

What the Theatres Offer

At the Princess Theatre Monday evening and throughout the week an old nursery rhyme will be brought up to date and put to life. The young miss of Anna Held's "pony ballet" will be seen in the opening scene of the third act of "The Parisian Model," for they will have bells upon their ankles, and many of them will have rings on their fingers, thereby reminding one of the nursery rhyme: "With rings on her fingers and bells on her toes, She shall have music wherever she goes."

There are pretty young women who wear bells on their toes and who can make music with them wherever they go. It was Florenz Ziegfeld Jr., proprietor of the company, who conceived the idea of making the jingle a reality, and it was due to his own untiring direction that the thirteen young women are now experts in kicking out the tune. For seven weeks, two hours a day, he kept them at practice, and now they can beat the bass of any rhythm at her own game. Of course, you want to know

For Christmas week the Royal Alexandra Theatre will have as an attraction the merry comedy, "All the Comforts of Home." This amusing play was adapted from the German by William Gillette, who, in his skillful manner, has introduced many situations and complications which make it more amusing than it was in its original form.

The fun of the piece hinges on the attempt of two young men to conduct a lodging-house. Egebert Pettibone marries a pretty young wife. He has a daughter about the same age as his first wife, who is in love with Victor Smythe. Pettibone does not encourage the young man's addresses, and he is forced to meet his sweetheart on the quiet. Pettibone hears of these clandestine visits, which he imagines are being paid to his wife. In order to break up this supposed intimacy, he decides to take his family to the continent. Before leaving he places his residence in charge of Alfred Hastings, his nephew. Alfred, who is fond of practical joking, and pleasure, calls in his

E. C. Towne, tenor, of Chicago, has made "The Messiah" one of his chief studies, and like Mrs. Shanna Cumming, is in requisition for his role more than any other artist. His declamation is of a very high order. H. Ruthven McDonald has become a great and



MRS. SHANNA CUMMING
Soloist for the Messiah.

popular favorite in this oratorio. He sings with great spirit and power, and his singing of the famous number, "How Piously Do the Nations Rage," is always a notable episode. The chorus and orchestra have already demonstrated the great advances they have made under Dr. Torrington's direction, and every year their presentation of "The Messiah" becomes more appealing. The sale of seats for subscribers will begin on Thursday morning, Dec. 26, and for the public on Friday, Dec. 27. The prices are 25c, 50c, 75c and \$1.

The delightful musical melodrama, "The Cowboy Girl," which has made a big hit so far this season with the theatre-going public, will be the offering at the Majestic Theatre Christmas week. Seldom has there been such a decisive success as "The Cowboy Girl." The reason is as apparent, as it is something new and different, and worth going to see. Marie Flynn in the title role, always a great favorite and re-



MARIE FLYNN
Toronto Girl, as Gyp in "The Cowboy Girl," at the Majestic.

garded by many as one of the best comedies on the American stage, has created an admirable role, which not only gives her opportunities but serves as an excellent foil for the many capital characters of the story. "The Cowboy Girl" is a play with a western atmosphere, and with numerous exciting situations and powerful climaxes. There is a wealth of music, uproarious comedy, pretty chorus girls, rich costumes, elaborate scenery, and the critics and public alike have described it as an original and most satisfying entertainment. During the week a matinee will be given every day.

In the "Toreadors" Company next week, the Star Theatre offers a production which has won favor among lovers of the jingling, snappy, breezy, up-to-date, musical show. The curtain rises to a two-act travesty with Bobby Harris, Billy Cook, Jack Kingston, Garden and Somers, Vic Hyde and Al Bruce assuming the principal characters, being ably assisted by Olga Orloff, Nettie Hyde and Mildred Valmore. Joe Bernstein, the Ghetto cham-



OLGA ORLOFF.
With the Toreadors at the Star.

At Shea's Theatre next week, Manager Shea has secured for his patrons a bill full of comedy and novelty, and a number of acts never before presented in this city.

Hilda Spong heads the bill with a clever comedy in a one-act comedy of western life, called "Kil." Miss Spong is making her first bow in vaudeville, and her welcome is sure, as she is well known to theatregoers both as an eno-



ANNA HELD
At the Princess Next Week.

how they do it. Well, it's very simple—attached to their ankles, and by skating their—well, by agitating their pedal extremities, they play the tune without one false note. And then if you give them an encore they do something the maiden of the rhyme would never have done. They come out, lie on the stage, kick up their legs and repeat the bell symphony.

The story of "Brewster's Millions," in which Edward Abeles will appear at the Princess Theatre during New Year's week, is a dramatization of George Barr McCutcheon's famous story, which tells of Montgomery Brewster's compulsory dissipation of a million dollars within a year in order to inherit a much greater sum bequeathed to him by an eccentric uncle, under condition that he spend this amount of money within the specified time. The play ran for upwards of a year in New York, and four months in Chicago, and comes here with the original cast and scenic equipment.

As a special Christmas week offering, the management of the Grand announces the appearance of David Higgins in the fifth edition of that popular racing drama and romance, "His Last Dollar." It is the story of the love of a manly man and a womanly woman, well woven with bright comedy lines and mirthful situations. While David Higgins is a notable selling feature to the company, he by no means carries



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In "His Last Dollar," at the Grand, the entire burden of success for the incident of the brave Kentucky girl, Eleanor Downs, who has brought her dearly loved horse east to race in the Great Futurity, is woven into the general theme of this American play in a natural and skillful manner, of the truer side, as well as better, of the racing subject, is in this play shown for the first time on the American stage. A strong drama well set in five acts is the result of Mr. Higgins and his collaborator, Dr. Cowke's, work.

For next week at the Star Theatre, Manager Stair announces the first genuine moving pictures of the great Tommy Burns-Gunner Moir fight, which took place at the National Sporting Club, London, on Dec. 2.

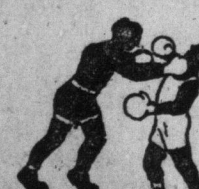
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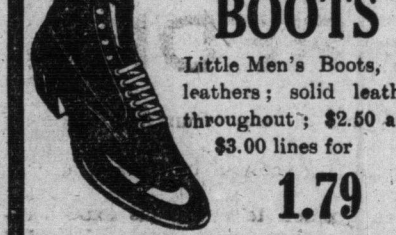


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The Military Octette and the girl with the baton is a favorite act with Sheagor's. It is staged by Jesse Lasky. The girl with the baton, in military uniform, appears at the back of the theatre when the signal is given for the ap- bugle call, and, coming down the aisle, takes her place in the orchestra and directs the musical pictures of England, France, India and America, with national music played in each of the scenes.

Charles Leonard Fletcher has not been seen in Toronto in several seasons, and since that time has made a complete tour of the world, and as America's premier impersonator has met with brilliant success. He is presenting his latest artistic novelty, "An Evening With Richard Mansfield." He is also impersonating other stage celebrities.

The Darras Brothers are new-comers. They are European equilibriste on a swinging trapeze, and their graceful work has a hint of danger.

The Goltz Trio will be seen in a slack-wire novelty. They have been the sensation of the European music halls for two seasons.

Dixon Anger and Company have a new offering entitled "Out West." The Britons are eccentric dancers, and have a decidedly novel offering, and a full line of new moving pictures complete the bill for the week.

Clark's "Runaway Girls," reinforced by the added attraction of Herman and DeForest's advanced vaudeville act, "The Fall of Port Arthur," one of the foremost attractions in the eastern wheel, will be seen at the Gayety next week, with an entire change of burlesque, scenery and costumes. The performance will commence with the funny sketch, "The Main Gazaboo," and will conclude with a refined musical extravaganza in one scene, entitled "A Pair of Kings." Among the leading celebrities will be found Miss Georgia Cunningham, the petite artist, in songs and dances; Marion Cook, Ernest Stewart, Ruby Marion, Lily Lowton, Lottie Livingston, Mr. William Gail, Milton Schuster, George Puget, Frank Peck, assisted by a bevy of pretty girls, including May Livingston, Helen Peck, Dolly Brenner, Alice Rich. The vaudeville portion of the program will consist of The Famous Livingstons, the European Risley Acrobats, the Misses Marion and Thompson, comedians; Monahan and Monahan; The Girl in Black, the big hit; The Bowers Comedy Quartet, consisting of Puget, Fox, Gail and Peck. Matinee daily and Limerick night, Tuesday; amateur night, Friday. No smoking Friday matinee or night. Ladies at all matinees, 10c.

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