# AT THE THEATRES

### "The Witching Hour."

Are human success and failure largely the result of concentration or lack of concentration of thought? Can one by mere thinking produce results in the actions of other people, and events outside of one's self? Augustus Thomas, the most famous of all American playwrights, has set forth in his latest play of "The Witching Hour," which comes to the Royal Alexandra theatre next week, this contention "that thought is as dynamic'—that is to say, as influential—in one's life as deeds themselves. He not only claims that the power of reading thoughts can be developed in all highly sensitized minds and intense natures, but that by thinking one can even impress one's ideas upon others, and can influence their actions. The scene and situations of the play are an ingenious exposition of this argument, and send playgoers away with almost firm conviction that Mr. Thomas is right.

Mr. Thomas even goes to the extent of showing a jury in a murder trial being influenced by public opinion outside the courtroom. No play of this generation has seemingly excited so much serious consideration of its novel ideas. As an entertainment in itself it has equalled the successes of "Alabama" and "Arizona," but excels both of these Thomas plays, by its daring treatment of occult themes and psychic phenomena.

Seats can be reserved at the theatre at the Bell Piano Coy.'s Rooms, 146 Yonge-street.

For the week of Oct. 11, the management of the Royal Alexandra announce another Liebler & Co. production, "Foreign Exchange," by Booth Tarkington and Harry Leon Wilson.

### Mantell at Princess.

"Mantell is a great actor, he is the leader of our stage." Thus did William Winter, dean of American dramatic critics, comment in reviewing the marvelous impersonations of Mr. Mantel in Shakespeare's immortal plays. The opinion of the distinguished reviewer has long been shared by the American play-going public, who now concede that Mr. Mantell stands at the top of his profession.

Mr. Mantell has surrounded himself with a company of exceptional merit, the members of which were selected for their special qualifications for the interpretation of Shakespeare. The chief feminine player is Miss Marie Booth Russell, an actress of wide experience, and erudition and possessing the charm of manner and that subtle thing to which critics refer as "magnetism."

### "The Honeymooners."

Geo. M. Cohan has outdone himself in "The Honeymooners," which comes to the Grand next week. The scene of this newest and best of the Cohan song shows is located in the sporty town of Tigerville, Vermont, and the genius of the brilliant young author runs a riot of fun among the characters of this typical country town. The plot while farcical is coherent thruout, and tells an interesting story of love and politics. The complications are wonderfully funny and beginning at the first speech are not unraveled until the last. Cohan is perhaps the only current writer for the stage who has mastered the part of introducing songs and dances into a story without halting the action. In "The Honeymooners," there are a score of snappy catchy lyrics, and two score pretty girls. "Kid Days," "In a One Night Stand," "I'll be There in the Public Square," and "If I'm Goin' to Die I'm Goin' to Have Some Fun." The fact that "The Honeymooners" stood the acid test of a summer production in New York, and in the smartest theatre on Broadway, ran all summer to capacity of $2.00 a seat, is sufficient proof of its quality.

### Next Week at Shea's.

Manager Shea has one of the greatest headline acts seen this season for his bill next week. George Beban, the dialect comedian, who has been seen by Toronto theatregoers in The American Idea, has made an entirely new departure and with his associate players will appear in a serious one-act play, The Sign of the Rose. The scene is laid in a florist's shop, and Pietro Mossena, played by Mr. Beban, enters to buy a rose to lay on the bier of his little daughter, who has been killed by an automobile. The Italian is met by detectives and is accused as a Black Hand of kidnapping the child of a millionaire. It transpires that it was the auto of this rich man that ran over the Italian's child, and the situation is intensely dramatic. Mr. Beban as the Italian is clever, and has the best of assistance from his company.

The special extra attraction Manager Shea has booked for the week is the famous Madcaps from Berlin, eight in number, who will appear in their mad whirls of good-natured and boisterous acrobatic dancing.

Eddie Leonard calls his offering "At Home Again." Mr. Leonard deserted vaudeville some seasons ago, and was last seen here with the Cohan and Harris Minstrels. He will have the assistance next week of dainty, charming and clever Mabel Russell, and the Field Bros. Miss Russell is a favorite with Sheagoers, and will be heard to advantage with Mr. Leonard in his original and tuneful songs. The Field Bros. are expert dancers. These with other features make up an excellent bill.

### Majestic Music Hall.

Another big bill of vaudeville specialties will be presented at the Majestic Music Hall next week, and the management promises an entertainment fully up to the high standard of the Wm. Morris, Inc. Among the acts booked are the following: The original Svengali Trio, in music, mimicry and mystery; Besnah and Miller, in "Something Doing"; Rostow, the famous Russian equilibrist; Clemenso Brothers, musical acrobatic clowns; Fischer and Burkhardt, in a unique song specialty; Sisters Rappo, direct from the Imperial Opera House, St. Petersburg; Estelle Wordelle & Co., in an original playlet, "A Honeymoon in the Catskills"; the only George Wilson, "Waltz Me Again." The pictures of Dr. Cook's arrival in New York City will be shown for the first time in Canada by the kinetoscope at the music hall. During the week a matinee will be given every day, and seats can be reserved for any of the afternoon performances one week in advance.

### "Queens of the Jardin de Paris"

Frivolity will reign king at the Gayety next week, when the "Queens of the Jardin de Paris" will have its first performance. It is almost impossible to give an adequate outline of what the management has to offer. Events of recent date will be lampooned by a corps of comedians, and there will be singing and dancing spectacles designed to exhibit feminity in all its moods and graces, and in a variety of beautiful but not over-abundant costumes. Mere man is a minor factor in any entertainment which has its origin in a Frenchman's ingenuity, and "The Queens of the Jardin de Paris" are essentially French.

That the sensational dance de l'Apach which is introduced during the pantomime, "All Her Soul," as performed by Mlle. Mina Minar and the Four Turins, who come here direct from the Moulin Rouge, Paris, will prove a gripping feature, is an assured fact. One pretty picture will be seen when thirty handsome young women appear in the French Ballet of Nature. It goes without saying that the chorus is made up of pretty girls. Leaders in the beauty stakes will be Miss Babe La Tour, Frances La Tour and a host of others whom nature has graced.

### Star Theatre.

"The Queen of the Harem," one of the burlesques to be presented next week at the Star by the famous "Sam Devere Company" contains an unusually humorous plot. The scene is laid on the "Island of Nowhere" in the South Sea. The residents of the island are at war with the "Nonsuch," an island nearby, and the "Nowhere" are being defeated at every turn. The prophet of "Nowhere" has promised King Rummy that at the coming of the full moon a beautiful princess would appear, marry him and turn the tide of war in his favor. The prophet, however, fails to make good, and his life is threatened. He craves another day, which is granted. He calls to his aid the spirits, and thru them works up a terrible storm, which culminates in the wrecking of a vessel and two sailors are cast ashore. The prophet quickly sees his opportunity, palms off on the king, who is almost blind, one of the sailors as the "beautiful princess." The complications begin and the fun is rampant to the end. "The Hoodlum's Holiday," the other burlesque, is equally diverting.

F. W. Stair, proprieor of the Star Theatre, will bring his own company to that theatre all of the week beginning Oct. 11, when something novel will be given in "Frivolities of 1919."

### Notable Musical Event.

Mme. Schumann-Heink will give one of her now famous concerts to open the musical season in Toronto at Massey Hall on next Thursday evening. The opportunity of hearing Schumann-Heink is an almost indispensable adjunct of any musical education, and the world-renowned singer has never brought her art to a more exquisite approximation of perfection than this season. Her English songs, with their delicate shading and their sparkling and translucent interpretation, never fail to shake up the house. Her accent is remarkably sweet and exact. The layman never realizes the possibilities of the human voice until it has been revealed to him in the luscious, vibrant tones of this great prima dona.

### Isadora Duncan Coming.

Not since Jenny Lind's memorable American debut has the work of any artist created such a sensation in this country as that occasioned by Isadora Duncan's dancing, during her brief eastern tour last winter with Walter Damrosch and his New York Symphony Orchestra—a combination to be repeated this season. Her first appearance in New York set the folks wondering why more had not been said of her. She wove the witchery of her achievements until those who sat under its spell were lost in wonder and admiration. She revived one of the long-lost arts upon which the refulgent "Age of Pericles" was founded.

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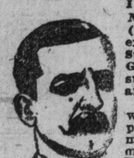

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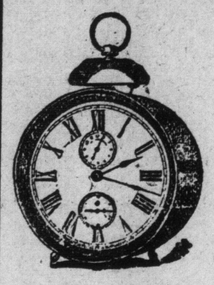

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### Dan McAvoy Dead.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—Dan McAvoy, the comedian, died to-day at his home here of a complication of diseases. McAvoy was one of the first American variety performers.

### Clyde Fitch Buried.

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—Clyde Fitch, the playwright, who died in France, was buried to-day in Woodlawn Cemetery. The funeral services at the Church of the Ascension were attended by one of the largest gatherings of actors and literary and theatrical people that ever met in this city. The church was filled with flowers. Rev. Percy Stickney Grant conducted the service.

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