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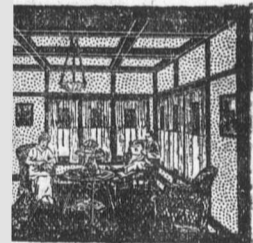
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Kaiser Pictured In New Play

GEOERGE BERNARD SHAW is nothing if not contrary. Most persons have been inclined to think that if there is any choice between the Kaiser and the German people, the preference ought to be given to the Huns. Shaw has recently taken the other side and offered the suggestion that the Kaiser is merely a puppet in the hands of his people. True he does not openly say a good word for William, but presents his ideas in a one-act play which bears the title "The Inca of Perusalem," which was first staged in Birmingham a few months ago and later in New York. Shaw took the Kaiser and disguised him thinly to use as his central character. The play has been talked about, as is the case with everything written by G.B.S., but as yet no one has taken violent issue with the dramatist.

According to Alexander Wolcott, of The New York Times, "The Inca of Perusalem" is a bit of extravagant fooling, weighted with wisdom and irradiated at rather long intervals by brilliant flashes. But it would be more entertaining to read than to see in the theatre, and that is a fearful thing to say about a play.

"The Inca of Perusalem," who wears the uniform of a German officer and has smart moustaches, journeys incognito to a Continental hotel to inspect a Princess as a potential bride for one of his innumerable sons, and the whole excuse of the play is just the opportunity it affords him to have a good heart-to-heart talk with her lady-in-waiting.

It seems that the Inca not only has no fears of St. Helena, but has actually been playing his cards in the hope of being banished there.

"The fools talk of crushing the Inca," said the Inca with his moustaches bristling scornfully, "but they little know their man. Tell me this. Why did St. Helena extinguish Napoleon? Because, madam, with certain rather remarkable qualities which I would be the last to deny, Napoleon lacked versatility. After all, any fool can be a soldier; we know that only too well in Perusalem, where every fool is a soldier. But the Inca has a thousand other resources."

You see the Inca as architect, composer, and painter, feels he could draw the eyes of the world to St. Helena.

"Take this from me, hereditary monarchs are played out; the age for men of genius has come; the career is open to the talents; before ten years have elapsed every civilized country from the Carpathians to the Rocky Mountains will be a republic. . . . The Inca will then have his first real chance. He will be un-animously invited by those republics to return from his exile and act as super-president of all the republics."

Indeed, he rather envies the American President.

"He can do what he likes," says the Inca gloomily. "Look at the letters he writes!"

And here is the Apologia of the Kaiser as Shaw would write it for him:

Looming Mirages.
In what are called "looming mirages" distant objects show an apparent extravagant increase in height without alteration of breadth. Distant pinnacles of ice are thus magnified into immense towers or tall, jagged mountains, and a ship thus reflected from far out at sea may appear to be twelve or fifteen times as tall as it is long. Rocks and trees are also shown in abnormal shapes and positions, while houses, animal and human beings appear in like exaggerated shapes. Before the sandy plains of our south-western states and territories were converted into verdant fields by the ingenuity and tireless energy of man mirages were very common in those regions, the Indians regarding the phenomenon as being the work of evil spirits.

A Russian National Dish.
One of the national dishes of Russia is known as the pashka. It is a sort of cake that stands one and a half feet high and is always put on a tall base. It is usually surmounted by a sugar cross and is placed in the center of the table when the Russians hold their great feast at Easter when the fast is broken. It takes about sixty eggs to make the pashka, but none but natives can succeed in producing the rare taste.

Comprehensive.
"I understand you have bought a set of Shakespeare's works."
"Yes," replied Mr. Dubwaite loftily, "a complete set."
"And a glossary, too, I presume?"
"Oh, yes, yes! In fact, everything Shakespeare wrote." — Birmingham Age-Herald.

Animal Cemeteries.
Probably the largest and best-appointed animal cemetery in the world is that which still remains attached to the ruined Summer Palace in Peking. Here repose, in coffins of polished orris-wood elaborately carved, more than a thousand dogs, who were the pets of former emperors of China.

The "tombstones" are of marble, but a certain number are of agate, lapis-lazuli, and ebony inlaid with silver. At the sacking of the Palace by the allied European troops in 1900, considerable valuable treasure was taken from this unique burial-place.

The "Dogs' Cemetery" situated behind the keeper's cottage at Victoria Gate, Hyde Park, England, is another and perhaps better known burial-place for departed pets. Here are interred some two hundred dogs and about a dozen cats. The pets of all classes of society are represented.

Argentina is spending \$60,000,000 on an irrigation system.

COMIC OPERA GEMS.

Quotations From Gilbert's Works That Will Live Long.
Not the comedians of Sheridan nor even the tragedians of Shakespeare are more easily first in their respective classes than are the Gilbert and Sullivan comic operas in theirs. In all human probability they never will be equalled, and the best of them have something of that quality "not for a day, but for all time," which wars against obsolescence and leads to their constant revival even as "Hamlet" and "Macbeth," "The Rivals" and "The School For Scandal" and Goldsmith's "She Stoops to Conquer" are constantly revived.

Even should the stage in time to come know them no more they would not be dead, for, besides adding immeasurably to the innocent gaiety of the English speaking nations and to their treasury of enduring songs, the operas have enriched the stock of household sayings.

From "Pinafore" we have "What? Never!" and the response "Hardly ever," "his sisters, his cousins and his aunts," "in spite of all temptations to belong to other nations," "You're exceedingly polite, and I think it only right to return the compliment," "O joy, O rapture unforeseen!" "Never mind the why and wherefore" and "Though I'm anything but clever, I could talk like that forever."

From "Princess Ida" come "Man is Nature's sole mistake" and "such a disagreeable man!"

From "The Pirates of Penzance" we have learned that "take one consideration with another," "a policeman's lot is not a happy one."

From "Iolanthe" come "Said I to myself, said I," "did nothing in particular and did it very well" and that perfect specimen of the inverted truism:

Hearts just as pure and fair
May beat in Belgrave square
As in the jowly air
Of Seven Dials.

To "Patience" are due "a most intense young man," "ultra poetical, super-aesthetical," and "there will be too much of me."

But perhaps the best known of all Gilbertisms and the one that comes ofttest to the lips is that refrain in "The Mikado" that almost sums up the whole science of an enlightened penology, "Let the punishment fit the crime."

"Wiser jest was never penned. From 'em on the list, they'll none of 'em be missed," "Here's a pretty bow-de-do," "the flowers that bloom in the spring," "something lingering, with boiling oil in it," "three little maids from school," "a source of innocent merriment" and "He's going to marry 'em-Yum."

Secret of the Baked Potato.
Occasionally a restaurant or a system of railroad dining cars becomes famous for its baked potatoes. At the San Francisco exposition several college girls operated an establishment at which the baked potato was the piece de resistance and cost 50 cents. All these successes have been based on a simple little trick.

A potato should be larded before being baked, so as to fill up the porous skin and retain the full flavor. It is necessary to cover only the skin with a little lard, bacon grease or butter to accomplish the end.

A potato so treated and baked just the proper length of time, usually three-quarters of an hour, will surpass a potato cooked in any other way. It must always be broken open immediately upon being taken from the oven, so that the steam may escape.

To Polish Silver.
To make a good silver polish mix together one-half ounce of fine salt, one-half ounce of powdered alum and one-half ounce of common cream of tartar. Put them in a large porcelain pitcher and pour on two quarts of water and stir until entirely dissolved. Now transfer the mixture to clean bottles and cork tightly. Before using shake well. Pour a little of the liquid out into a bowl and wash the silver all over with it, using an old linen cloth. Let it stand for ten or fifteen minutes and rub off dry with a buckskin. The silver will look like new.

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Several women of Democratic politics are contemplating the starting of a newspaper in Washington, D. C.

Miss F. L. Stevenson, one of Lloyd George's private secretaries, is the first woman ever secretary to a British prime minister.

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