

Our Critical Column.



MR. AND MRS. KENDAL concluded a brilliantly successful week at the Grand on Saturday night. A charming air of natural refinement marked the performances throughout, and it was all so delightfully "English, you know," that Toronto was touched in a very susceptible spot. The audiences were, of course, large and fashionable.

Roger La Honte, which is being played with enormous success in London under the title of *A Man's Shadow*, was produced at the Academy of Music last week by Geo. M. Wood and his company. Holiday engagements and the weather militated against the success which so good a play deserved. *The Private Secretary* was put on for the last two nights.

AUSTIN'S AUSTRALIANS, a first-class variety organization, have been making things lively for the patrons of Jacobs & Sparrow's Opera House. They are followed, this week, by Rooney's Americans, (the redoubtable Pat of that ilk and his galaxy of fun-makers), who require no special introduction to audiences here.

MISS EFFIE ELLSLER graced the stage of the Academy for the first three nights of this week, presenting her successful play, *The Governess*. For the week of the 13th the attraction will be the New York Lyceum Theatre Co. in their latest hit, *Our Flat*.

THOSE who have a taste for high-class minstrelsy (and who hasn't?) have an opportunity of seeing the finest company in existence at the Grand this (Wednesday) evening—the Haverly-Cleveland Combination, with which is incorporated the marvellous Japanese troupe of acrobats. This company is a veritable congress of giants, and give a performance which is something to remember for a lifetime.

Little Lord Fauntleroy, the stage idol which has afforded scope for more than one stage idol in the shape of juvenile genius, is to be given at the Grand on the last three evenings of this week, with Saturday matinee.

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