

THE STAGE AND ITS PEOPLE; MANY WELL REMEMBERED HERE

ARTHUR JOHNSON HAS TO FACE THE HOUSEWIVES

Makes Converts to the Photo Play—St. John Favorites Change to Mutual Company—Mary Fuller as a Writer

Murbert Lusk, as Arthur Johnson's secretary, has done it again. On behalf of Mr. Johnson he accepted the invitation of The Eclectic Club, in a Philadelphia suburb to deliver an informal talk on "The Mission of the Motion Picture."

In the taking of a picture at the Lubin Studio last week Howard Mitchell, one of the players, had to fall down a flight of twelve stairs.

Moving pictures, to be shown in thousands of "movie" houses throughout the country, will be used to trace Jessie McCann, a Flatbush, N. Y. social worker, whose disappearance has mystified the police.

Augustus Carney, who originated Alkali Ike, the comedy cowboy, has signed with the Universal. He was formerly with the Essanay Co.

Mary Fuller is writing an article for a woman's publication on "Thrilling Moments in the Life of a Picture Star." Romane Fielding, of the Lubin South western studio, contends that if minor details are not correct, it is just as harmful to a film as a bad scenario or incompetent actors.

William Randolph Hearst was given a surprise in the form of a Christmas present from Mrs. Hearst, which is most novel and interesting.

Owen Moore, formerly of this city, who left the Biograph for the Griffith forces was the last reported of a list of runways that already includes Blanche Sweet, Lillian Gish, Robert Harron, Mae Marsh, James Kirkwood, etc.

Three first class Boston theatres may swing to the movies within a few months although the theatrical heads of the city are reluctant since the rumors began gaining credence.

That historic old ark, the Boston theatre, which B. F. Keith bought in April 1908 for a million dollars in order to keep out competition almost next door to his pet house and also to get the passageway rights from Tremont to Washington streets seems to be fated to fall back into his hands.

The second theatre involved in the rumor is the Park, under lease to Frohman, Rich and Harris. The Park is owned by Lotta Crabtree, a retired stage favorite.

On an early date in the New Year, Broadway, New York, will see the opening of the Vitagraph Theatre. Though no announcement has yet been made as to the location of the new playhouse, it is understood that the Brooklyn film manufacturing concern has taken over a lease on the Criterion Theatre, Broadway and Forty-fourth street.

STAGE LOST PROMINENT MAN IN WM. HAWTREY

He Played in St. John in Dear Old Billy—Another Success For Charles Meakins—Nice Stage Setting



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The death of Wm. Hawtrely, which occurred this week in New York, removed one of the prominent character actors of the English legitimate stage and has caused regret amongst friends in the profession as well as amongst many admirers who have witnessed his fine work.

May Robson, a prime local favorite through "The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary" and "A Night Out" is appearing in Boston in a new play "The Clever Woman," which is being offered at the Haymarket Theatre, London, by the Stage Society.

The plot contains nothing new or dramatic. It deals with a western financier who has become rich quickly, to the detriment of his wife.

Edward Mearns, favorably recalled in St. John, is playing in "The New Hero," which is playing in support of W. H. Crane and Amelia Bingham.

"He Fell in Love With His Wife," by E. P. Roe, and "The Silver Horde," dramatized from Rex Beach's novel of that title, are slated among the January stock releases.

Charles Meakins who was the dancing prince in "The Merry Widow" when produced here in St. John is appearing in the latest operatic rage in the states, "Suri," Mrs. W. Savage's biggest hit this season.

Ann Meredith has been engaged for an important role in "The Rule of Three" which is to be produced in New York this month by the New Era Producing Company.

Charlotte Walker will be seen next season in a dramatization of Jack London's story, "The Valley of the Moon." Mr. London will collaborate with Eugene Walter in preparing the stage version.

Louise Gunning has determined to return to Europe for a year to fit herself for coloratura work in grand opera, following the example of Alice Nielsen.

A new comedy, with music, entitled "Pretty Miss Smith," with Kitty Gordon in the title part, was produced in Los Angeles last week.

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