

# THE PHILLIPPIAN EXTRA.

PHILLIPS ACADEMY, ANDOVER, MASS., MARCH 22, 1882.

## MOCK TRIAL.

JURY UNANIMOUS

A. GUTEAU SCOVILLE

FOUND GUILTY!

THE AFFAIR A COMPLETE SUCCESS.

THE Philomathean Society held its annual entertainment of the winter term on Friday evening, March 17th, 1882. The committee who had the matter in charge decided, after some discussion, to give to the occasion the form of a mock trial. It must needs be said at the outset that a great deal of work had been expended to make it a success. For four weeks preparations had been in progress. The costumes were furnished by Mr. Hill, of Boston, and were especially appropriate. That of the jury, in particular, caused a great deal of amusement. Mr. Vennor, with his usual promptness, informed the public at the beginning of the week that he considered it his conscientious duty to inform the inhabitants of New England and the Middle States, that they might reasonably expect a very severe snow storm toward the end of the week.

One of the committee, on reading this announcement, poured out sparkling wine to Zeus in return for the pleasant day which was sure to come. Friday came at last, and a beautiful day it was. Nature evidently had procured a dress suit, and was anxious to show it to its best advantage. When eight o'clock came the hall was full. We do not think it could have held more, unless people had stood on each other's shoulders. It was a surprise to all concerned that there should have been so large an audience, for it was an open question in the minds of the actors as to whether anybody would care to come or not.

THE TRIAL.

The page escorting the Judge made his appearance at 7.45. Then followed the Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, and Clerk of the Court. The two attorneys, the plaintiff

and defendant then made their appearance. Last, but not least, the jury entered the stage. Artemas Ward once said of the kangaroo, "Well, he is an amoosin' little cuss, aint he?" May we put the observation of Artemas in the plural, and apply it to the jury? They were ludicrous in the extreme. Two natives of Erin, two from down East, two Ethiopians black as coals, an æsthete, a miner from the Black Hills, a Chinaman, an Englishman, one dandy, one red-handed ruffian.

The Sheriff opened the court, and the Clerk followed by reading the docket. The first case on the list, and consequently the one tried, was Patrick B. Clumnistaridisarchides vs A. Guiteau Scoville.

The charge brought was that the defendant had stolen a cat, the said cat being the personal property of Miss Gypsy Walkupby, a pupil in Abbot Academy. The junior lawyer for the prosecution opened the case. He delineated the circumstances of the crime and the actions of the criminal with startling vividness. The gentleman is to be congratulated both upon his admirable choice of language as well as his admirable mimicry of many of our modern lawyers. He had in vain searched the annals of Andover to find an equal for the crime about which was the trial. He portrayed the contrast between the plaintiff and the defendant to the great advantage of the former.

The first witness called was P. B. Clumnistaridisarchides,—the plaintiff. He was a Senior at Phillips; knew Miss Walkupby. "Intimately?" "Well, yes," had called on her occasionally. He swore to seeing the defendant on the night of Oct. 5, 1881, in the grounds of Abbot Academy. There was light enough for him to see clearly. He had taken a vacation of six weeks on the year before by reason of his eyes failing him, but had entirely recovered the use of his optics. His cross-examination developed no new features.

The next witness was among the best of the evening. He personified an expressman, and did it to perfection. He had never driven a wagon in his life. Upon his attorney's pressure, he said that he always drove the horse. He was reticent. Finally he stated that he had carried sundry bundles for the defendant. He swore to beholding the defendant inside the grounds of Abbot on Oct. 5, 1881; knew him by his gait; which gait he imitated in a way to bring down the house.

Then Miss Gypsy Walkupby came on the scene. She was the star of the evening beyond all doubt. Had we not known that Miss W. was a "homo masculina" we should have fallen in love on the spot. Miss Gypsy refused point blank to give her age. Finally she plead guilty to being two years younger than her sister. And how old was her sister? She didn't know.

How did she know that she was two years younger than her sister? Oh, her sister was born two years before she was. She knew the plaintiff very well. He had a soft moustache. How did she know it was soft? Oh, it looked so. Her pussy-cat had been spirited away. A note was read, purporting to come from defendant, in which he made crinating statements about the cat. She called the cat Oscar. She did not call him George Washington, for she did not want him disgraced by not having his birthday celebrated as it should be. She weakened but little under a close pressure of cross-examinations, and a round of applause greeted her as she left the stand. Witness No. 3 was represented by Miss Priscilla Primrose. Miss Primrose abhorred flirting. She thought Miss Walkupby a good girl at heart, but very thoughtless. She gave very damaging testimony against the defendant; was sure she saw him with Miss W.'s cat in his arms, and knew him by his figure. The cross-examination elicited no new information.

Mr. Phineas Hogg, a butcher by profession, then took the stand. Mr. Hogg fulfilled his part to perfection. He baffled all the attempts of his own attorney except as far as the cat was concerned. The defense could do naught with him in cross-examination.

The junior counsel opened the case for the defense. A foul plot had broken loose in our peaceful hamlet. It was a deep laid scheme to undermine the character of the defendant. He showed the spotless character of defendant, and proved at the same time that he was subject to temporary fits of insanity. He urged the jury not to be misled by the gilded rhetoric of the prosecution.

The first witness for the defense was A. Guiteau Scoville, the defendant. He was in his room at the time the crime was committed. He denied all knowledge of it completely and unhesitatingly. He could not swear to his age, and gave his counsel credit for very little penetration. He broke down a little under cross-examination. He had been playing poker in his room, he said, at the time the crime was committed, yet he could not tell one card from another when they were shown to him. He confessed to the court that he was not afraid to tell a lie about his testimony.

After him came Mr. Job Liveuponfaith. He was a minister and preached his great uncle's sermons. He was just then looking for a wife. He knew the defendant personally, and testified to his irreproachable character. He was a thoroughly good and earnest young man.

Witness No. 3 was George Washington Snowball. G. W. was simply inimitable. He baffles all description of our paltry pen. Suffice it to say, that had the gentleman

been a professional actor he could hardly have improved his effort. His plantation melodies added greatly to the evening, and he convulsed his audience by his hits at everybody,—“Who! How Andover does turn out to a free show!”

Next Miss Sally Reportum took her place. She was eminently respectable, but was one of those who had outlived her usefulness. She swore on her oath that the defendant was in his room, asleep, on the night of Oct. 5th 1881. She was respectable, eminently so, and was about to express her sentiments on the Landlady bill when she was called from the stand.

Mr Raymond de la Montmorency made his appearance. The defendant was a fine lad. He knew the defendant himself, well enough to borrow money of him. Mr. R. de la Mont. took his part extremely well, and scandalized Snowball by entering upon a vigorous flirtation with Miss Walkupby.

Mr. Anthropecephalacrites, for the prosecution, testified to the sanity of the defendant. Defendant was strange, but could distinguish between right and wrong. Mr. Ichabod Crane differed with him. He believed that Scoville was subject to temporary fits of insanity. He testified to a bad fall that the defendant had received when young.

The leading counsel closed the case for the prosecution. His plea he based on simple justice, no more, no less. He wished to see the mandates of justice fulfilled. The leading attorney closed the case for the defense. He summed up the evidence in a skillful manner, and only at the close did he impress upon the minds of the jury that his client merited mercy. The charge of the judge was brief, but well taken. The jury retired only to return immediately. The defendant was guilty.

The following is a cast of characters:

COURT.

Judge, Porter Beardsley.  
Clerk, H. T. Safford  
Sheriff, W. G. Schauttler  
Deputy Sheriff, W. S. Phillips.  
Page, A. M. Goadby.

COUNSEL.

For Prosecution, E. J. Phelps, F. P. Van Valkenburgh.

For Defense, C. Helliwell, C. S. Thompson.

Patrick B. Clumynistaridisarchides,  
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A. Guiteau Scoville.

WITNESSES.

For Prosecution.

Patrick B. Clumynist-ridisarchides, P. B. Stewart  
“Tom.” Expressman, H. J. Coulter.  
Phineas Hogg, Butcher, W. J. Swoope.  
Miss Gypsy Walkupby, “Fair, False, and Fickle,”  
B. F. Pratt.  
Miss Priscilla Primrose, “Sedate, Sober, and Stupidious.” W. M. Fullerton.  
Mr. Anthropecephalacrites, H. F. Perkins.

For Defense.

A. Guiteau Scoville, H. G. Bruce.  
L. Raymond de Montmorency, W. A. Fitch.  
Miss Sally Reportum, T. M. Harris.  
Job Liveuponfaith, C. H. Perry.  
George Washington Snowball, C. M. Hinkle.  
Ichabod Crane, (an expert) E. Beers.

The Jury consisted of the following gentlemen:

Mr. Michael Angelo von Jones, Miller.  
Mr. Ephraim Long, Camden.  
Mr. Ebenezer Black, Bullene.  
Mr. Red-hand Slasher, Cochrane.  
Mr. James Abraham Garfield Smith, Mills.  
Mr. George Augustus Tough, Easton.  
Mr. Jonathan Wayback, Snook.  
Mr. Mike O'Donnell, Dutton.  
Mr. Jim Buckwheat, Murch.  
Mr. Patrick O'Hoolihan, Bottomly.  
Mr. Tommy Slim, Sawyer.  
Mr. Wun Lung, Freeman.

The affair was, we think, an entire success. The work done upon it was by no means inconsiderable, and the committee would feel entirely repaid did they believe that the entertainment had given as much pleasure to the audience as it had care and toil to them.

GERMAN & FRENCH PLAYS,  
AT ABBOT ACADEMY.

NOT TRANSFERABLE.

FOLKS talk about the power of silence, its resistless might; but not until a few evenings ago did we ever experience the influence of blank card-board with a modest monogram in one corner. Our principal remarked as he handed it to us, “Abbot Academy Half-half-past seven, not transferable, solely on account of merit.” Thither we went. The programme enlightened us. The exercises opened with a duet by two of the young ladies. Then followed the German play, “The New Servant Girl.” It was most excellently rendered. The text of the play, which was quite long, had been perfectly memorized. The principal character deserves a great deal of credit for her unaffected bearing, as also the others for the thoroughness with which they had mastered their more or less difficult parts. In itself, the play was moral but not thrilling; mild, not exhilarating. One very pleasant incident was the singing of the little servant girl, unconscious that her aunt was listening.

Miss McCutchins gave a German song, and was encored; after which came the Comédie Francaise, *Le Testament de Mme. Patural*. It was not nearly so well done as the German but was a little more interesting to most of the audience.

The hall was filled to its utmost, quite a number standing in the back part. The whole evening was a rare treat to the audience, and most creditable to those who took part in it. We extend our congratulations, and, in behalf of the fellows who attended, our warmest thanks.

ATHLETIC TOURNAMENT.

THE fourth annual winter meeting of the Phillips Athletic Association took place at the Gymnasium, Wednesday, March 15th. On account of the omission of the Field Day last fall no pains were spared to make the day a greater success than usual, and we think that the directors deserve commendation for the way in which they put it through. Not only were there more entries than usual, but there was also a large attendance, about fifty of

the young ladies from Abbot Academy, and some students from Exeter, swelling the audience to about three hundred and fifty.

The meeting was opened at two o'clock by a prelude by the Germania Band of Boston, and then the real work of the day commenced by a contest between Messrs. Cashman, Mills, Peck and Phillips for the prize of excellence on the parallel bars, and the competitors showed by their actions that they had had excellent practice. This was followed by fencing, with Messrs. Gauze and Van Valkenburgh as the contestants, in which the gentlemen showed a great deal of skill.

The club swinging was, we think, one of the finest parts of the afternoon's entertainment, as it certainly was the most graceful and pleasing.

The most exciting event of the day next took place in the shape of a light weight sparring match between Messrs. Watson and Young; the other gentlemen, whose names were mentioned in the programme, having been boxed off the Saturday previous.

The horizontal bar exhibition to which the audience was treated by Mr. H. W. Short was exceptionally good, and we think that the thanks of the Association are due him for his voluntary work.

The next thing on the programme which caught our eye was the middle weight sparring match between Messrs. Hinkle and Harris. There was great excitement, accompanied by much cheering, while these gentlemen were boxing. After the vaulting between Messrs. Cashman and Phillips, the feather weight sparring, one of the laughable features of the afternoon, took place. Both gentlemen seemed to take more interest as to how they pummeled each other than to the science of the art.

The next part was the middle weight wrestling between Cochrane and Bremner. The first throw was for Cochrane in seven minutes and thirty seconds. No. 10 on the programme was an exhibition on the rings by Mr. Short, followed by the tug of war between P.S. '82 and P.A. '83 for the championship of the school. The preliminary tugs had taken place the evening before, and had narrowed the contest down to these two. The struggle was a sharp one, but at length resulted in a victory for P.S. '82.

The committee of award then retired, and spent some time in deliberation. Returning, they made the following awards: for excellence on the parallel bars, to F. S. Mills, '83; in fencing, to F. P. Van Valkenburgh, '83; in the club swinging, to B. F. Pratt, '83. They found the light weight boxing was a tie, but awarded the prize in the middle weight to T. M. Harris, '82. H. W. Short, '84, was also awarded a prize for his exhibition. Phillips, '82, received the prize for vaulting; Gale, '84, that for the feather weight sparring; and Cochrane, '83, for the middle weight wrestling. Thus ended the fourth winter tournament of the Association.

We feel that the tournament was in every sense of the word a success. Can we not keep it so and sustain the height which we have reached? We hope that next term will see a Tennis Tournament, or something to take the place of the regular meeting!