

[As she advances towards the prison, a person in Gentleman's apparel accosts her.] *Thursday 23*
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*Man: Stay, Child of Sorrow, thou whose piercing groans
Might move to pity e'en these senseless stones.
W'by dost thou bend thy melancholy way
To that Drear Dungeon? Child of Sorrow stay.*

*Woman: W'by should I stay, or my sad Griefs impart?
Can there be pity in a Human heart?
Away and let me die.*

[. . . The Man suggests a Human heart can have pity]

*Woman: If there be such, O lead me to their sight,
And let me plead a wretched sufferer's right:
Can there be Truth, Humanity or Sense
In laws that make Misfortune an offence?*

[Her husband was a God-fearing weaver who fell ill for 10 weeks, lost his job and was seized upon by a relentless creditor.]

*Steel'd to their trade, and deaf to all our cries,
Relentless ruffians seize their legal prize;
From my fond arms a dying Husband tear
And plunge their victims in a dungeon there!*

*Man: Enough! go speak the healing words of peace
To thy sad mate, and bear him this release;
Tell him the Muse, which on these Scenes attend
That balsam to his wounded spirit sends.
And Know this Truth thyself, 'tis not alone
The Preacher's pulpit and the Monarch's throne
That Charity frequents; but in this age,
She guides the Theatre and treads the stage;
Lo! She is present, cast your eyes around,
And here in each Spectator's heart she's found.*

IL PUNTIGLIO AMOROSO. As 7 Dec.

King's

DANCING. As 30 Nov.

COMMENT. Twelfth night of the subscription has been postponed until Saturday 1 January.

[No Performance.]

Friday 24

COMMENT. Fri 24 Paid 5 days salary at £88 7s. per diem, - £441 15s.; Mr King's extra salary £2 10s.; Mr J. French on acct £21 (Treasurer's Book).

Saturday 25
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A CHRISTMAS TALE. Parts by: Vernon, Bannister, Parsons, Hurst, W. Palmer, Wright, Griffith, Mas. Blanchard, Kear, Mrs Wrihten, Mrs Hunt, Miss Platt, Weston, Champness, Dimond, Ackman, Burton, Wrihten, Fawcett, Blanchard, Scott, Mrs Johnston, and Mrs Smith. *Dances* by Como, Grimaldi, Atkins, Giorgi, Sga Crespi, Mrs Sutton, Sga Giorgi, &c. With a *Prologue*, after which a *New Overture*. [Tycho - Weston; Floridor - Vernon; Bonoro - Bannister; Faladel - Parsons; Nigromant - Champness; Radel - Dimond; Camilla - Mrs Smith; Robinette - Mrs Wrihten; Messengers - Griffith and Mas. Blanchard; Good and Evil spirits in various characters - Hurst, Ackman; W. Palmer, Wright, Wrihten, Courtney, Miss Platt, Mrs Johnston, Mrs Bradshaw, Mrs Millidge, Mrs Scott, Fawcett, Mrs Hunt, Mrs Smith, Kear, Burton. *Prologue* - Palmer in character of Christmas (Edition of 1774).] Also MISS IN HER TEENS. As 9 Oct., but Fribble (with *song*) - Dodd; Flash - Palmer; Loveit - Davies; Puff - Moody; Jasper - Ackman; Tag - Mrs Love; Miss Bidy - Miss Jarratt.

Monday 27
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