#### POST-GRADUATE EDUCATION

We wanted to celebrate Twelfth Night—the real gift time, by the way, for it was then that the Kings of the East came bringing their gifts to the newborn King—and so a party of us arranged to go to a theatre that presents so called vaudeville. There was a presumably serious playlet to was a presumably serious playlet to be given by a well known actress at the end of the bill, hence we could ne as late as we liked and yet see come as late as we liked and yet see the main portion of the evening's entertainment. I am sorry to say that I for one was rather shocked at what that very popular form of entertainment, vaudeville, has be-come in recent years. It is some time now since I attended one of these newformances but as this was these performances, but as this was a house of a well-known circuit that rather prides itself on its "high class" and advertises its absolute class" and advertises its absolute freedom from anything that can possibly shock even the most delicate susceptibilities of even youth or mother, there seemed to be every assurance that we should have a good class even in the control of the contr good, clean evening's fun.

There was not a single feature on the program which we saw that was some vicious element, and three of them turned entirely on viciousness and suggestion of evil. or at least on irreverence for some of the things that count most in life, Some of the features were manifestly arranged with a deliberate idea of attracting children, or at least young folk of from twelve to sixteen, for there are no more children except those in arms or just out of them, and evidently there must be a good attendance of such young folk, at least at the matinees. I have been wondering whether our modern wondering whether the parents, themselves busy about many things and not always intent on the unum necessrium, know quite what their children are having presented, but, above all, suggested, to them in present day vaudeville. If this performance the other night in perrmance the other night is to be taken as a criterion, I know nothing that, to my mind as psychologist and physician, would be so likely to do harm by furnishing evil suggestion

to susceptible minds.

Here is some of what we saw and heard: We missed some trained animals and some freak musical performers, but then Twelfth Night dinner with friends was more in teresting than these. When we arrived at the theater they were just in the midst of a sketch in which a young man and a young woman who been at a picnic on an island not far from New York with a crowd of others, find that the steamer has gone without them and that they are probably to be left alone there together for the night. The situation is not pleasant at best, but it is tion is not pleasant at best, but it is treated very broadly, so as to make it still more unpleasant, and the couple dance and sing with inter-ludes of suggestive remarks. Per-haps young folk miss all their signi-fleance but most of the audience did ice but most of the audience did

Then we were treated to a scene in a distant country whose picturesque costumes lend themselves to theatric effect. The granddaughter has come back to her grandfather, sent by her mother, who had run away to be married years before. The grand-daughter is a oute little girl played by an expert on the stage however, dressed evidently to attract the attention of young folk who might be attention of young folk who might be avening, so far as regards the come to the theater, and with a special appeal because of her girlish suggestiveness of the material. A ways and her doll — which lady! whose husband is under a ways and her doll — which serves the purpose of some rather charge of murder resolves to consort with a set of vile women in order to with a set of vile women in order to with a set of vile women in order to secure the evidence for his acquittal, a very sophisticated granddaughter, a very sophisticated granddaughter, a very sophisticated granddaughter, a very sophisticated granddaughter, a very sophisticated granddaughter. however. She is quite willing to agree to anything that grandfather says, because he has the "chinks," he suggests anything that is at all contrary to her own inclinations her external agreement and submission are accompanied by side remarks derogatory to the old man for the benefit of the audience. These make the vulgar laugh, but they cannot dence is as yet incomplete, an arrange-but make the judicious grieve. irreverence for the old that will not given in this high class and thorough soon be forgotten by the young per-son who sees it. I know nothing The women drink unti that is more lamentable in presentwho have a right to give directions. not been directly aware before. We were next treated to some

arranged so as to make a strong appeal to the ever susceptible curiosity of the young, to try the effect of opium in securing wonderful dream clamations of such a besotted woman could possibly be made to mean in half hour the fairyland of the opium half hour the fairyland of the opium dreamer was exhibited. A typical hard to understand. "dope fiend," in the language of the day, that is, one of those pale, haggard, thin individuals, with a quite the end, there drawn face and a faraway look in the derial performances of a lady in a sevial performance of a lady in a colored union suit, with nothing else on, and then the audience was discomes on the stage and is greeted by a hard worker, just out of a job, who finds life very hard and the outlook yery discouraging. The column takes of the continue to be crowded with young folk, as they are, it is not then stated that it means "your kind of Catholic Church," be sure that no one misunderstands the party meant. It is not then stated that the familiar type of the young man who is the victim of a drug habit, comes on the stage and is greeted by very discouraging. The opium taker—let us call him frankly what every one present knew that he was meant to represent—proceeds to tell the worker how he smokes himself into worker how he smokes himself into dreams in which he is wealthy beyond the desires of the most avaricious, and in which he lives the most luxurious of lives, with diamonds of immense size all around him and pearls and gold and beautiful women will in schools, here is a post-graduate course in vicious suggestion that will far outwelf years of instruction, because its appeal is to that lower set of instincts in man which are so powerful if given any opportunity for special development.

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night stick.

I have to do with drug habitues to some extent, and I know how the habit begins. More doctors and nurses suffer from it in proportion to their number than any other classes because they have the drug near them and because of the constant suggestion that they can re-lieve tiredness or ill feeling of any kind by recourse to it. Suggestion and facility help more than anything else to the acquisi-tion of the habit. Many a young man has told me that he began to use the opium or cocaine because of curiosity as to the wonderfully pleasant dreams that are said to come in that way. Poor Francis Thompson seems to have had his habit greatly emphasized, if not initiated, by his mother's unfortunate gift to him of De Quincy's "Opium Eater,"
which perhaps she thought would
prove a deterrent. As to the pleasures of the "dope fiend" I may say, as a physician who knows something about it, that, as I have written in my book on psychotherapy, it is not that to have opium is heaven, so much as to be without the next dose of it is hell, that causes the persistence in the habit. The craving for it becomes intolerable. It is almost maddening to be without it, but the pleasure produced by it is slight com-pared to the painful discomfort and awful depression of the intervals.

as Juliet's nurse says, but whenever ciated with them in nearly every There is a half hour's lesson in arious evening, and this is the scene

The women drink until the companion of the "virtuous" wife is thoroughly inebriated, that dear lady day life than the lack of reverence thoroughly inebriated, that dear lady for the old and the lack of respect for the old and the lack of respect for the old and the lack of respect for but doing that to the queen's taste by averaging and admitting soft im by swearing and admitting soft im peachments as to her coquetry and After seeing this sketch I knew peachments as to her coquetry and another factor making for this distant the midst of the drunken orgy, a confessespect of authority of which I had midst of the drunken orgy, a confession is obtained from the drunken creature that the death in the case was not a murder but a suicide. Descenes from a wondrous dreamland tectives in an adjoining room hear this and of course all is then sup-posed to be well. Just what any ex-

That was the end of the evening's entertainment, or rather it was not quite the end, there was still the on, and then the audience was dis-missed to its virtuous slumbers.

young folk, as they are, it is rather easy to understand why there should be so much complaint of lack of

If there is anything that would make it quite clear that the greatest of care must be exercised as regards performances which young folk attend, it is the consideration of a sample program of this kind. We have heard much of the evil in fluence of ugly sex problem plays at the theatre, but usually the better class supposed at least to be reasonably free from vile and vicious suggestion. Manifestly it is not. Yet its degeneration might have been expected. When people are constantly looking for entertainment and have lost the faculty to entertain themselves, ordinary modes of

tain themselves, ordinary modes of amusement soon fail and excitants of various kinds must be presented to them, or, as habitual vaudevillians themselves say, "ginger and pep must be put into the acts."

What the burlesques which re-present the lower order of vaudeville an possibly give that is worse than this, though they must be worse be-cause they are bitterly condemned on all sides, I find it hard to imagine. Anything much worse than this would surely be deterring by its vulgarity. Even this high class performance approached that limit rather too nearly to be quite companied to the surely to be determined to the surely to be determined to the surely to be s fortable, I should imagine, for a good many people. It is manifest that the work of the Catholic Theatre Movement is sadly needed for much more than the regular theatres with their problems, for now the more popular play houses are being invaded by the same vicious elements James J. Walsh, M. D., in America

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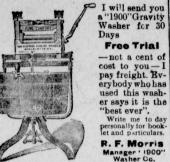
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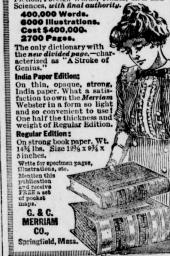
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