

# THE BALL SEASON.

## Footsteps on the Floor.

During the coming week the devotees of Terpsichore will have opportunities of indulging in their favorite and pleasing sport to their heart's content. The week, indeed, will be a brilliant one, and, judging from the preparations already being made, will long be remembered by all who take part in the festivities.

To-morrow night the grand *Bal d'opéra bouffe* will come off at the French theatre and will be in every way a glowing opening of the week. Those having charge of the arrangements promise that it shall outdo anything of the kind yet seen in New York. A number of novel features will be introduced, and ample precautions have been taken to prevent any such scenes as have disgraced masquerade balls which have lately taken place.

At Apollo Hall, on Wednesday evening, the first invitation ball of the Lincoln Union of the Ninth Ward will take place. The gentlemen having charge of this ball, at the head of whom is Collector W. B. White, are such as to guarantee that the affair will be enjoyable in every respect. The ladies' tickets are handsome photographs of Lincoln and his Cabinet, and show a taste for art and appropriate richness on the part of the designers.

On Thursday evening, at the Academy of Music, the Americus Club will hold forth. Praise of the receptions by this club would very much resemble the attempt to "paint the lily." Everybody who is anybody goes to the Americus ball, and as everybody wishes to be thought somebody and nobody is willing to be nobody, it is safe to presume that everybody who can will be on hand on Thursday evening. "Everybody who can," is good. Because it is not everybody who can. The club members have been circumspect in the distribution and disposition of the tickets, and they intend to make the ball of 1870 A No. 1 in all regards. Grafalia will have charge of the music, A. J. Garvey of the decorations, Charles H. Hall of the floor, while the indefatigable William M. Tweed will act as generalissimo in every department. The ladies' tickets for the ball have, on the reverse side, a finely executed and faithful representation of the club house and grounds at Indian Harbor, near Greenwich, Conn.

The committee of the City Lodge, F. and A. M., appointed to make arrangements for the forthcoming Masonic ball at the Academy of Music on the 15th of February, and to superintend the sale of boxes and tickets, are working with laudable energy and earnestness. As has been already stated the ball will be under the auspices of the Grand Lodge of the State, and the proceeds will be devoted to the relief of distressed Master Masons in Cuba. The Academy of Music on this occasion will be magnificently decorated, and neither expense nor labor will be spared in the endeavor to make this, the first Masonic entertainment ever held at the Academy, one of surpassing splendor. Tickets may yet be had from the proprietor of the Revere House, Broadway and Houston street.