

ruff, and Mac, entered by William Whelan. The first season closed Nov. 26, 1853, and the company went to Boston. The second and last season opened June 26, 1854. The Fifth Avenue hotel was built on the Hippodrome's site and opened in 1859.

### EMPIRE HALL

**E**MPIRE HALL was situated at 596 Broadway, and adjoined the Metropolitan Hotel. In February, 1853, it was occupied by Banvard's Pilgrimage to Jerusalem and Holy Land. May 12, 1856, the Keller troupe commenced with tableaux and musical soirées. Gustave Dedas appeared with regular dramatic performances in September, with a French company. A series of paintings, representing scenes in Dr. Kane's Arctic voyages, were on exhibition Oct. 12, 1857. The place was afterward known as THE SANTA CLAUS, and R. W. Williams was the manager. He remained here until the lease expired, January, 1859, when he removed to 72 Prince Street.

### THE MAZE GARDEN

**W**HAT was known as The Maze Garden was situated on Fifth Avenue, near Forty-second Street, opposite the entrance to the Croton Reservoir. The Garden occupied two acres of ground, covered with a large growth of deciduous and evergreen trees and shrubs, adorned with arbors and fountains, and surrounded by glossy slopes, effectively combining the beauties of nature and art. In the main building were two refreshment saloons with commodious piazzas. The most attractive feature of the Garden was the maze or labyrinths, constructed after the plan of the one in Hampton Court, London, formed in the early part of King William IV.'s reign, and the only one in the country. Ice cream and other refreshments were served. No spirituous or intoxicating liquors were sold. It was open every day, commencing July 1, 1853, from 8 A. M. until sunset. The entrance to the Garden was free. Mitchell & Co. were managers.

### WASHINGTON CIRCUS

**A**CANVAS show known as the Washington Circus was situated on the corner of Sixth Avenue and Thirty-ninth Street, in the immediate vicinity of the Crystal Palace. It was opened June 15, 1853, by Col. Alvah Mann, formerly manager of the old Broadway Theatre. Mme. Tourniaire, the Antonio Family, W. H. Carroll and Mrs. and Miss Carroll (afterwards Mrs. Ben Maginley) were in the company.