

# Plays, Players and Playgoers.

**THE GRAND.**  
Today (matinee and night) .....  
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When Fitzpatrick & Stewart guaranteed the quality of the vaudeville which was given at the Grand last night they knew well enough that they were taking no chances. They knew the merits of the different acts, and consequently had nothing to fear.

Last night a packed house witnessed the splendid bill, and all went away highly pleased. There was not a vacant seat in the theater.

The head-liner is Miss Della Fox, the world-famous singing comedienne, who was seen here in "Wang," a number of years ago, and who, despite the fact that she has made numerous hits in other productions, will always be remembered as the little lady who scored so heavily in the old-time favorite opera with DeWolf Hopper.

She is still a tremendous favorite, and when she sang her famous song from "Wang," she was applauded to the echo.

"The Marble Arch," one of the neatest sketches seen in London in many a day, was produced by Miss Charlotte Townsend and company, composed of Miss Bessie Johnston, Mr. Homer Durand, and Mr. Fred Kirby. The cast is a notable one, and the splendid acting of Miss Townsend was enhanced by the work of her support. The playlet is a highly humorous one, and boasts of some very witty lines.

Walters and Prouty, the well-known travesty artists, are up-to-date fun-makers, who make good with the audience. The singing of Walters is the feature of this act.

Lew Hawkins is a very funny man. He has a brand-new line of talk—barring one or two pardonable offenses—which convulse his hearers. It is a treat to hear him tell stories. And, by the way, Lew can sing a few. He has a particularly sweet voice, and he just sings enough to make you wish he would do it some more.

The Durick brothers execute some marvelous feats of agility and strength. Their hand-balancing of tremendous weights is marvelous. Their act is one of the most remarkable ever seen in London.

Shorty and Lillian Dewitt have a funny act. Shorty is about as big as a minute, and is as full of talk as a phonograph. The couple were uproariously applauded last night.

LeClair, the juggler, is one of the most interesting in his line of business in America today. He met with favor, and received his share of the applause. On the whole, the bill is first-class, and it will no doubt attract large audiences to the Grand this afternoon and evening.

Mr. H. Webb Chamberlain, of the "Out in Idaho" Company, is the possessor of one of the most remarkable dogs of the country. A pup of Maid of the Mist, the \$5,000 bench winner, this dog has a part in "Out in Idaho" that he plays with great earnestness. He always manifests great impatience and uneasiness until he gets his cue. He thoroughly enters into the spirit of his part, and never makes an error. Mist has had an eventful career. When a pup he was supposed to be incurably ill and was doomed to death by the chloroform route. Mr. Chamberlain, being a great lover of dogs, volunteered to cure her, and for weeks she slept at the foot of his bed, and was given a pill three times a night. Eventually Mist got to know the time for her medicine, and if Mr. Chamberlain did not wake she would crawl up and arouse him. Mist is a thoroughbred specimen of the Irish setter, the greatest dog actor in the country. "Out in Idaho"

plays the Grand Opera House Monday and Tuesday, Sept. 24 and 25.

Bennett's Theater in this city, which will be thrown open to the public on Oct. 8, will be sure to surprise even those who know something of the Bennett class of enterprise, and who are looking for big things. There appears no room to doubt that the house will not alone be one of the finest in Canada, but it will be one of the very finest in America. Money is being lavished on it, and when the doors are thrown open something new in the way of theatrical splendor will be shown to Londoners.

It is the intention to have a ladies' parlor, with telephone connection, etc., where the ladies can meet and talk. There will also be a gentleman's smoking and lounging room, where the men may gather for a chat, without disturbing the house.

The night of the opening of the theater (Oct. 8)—a banquet is to be tendered newspaper representatives from Montreal, Ottawa, Hamilton and London; and the house managers; Mr. Albee and Mr. Jule Delmar, of New York, general business representatives of the United Booking Agency of America; professional friends, etc.

Fanny Ward is to create the principal part in Hartley Manners' new play, "A Marriage of Reason."

Charles Richmond is to be starred by the Will J. Block Amusement Company in "The Senator's Vindication."

Blanche Walsh is to begin her road tour in "The Kreutzer Sonata," in Philadelphia about the middle of the month.

Katie Barry is to be featured in "The Other Locket," with John Slavin, this season.

Hilda Song, who is now playing in "Lady Jinx," will soon appear in a play of modern English life entitled "John Hudson's Wife." The attraction is booked for the Grand this season.

Fiske O'Hara, the Irish singing comedian, is to star again in "Mr. Blarney from Ireland."

A. G. Poulton has been engaged for the role of Napoleon with Kyrie Bellew in "Brigadier Gerard," which is to be produced in Chicago next month.

Charles Dillingham is having a new comic opera written called "The Mascot of the Troop." The opera is to be produced by Fritz Scheff next season.

Herbert Keley and Elsie Shannon, who have been presenting a repertory of their earliest successes in St. Louis, have returned to New York and have property, and I suppose mine are no longer sacred.

"Burnt cork always has been and will be, the thing to use. Nothing can take its place. We buy corks from drugists and saloonists. It used to be the scheme to hire small boys to pick them up. A small boy will work ten hours a day for a pass to a show. Anyhow, you first catch the corks and put them in a big kettle. Then you sprinkle with alcohol and apply a match. I repeat until there is merely a residue of soot. The performer rubs this on until he is black in the face, smears the backs of his hands, paints his lips a bright vermilion, dons a scratch wig, and is ready for business."

"There is a Philadelphia man who puts up prepared cork in packages. But most of the boys like to fix themselves. The first time I blacked up was with cork from the bottom of mother's soup kettle. I mixed it with grease, and couldn't get clean for four weeks. But cork works all right, really. All you have to do is to apply plenty of soap and scrub vigorously over a bucket of water. I can 'wash up' after the show quicker than a laboring man when he goes home to supper from the iron works or gas house. A trace of burnt cork inside the ear is a handy thing. A man's professional card. It will be recognized at any box office where they are not 'turning 'em away.'"

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