



Of the *Taming of the Shrew* it is remarkable that modern actors should make anything at all. The play is a rewriting of an older comedy, and the revision, though it adds reality to the character of Sly, of Katherine, and of Petruchio, omits the conclusion of the tinker episode and so leaves the induction quite inconclusive and superfluous. No characters are clearly and consistently pictured, the minor parts are confused and puppet-like, there are few lines of poetry, so that criticism has frequently declared the play not Shakspeare's, or, if his, an old piece merely touched up when his genius was elsewhere preoccupied.

Of the farcical scenes — and some are really funny — Miss Rehan's production makes the most, and the play rollicks along with a good deal of snapping of whips and circus-ring hilarity. Mr. Skinner's Petruchio is thoroughly wholesome and attractive. Of Katherine Miss Rehan makes probably all that may be made. Of other Shakspearean heroines there is so much that can be made that we have many famous Portias and Juliets and Violas, each actress finding in the rôle something slightly different from the others. But Miss Rehan alone can make enough of Katherine to hold the stage with it, as her famous impersonation, for years. It would seem hopeless to represent the improbable conversion of an impossible character, but Miss Rehan manages to obscure the inconsistencies by touches of sarcasm that show Kate spirited even in her submission.

The whole is a piece of Shakspeare's hack work — hardly worth reviving — brightly staged, rattled off in a breathless, sometimes absolutely incoherent farce fashion, ludicrous as broad farce is, and lent some plausibility by skillful acting of the main parts.

Mining Engineering Society.

The Mining Engineering Society was addressed by Professor Richards on Friday even-

ing, March 4. Professor Richards spoke on his summer trip through the Northwest and Alaska, illustrating his lecture with extremely interesting stereopticon views of the mines, scenery, machines and places visited. A description of dry dredges which, by a string of steel buckets eat away the metal-bearing earth for as much as two feet down into the bed rock, was given. These dredges are mounted on huge rafts with the other machinery, and by their dry dredging make passage for the water and hence carry along a sort of canal with them. The Alaskan views, including the glaciers, and the final views of the Yellowstone Park, gave a sufficiently general character to the lecture to prevent it from seeming too specialized. A very large audience was present, including nearly all of the society, and giving a most promising outlook for future meetings.

In the business meeting twenty-four men from the Sophomore and Junior Classes were elected, in addition to those acted upon at the previous meeting, and a general invitation to join was extended to all other eligible Sophomores. After the lecture a dinner was served at the Technology Club, which about fifty men attended. Professors Richards, Talbot, Niles, Burton and Barton, Drs. Moore and Walker, and Mr. Rand were among the guests.

Deutscher Verein.

At the meeting on Saturday, March 5, a constitution was adopted and the following officers were elected: President, E. F. Kriegsmann; vice-president, Eugene Burton; secretary, Norman P. Gerhard; treasurer, Harry M. Nabstedt; Executive Committee, E. F. Kriegsmann, Fred C. Lutze, O. C. Merrill.

At the next meeting, on April 1, it is planned to hold a dinner at the Tech Union. As many as forty names have been received for membership, and the society promises to be a great success.