

**PAY OF ACTRESSES.**

**WOMEN ON THE STAGE RECEIVE, AS A RULE, SMALL SALARIES.**

There are a few who are rewarded liberally, but generally the business is not profitable, and not many in this country have made fortunes.

Into a room in an up town office building there passed at irregular intervals young women who, after having spent some time inside, reappeared at the door and started down the flight of steps that lead to the street. This happened all day. A line of women was continually going in and out. None of them staid very long, and none of them left the room with expressions of particular satisfaction.

"I don't think there could be any better warning," said a theatrical man who had an office opposite the door through which the girls disappeared, "to women who think of going on the stage than the sight of that string of women. That is a theatrical exchange, and in and out of that office they go every day. Some of them—the lucky ones—disappear after awhile, and they seem to have found places. But the majority come and go for a long time before anything is found for them. The best don't come to the exchanges, you know. Only those who are not well enough known to have their services always in demand are compelled to look for positions through the agents. The others can go to the managers, or, in some rare cases, have the managers come to them.

"There never was a subject about which less was really known than that of the rewards that a life on the stage bring to a woman. I remember to have seen once an interview with Lotta Crabtree in The Sun in which she said that the stage gave women more than any other profession could. Lotta is one of the few very rich women of the stage, and I am afraid that optimistic opinion was affected more or less by her own success. If she had not accumulated \$500,000 or more, Lotta might not look so favorably upon the stage as a means of livelihood for women.

"The ideas that are prevalent about salaries, the general idea of the large amounts paid and the prospects for saving money that such occupation affords are all based on very erroneous impressions. There are, of course, actors that make large sums, and some that make fortunes. But there are not many of them. There are very few people, for instance, who would believe that the leading lady of a prominent New York stock company gets only \$100 a week—that is, for about 30 weeks of the year, or maybe 35 at the outside. On the road she receives \$125 a week. A certain amount is paid by her manager toward her costumes, but when it happens that the plays are not successful and have to be changed frequently, the expense of costumes uses up a large proportion of what she may make. The most popular leading woman in American receives only \$125 a week when she is in New York and an extra \$25 on the road. Yet as many of the people at the theaters in which she acts go to see her as go to see the 'star' with whom she's associated. But she's to be a star herself after awhile, and then she will make enough to repay her for all the time she was building up her popularity, even if she was not getting rich.

"These women that get the salaries I spoke of are the best paid in the country. Among all the women on the stage I doubt if there are 50 who receive as much as that. One leading lady in a New York theater gets only \$65 a week. The women who act on the road with stars get usually \$75 or \$80, and in some cases \$100. But, as I said, there are not many of them in the last schedule. The prices range on down to \$30, which is about the smallest salary paid to any woman in a first class company.

"When they get to be stars on their own account, the case is different. Usually the women stars get certain sums every week in salary and certain amounts from the profits. Some of the best paid get \$300 a week in salary and one-quarter of the profits. Then they begin to make money. One-quarter of the profits may equal, under favorable circumstances, \$2,000. That makes the salary of the actor engaged on the terms mentioned \$800 a week. But only the lucky ones succeed in ever accomplishing such success as that. Of course there are others who take all the money and merely hire their managers. But they are still fewer in number.

"Another thing that has to be taken into consideration is the fact that a woman has only a certain time on the stage. She must be a genius to last much beyond 40, and she is not likely to become famous much before 30. So her time is rather short. After a certain period the decline begins and salaries begin to go down, just as before the age, say of 40, they increased. Think of the few rich or even comfortably off women of the stage. They could be counted on the fingers—Lotta, Maggie Mitchell, Fauny Davenport and Clara Morris. There may be a few others, but they are mighty few. Compare this with the long list of women that have been popular and successful in their youth, and I think you will agree with me that the women on the stage are not as well paid as the aspirants think."—New York

**MESSAGE TO MEN.**

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**His Call.** He loved her madly. Pray why not? For the maiden Had a. In the parlor—Hear that kiss—They look like a. From her presence Now he staggers. For her father Looked like ++ —New York Sunday Journal.

The biggest cricket field in the world—that is to say, the biggest ground set apart entirely for the game—is the Oval at Kennington.

Sheridan fell in love with Miss Linley and told the story of "The Rivale," which is a true account of his courtship.

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**Cough**

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**She Accompanied Him.**

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"How was that?" asked the young lady who sang. "When the water struck our house, my husband got on the folding bed and floated down the stream until he was rescued."

"And what did you do?" "Well, I accompanied him upon the piano."—New York Journal.

**Her New Hat.**



"Now, miss, it ain't no use yer tryin for ter hide. I knows ye're under that hat, 'cos I can see yer feet."—Nuggets.

**Quick and Witty.**

Lord Young is said to be one of the ablest Scotchmen on the bench or at the bar. At least he has a ready tongue. One day in September he was driving into town from his place in the country when he met an acquaintance.

"Hallo!" said the latter, "what are you doing here? I thought all respectable people were out of town."

"Well," said the other, "have you seen anything to make you alter your opinion? I haven't."

At the time of the general election of 1893 he was visiting at Dalmeny House, and the report came that Lord Wolmer, now the Earl of Selborne, had been returned for the western division by a majority of 3 over Mr. T. R. Buchanan. Soon after some one came in and said that the majority was 200. He added that Lord — and Lord — had voted for Wolmer.

"Ah," said Young, "that accounts for the two ciphers."—Youth's Companion.

**A Familiar Problem.**

Young Mrs. Torkins had been carefully studying a picture which showed the costumes of the Greek and Turkish soldiers. Laying the paper aside, she exclaimed, with a sigh:

"There's nothing new under the sun, is there, Charley dear?"

"To what do you refer?" "The European situation. It seems to be the same old question of which it's to be—skirts or bloomers."—Washington Star.

**He Got Them Mixed.**

A Greek fruit dealer asked a passing pedestrian to step into his store and address a letter for him. His destination was, "Isle of Patmos."

"Do you know," said the stranger, as he wrote, "that John wrote 'Revelations' in Patmos?"

"Oh, yes—John. He sell fruit—he write letter—I marry his sister. He come 'Merican' year."—Atlanta Constitution.

**How the Mix Up Began.**

"It was this a-way, judge. Ye see, I doled de cards, and Jim Brown he had a pah of aces and a pah o' kings."

"What did you have?" "Three aces, judge, and"—

"What did Jim do?" "Jim, he drew."

"What did he draw?" "He drew a razzar, judge."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

**A Flood Sufferer.**

"You a flood sufferer? Nit!" said the hired lady. "You have been hanging around town here all this winter and spring."

"But I am, lady—indeed I am," protested Mr. Dismal Dawson. "I got to thinkin of all that water, an' it made me that sick 'n weak that I ain't been even able to ask fer work."—Indianapolis Journal.

**Profound Grief.**

"I never saw a woman mourn her husband as deeply as Mrs. Fitzjones does."

"Does she really seem bereaved?" "She hasn't crimped her hair since he died."—Chicago Record.

**An Irresistible Conclusion.**

Knocket—Do you believe in a personal devil? Sprocket—Well, I don't know who else would scatter broken glass on the pavements.—Detroit News.

**Poor Plaster.**

"By gosh!" said the clerk of the country court as a part of the ceiling fell with a crash, "that's very poor court plaster."—New York Sunday Journal.

**Disagreeable.**

"What a fretful, peevish temperament Jiggers has!" "Yes, he acts just like a citizens' reform association."—Detroit News.

**COURSING LIZARDS.**

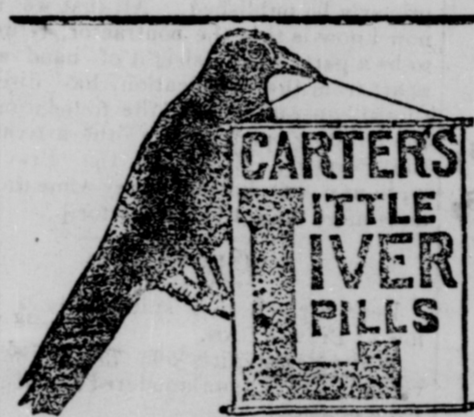
The Amusement of a Tame Eagle in the Arizona Desert.

In St. Nicholas Wolcott Le Clear Beard writes of "Moses, a Tame Eagle," which was one of his pets while he was engaged in engineering in southern Arizona. Mr. Beard says he was very fond of the lizards with which these plains abounded, and one large variety, called swifts, from their remarkable speed in running, seemed to be especially coveted.

Whenever one of these was caught, which was not often, Moses would be brought out, and, after the swift had taken a ten foot start, would be set free. The lizard would promptly resolve itself into a white streak across the desert, and, screaming with excitement, half running, half flying, Moses would pursue, followed by the laughing crowd, of which only those on horseback had much chance of keeping up. It was in no sense a cruel sport. It amused Moses and us and didn't hurt the swift, for he got away every time, and if the feelings of our pet were a trifle injured as he returned, perched on some one's wrist or saddle horn, from his fruitless hunt these were speedily soothed by the prompt gift of a nice bit of fresh beef, so no one was the worse. The lizards, however, he seemed to view as a sort of dessert, and as he could absorb an unlimited quantity they were always in demand.

A certain sick kept on the veranda of our office was generally under his eye, and when any one picked this up and started for a walk across the desert Moses would hop gravely along behind, sure that some of his favorite dainties would soon be forthcoming.

Of course Moses was perfectly well able to catch the smaller kinds of lizards for himself, but there was less exertion in allowing some one else to do it for him, and exertion at this period of his life was a thing to which Moses was violently opposed. These occasions were almost the only ones when he would be silent for any length of time, for he seemed to understand perfectly that at the first note of his voice every lizard within hearing would run for its life to the nearest refuge, and only when a blow of the stick failed for the second or third time to reach its mark would he give utterance to his deep disgust at such clumsiness.



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