

A Playful Widow

By MARGARET BELL

EVERYONE knows Flora Zabelle. Not so much because she is the wife of our funniest comedian, Raymond Hitchcock, as the fact that she is beautiful and a brunette and very charming. That, after all, is what one best remembers in a woman, charm.

Miss Zabelle stood before her mirror, vigorously polishing her nails, one night. Now and then she looked toward the dressing room door, for I had made an appointment earlier in the day. And she was keeping one ear wide open for her cue. For it was in the middle of the performance of "The Red Widow," who—in the play—is none other than Flora Zabelle herself.

After a "goodfellow" greeting, and some remark about nothing in particular,



FLORA ZABELLE.
In "The Red Widow."

she jumped into the conversation like this: "Do you want to know whether I am a suffragette and would hold up a banner in a parade?"

"You don't look like one," I hinted.

"But the funny part of it is, that I am. Not the parade kind, mind you, and all that. But I do want every man I know to think in his own heart that I am just as good as he is. Of course we can get whatever we want. What woman ever lived who couldn't? That is a woman with any kind of tact at all."

And then more polishing of the finger points. She seemed in such bubbling good humour it was hard to think of her as one of the "hikers" down in Washington mud.

But that is just what we must not think of her. For she is a newly-organized kind of suffragette, I should say, guided by a sense of humour.

Green Trimmin's

ME daddy's name is Paddy,
And me mither's name is Mol,
And they call me Little Mickie,
(Which sure is no name at all).

The little one's "Mavourneen,"

The swatest flower that blows,
(She has me daddy's wilful ways,
And me mither's tilted nose!)

Now is it anny wonder

When the Seventeenth is here,
That the Caseys wear green trimmin's
That one day in the year?

MR. AND MRS. THEODORE MARTIN were the guests at tea of the Toronto C.W.P.C. on Tuesday, March 4. Mr. Martin, who is taking the part of Baron Romanoff in "The Red Widow," is a friend of many years' standing of Miss Minnie Jean Nesbitt, one of the members of the C.W.P.C. in Hamilton.

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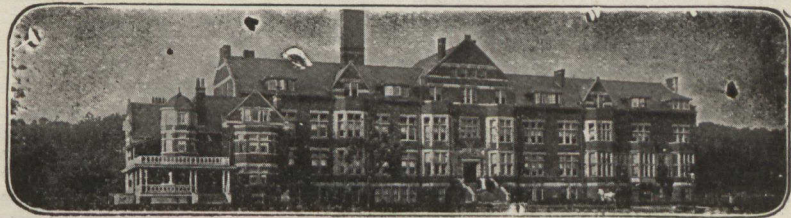
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