BOSTON AND VICINITY

A PRACTICAL JOKE. A very worthy gentleman of this city announced to his friends recently that he pro

posed to build a large house on the spot where he now lives. An advertisement was placed in the newspapers calling that he would erect a handsome building. A number of the citizens subscribed towards the expense. The building was to be a fine mansion, to be a monument to the gentleman's good fortune.

A few weeks after the announcement, the gentleman was seen in the streets, his face grave and his steps heavy. He stated that he had been arrested on a charge of fraud, and that he was to be tried at the Court of Common Pleas. He had been accused of having stolen the money that was subscribed towards the building of the mansion.

The trial was held in the Court of Common Pleas. The gentleman pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to six months in prison. The subscribers to the building fund were shocked and disappointed, and many of them expressed their regret at the turn that the affair had taken.

The gentleman was sent to prison, and his mansion was never built. The subscribers to the fund never received their money back, and the building was never erected.

BOSTON THEATER. The eloquent actor, Mr. masses, was last week seen in the Drury Lane Theatre, playing the part of the noble and gallant soldier. His performance was received with great applause, and he is expected to play another part next week, which will be equally successful.

The Manager of the Theatre has announced that a new play will be produced next week, which will be a great success. The play is to be called "The Hero of the Hour," and will be acted by the best actors of the town. The audience will be greatly delighted with the performance.

CITY OF BOSTON. The city council has met and discussed several important matters. The most pressing of these is the question of the erection of a new city hall. The council has decided to build a handsome building, which will be a credit to the city. The building will be erected at a cost of $20,000.

The council also discussed the question of the improvement of the city streets. It was decided to pave the streets with cobblestones, and to install street lamps at intervals.

MILITARY. The military authorities have ordered the raising of a new regiment. The regiment will be composed of the best men of the city, and will be equipped with the latest arms. The officers will be selected from the most distinguished citizens.

The regiment will be drilled every Saturday afternoon, and will take part in the military exercises of the city. The men will be paid well, and will be furnished with good equipment.

CIRCUS. The circus is to be held next week in the city. The performers will consist of the best acrobats and jugglers of the country. The tickets will be sold at $1 each, and the proceeds will be given to the poor of the city.

The circus is to be held in the open air, and the performances will be given every evening. The audience will be greatly delighted with the performances, and the circus will be a great success.