

## WHY NOT OPERA BY OUR SINGERS?

Harmony Glee Club's Success  
Finger Post Guide

### SOME STAGE FAVORITES

Kirk Brown in Bangor—English Actors and the War—The Local Amateurs and Other Home Stage Comment

The concert given by the Harmony Glee Club in the Opera House this week probably gave a pleasant surprise to many who attended. It was richly deserving of patronage. The programme was most attractive and the singing was of a high-class order. The thought arose to many who attended, "Why can't there be more of this kind of club-work in St. John, and why cannot it be extended to embrace mixed singing with the presentation of light or comic operas?" Of course opera in their presentation require much skill and capability, but from the success attained in the singing work there would seem to be plenty of scope for an amateur-glee troupe similar to such as are to be found in other cities in Canada. Halifax, for instance, has won notable successes in this field—why not more endeavor of the sort in St. John? All that seems necessary is the attempt—the talent is available.

Kirk Brown is playing in Bangor, N. B., with his own company.  
W. J. Kingsley in the "New York

Mirror" writes: The badly-informed Americans, who are trifling English actors with lack of loyalty in not joining the colors on the firing line, should investigate the records of our own stage in Civil War times before passing insulting comment upon gallant gentlemen. At present there are more than 800 English actors of recognized standing serving with the British army at the front. These figures are taken from War Office reports. No trades union and no other profession can show as large a percentage of its best at the front. One actor, the now famous Private Derry of the Benson Players, left the company in Canada and hurried to join the British Expeditionary Force. After Mons, he returned to England, recruited 1,000 men and then returned to the front. He is a hero and patriot, and an English actor. Facts show that the British stage is magnificently represented in every branch of active service. I have been with the British Army on active service and cruised with the Channel Squadron on maneuvers and I met many British actors in uniform and every one was true fighting Briton. I saw British actors detailed on the most trying duty in South Africa and saw them distinguish themselves. In the present war the stage is winning imperishable renown for itself, and he who speaks lightly of the English actor as a first rate fighting man is he who jests at scars because he never felt a wound himself.

"The Boomerang," a new play by Winchell Smith, who wrote "The Fortune Hunter," has been rehearsed secretly by David Belasco for a trial in Wilmington, Del. Martha Hedman and Arthur Byron are the foremost players in the cast. Paul Dickey, co-author of "The Ghost Breaker" and "The Malediction Lady," is trying out in vaudeville the principal act of a comedy, "The Come Back," which he will produce next season. If he finds that vaudeville patrons like the small portion. It is a story of college life, a variety missing from the stage since the days of George Ade.

C. Aubrey Smith, leading man; for Margaret Livingston in Sir Henry.

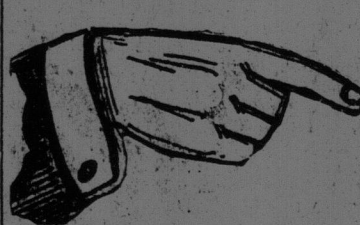
thor Jones' new play, "The Lie," is now at work on a dramatization of William J. Locke's "Where Love Is."

Granville Barker, English actor play-

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wright and manager, has made plans for an open-air production of a Greek drama in Princeton's new stadium. Mr. Barker recently made a trip to Princeton and twice inspected the stadium to test its suitability for the performance. He was very much pleased with the staging and acoustic properties. This production is one of the series that Mr. Barker will give at the new stadium of New York University.

Such is Famel

A despatch to "Variety," from Portland, Me., reads as follows:—Sydney Toles, now with a company in St. John's, Nova Scotia, is scheduled to open his engagement as leading man of the Keith stock Decoration Day.

Withrop, Amos, one of the leaders in the pastime, wears of experiment with the toy playhouse. His venture with his Little Theatre is at an end, or at least he hopes it is at an end. He has asked architects to inspect the house of small capacity and to inform him if it is possible to rebuild it to hold 1,000 seats.

When an Atlanta society issues protest against the production of "Uncle Tom's Cabin" in that city, there is no lack of ability in any quarter to understand, if not to sympathize. But the moment the movement goes forward to the point of remodeling the plot, changing the morals and manners of the characters, giving to Simon Legree the halo hitherto reserved for Little Eva, the problem takes on peculiar and grotesque features, remarks N. Washington Post.

A play said to have been inspired by the activities of Americans of German descent on behalf of the land from which they sprung, will be placed in rehearsal by Charles Frohman. It is by Justus Miles Forman. The piece is in three acts, with the scenes laid in Pennsylvania. It is called "The Typen." The acceptance of the plan by a prominent organization of its country established a new record in play production. Up to last Saturday morning Mr. Frohman had never heard of the play. By Saturday afternoon he had obtained the manuscript and read it. A messenger was sent for Mr. Forman, and in the meantime Mr. Frohman secured the actors and the cast and gave orders for the construction of the scenery. The manager told the author that he was glad to produce a play on a timely subject and was especially glad that an American had written it.

When Arnold Daly produces "You Never Can Tell" at the Garrick next month Stanley Dark, formerly leading man for Margaret Anglin, is to play the part of "McComas," and Montagu Maude, formerly leading man for Cyril Maude, and this season leading man for Phyllis Nelson-Terry, is to play the part of Bohun, the lawyer. Other members of the cast are Ann Sutherland, Doris Mitchell, George Giddens and Creighton Hale.

The Amateurs

Once again amateur theatrical talent in St. John has triumphed. The productions given at the Opera House this week "Our Jim" and "Mrs. Do!" won praise from all who saw them. If there is one branch of the drama more difficult for amateurs than another, it is comedy but there seemed few difficulties.

The amateur at farce generally proceeds on the assumption that noise and accident will bring about the desired results of responsive laughter, says Miss Margaret Mayo, author of "Twin Beds." But a professional who has had much experience with this sort of thing realizes that though the famous comedian, the elder Sothern, did get one of his greatest laughs by an accidental trip on the stage that sort of thing is a miracle. And in these days it is not well to depend upon miracles. In consequence, in the staging of a modern farce any smallest detail of gesture, movement of intonation cannot be left to chance, and the result of a performance, if it is the right sort of a performance, is that of a highly organized piece of mechanism in which each and every smallest part is most carefully adjusted not only with respect to itself but with every other, finest part of the mechanism involved.

Back Again

The opening of Mack's Musical Revue at the Opera House is being anticipated with interest. On their last engagement here last fall the company attracted large houses. The return engagement speaks

for the popularity of the troupe. They will give condensed musical comedy with interpolated sketches, and vaudeville of the revue nature.

Among the atrocities for which the war is responsible is the "longue-twisting" lyric. No sooner had the smoke of battle appeared with its subsequent formation of worldwide knitting clubs, than song writers began to assail our ears with "Sister Susie," "Nettie's Knitting," etc.

To Jack Norworth, now appearing in J. M. Barrie's revue, "Roses and Rapture," in London, belongs the credit of introducing the most terrifying "longue-twister" of them all. Listen to the chorus of his song:

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Maggie, Moll, and Maud are making mufflers for Marines,  
While Winnie winds the wool when they begin,  
Sister Susie's knitting socks, and Susie's sewing shirts for soldiers,  
Still poor papa props his pants up with a pin!"

U. S. LABOR LEADERS WOULD STOP WAR

Say They Are Trying to Arrange World Strike of 20,000,000 Workers—Plans for Permanent Peace

New York, April 10.—Secretary Ernest Bohm of the Central Federation of Labor says that international labor leaders here are trying to arrange a strike, throughout the world, of 20,000,000 trade unionists as a means of stopping the European war. The International Federation of Trade Unions, said Bohm, has a membership in excess of this number.

It is hoped that delegates will be sent to Europe and perfect the plan for a world strike with President Carl Legien of the International Federation. Outlines of the plan will be sent to Mr. Legien and to the French and English labor leaders. Mr. Gompers, as president of the American Federation of Labor, has issued a call to the trade unions and peoples of the civilized world to establish a world federation and world parliament for the maintenance of permanent peace.

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