiful silver frost" is seen, and seen only to be admired by all, reconciling us to the "long and dreary winter." Now melting under the heat of an African sun, along the banks of "Victoria Nyanza," as their sable forms glide by their very blackness, casting a gloom, and shadow out on the brightness of the scene. Again on fancy's flight we are landed in the region of Sunny Spain, as a "lovely" Spanish Cigar Girl, in black and yellow bodice, with skirt all red and gold, moves silently along, with a searching look in the soft brown eyes, as they sweep over the balcony. Now she is joined by the enchanting "Esmeralda," and gliding away is lost to our view in the giddy, whirling throng. Three pretty little pink dominos "all in a row" next catch our eye as they merrily trip along. We wish they would lift the masks and disclose their features. The "Roumanian Girl" has found a valiant ally and protector in the gallant "Red Cross Knight." Woe to the weakened Moslem if the brave Knights of the Cross unfurl their Christian banner. From the "sublime to the ridiculous" we fall, as "Folly" linked with the "Devil" himself is led off in the mazy dance, and figures in the centre of the scene. We scarcely think the bright, sparkling, pretty little "Advertiser," "the selling J.E." felt herself bound to "accept the lowest tender," even though she promised great bargains and great reductions. We think the handsome Dr. Fautus knows a bargain when he sees it. The "March of Intellect" has at last fairly reached our little island, and no less than three "lady graduates" entered the competitive arena last night. If they are as skilful as they are bewitching, take care of your laurels ye gay young students, or you will be outstripped in the race. Now we are attracted by the pretty charms of the "Fish Wife" and the handsome "Shepherdess." We hardly know, if left to ourselves, which we would like better to be caught "by hook or by crook." The "Orphans" were evidently jumpy and well-cared for; they seemed to be singing in their exuberance of joy,
"Who cares for Mother now,"
while young "Sinbad the Sailor" divides his attention between them and holds the smaller orphans enrapt as he relates marvellous stories of his strange adventures. The courtly "Hamlet" mourning the untimely loss of "Ophelia," evidently courts an alliance with the beautiful "Daughter of the Royal House of Bavaria." The gracefully formed "Diana," weary with hunting, has "picked up" a clown. The "Photograph Album" and the "Scrap Book" would be ornaments at any drawing room table. We missed the large lustrous eyes of the "Moorish Princess" this season, and the high and mighty "Cid" has dropped from the magic circle. The "Rajah of Hydabad" is reported reading for honors. We trust that the "Corsican Brothers" do not cherish a vendetta against the Rink, though they were absent. The manly physique of the "Colonel of Volunteers" of a former Carnival was absent; but was represented by his handsome subaltern. "Coeur de Lion" appeared as brave and as strong as when he led his army of Crusaders to fight the Saracens for the Holy "Sepulchre." But where was his Berengaria—his fair Navarrese Bride? Mayhap on her way to Sicily to join her warlike lord—he fittingly lavishly in the meantime. The "South West Wind" fanned the heavy air at times with his gentle breeze, and old "Rip Van Winkle" looked as if he would never go to sleep again. "Kings" and "Peasants," conversing on terms of intimacy, marked the levelling character of the age. "Bluff Hal" looking as merry and portly as when he won the affections of the gentle Catherine. We are glad, for the quiet of the Rink, that he left his wives at home, for he was evidently looking out for a sweetheart. "The Flour of the Family" was of the choicest brand, double superior—and very well done. In our opinion the "Patent Expander" was as good a device as we ever saw, and required a strong, active young fellow to support the character. The "Matadore" looked as clear-limbed a youth as ever threw red cloth over "La Toras." We leave the matter of the handsomest dress in the hands of the ladies. Altogether, it was the best spectacle ever seen in our city. The ice was a little damp; perhaps the "Directors" could not help that, though some one said in our hearing that the ice would be better if it had some of the cold north wind that was singing outside. Seriously, however, King Aeolus should have kept the north wind at all events, till the south-west returned, and that was after midnight. Everything passed off "as merry as a marriage bell." The discomforts endured were far more than counterbalanced by the pleasures of the evening and the excellent arrangements. The order that prevailed was perfect, and the courtesy of the Directors all that could be desired by the most expectant. The following list of characters, which Miss Lucy DesBrisay and Mr. John Haszard took the great trouble of procuring for us, is, we think, correct:—
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Cavanagh, Miss L..... A Highland Lassie

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Coles, Miss Alexandrina Lady time of Geo. IV
Davis, Miss Kate..... Pink Domino
DesBrisay, Miss Gertrude M..... Lallah Kookh
DesBrisay, Miss Maud..... New Haven Fish Girl
Dann, Miss Nellie..... The Flour of the Family
Haviland, Miss May..... Spanish Cigar Girl
Haviland, Miss Blanche..... Pink Domino
Hobkirk, Miss..... Scrap-Book
Hobkirk, Miss Marion..... Sweet Girl Graduate
Hobkirk, Miss Maggie..... Esmeralda
Lacey, Miss Lizzie..... Italian Peasant
Longworth, Miss Belle..... Photograph
Longworth, Miss Fanny H..... Milkmaid
Longworth, Miss Agnes J..... Mrs. Page
(Merrie Wives of Windsor).
Longworth, Miss Pennie..... Pink Domino
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Newbery, Miss Jeanie..... Huntress
Nelson, Miss Louise..... Folly
Pope, Miss Florrie..... Girl of Roumania
Pope, Miss Helen..... Night & Day
Pope, Miss Lucy..... Martha Washington
Pope, Miss Maggie..... Mother Hubbard
Roberts, Miss Georgie..... Welsh Peasant
Stewart, Miss..... One of Two Orphans
Strickland, Mrs..... A Silver Thaw
Stronach, Miss..... Red Riding Hood
Webster, Miss Jamie..... Bavarian Girl
Wright, Miss Kate..... from "La Perichole"
Wright, Miss Elisha..... Shepherdess
Youngusband, Miss Lily..... A Fortune Teller
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Camellerie, Master F..... A young Indian Brave
Davies, Mr. Daniel, jr..... The Big Clown
Davies, Master Harry D..... The Christmas Post
By
Dean, Mr. Frank J..... Artillery Officer
DesBrisay, Mr. Geo. W..... Spanish Matador
DesBrisay, Mr. O. Barrett A Patent Expander
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DesBrisay, Mr. Wm. C..... Heary VIII
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Century
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Chas. VI.
Newbery, Mr. Arthur..... Gentleman of 14th
Century
Newbery, Mr. Willie..... Jack-a-Tar
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Patterson, Mr. Walter..... Negro Gent
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Pope, Mr. Percy..... Coeur de Lion
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