

Buckley & Gardner Minstrels

aka **Buckley and Gardner Garden Party / Buckley's Hibernicon and Comedy Company**

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(ca. 1881-1886) Tom Buckley and the Gardner brothers appear to have operated this troupe on an occasional basis during the 1880s. Its tours/engagements identified to date are 1881, 1884 and 1885/86 and 1885/1886. The 1881 Apollo Hall (Melb) and regional Victoria tour included T. Rainor, J. Pope, E. Edwards and F. Newton. A season at Hobart's Exhibition Building in 1884 featured Colonel Ike Austin (trick shooter), London comedian George Dean, and Percy Brown, Gracie Oscar and the Vivian sisters. During the years 1885 and 1886 the company appeared in Tasmania and Victoria billed variously as Buckley and Gardner's Minstrels, Buckley and Gardner's Garden Party, and Buckley's Hibernicon and Comedy Company.

► See also: [Tom Buckley](#) • [Dave Gardner](#) • [Johnny Gardner](#)

NB: Feature artists engaged in 1885/86 included Billy Barlow, W. Arlington, E. Both, Shaw Cross, Mr Adams, May and Virginia Vivian and Sarah Cameron. Johnny Gardner does not appear to have been associated with the company at that time. However, the brothers did tour Gilmore and Garners' United Minstrels in 1885 (with Johnny Gilmore).

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 Director of Amusements ... George Dean.

THIS EVENING, November 11.

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OVER 3,000 PEOPLE.
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 Enjoyment.

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BUCKLEY AND GARDNER'S
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Two Magnificent Bands under the di-
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New and Magnificent Scenery by Mr.
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THE CARNIVAL OF VENICE, &c.
 The Building has been entirely re-
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THIS EVENING, November 22,
GRAND MUSICAL and MISCELANEOUS ENTERTAINMENT.

Messrs. **BUCKLEY AND GARDNER'S**
MINSTRELS in a New First Part.

Miss Virginia Vivian, in her Charming
 Specialities.

Mr. Percy Brown, in famous Baritone
 Songs.

Miss May Vivian, in New Songs.

Mr. Dave Gardner and Mr. Tom Buckley,
 in New Specialities.

Mr. George Dean, in New Comic Songs.
COLONEL AUSTIN,

Assisted by Miss Gracie Oscar, in New
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Mons. Luproil and his Performing Dogs.

The whole to conclude with the favourite
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BUCKLEY'S HIBERNICON.—On Saturday night the Mechanics' Hall was well filled, when **Buckley's Hibernicon and Comedy Company** made their last appearance before a Launceston audience. "Mollie O'Connor ; or, Ireland in Shade and Sunshine," was again repeated, and received with much favour. The songs, dances, etc., were, as usual, much applauded, while Mr. Dave Gardner as "Cuffee" fairly brought down the house by his witty sayings and doings.

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At the Victoria Hall Mr. Barlow, the original blue-tailed fly, concluded his season last Saturday evening, on which occasion he was tendered a farewell benefit by the members of the Buskley and Gardner Minstrel Company.

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