

THE THEATERS OF LONDON.

An Enormous Business—The Lord Chamberlain's Autocratic Powers.

There are thirty-six theaters in London. They represent an investment in land of over \$200,000,000. They employ at least 10,000 persons—actors, stage hands, and people in front of the house. These are in direct and continual service. The seating capacity is 75,000. The average attendance is 51,000. The average admission is 1s 11d, or 38 cents. The average return, then, is about £4,000. This is for every performance, and including adnees. Most of the theaters give matinees—some of them two, and even three, a week. The Lord Chamberlain's play-reader revises plays, exercises an autocratic authority over theaters, bullrys managers, and is decent or not as the spirit moves him. Let me say he is usually decent. His name is Mr. Pigot, an ex-barrister. He has an office down near St. James' Palace. His duties are to license plays, and when he has said a play cannot be put on, that settles it; there is no appeal. Salui horse appealed from one court to another in New York, but had he applied to the Lord Chamberlain and received an adverse answer that would have ended the matter then and there, and he would have saved considerable money. Not that the Lord Chamberlain ever meddles with plays; he is too important an official for that, and the supervision of this branch of his duties is perfunctory, quite. He has charge of public buildings and palaces; has an office at Westminster, and is a very high and mighty man all round; but the play-reader is a retiring little chap, with a literary turn of mind and a stern sense of duty. Whenever a play is to be produced it is sent to him with a fee of one guinea for each act. He immediately sends a receipt for the guineas, and that is the last you hear of them. Within a week you get notice whether you can play the piece or not, or if anything has got to be expurgated. It is not necessary for him to indicate why he will not allow a play or part of it; he only says 'yes' or 'no, and there an end. A short time ago a Canadian friend of mine sent in a melodrama, in seven acts, to put before a London manager. The manager jumped at it and made preparation for its production, saying: "Oh, the license is all right; he won't interfere." But he did. The play was sent around to him as soon as the parts were copied, and with them the necessary seven guineas. In a few days notice was sent to the manager that the piece could not be played. We went to see him, and asked to make alterations. He said that he didn't mind telling us that the Irish scene was the objectionable feature, and if we had a mind to cut that out and change the time of action, so that it would not deal with the Government of to-day, he would permit its production. Now the play had only one Irish scene, and it dealt with a peaceful village where there was a comparative prosperity, but out of which there subsequently came the thread of a plot. In London the troubles of the hero led to an appeal being made to the Home Secretary, who, by the way, is not represented, only referred to, and then not by name, and his refusal to interfere calls forth an effort to escape, and naturally enough leads to his being called "a hard-hearted man." Beyond this there is no reference to him, but that was the ground upon which the time of the action must be shifted. "Can I put it into the period of the Beaconsfield Government?" said the manager.

"That I can't say until I have seen what you make it there."

"Can't I take it to a time when the Home Secretary was an unpopular man?"

"I can't tell you. This you can do, however. You can take it out of the reign of Queen Victoria."

"But, bless you, that would spoil the play altogether. It of a necessity deals with the present."

Well, the play was not produced, and won't be.—*New York World.*

Japan Tea.

"Japan tea is not a favorite in these days," said a grocer. "Ten years ago a rage in its favor set in, and the Japanese tea was called for on all sides, but it fell out of public favor as rapidly as it came in. Why? It had not enough of merit to keep it in. The first lots we got from Japan were choice quality, because the growth was small and great attention was paid to its culture, with hopes for the future. But the demand increased in a few jumps, care was abandoned by the growers, and the only object sought was to fill the orders. Consequently the Japanese tea that found its way to the American market was a sorry lot. Tea lovers soon found it out, and the Chinese stimulant was taken again and found much better. Not only were the old and tough leaves of the tea plant picked at all times of the year, instead of the young green ones of the spring season, but wisteria leaves were mixed in with them. When the Japan tea first came here the dried leaves had a delicate olive tint and were long and wiry. Now they are broken and range in color from black to yellow, the result of artificial colorings with various blues, gypsum, and soapstone.—*Cleveland Herald.*

"I am choosst as full ash a bag of flour," remarked an inebriate to a sober friend. "There is a difference between you and a sack of flour, however." "What ish difference?" "When a sack is full it can stand up, but when you are full you can't even lie down on the ground without holding on."—*London Sitings.*

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