

THE STAGE AND ITS PEOPLE; MANY WELL REMEMBERED HERE

SECOND WEEK SHOWS STOCK COMPANY WELL ESTABLISHED

A Suggestion For Two Plays—Revival of Sweet Lavender—Cyril Maude May Be Knighted—Bernhardt Sends Prolegue to New York

The close of the second week of the Woods-Thompson Stock Company at the Opera House sees them greatly advanced in public favor, and increased interest in the latest venture in local theatricals. The members of the company have installed themselves in popular favor in the two plays presented, and have shown themselves capable of the demands made upon them in the various roles.

There is a demand for two plays a week amongst those who have been following the engagement quite closely, it being urged that instead of having so many matinees during the week, the time might be spent in part in rehearsals of the extra production. It is of course a very difficult and arduous task to learn the lines and "business" of two shows weekly, but there are a great many about the city who when they have seen the one production will not return to witness it again, but would go if a different play were being given.

Graham Moffatt, the author of "Bunty Pulls the Strings," is going to tour the British provinces in a revival of Pinter's "Sweet Lavender." He will have his new play produced simultaneously, about Jan. 1, in New York, Chicago, and London.

The Messrs. Shubert have secured the English-speaking rights to "The Mid-night Girl," a musical play by Paul Hesse and Jean Brignon.

John McCormack, the Irish tenor, will appear, it is said, about holiday time in a drama in which he will portray a singing Irish priest.

E. H. Sothern and Julia Marlowe propose a school for acting in connection with their season in Shakespeare.

Madame Nadeau was seen recently in Detroit in "Bella Donna." A local critic asked why that delectable drama had not been called "Ipecac."

Martin Harvey is the latest English actor to plan a conquest of America. He will leave England in December for these shores for a tour in "The Only Way."

"The Flight" which has aroused so much opposition in New York, has been secured by Philip Michael Faraday, the English manager, for production in London.

A statistician figures that for every garment that Gertrude Hoffman lays off she gets her name on the programme at least once.

This is how Madame Simone explains Maude Adams' hold on America—"The person," she says, "who, in the United States, possesses a popularity equivalent to that of Miss Sarah Bernhardt in Europe, is Miss Maude Adams. Maude Adams is not, like our admirable tragedienne, a great actress. She is not the porte-parole of epic or poetic sentiment; she has not the most passionate voice, the most brilliant face, she is a little person of a sensible, and even a little ideal type of the rather timid and the rather unhappy young girl. Her favorite parts are those of children. Peter Pan and Little Lord Baulemore. She suggests innocence, tenderness, the devotion, gentle gaiety, extreme purity. This is the American heroine; this is the passion of the public, its idol. Try to make her ardent admirers explain her art. They will talk to you of her personality, of her moving voice, of her youthful face. She is a friend near whom one would like to live. The public crowds to the theatre to enjoy to the full for one evening 'that charming personality.'"

To Be Knighted? As Cyril Maude called for Montreal a week ago, it was rumored about London that he would be the next English actor to be knighted. The rumor, however, came to him he would be the first of the titled actors who belonged to a family in which titles were not rare. The cable despatches also carried the word that Mr. Maude was bringing to America a choice wardrobe, exemplifying the new London styles.

One of the biggest gatherings of the theatrical managers ever held in London attended the dinner given by Mr. Maude just before he sailed. Sir Herbert Tree presided.

Edna Goodrich, fourth wife of Nat Goodwin, and at present playing the innocent heroine "Evangelina," in New York is quoted as making some very trenchant comments upon the actress who tries to justify herself for impersonating the character of a degraded woman by the sophistry that she is doing a great moral work. "I am not saying she is not sincere in her conviction," Miss Goodrich is reported to have said, "yet before she is an actress she is a woman, and women, on the stage and off, in public life and private, instinctively feel and know that exploiting vice on the stage is not assisting in the slightest degree in expelling it from our social life. Exposing the pitfalls that lie before the feet of young girls by incorporating them in an interesting, thrilling, sensational drama will not, in my opinion, save a single one from stumbling into them. It is not so much knowledge that protects girls as it is their instinct. Even the most ignorant girl is possessed of this armor of self-defence. It is innate; it belongs to her by right of inheritance from the very dawn of the human race. Through countless ages, in all times, in all places, this thing that we call woman's intuition is woman's defence."

Frederick Ballard, the author of "Believe Me, Kantippe," is in Boston, making arrangements for the production of a new play, "We, the People." John Craig will give it at his Court Square Theatre. Those who have shuddered at some of the attempts of third-raters to imitate masterpieces which show certain phases of life will be interested in a New York paper's interview with Forbes-Robertson, in which he said:

"If there is criticism to be brought against plays that deal intimately with life the criticism usually is based on their lack of delicate treatment, on their vulgarity. When I first began to act the playgoer asked for nothing more than adventure; the love story was the thing for which most people craved. They laughed at the theatre as an edu-

cational institution. But with the entrance of the theatre into the arena of social institutions something more is wanted than mere love and adventure. The letter are necessary qualities; in them are to be found the very elements of amusement. But the social conscience is not only in mentally creating the widely different characters she plays, but in the preparatory details and work of production. "I have always loved my work," she says, "and often sit up late at night fashioning a 'prop,' getting just the right angle to a cap or the proper line to a gown. I remember well the first picture I played. It was engaged on Friday to report on Monday for rehearsal, and was given the part—an emotional lead, long and strenuous, and a character make-up; it was an Italian woman. 'What a suspense until Monday! I was there at nine o'clock, and so weak with anticipation I could hardly stand. They informed me that we couldn't start until Tuesday. Another twenty-four hours of torturing wait! But the important hour at last arrived, the picture was a great success, and the words of praise made me very happy. I would not consider that Italian woman an exacting part now; it was more of a less obvious and elemental. This winter I hope to do many big, fine things—to put upon the screen wonderful characters that will live long in the minds and hearts of the people."

Ned Finley, James Morrison, Harry Northrup, Edith Storey, Arthur Stanley, Mrs. Storey, Mrs. B. F. Clinton, Temple Carr, Logan Paul, Florence Klotz, and Jack Harvey, the owner of "Sheep," the Vitagraph, are going to North Carolina to produce a picture similar to "The Strength of Man." Mr. Finley took the lead in "The Strength of Man," and will play the lead and direct the coming production. The company expects to be away about three weeks.

J. Stuart Blackton, who is president of the Vitagraph, and who is one of the pioneers in the moving-picture industry, said, at a dinner of the Brooklyn Municipal Club recently: "There are 400

moving-picture shows in Brooklyn and about 1,400 in the Greater City of New York. The total return of the film exchange manufacturers a year in the States has been estimated at \$200,000,000. From a turn of the moving-picture show from the United States alone, the show managers get a gross total length of all the films made in the United States about 40,000 miles, or more than the billon separate pictures, of which are taken in each foot of film means enough pictures to make two of each inhabitant of the States a year."

Mary Pickford Undergoes Operation. Mary Pickford, a former star, so popular in St. John, David Belasco's "A Good Little Girl," was able to leave the Polytechnic, in New York, recently, after undergoing an operation for appendicitis, resumed stage work, her return interrupted by her illness.

A party of moving picture went north recently to end the season of the blue-eyed photographs of the blue-eyed girl, reported frozen in it in the winter. They have visions, so will be able to journey when the thaw comes.

have been an enormous number of the earnings of Quo V. The price paid for the picture was \$42,000. Hiram H. Edgerton, president of the Rochester, N. Y., and candidate for election on the Republican ticket caused to be made a series of films during the progress made in the fair during the previous winter, and these films will be displayed during the coming campaign as an argument for the mayor's re-election.

quartermen of an hour a night in conventional miniature drama or in the repertoire of the theatre, away, to leave a little intellectual lump at the must also, I am afraid, to indulge propensity to be a little unwholesome place of amusement."

All the 990,000 acres of forest in the State of Pennsylvania has been thrown open to the children of the playgrounds.

TRY TO WHITE-WASH PIMP

People Who Try to Hide Unsightly Pimp Behind Paint and Powder Clot Pores and Coarsen Their Skin

Pimples are the source of the most chagrin and the most sensitive girl anxious for the admiring glances of the admirer. And it is not that she tries to hide them with paint and powder.

She really realizes, however, that the most irreparable injury she can do to her skin through the clogging of the pores of the skin, is to use impurities in the blood that cause pimples break out not only on the face but on the shoulders, back, arms. Instead of improving her skin she has spoiled whatever beauty she has.

There's No Use Trying, I Can't Pimples With Paint.

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Madame Melba, as she appeared last week in Massey Hall, Toronto, before an immense audience of music lovers. She is a charming personality and beloved in all parts of Canada, which she has toured frequently. She has had a triumphant career and the artist has herewith depicted a pose of one of those sublime moments as the noted singer concluded one of her most difficult numbers. Melba was born on May 18, 1859.

INTERRUPTIONS

Incidents Light and Serious In Play Presentations

CALLS FROM THE AUDIENCE

A Spontaneous Tribute From Charles Kemble to Ability of Child Actress—A Critical Reporter Who Denounced Prison Scene

Very seldom in the history of the modern theatre has such an incident to be recorded as that which started the audience at the St. James' during a recent performance of "Androcles and the Lion."

A well-dressed lady, it appears, arose in the front row of the circle and protested against a piece presented for their approval; seeing that the play is so much mightier than the tongue, she said, the interrupter sat down again, and the play proceeded.

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words give of the chatty intimacy between player and patron in those good old times.

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THE LONDON STAGE

Three Theatres Fight For First Production

THE "HIP" SPRINGS SURPRISE

Pauline Chase Plays But One Character—Tango Teas Provide New Use For Idle Theatre—Bourchier Criticizes Audiences

(Times' Special Correspondence) London, Oct. 4.—Things have come to a pretty pass in those London theatres which have been pinning their faith to the "Review," largely due to the fact that there are no English revue writers worthy of the name and most of the "good things" are lifted from foreign productions.

We are given a taste of what this will eventually result in this week, with three of the big houses, the Hippodrome, the London Opera House and the Alhambra—all advertising "Magic Staircase," a new and sensational piece of the privilege of showing it first to the London public.

At the present moment the honors rest with the Hippodrome. It was planned to make it the big feature of the coming revue at that house but, hearing that the act to completion, and the sprang a complete surprise on the audience by producing it as a vaudeville item in advance of the revue. No doubt it later will be incorporated into the larger production when that finally makes its appearance.

The absurd duplication of acts is by no means new or uncommon in London. When the ragtime craze was at its height here all the big hits were doing service in the various revues about town. Recently the "Spider Web" ballet was to be seen in both the London Opera House and the Alhambra Revue and a close watch is kept on rival houses by all the managers in an attempt to forestall, or if impossible, to imitate the best acts of their rivals.

Eight Revival of Peter Pan. Peter Pan is to come to the Duke of York's theatre for its eighth annual revival this Christmas. And Pauline Chase is again to be seen in the leading role. Pauline, of course, is not the original Peter Pan, in the minds of English theatre-goers, she is associated with the part to a much greater extent than either Nina Boucicault or Cecilia Loftus, who preceded her.

It is a remarkable fact that Pauline Chase, who plays the part of Peter with great charm, has never made a success in another part. Some time ago she played with Robert Lorraine in "Man and Superman," but she was almost lost in the part. Evidently she realizes her limitations because, with the most powerful theatrical friends at her back, including Charles Frohman and J. M. Barrie, she has never been cast for any ambitious roles, but is content, year in and year out, to go through the adventures of Peter.

Sidney Blow, a playwright chiefly known for his adaptations, has discovered a new use for a theatre and is busily engaged trying to wring glittering gold from the idea. Having taken the Queen's Theatre for a production known