

THE CHERNIAVSKY BROTHERS.

The Cherniavskys are on this tour accompanied by their original impresario, E. Platt-Ruskin, who discovered them some eight years ago under very romantic circumstances. Mr. Platt-Ruskin, well-known in European musical circles, is a very enthusiastic sculler, and spends his Sunday afternoons in London on the Thames. It was one beautiful Sunday afternoon when Mr. Platt-Ruskin was rowing on the Thames in the neighborhood of Richmond, the banks of which are thronged with picturesque villas. Facing one of these villas entrancing sounds of music reached his ears. So greatly was he fascinated and carried away with the beautiful music that he forgot the fact that he was in a boat, and leaning on one side the boat capsize and he found himself in the water. Fortunately, being an able swimmer, he reached the shore, where a crowd came to his assistance. Amongst the crowd were three little curly-headed boys, who invited him to their villa, which invitation he gladly accepted. On his being asked the cause of the mishap, he explained that his attention was riveted upon the music that had fallen on his ears. Imagine his surprise when he was informed that the three curly-headed youngsters, who had been so hospitable to him, were responsible for the magnificent strains of music he had heard. Recognising that it was their fault, they made amends by playing for him whilst his clothes were drying. He then induced their parents to allow them to perform at a concert held at Queen's Hall, London, where they created a sensation amongst the musical world. It was thus the Cherniavskys started upon their career, and they are now upon their second tour of the world.