

# 1863

## THESEUS AND ARIADNE; OR, THE MARRIAGE OF BACCHUS: [burlesque]

**Txt Adapt.** George Fawcett [Rowe]; **Mus.** [n/e]

Adapted by George Fawcett [Rowe] as a burlesque extravaganza from J. R. Planché's burlesque of the same name (1848), it tells the Theseus-Phaedra-Ariadne story in which Bacchus consoles Ariadne for Theseus' desertion.

**1863:** Royal Princess's Theatre, Melbourne; 16 Feb. - 5, 14 Mar.

- **Mngr.** George Fawcett [Rowe]; **Lse.** J. H. Le Roy; **S Art.** B. Tannett.

- **Cast** incl. Julia Matthews, Rose and Julia Edouin, Marian Dunn, Miss Vernon, George Fawcett [Rowe], John Dunn, Mr Wilson, John Edouin, James Milne.

**Editorial.** *Argus* 17 Feb (1863), 5.

Kelly, Veronica, ed. *Annotated Calendar of Plays Premiered in Australia: 1850-1869*. (1995), v. pags.

## GREAT MISTAKES: [burlesque] **Txt.** W. E. Adcock; **Mus.** [n/e]

Described as a "local burlesque, written expressly for the occasion - showing what may happen to a man in Victoria, with local scenery, hits, and imitations, breakdowns, jigs, walkrounds, festivals, capers, and cures, concluding with an entirely new version of the perfect cure" (*Argus* 21 Dec. 1863, 8).

**1863:** Royal Princess's Theatre, Melbourne; 22 Dec.

- **Prod.** Union Dramatic Club.

Kelly, Veronica, ed. *Annotated Calendar of Plays Premiered in Australia: 1850-1869*. (1995), v. pags.

*Argus* 21 Dec. (1863), 8. Advert.

"**Theatricals and Music: Princess's.**" *Bell's Life in Victoria and Sporting Chronicle* 26 Dec. (1863), 2.

## HARLEQUIN GULLIVER, THE GIANTS OF BROBDIGNAG AND THE DWARFS OF LILLIPUT: [pantomime] **Lib Adapt.** Charles Dillon and George Ross Morton; **Mus.** [n/e]

A possible adaptation of J. M. Morton's pantomime *Gulliver's Travels; Or, Giants and Dwarfs* (1861), it was "arranged and adjusted" by Dillon and Morton with local allusions. A troupe of children played the Lilliputians.

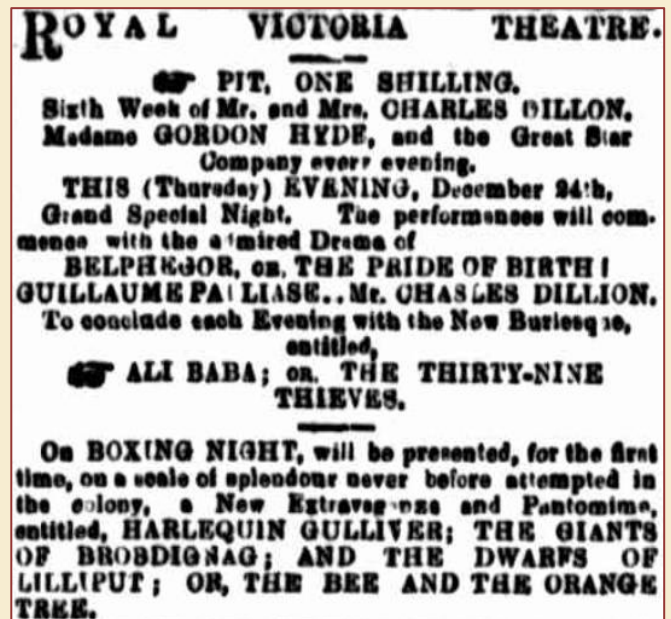
**1863:** Royal Victoria Theatre, Sydney; 26 Dec. 1864 - 27 Jan. 1864 [21 pfms]

- **Dir.** Mr Osborne (comic scenes); **Lse.** Raphael Tolano; **M Arr.** P. Boam; **S Art.** Mr Burbury and Alexander Habbe; **Chor.** Robert McGowan.

- **Cast** incl. E. Dixon, Lizzie Dixon, Mrs Charles Dillon, Harriet Gordon [Hyde], Mrs McGowan, Mrs Jones, Mr Osborne, James Hasker, Mr Bellini, Charles Dillon, J. P. Hyde, Sam Howard, Mr Walsh, Mr Welsh, Mr Hall, Master Griffiths.

Kelly, Veronica, ed. *Annotated Calendar of Plays Premiered in Australia: 1850-1869*. (1995), v. pags.

"**Theatricals and Music: Royal Victoria.**" *Bell's Life in Victoria and Sporting Chronicle* 26 Dec. (1863), 2. Preview.



*Empire* (Sydney) 24 Dec. (1863), 1.

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