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The London Drama League  
Sees University Players'  
Club at Work.

One of the cleverest entertainments presented by the Drama League this season was "Op O' Me Thumb," a one act play given by the Players' Club of Western University last evening in the collegiate auditorium.

The leading role, Amanda Afflick, was cleverly filled by Miss Helen Berdan, who proved herself a skillful actress, possessing the faculty of calling forth from her audience tears or laughter, as she willed. The play, is a comedy, yet has its central figure, a most pathetic character. Amanda Afflick, a lonely little waif, possessed of a vivid imagination, which leads her into many difficulties.

The scene is laid in an English laundry, where Amanda works, and the remainder of the audience spends most of their time discussing Amanda and her imaginary love affair. All the parts were well cast, and the interpretation of the cockney accent by the entire cast, was exceptionally good.

The impersonation of Celeste, by Miss Jean McIntosh, was a clever bit of work, her acting was refreshing and finished. Miss Florence McDonald, as the owner of the laundry, was splendid and Miss Edna Iverson, as Rose, the buxom young laundress was a most amusing character. The part of Clem, the only married member of the staff, was well taken by Miss Eunice Moorehouse.

The only male role of the cast, Amanda's mysterious beau, Horace, a concealed young chap, was cleverly played by Marcus Auden. The play, which was recently presented by the club at the university, was directed by Mr. Jack Hamblin.

Last evening's program opened with selections by the Little Theatre Orchestra, which gave several enjoyable numbers during the evening. The orchestra is directed by Miss Helen Patterson. A group of songs, "Friend of Mine," "Whisper of Eve," and "Love in Springtime," by Mrs. Frederick Schofield, was a charming number of the program. Readings by Col. George Gillespie, formed an important number on the program, which was greatly enjoyed. His selections were: "Sergeant Blue" and



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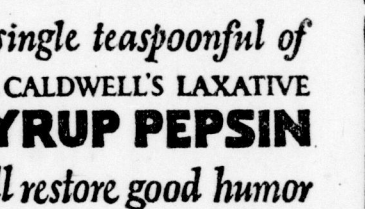
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