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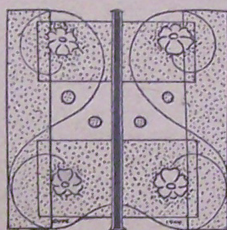
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CELEBRITIES SKETCHED IN PASTEL

BY R. G. MATHEWS

III.—MORE CELEBRITIES OF THE STAGE.



It has been represented to me that Mr. Mathews' drawings would not suffer if the letter-press which accompanies them were to be eliminated entirely! I will not give the source of this thoughtless criticism; I would not have him ostracised, even slightly, on account of legitimate comment; in fact, I intend to take his hint and write less.

Well, we have taken to the stage, and now we are experiencing some difficulty in leaving it. My original intention was to publish a few specimens of various species of the genus celebrity, varying the species monthly. But the glamour of the stage is over me. I saw the picture of John Drew, and wanted it. Likewise, I tried to annex that excellent portrait of George Grossmith while R. G. M. was looking for an hypothetical spider to which I had called his attention; but