ACT WITHOUT WURDS

Old Art of Pantomime Has Gained in Popularity.

George L. Fox and "Humpty Dumpty" Recalled-London's Regular Annual Revival—is a Novelty in America.

New York.—Gesture—the refinement of action—is perhaps the oldest form of expressing emotion, and just now there seems to be a tendency to revive the old art of pantomime. With the English the pantomime play is an institution, with Americans it is almost a novelty. Our older generation of theater-goers, however, can recall "Humpty Dumpty," in which Goody Two-Shoes, Old One-Two, Tommy Tucker and Humpty Dumpty became

"For tho' true love ne'er did run smooth, I'm told,

All will end well where true hearts, like yours, are gold." What a satisfying couplet to come from a fairy queen after the opening

vicissitudes of the wordless play. Perrot, Arlecchino, Pantalene and Columbine were characters in Italian masque plays of the middle ages. An incoherent plot was strung together to embrace acrobatics and ballet dancing. It was 400 years later that the descendants of the Italian quartet appeared before an American audience.

Plots of the older pantomime plays were simple and fantastic. Without speech there must be swiftness of action to sustain interest. The story of "Humpty Dumpty," whose popularity began in the spring of 1868, when George L. Fox played the great clown at the Olympic theater in this city, is a good example of pantomimic plot. Goody and Tommy were rustic lovers and were forced to make love in secret. Old One-Two was the guardian of Goody, and at the beginning of the play comes upon the pair and threatens punishment. Humpty appears to take away the ugly guardian in his

wheelbarrow. Then the good fairy appears to deliver her hopeful couplet about true love and changes the characters into Columbine, Pantaloon, Harlequin and Clown. Tommy Tucker becomes the Harlequin, garbed in scales of yellow, symbolizing jealousy, blue for love, red for passion, black for death. Harleguin is given a magic hat and a mask to make him invincible. Old One-Two, for offense against true love, is put in the power of Humpty's tricks, Humpty becoming the clown of the harlequinade. Such was Humpty, who has gone where.

"All the king's horses and all the king's men Can never put Humpty together

again." Pantomime is a distinctly different art from that of acting. Some of the clowns of the day who are pantomimists are Adams, Ravel, Melville, Marceline. Miaco. A pointed finger must often tell the whole story. The most difficult task in pantomime is to mimic animals. The animal costume does not suffice. A close study of ani-

mal movements is necessary. Without speech an actor is wholly ineffective unless he can express his thought and emotion by facial expression, manner and gesture. The niceties and gradations of feeling until lately have not been considered within the province of pantomimists. Pantomimic acting has been "broad" to the point of bad art. The art, it is said. never gained permanent favor because of the very fact that it lacked the resources of suggestion.

BOY HOLDUPS ARE CAUGHT

They Pinioned a Victim's Arms With a Lariat and Then Rifled Pockets.

New York.—Using a lariat with which, in true western style they lassoed a victim so that he was powerless to resist, three highwaymen, the oldest of whom was but eleven years, robbed Lester Feist, eighteen vears old, 69 Cedar street, Williamsburg, of a valuable stickein while he was on his way home from making a call. Feist struggled to free himself. but the boys pulled the lariat tighter. The more he struggled the tighter, they drew the rope.

... Feist was turning into Hamburg avenue from Hart street, when three boys stepped from a doorway. One of them began whirling a lariat, and suddealy the rope shot toward him. It circled his head and dropped down over his arms. As it did the three boys pulled on the rope and pintoned his arms. He ran toward the three. but they wound the lariat around his legs and threw him to the gutter.

Feist cried for help as one of the "trio took a stickpin from the victim's tie. They were going through his pockets when Policeman Nicholas Benson, responding to Feist's cry, appeared. After a long chase Benson arrested the three boys.

Dog Saves Man in Drift, Allentown, Pa.—Allentown has a po-Hee dog, a fox terrier owned by Patrolman David, that saved the life of a man who, but for the dog, would have been frozen to death one morning recently. About midnight the officer was induced by the actions of the dog to Anvestigate what appeared to be a anowdrift. He was surprised to find a man, who upon being taken to the police station, proved to be Owen Smith, a railroader, who had been overcome on his way home and found a bed in

CITY ON THE NEVA

Characteristics of St. Petersburg Noted by English Tourist.

Officers Among the Finest Specimens of Their Kind In the World-Furs More Costly Than In United States.

St. Petersburg.-Peter the Great must have been a bold man when, in order that he might have a "window out of which he could look on Europe," he built the city on the Neva. Indeed, judging from the strong simplicity of his face in a celebrated picture, in which he is seen lecturing his feeble looking son, aesthetics could not at any time have influenced his choice of cities or otherwise. It was Lady Craven who regarded a city built amid such surroundings as certain to fall, though, as she admitted, the empress did all she could to "invite politeness, science and comforts to cheer this region of ice." F. G. Aflialo writes in the London Pall Mall Gazette. "All this is very well; yet today, as one walks down the crowded Nevski Prospekt or along the Morskaia, as one drives over the bridges to the islands. or stands within the cathedral or the opera house, it is difficult, indeed, to realize that, little more than two centuries ago all this was desolate morass of the kind seen from the Nord express between the city and the fron-

It is a city of great spaces and deserted squares. Its population must exceed 2,000,000, yet the tourist will find immense emptiness between crowded quarters. Although, moreover, the city straggles along the Neva, it cannot be said to have residential suburbs along the railway, for the train seems to come suddenly on its slums from the open plain. Its vast unused spaces doubtless have owners, but these seem unable or unwilling to turn their property to account, and one is irresistibly reminded of Tolstoy's story of the victim of his own greed, who, having been promised the freehold of as much land as he could walk around in a day, fell dead just as he had completed the circuit.

The officers are among the finest specimens of their kind anywhere in the world, and here let me say that they compare very favorably indeed with those of 'another continental power for politeness and affability. As a case in point, I was buying some typical photographs of horses, including cavalry, in a large shop, and the man behind the counter was quite unable to tell me the different regiments represented. A tall officer happ be making purchases at the same counter, and he most kindly came to the rescue, speaking excellent French, and gave me all the information I required. In the other country he would have clanked his sword and given me a look that froze, or tried to.

Up to Christmas the snow does not take itself seriously. In November I saw it thick in the streets one day and gone the next. The canals are useful rather than ornamental. They are said to smell when the ice is breaking up, and I can bear witness that they do so when it is not; so they are active all the year round. The best shops are about as expensive as those in Bond street and the window dressing is artistic, but any one expecting to get furs for a song out here will be disappointed. At any rate, the song would have to be sung by Melba or Caruso. Indeed, they are dearer than elsewhere, for the simple reason that furriers have not the art of dressing the skins in Russia, which means that these must be reimported after paying duty. This is but a tourist's glimpse of the streets of this curiously attractive city, the farthest north of my rambles for pleasure. Indeed, any holiday more hyperborean would exceed my wildest, ambitions.

TALKED IN SLEEP; PRISON

Escaped Robber Betrayed His Identity Unconsciously While Under Arrest for Drunkenness.

Columbus, O.-Because he talked in his sleep, Andrew J. McCorrell of Findlay will enter the penitentiary here to serve six years for robbery. After receiving his sentence McCor-

rell with three other prisoners assaulted Sheriff Johnson and escaped. Mc-Correll believed he had killed the sheriff and it so proyed on his mind that he talked about it in his sleep while he was being held under arrest for drunkenness at Little Rock, Ark.

The turnkey took notes and informed the authorities at Findlay. Governor Harmon soon had the prisoner back in Ohio.

PLAN NEW MILITIA RESERVE

New York State Officials Will Organlize Corps of Men Experienced in Drills.

Albany.-In order to get a better idea regarding the number of men in New York state interested in military subjects and having more or less ability with small arms, officials of the state militia propose to organize a national guard reserve, enrolling all men affiliated with rifle clubs and like organizations throughout the state. The reserve list also will contain the names of all those in the state who have seen service in the regular army. the national guard or in volunteer regiments in the Spanish war, and also men who have had military training at schools and colleges

"Pretender" Changes Plans in Attempt to Form Monarchy.

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Royalist Leader Attempts to Reconcite Few Warring Followers-Pop-Julace Care Nothing for Restoration of Throne.

Paris.-The revalists who are always fervent in France, although their political influence ceased to be important long ago, were surprised and rather dismayed to receive from the Duke of Orleans an order that he will have no direct representative in France hereafter.

The Duke of Orleans, the royalist pretender to the French throne, of course, who is an exile in England, writes an open letter in which he expressly says that any one assuming to be his personal representative will do so without authority.

In this way the duke hopes to end the discord which began several months ago after he changed his representative here. On the one side is the newspaper known as Action Francaise, of which Leon Daudet is head; on the other are individuals who oppose the militant methods of this newspaper.

In his letter the Duke of Orleans says he has undertaken to reorganize his followers in an effort to decentralize the royalist movement, as he has always been opposed to centralization. The political bureau is suppressed, but delegates will be appointed who, by means of committees, will carry on the royalist campaign.

As a matter of fact the cause of the Orleanists, the most important branch of royalism in France, has shrunk to a mere shadow. Tourists, particularly Americans, visiting France, are prone to discuss the possibility of the monarchy some day replacing the present republic. But these discussions spring more from romantic speculation than from any knowledge of the situation.

The French republic was never stronger, more solidly placed on its foundations than at this moment. The royalists proclaim themselves openly in the senate and chamber of deputies. but their number is insignificant; they fail to hold even the balance of power when the other parties are closely di-

Among the working classes no desire for the restoration of the monarchy is apparent. The last stronghold of those who still retain loyalty to a king of France is found among the aristocracy, but even there the sentiment is not nearly as strong as it was a decade or even five years ago. The Catholic church has always been royalist in its tendencies, but since the separation of church and state this influence is not as far-reaching as it

Many officers in the French army and perhaps the majority of those holding highest rank in the navy belong to the old nobility or aristocracy, but the new generation is quickly crowding these representatives of the ancient life of France into the background. In spite of the Socialists' efforts to decry militarism, the army is intensely loyal to the republic.

In a word, the old ghost, the restora tion of the monarchy, seems to be laid definitely. Therefore the letter of the Duke of Orleans, completely changing his past plans, awakens interest only among his few followers.

KILLS SELF ON GIRL'S GRAVE

Cedarville (Pa.) Youth, Unable to Live Without Sweetheart, Commits Suicide.

Allentown, Pa.-Investigation that ensued when the body of a handsome young man was found in the graveyard of Cedarville church revealed a pathetic love suicide. It turned out that Joseph W. McCarthy, aged twenty years, had killed himself on the grave of his sweetheart, Queente M. Nickum, who had been buried on Thanksgiving day, a victim of typhoid tever.

Shortly after dark he appeared, lonely and forlorn, in the neighborhood of the church. Ellsworth Reinhard, who passed him, took him for one of the boys of the neighborhood. but on greeting him received no response. David Kehn saw him enter the front yard of the church and took him for one of the choir members going to practice. Shortly after daylight Thomas Rebenoid, the sexton, velled across the road to Mr. Kehn that he had found a corpse, and the crowd that gathered soon recognized it as that of the young man who had wept so bitterly at the Nickum girl's funeral. He had drunk carbonic acid on her grave and stuck the bottle underneath the wreath that he had

given as a flower tribute. A letter addressed to the girl's grandfather requested that he be buried beside her. The letter wound up as follows: "If her relatives will not allow me to be buried beside my sweetheart then deposit my body in the river, in some lonely spot in a field or in the woods, or cast it into the sea."

Unearth 200 Skeletons. Cincinnati.—Two hundred human skeletons were discovered on the farm of Enos Hayes, between Cleves and Elizabethtown O. It is believed the place was an Indian burying ground or the scene of a battle between the Indians and white men in pioneer

WARSHIP AS MAIL CARRIER

Names L. Cowles, Secretary of Postal Progress League, Believes the idea la Plausible.

Washington.-Why should not warships be used to carry the mails? Here is a brand new question injected into the postal discussion by the tireless secretary of the Postal Progress league, James L. Cowles. That gentleman is probably the most active worker for postal reform in this country, and many of his ideas are so far ahead of the procession that it takes the congress several years to catch up with them, but Mr. Cowles. although he brings this startling suggestion to Washington, can show that he has some practical basis for it. In fact, the South African government has just passed a law authorizing the construction of several cruisers which are to be used on the regular mail route. They will take the place of a private line to which the government has been paying a subsidy of \$750,000 a year, and in time of war they will be as ready for a fight as if they had just schemed from a 'navy yard.

This idea, whimsical as it at first appears, is making a hit wherever Mr. Cowles tries it on. The navy department is not overwhelmingly popular with the congress just now, but in view of the probable expenditure of \$45,000,000 a year more for soldiers' pensions, and the ever increasing demand of the navy for more money for battleships, the suggestion that the warships might be made useful as well as ornamental is being well received. Under the present system the ships are kept moving more or less to prevent depreciation of material and discipline, but they spend days. weeks and months in idleness, often at almost the full expense of sailing equipment, when if they could be employed on business errands for the government they might effect a large saving for the postoffice department. At least, this is the kind of talk one hears from members of the congress on whom Mr. Cowles springs his scheme. Mr. Cowles would have cruisers carry mail from the Atlantic to the Pacific by way of the Panama

NEW USE FOR HOUSE CATS

Kansas Woman Submits Samples of Milk to Tabby for Expert Judgment on Richness.

Cottonwood Falls, Kan.-An enterprising Cottonwood Falls housewife has found a new use for the common house cat. As the purchaser of provisions for a large family, so the story goes, this wide-awake woman finds it necessary to buy considerable fresh -a sedate, ladylike tabby-comes in.

To decide which of her milk dealers sells the richest milk is not always an easy task when there is no means at hand to test the amount of butterfat so the business is turned over to tabby, who is the judge.

Two small saucers of fresh milk from different dealers are set before the cat. She tries one and then the other. The saucer which pleases her taste best, which is the richest milk. is eagerly lapped up, while the other sauces comes last or goes begging altogether.

The scheme is said to work perfectly.

AMERICAN HENS ARE BEST International Egg-Laying Contest Results in a Victory for the

Home Fowls. Hartford, Conn.-The American hen is proclaimed champion of the world

in a bulletin just issued from the Connecticut agricultural station at Storrs. The bulletin gives the detailed results of the recent international egglaving contest, in which several hundred picked hens of all breeds and na-

tionalities were the contestants. English Wyandottes and Canadian Legherns scored heavily in the early days of the contest, but after the beginning of the second month the American entrants forged to the front. and the results as now footed up show that the Americans laid on the average four eggs each more than the foreigners.

ASKED TO BUY A BREWERY

Cleveland Men Want Rockefeller to Take Over Property and Convert It Into Park Site.

Cleveland, O.-William B. Woods, city councilman, and others, have laid before John D. Rockefeller a big park improvement project which calls for the removal of a group of brewery buildings at the end of Hough avenue. The property on which the red brick structures with their tall chimneys are located would become a part of the nark bearing the oil man's name if he decides to co-operate with the city in pushing forward the plan. The plan shows an imposing circle at the Hough avenue approach to Rockefeller and Wade parks.

It would take \$250,000 to remove the buildings, according to the estimate of Mr. Woods.

High Prices Cause Act. Brockton, Mass .- "Even a minister of the gospel has to eat and wear clothes. I can't work without money." was the declaration of Rev. Clarence H. Wheeler, pastor of the Baptist church, when he read his resignation from the pulpit. The combination of increasing cost of living and decreasing salary was too much for him, he said.

WOULD CLASSIFY ALL PEOPLE

W. M. Hays Says International Census Would Solve an Important Problem . - Passing of the Tramp Joke.

Washington.-The classification of all the peoples of the world in a great international census, giving each person a number in a single world series, to the end that the human race may be improved by scientific marriage, was the plan advocated by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture W. M. Hays in an address here before the American Breeders' association, one of the organizations making up the American Association for the Myancement of Science. As a means of improving the heredity of the human family Mr. Hays proposed a classification of all human beings, both as to mental aptitude and generic efficiency. Based on such knowledge as this census would give, he said, a "racial religion" would develop requiring the more efficient to produce families larger than the average, and those less efficient to produce families smaller than the

The world numbers, said Mr. Hays, would serve to join genealogies into one numerical system, so that all relationship could be traced. Each person would have a number or percentage that could easily be averaged so as to give the genetic or family values of each person. "Modern science and charity works against the law of the survival of the fittest," he declared, "by keeping alive many persons who inherit weaknesses such as feeble-mindedness or insanity. By paying attention to genetic efficiency a race may make itself stronger for the economic contests among the races of the

BISHOP IS BITTEN BY DOG Churchman Tries to Separate Fight-

from His Own Pet. London.-The Bishop of Birming-

siling Animals and Suffers Injuries

ham, Dr. Russell Wakefield, was badly bitten while trying to separate two dogs which had started a furious fight.

His lordship was walking in the neighborhood of his residence, Bishopscroft, Edgbaston, when his favorite dog, which always accompanies him on his early morning walks, quarreled, and fought with another dog. The bishop caught hold of his own dog by the collar when the animal furiously attacked him and bit him several times on the right hand, causing deep wounds. The bishop returned nome, and sent for a doctor, who cauterized and dressed the wounds.

In the afternoon the bishop attended the prize distribution at the Church of England college with his right arm in a sling and his hand bandaged. Sir Walter Fisher, the chairman of the meeting, announced that the bishop's. injuries were said by the doctor to be going on quite satisfactorily.

UNDERTAKERS IN ODD FIGHT

Burler Using Auto in Conducting Funerals in Louisville, Ky., Hales Others Into Court.

Louisville, Ky .- The courts must de-

side weather an undertaker who was one of them can retain the standing which with his brother undertakers he enjoyed when the "honk honk" vehicles were luxuries rather than necessities. L. D. Bax, member of the Falls Cities Funeral Directors' association, recently obtained a temporary injunction directing that the association refrain from dropping him from membership. This act of the association is based on a resolution passed several years ago and providing that no member of the organization should use an automobile in his business without gaining the consent of the other members. Mr. Bax, thrice refused such permission, bought a motor undertaker's wagon anyway, and is seeking to compel the association, which sought by mutual agreement to keep down the use of expensive equipment. to indorse his departure from the

CHEMISTRY OF GOOD ROADS

First Course in the World Offered at Oregon Agricultural College-Test All Materials.

Corvallis, Ore.-The first course in highway chemistry that has ever been offered in any college in the world has just bee nannounced at the Oregon Agricultural college.

Professor John Fulton of the chemistry department has taken this step as a result of the increased demand for good roads. The course includes both physical and chemical tests of tars, bituminous products, asphalts. and all mixtures, such as sands, gravels, rocks and other ingredients of

the modern highway. Concrete testing and tests of the chemical changes in all these substances by exposure and weather will form an important part of the work, as will also the chemical study of surface protection, such as viscous oils.

Marriage on a Cash Basis. Los Augeles.-As a result of charges made by Elsie Navajoff, a 17-year-old Russian girl, that her parents had tried to sell her in marriage to a man whom she had never seen, for \$500, it was announced that all members of the Molakane colony had indicated a willinguess to have marriage ceremonies performed over again wherever the law had been violated.

Mme. J. von Wagner of the city housing committee, said that at least one illegal marriage a week was performed in the Molokane colony.

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English Translation of Records Kept by a Physician.

Light on Historic Events-Marie Antoinette on Her Way to the Guiljotine-Gimpses of the Great Bonaparte.

New York.—There was a celebrated Parisian doctor named Poumies de la Siboutie, who died in 1863 after being the professional attendant of most of the great men of his day and an active participant in most of the great events that happened between the French revolution and the second empire. He was an energetic diarist and dearly loved a good story. Toward the end of his life he began whipping his diaries and memoranda into a

book of recollections. He died before the work was completed, but his daughters wove the unfinished book and the remaining diaries together, and the result is now published in an English translation made by Lady Theodora Davidson and just now issued in America. The title is "Recollections of a Parisian Under Six Sovereigns, Two Revolutions and a Republic, 1789-1863."

At first it seems rather surprising that the doctor should be able to give reminiscences of 1789, for he was born in that year. But there is no mystery about it. In early life he made the acquaintance of the surviving figures in the great events that were enacted during his babyhood, attended some of them professionally and heard from their lips their versons of those events.

One of the persons whose acquaintance he made was a spectator of the execution of Marie Antoinette, and gave him this account of it:

"The queen sat quite alone in a market cart between Sanson (the executioner) and his assistant. Her hands were tied behind her back. She wore a white camisole, and a cap on her head, which had been tied on

crooked. "She was as white as a sheet and trembled so that she had to be helped out of the cart. She was lifted rather than assisted on to the scaffold. Sanson tore off her cap and in a moment

all was over." Of Napoleon he says: "He had a pleasant face with refined features and a kindly, benevolent expression. None of the many portraits known to me, even by the greatest of artists, give more than a faint idea of his

noble countenance." M. Dunod, who was three years gentleman usher of the bedchamber. told the doctor that Napoleon "was very fussy; the least thing set him grumbling and complaining. Throughout his whole military career he was not once wounded, though he never spared himself. The wound at Ratisbon, of which so much has been made, was a mere bruise from the blow of a

spent ball. The doctor was one of those who took part in the general assembly of electors on Napoleon's return from Eba. Napoleon, he says, was very late in coming. When at last he appeared the vast throng rose, shouting, 'Vive la France! Vive la nation!' The few feeble cries of 'Vive l'empereur!' could barely be distinguished.

"He threw a scowling glance around him. Everybody remarked the alteration in his appearance. He had grown stouter, and his fat face was pale and weary, though still impressive."

To those who think of France as devoted to Napoleon, and who have been unable to account for his sudden downfall, this picture of 1814 is illuminating-all the more because the doctor was a strong Bonapartist: "There was hardly a family any-

where that had not to weep for one or more of its members. 'As long as Napoleon is at the head of affairs,' they grumbled, 'we shall never have anything but war; no peace is possible while his insatiable ambition survives.'

"Herein lies the true explanation of our lack of patriotism at the crucial moment."

FAMOUS KEY HOME TO GO

House of Author of "Star Spangled Banner" in Georgetown to Give Stan Way to Business.

Washington.—The old Colonial house in Georgetown in which Francis Scott Key, who wrote "The Star Spangled Banner," Ilwed will be torn down next spring to make room for a business building. In 1907 the Francis Scott Key Me-

morial association was formed to raise funds with which to purchase the property and to preserve it. The purchase price was \$15,000, but the association failed to raise the money.

Representative Taggart of Kansas has promised the members of the association that he will ask congress to appropriate a fund to remove the old house to Rock Creek Park.

Now He Wants a Wooden Leg. Montgomery, Ala.—Deeply grateful for the clemency shown him by Gov. Emmett O'Neal in granting him a pardon from the penitentiary, but feeling somewhat aggrieved over the loss of a leg, Charles Schaefer, just from Wetumpka, hobbled into Governor O'Neal's office recently and asked for a wooden leg. He said that while serving the state as a convict laborer in Flat Top mine he lost his leg. He thinks that the state should reimburse him by buying for him a wood-

L'ABEILLE DE LA NOUVELLE-ORLÉANS