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S. G. Bayne, of New York, Has Known Many "Irving answered: 'If I had a pistol I would shoot him on the spot.'" Mr. Bayne then went on to state that he thought that the Opera House at Buenos Aires was the most magni-ficent theatre in the world. Next he described the theatres of Japan of long

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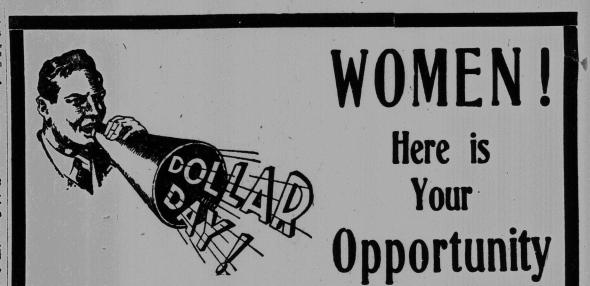
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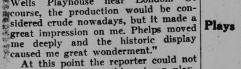
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"As the years went on my love of As the years went on my love of the theatre increased and I made fre-luent trips to Longon and European apitals to see the plays that didn't tour. I met all the gemous actors and actresses of the day and became their criend.

actresses of the day and became their "riend. "In Belfast was an internationally mown theatre lover, one Dave McTear, who was the principal light in the Union Club of Be[®]1st. He loved to give grand dinner parties and recep-tions to visiting players and he always neluded me, inasmuch as I knew so nany of the actors. "It was through him that I met Ed-ward Askew Sothern, the father of E. H. Sothern, who, as his son did, made a huge success with the part of Lord Dundreary. The elder Sothern and a party of us went one day to the races near Belfast. We rode out in a four-in-hand, and Mr. Sothern won a pool of £50 on the main race. Pasice for Elder Sothern.

Praise for Elder Sothern.

"He loved gay parties and after his 50 victory,' he spent all the money on entertaining us and the proceedings waxed merry indeed. His was a de-lightful, scintillating personality that J shall never forget as long as I live. "Included among my other special friends at the time, about sixty years area was that great actor Henry Irving. friends at the time, about sixty years ago, was that great actor Henry Irving. He was turning London upside down with his Hamlet, but the critics—they were almost as pedantic in those old days as they are now—used to make unmerciful fun of his pronunciation and his many mannerisms. He was of Cornish birth and his real name—not many know it—was John Henry Brodmany know it-was John Henry Brod-

"His accent lasted so long as he lived He couldn't pronounce the word 'queen.' Instead he always made it 'quane.' The funny papers of the day used to refer to him in jest as 'the Eminent Wan.'

Eminent Wan." "In later years when Irving came to America—I was here then—he was at first afraid to appear in New York as Hamlet, because of his Cornish ac-cent and the mannerisms complained of. Accordingly, he decided to use Philadelphia as a 'dog town,' and put it on there. He took a great com-pany, which included Ellen Terry, Wil-liam Terris, and many other actors of note, with him. "He invited me to go along in the special train and it was a glorious oc-casion. The performance in Philadel-phia was a great success. Invited were all the literary and social lights of the town, and they applauded Irv-ing rapturously, in spite of his ac-cent.

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