

# MUSIC AND COMEDY

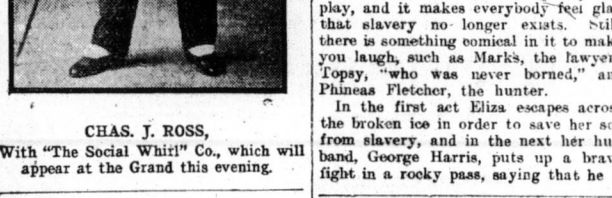
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The evening performance was enjoyed by a large audience. There was a hitch in the afternoon performance, owing to the electric power going off. Miss Taylor did not have sufficient light to do her shooting stunt, and there was no light for the motion pictures.

### COMEDIANS WHO ARE REALLY FUNNY

Comedians who are really funny, actors who are really competent, and girls who are really pretty, are said to fill the stage in "The Social Whirl," the big musical comedy success from the Casino, New York, which will be presented at the Grand to-night.

This musical concoction comes under the direction of Sam S. and Lee Shubert, Inc., who, as is well known, are responsible for many of the big musical productions. There is a company of eighty, with a beauty chorus of over sixty. Up to the time "The Social Whirl" left

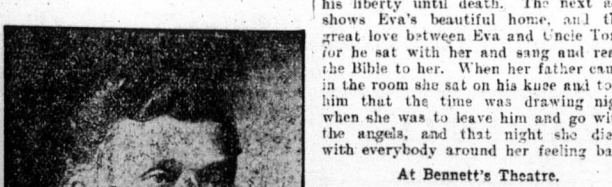


CHAS. J. ROSS, With "The Social Whirl" Co., which will appear at the Grand this evening.

New York after its summer run, it had packed the Casino nightly and at every matinee, and the receipts were so far in excess of the usual musical comedy business that a record was set for even gay Gotham.

At the Savoy. One of the brightest and cleverest travesties that has been presented on the local stage this season is on the programme at the Savoy Theatre this week. It was presented by Murray Clayton and Lillian Drew, and made the hit of the bill at the opening performance yesterday.

A rather strange combination is the turn of Henry and Alice Taylor. The former is an equilibrist of great ability, and the latter is a sharpshooter. Mr. Taylor did some wonderful balancing of lighted lamps, lighted cigars and other things. Miss Taylor is known as the



WILLIAM H. SHERWOOD, The celebrated pianist of Chicago, who is to give a recital in the Conservatory of Music Hall on the evening of Thursday next, Nov. 7.

champion rifle shot of England, and she does some wonderful shooting with rifle and pistol, breaking small glass cubes on the head of her brother.

Al Sheen and company presented a most absurdly funny sketch, "Quo Vadis Upside Down." Mr. Sheehan took the part of a Dutch station agent, and provided a lot of amusement. While the acting of Mr. Sheehan and his supporters was clever, the skit is foolish, but they rode the "vehicle" for all it was worth.

Warren and Brockway delighted the audience in a comedy musical act; Barney sang and talked well; Axtell and "Herne," an India rubber man, and his acrobatic dog, did a clever turn, and Joe Flynn received considerable applause for his monologues.

The Don Sisters, character artists, from London, Eng., made a big hit in their impersonations. They can sing and dance well and one of them is a comedienne of considerable ability.

Bert Fitzgibbon got a hearty hand for his funny business in the skit, "A Mischievous Brother." He kept the audience in roars of laughter, and quite overshadowed the other people in the company.

Raffin's Monkey Circus was another good act, that delighted the young folks, as well as interesting the older ones. The troupe of monkeys performed clever feats on the tight wire, and on the trapeze.

Byers and Herman appeared in a spectacular pantomime; Gilbert and Katen, Hebrew comedians, gave a good Yiddish turn, and Adelina Roalino and Clara Stevens gave a pleasing dancing and singing act. New motion pictures by the Benettonograph closed the show.

Others appearing at Bennett's this week are: "The Bonnie Briar Bush," an announcement sure to please all lovers of the best in drama is that of the coming of "The Bonnie Briar Bush" to the Grand on Thursday night. Unquestionably the most popular play ever offered the people of Canada, is this beautiful, pure and heart touching story.

When the curtain goes up at the Grand on Tuesday next on "The Time, the Place and the Girl," the play will be disclosed for the first time in this city. The company is headed by Arthur Deagon as "Happy" Johnny Hicks. The book and lyrics are by Will M. Hoag and Frank Adams, and the music by Jos. E. Howard.

Downie's "Uncle Tom's Cabin" company held the boards at the Grand yesterday afternoon and evening. The regular theatre reporter took a night off and an ambitious but youthful understudy covered the show. He reports that business was big and that Eva has not grown any since she was here before.

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Other noted people have also been at the jail during Mr. Forbes' office. He referred to Middleton, the big game railway promoter and financier, who was sentenced for seven years. He has been out for some time. Bill Smith, in his day the king of horse thieves, also spent several terms here, and at last, on a vagrancy charge, came for the last time, old and feeble, to die. Several other names were mentioned by Mr. Forbes.

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## EX-JAILER TALKS

### JAMES FORBES LOOKS BACK OVER TWENTY YEARS.

#### Incidents Connected With the Trial and Imprisonment of Birchall Recalled—The Last Interview Between Birchall and His Wife.

(Woodstock Sentinel-Review.)  
"In all these twenty years, I have never yet seen a man but had good streaks in him, no matter how bad he might be," said Mr. James Forbes, ex-turnkey of the Oxford County Jail, who in the midst of packing up, for his removal from the turnkey's house, received a Sentinel-Review reporter last evening.

Mr. Forbes has an interesting fund of reminiscences at his disposal relating to the prisoners who have passed through his hands. He estimates that in the twenty years he has had charge of about four thousand different prisoners. Three years after he assumed the duties of turnkey the famous Reginald Birchall case stirred two continents, and the prisoner was confined in the jail for eight months. Turnkey and prisoner got to be good friends, and about once each year Mr. Forbes receives a letter from Mrs. Birchall, who went back to England after the execution, and writes to her at the same intervals. In one letter which he showed the reporter she wondered if it was possible that "six years and three months had passed since that terrible trial."

Birchall was hanged on the 14th of November, 1890. During the trial and preceding the carrying out of the death penalty, Mr. Forbes relates, now with an unusual recollection, though at the time it made a serious situation, how they were "worried to death by reporters."

"There were reporters there from all over, and they filled the whole town and reported the most minute doings of any of those who were concerned in the remotest way with the case. One day we put a card up at the front door and another at the rear, with the single word, 'Smallpox.' For a while we were not bothered. Presently two hotel keepers came along, and standing out in the road, asked me if there was really smallpox. I had to admit that there was not. 'Why,' they said, 'you're driving the people out of town.' The hotel keepers were doing a big business. So we took the card down."

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When State Jewels Have Been Stolen.  
The sensational discovery of the disappearance from London of the crown jewels, has attracted the attention of the public, and the most recent reminder that even the most jealously guarded treasures are not always safe from the evil designs of clever, enterprising thieves.

## THE RIGHT HOUSE

"HAMILTON'S FAVORITE SHOPPING PLACE."

### The great annual sale of furs continues

A grand opportunity to secure reliable furs at lowered prices

EVERY piece of fur in stock is reduced for this great 11 days' annual introduction sale. Over \$10,000.00 worth of rich, desirable new furs started the sale this morning. You may choose, for all this week and next, from Hamilton's greatest and best fur stock and save anywhere from ten to thirty-three and a third per cent. of our regular good value prices. Come in and let the scores of remarkable bargains speak for themselves. Every wise woman with a fur need will supply her wants during this sale and save many dollars. There are chances to save as high as \$38 on a single garment. Think of that. Come to-morrow and note the great varieties, the remarkable value-giving and the dependable qualities. We tell of a few of the specials only.



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### The great sale of plain silks

PLAIN black and plain colored Silks, in all the popular wanted weaves for blouses, dresses, trimmings, coats, linings, etc., are here at splendidly reduced prices during this sale. Note this list carefully. Many other offerings equally good at department.

- \$1.35 BLACK TAFFETA AT \$1.13-36 inches wide, fine good quality.
- 85c BLACK MESSALINES, 60c Rich finish; black wearing quality.
- \$1.00 BLACK PALETTEES, 79c—Nice smooth rich qualities.
- \$1.25 BLACK PALETTEES, 98c—Fine, firm, rich weaves, wide.
- BLACK PEAU DE SOIES—50c, real value here 70c. 88c, real value here \$1.15.
- 75c LOUISINE SILKS AT 59c—All colors in a wide assortment. Very fine rich low quality for dress and blouse wear.
- 50c ENGLISH TAMOLINES, 39c—White, black and all colors.

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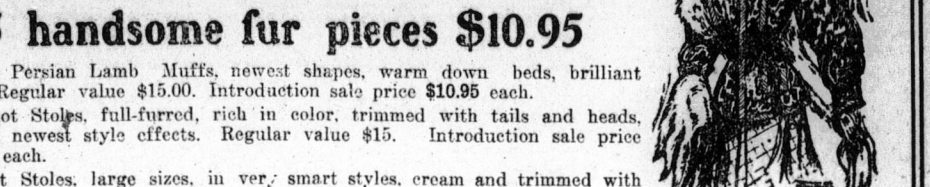
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### A great sale of women's coats

A SPECIAL purchase of a leading manufacturing tailor of his entire sample line of Women's Winter Coats. Being samples they are superior in quality, fit and finish. All are in newest stunning styles that are at once modish and comfortable. About 75 styles to select from

- Handsome Tweed Coats in 7/8 length; loose and semi-fitting backs; stole or coat collars; self-strapped, velvet, button and braid trimmings. Gibson shoulders and severely tailored. Overchecks, overlaid and mixtures, in smart warm Tweed Coatings.
- These good practical Coats for women are splendid style and fit perfectly. The prices we secured them to sell at are less than the manufacturer's cost. The sale coming as it does just at the commencement of cold weather provides a coat buying opportunity that no wise woman will care to miss. Best choice, of course, to-morrow.

\$9.00, real value \$12.50 \$12.50, real value \$17.50  
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### For blouses and gowns

A large showing of dainty exclusive things in figured and spotted Brussels and Filet Nets in 36 and 42 inch widths; white, cream and ecru. \$1.15, \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.45, \$1.50 per yard.

## LOCKJAW AND HYDROPHOBIA.

Old-Time and Modern Methods of Treating These Dread Diseases.

The fearful tetanus, or lockjaw, was ascribed in all the books when I was a student to puncture or irritation of a nerve, and both hands and feet were sometimes cut off to stop the irritation going up the nerve to the brain. Now we know that it is a fatal poison in the blood, which acts like erysipelas, though more painfully, and which is produced by the bacteria found in punctured wounds made by some cut nail or piece of wood on which this evil bacillus happened to be. It is a soil bacillus and grows in rich garden soil, particularly where guano or fish manure is used. All wounds, therefore, into which earth has entered should be promptly cauterized.

Hydrophobia also presents another illustration of what modern science can do. A recent remarkable discovery by Dr. Ira Van Gieson, of the Laboratory of the New York Board of Health, makes it possible now to determine in a few minutes what used to take weeks to decide. As dogs are so generally shot if they bite people in the streets, it then becomes an anxious question whether the dog was mad or not. Formerly, to settle this question, rabbits were inoculated with the saliva or blood of the suspected dog to see if it gave them the disease. But it might be necessary to wait a month to be sure on this point. Dr. Van Gieson has discovered that a slice of a mad dog's brain shows an appearance in the brain-cells never found except in rabies. If this is found the serum treatment indicated by the illustrious Pasteur should be commenced at once to save the life of the patient. The development of this dreadful malady if begun in time—Dr. William Hanna Thomson, in Everybody's Magazine.

On the Waterways. A negro exhorter shouted to his audience: "Come up an' jine de army ob de Lord."

"'Se done jined," replied one woman. "Why de Lord?" asked the exhorter. "In de Baptist Church."

"Why, chile," said the exhorter, "yo' s'ist in de army ob de Lord; yo's in de navy."—Everybody's Magazine.