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when the cry of fire caused a panic, is only one of the several through which just been dragged from the stage by La Frochard, the hag in "The Two Orphans," when a reporter sought her out. The excitement of the false alarm had left her nerves a little shattered, she explained. When reference was made to her apparent coolness she said that her manner showed nothing of what she

I was in an exceptionally good humor,

from it. Often, it seemed to me afterward, had I followed the mad for the main exits I would never have escaped.

same idea. First view the situations and figure up the chances for escape. When the Southern hotel in St. Louis was burned, for instance, at which time twenty-seven lives were lost, I never did any of the remarkable feats which have been attributed to me. The story is generally believed that I rolled down the burning stairs in wet blankets. The fact was I staid in the burning building until I had discovered a safe means of escape. The fact that I was one of the last to get out caused dozens of reports

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"I can only account for the numerous

that there are always some superstitions person in the audience who, believing me to be followed by an evil genius, shouts fire at the slightest provocation. More panics have been caused by fights in the streets and alleys than in any other way. Just a short time ago there was a panic in La Crosse, Wis., caused in the identical way as the one here. Another panic, which came near being a disaster, was caused by a street fight in front of the Owens opera house, in Charleston, S. C. When one starts it is impossible to check it. I have tried screaming to the audience, but it only makes it worse. My presence often seems to check a stampede. At the close of the panic here I made up my mind to have me a big sign printed with the words, 'It is only a fight.'
"Of all the theater panics I have been in only three were caused from fire. Several times the flies have been ablaze without any one in the audience knowing it. I have become morbid on the subject of fire, and no matter how late

at night it is, if an alarm is sounded l always dress and go. When the Fifth Avenue theater, in New York, burned I was present and watched it to the end. If I had been seen it would probably have been said that my presence caused it. I do not deserve the reputation of being brave in fires, for I am a great coward, so great a one that it often enables me to seem self sustained. After such a fright am left completely unnerved."-Louisville Courier-Journal.

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