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A CHINESE ACTOR.

CHINESE THEATRE.

A Night at the Choy Ting Quoy Revenue a Fine Artist Harrassed by Century Old great actor plays a female part, that Traditions-Costumes Are Murvels of Oriental Richness.

know that the greatest actor in the | son had also gone to the rescue of his world has been making his first Am- | fond father, who was held captive by | erican tour, and, furthermore, that he the enemy. In the meantime the wife. has been playing in New York. You forgetful of her liege lord, falls in love may perhaps not agree with me in the with a rich nobleman. A baby is born statement that he is the greatest actor in the world, nor shall I quarrel with you if you don't. I take the word of Luk Ling for it, and Luk Ling is a man of much knowledge of the drama. If you wish to see for yourself go down to the Choy Tng Quoy, in Doyers , her, and in the incidents that follow I street, New York and sit in judgment upon the merits of Fon Chong Mai, | which the victorious son rescues the Nou may not take the same view of It as Luk Ling, for he is a manager, and managers, you know, sometimes look at art through gold rimmed glasses. But you must admit to yourself that Fon Chong Mai is a great actor.



Fon Chong Mat.

quality which permits him to take lib-

If Augustin Daly may "adapt" Shakespeare and Rosland, why would I had the pleasure of seeing a portion which defied either analysis or cure. may make it very pleasant for you, from either management or players. He will tell you that his name is Fred , Delaca, that he is the assistant man. The second attempt at suicide was

being givon "by request," and my friend, the communicative Chinaman, who had seen it many times, told me HE HAS BEEN SEEN IN NEW YORK'S all about it. His version was corroborated by the versatile Mr. Delaca, who hoasts among dis numerous accomplishments, the ability to understand Chinese. In "Son Fong Quon" the

of the young wife of a rich old warrior who has gone to fight a neighboring clan. At the time of my arrival he It may surprise the unlearned to had been absent for two years. Ilis

to her, and she is in despair of the return of her husband. She was a very lachrymose creature, and twice did sho attempt to commit suicide, once by throwing herself into a well, and once by hanging. The child is stolen from gathered a vague idea of a battle in father, while the unfortunate baby grows up to be a big boy, and is returned to his mother. Just how the martial difficulties are straightened out I could not comprehend, despite the efforts of my communicative Chineso friend. Like mos. of the Chinese dramas, "Son Fong Quon" is said to be based upon actual historical incidents.

Fon Chong Mai is undeniably an accomplished actor. His art is the most difficult art of the mind, the art of creating an illusion without the aid of stage environments. His pantomine was superb. His impersonation of the false wife moved the audience deeply. His portrayal of the varying moods, even to one who had no idea of what it was all about, conveyed a feeling and there by the side of my right foot that here was primitive art. Fancy an Irving or a Mansfield attempting to create an illusion on a perfectly baro stage, with no curtain, no scenery, no

Had you gone last week you my it footlights, no calciums, and a madden-have seen the popular tragedy " in ing orchestra sprawled at the back. Fong Quon"-that is, you might a ve punctuating each sentence with the seen it in its entirety if you had at- wall of weird string instruments or the tended every performance, lasting from deafening clash of great cymbals. six o'clock in the evening until after Could any English speaking actor inmidnight. This is a condensed ver- terest his audience in a play when a sion, for Luk Ling, who manages Chi- placard, stuck up at the side of the patown's theatre, has absorbed one stage, announces that ten years have quality of the American manager-a flown without even the dropping of a curtain? Think you that by walking erties with the works of the great mas- twice around the stage any actor of ters to suit the exigencies of the hour. your knowledge could create the impdression that he had gone on a two

day's journey? I was fortunate in seeing both the atwe frown upon Luk Ling when he cuts tempts at c lide. The first time the a thirty day play to fit in one week? unhappy woman personated by Fon Chong Mai attempted to drown herself of "Son Fong Quon" one night, and in the well. Although it looked like a carried away with me a vivid recol. soap box covered with a sliken scarf. lection of a gifted actor harassed by you knew it was a well, for the old garcentury old traditions; of an orchestra dener with a horse's tail for a beard reminiscent of a hundred boiler facto- had just drawn a bucketful of water ries rolled into one, and a headache from it after much effort. Fon Chong Mai jumped recklessly into the well. You dive into the Chinese theatre, but was rescued by the faithful old serdown in Doyers street. You don't walk vant to accompaniment of an outburst in, or stroll in, or even drop in, al- from the orchestra. This was a most though the latter means of egress is thrilling moment. I have more than quite possible. Dive is the only word once sat in the top gallery of a Bowery that really fits. You go down a couple theatre, during the course of some of steps off the narrow sidewalk, when thrilling Western melodrama, in the you come to the box office. Here you old days before the gods had assumed exchange the coin of the realm for a the blase air of the habitual theatre bit of pasteboard bearing queer hier- goer, but never have I seen such intenoglyphics, which you present at the sity of interest as was pictured on the door after going down another step, faces of that throng of Chinamen. Some The man who takes your tloket at the had oven mounted the very stage itsoor is a white man. If you are so for. self and stood grouped on the outer tunate as to make his acquaintance he edges at either side, without a rebuke

ager and the only white man employed more elaborate. The preparations were

MIGHTY HARD LUCK. A Western Gambler's Winnings on :

Mythical Quarter and His Genuine Discomfiture.

"Talk about hard-luck storles," said a reformed western gambler, to a New York Sun reporter, "I think I can discount anything you ever heard in that line. It was in the early days of Leadville, just about this time of year, and I tell you it does get cold up in the hills

along about now. "Well, I was broke, didn't have a copper, and had strolled into a gambling house to get a warm-up. There were several games going on, and when I had



HIS STACK OF CHIPS."

thawed out a little I walked over to the faro layout where I went broke the night before. As I said, it was a very cold night, and, feeling a great draught at my feet, I happened to glance down at the floor to see where it came from, was lying what I thought to be a quarter

ly, making imaginary plays. 'I'll play 25 cents open on the acc,' I said to the dealer, and in a moment more it won. "The dealer handed me two white chips. I played again, and again won,

couldn't lose a deal, and in half an hour I had a couple of hundred dollars' worth of chips before me.

ice, but the heat from my boot melted it. Of course, the dealer promptly refused to cash the chips,"



On Curing Eczema and Old Sore.

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How a New York Man Secured Peace and Tranquil Rest.

CATS.

Subject.

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Bay City has joined the throng. Many a attizen lifts, his voice in

praise. Enthusiasto people every-

where. Backs relieved of heavy

burders. Nights of suffering, days

of misery, become nights of rest

Buren street, machinist, says: "Both

my wife and myself used Doan's Kidney Pills and found them a most

GREAT

He Made Use of Electric Wires to Keep the Feline Romeos and Juliots from Tearing the Peaceful Night Into Shreds.

There are cats in an uptown locality of New York that are far more considerate of the rights of man and far less shrilly assertive of their own emotion than they were a few weeks ago, and the professor who is responsible for the change enjoys pence and contentment once more.

When he came back from his summer vacation, says the New York Sun, he moved into lodgings in the rear of a house on West —th street, He thought the rooms there would be more quiet than those in front. The outlook was pleasant, too-into a welleffectual remedy for disordered kid-neys. I was troubled for a long time with kidney complaint. My back ached nearly all the time and bothered kept back yard separated by a vinccovered fence from other well-kept back yards. But these proved to be the favorite retreat of cats. Never, outside me a great deal when about my work. of Boston, had he listened to so many It was especially bad if I took cold and cats as prowled about those back yards at such times the secretions from the kidneys were irregplar and discolored and I was generally run down. I proand sat upon those vine-covered fences making hideous noises that got on his oured Doan's Kidney Pills from Mason nerves and curdled his blood. No soon-& Beach's drug store and on taking them they soon drove away the backer would he start his train of thought than a shrick would throw it off the track. It was impossible to think clearly or to maintain a sequence on any better bealth ever since." subject. His lectures written in the evening proved such a hodge-podge when he read them the next day that he was in despair. He tried retiring early, so as to get up and work in the take no substitute. morning, but his slumbers were broken

by the flendish chorus that waxed stronger as the hours passed. The professor provided himself with a stock of missiles-stones, blocks of wood and sticks-and when it was exhausted followed it up with his shoes and even his books, anything that, in the exasperation of the moment, he could lay hands on. He concluded, however, that he must have a Spanish





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"I had been watching the game close-

and before the end of the deal I had a nice stack of chips. It seemed to me I aim, as he never discovered that he

"I concluded to cash in, and stacked my chips, pushing them toward the dealer. He counted them, and looking up at me, said: 'Where's that quarter you made your first bet on?' I had forgetten all about it. I looked on the floor; the quarter was gone. Then T lit a match and saw that what I had supposed to be a quarter was simply a wet spot. It was originally a bit of

in the establishment. He is a most made with due care. A chair was Chong Mal.

lightly conferred, and you must not Mai, with much elaborate explanation expect too much. At any rate, you in pure Cantonese, proceeded to make would have to wait until the end of another attempt to snuffle off this morthe performance, for the Chinese ac- tal coil. With a long scarf, and alded tors are by no means free from the superstitions which the members of the profession are prone to. I do not think Fon Chong Mai would hesitate to begin a tour on a Friday, even should it fall upon the thirteenth of the month. I believe he would even walk Ander a ladder if he were satisfied in his own mind that it wouldn't fall on him. But speak to any one during the course of a performance? Never. The thing is unheard of. It would bring him bad luck. Fon Chong Mai is a tragedian and female impersonator. Did he have a press agent we should hear great stories of stolen jewels, or romantic love affairs, perhaps of milk baths. But they had no press agents eighteen hundred years ago, when "Son Fong Quon" was written, and the play Was given exactly as produced on its first night in Canton. The great actor brings over with him an all star company, including two or three Chinese actresses. The amiable Mr. Delaca conducted me to a box in the rear of the house, from which I could see the stage through a cloud of smoke arising from a sca of black hats with serious, Fellow faces under them. The box was Evite large, and contained in addition to myself a party of sightseers from the avenue under the escort of "Chuck" Connors, and a rara avis in the person of a communicative Chinaman. I made friends with him at once.

There was a sharp slope down to the queer little stage, but the spectators in ; er day and got himself into trouble for the rear of the crowded house sat assaulting the elephant, "What made perched up on the backs of the wooden you kick him in the shins?" said the benches, so as to miss no portion of judge. "Vell, you see eet vas dis vay, the play. Occasionally, as the chatter Ay dadn't know. Ay take ma vooman of the intruders from up town became to circus. Ay buy um peanut. Ay see

amiable young man, and if you strike placed in the centre of the stage by an his fancy he may even arrange it so attendant. Propped against this was that you can meet the great actor, Fon a long pole, surmounted by something that looked like a feather duster. My friend, the communicative Chinaman, This is an honor, however, that is not said it was a tree. Then Fon Chong



A Scene at the Chinese Theatre.

by his wonderful pantomime, the feather duster on the pole became a gibbet. But Woo Falk came to the rescue, and in the melee that followed I turned to my friend the Chinaman for an explanation. "Him cuttee tiee down," said that enthusiastic spectator. And I had to be satisfied. Finally the evening's entertainment came to an end, and the Chinamen all left their seats and filed solemnly out of the dingy little theatre to await the following evening, when the thread of the story would be resumed. Just how they knew it was oven for the night was something of a puzzle, for as near as I could judge there was no denouement, and certainly there was no curtain to be rung down.

Ole Oleson at the Circus. Ole Oleson wont to the circus the othnoticeably loud they would glare back big elephant, Hay got-vot you tank?- see the father taking up the boy, biand say: "Too muchee talkee!" It was hay got two tails. Vel, bynby hay take cycle and all; then, after looking carefor all the world like a box party at hay darn tail, hay stale ma pennuts. fully to see that everything is right, the Metropolitan; only it was all so Ay tell my vife eef ay know which end sciting down both machine and rider, different. But the elements of human hay got um head on ay skall break hay, and literally bowling along the whole nature were identical. The play was dam face. Ay dadn't not know, ____ concerp.

Michigan Baby Boy Who Began to Ride a Wheel Almost as Soon as He Could Walk,

Master Verne Trask, of Jackson, Mich., is probably the smallest bloyclist in the world, and commenced to ride almost as soon as he could welk. As he is now but 21/2 years old it may readily be imagined that his wheel is below



IN THE CLUTCHES OF THE LAW.

standard size. The tiny machine is practically perfect in every detail, and although the front wheel only measures 131/2 inches in diameter its pneumatic tires are of the ordinary size. On lest Sunday he rode about two miles, and although much commotion was apparent among the pedestrians at the appearance of such a midget cyclist, the little rider did not pay the least attention to anybody, but pedalled on as hard as he could, regardless of police regulations. When the road was bad, he would take to the pavement with an inscience that greatly amused the city police. His father, Mr. Charles Trask, left England for the United States some 14 years ago, and he belongs to a well-known West of Enghand family. The drollest thing was to

youthful telegraph operator out west. What had proved death to the insects might prove at least disaster to cafs.

When evening came on, therefore, the professor trailed wires from an electric battery in his room to the yard below and up over the back fence, where the cats loved to promenade and yowl. Then with an unholy glee he watched

for results from his window. Soon he suw a stealthy form picking its way along the wire-covered fence. Suddenly it bounded into the air and landed in a flower bed. Almost immediately another cat pursued its course along the fence and at the same spot met with a similar fate, only dropping this time on the other side of the fence. There were other cats and other falls that night, but no choruses or solos. Word was evidently passed around among the feline 'population of the neighborhood, for the back yard outside the professor's rooms became tranquil and catless. Now and then a cat is seen to cross on its way to safer regions, but it steps high and cautiously and lingers not where the wicked man has laid his treacherous wires,





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