

## Pollard, Percival (1869-1911)

Percival Pollard, (1869-1911) was born in Greifswald, Pomerania which is now part of Northern Germany. He studied at Eastburne College in Sussex, England. At the age of fifteen, he emigrated with his family to the United States and three years later they moved to Washington. Percival studied briefly at the Washington Academy. He worked at the St. Joseph (Missouri) News and began to write sketches for various weekly literary papers. He became editor of *Light*, a comic Chicago weekly. Pollard wrote ten books and one play: *Cape of Storms* (1892), *Miniature Dreams* (1893) *Posters in Miniature* (1896) *The Kiss that Killed* (1898) *The Imitator* (1901), *In Memorandum: Oscar Wilde* (1905 translator), *Dreams of Today* (1907, *The Ambitious Mrs. Alcott* (1907 a play that had 24 performances on Broadway), *Their Day in Court* (1909), *Masks and Minstrels of New Germany* (1911), *Vagabond Journeys: The Human Comedy at Home and Abroad* (1911). Pollard died on December 17, 1911 of an abscess in the brain. His ashes are buried in Elm Grove Cemetery.

