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UPLIFTING THE DRAMA.

The rise of the American playwright in the last 15 years has been one of the unexpected developments in the artistic growth of this country. Any person of middle age can readily tell you that in his youth it was almost foolhardy for an American dramatist to attempt the writing of a play, and, what is more, attempt to have his play produced. The theatrical managers of this country drew regularly upon the English and the French playwrights, and the play-going public was surfeited with the English comedy of manners, with its titled characters and with the French plays, with their interminable variations of the dramatic triangle. Now, however, there are so many good American dramas that the foreign-made play is beginning to be a novelty.

The colleges of this country are beginning more and more to give attention to courses on the drama. Courses in practical playwriting have been established at Yale, Harvard, Columbia, Chicago, Radcliffe, and at

These institutions are graduating hundreds of scholarly, ambitious young men and women who will do much to uplift the stage. As an aid to the dramatic courses, many institutions produce at stated intervals plays written by the undergraduates. Some of these plays are of superior quality, and a fair percentage of them find their place on the regular commercial stage of the country.

The education of so many young people in the practical dramatic art will result in a largely increased number of persons with a sense of the drama as an art, and naturally, will encourage the manager who is seeking honestly to produce the best plays. Backed by the support of this serious body of theatregoers, the managers will be able to eliminate more and more the long line of cheap melodramas, bucolic plays, and inconsequential musical comedies with which they have been wont to regale the theatre goers of America.

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A German scientist condemns the sleeve skirt, claiming that it makes women knock-kneed. Though this is doubted, it is true that the garment reveals something not generally known.

If outdoor sleeping tends to promote health the Allen family of Virginia should break the longevity record.

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SUMMONS.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon for Union County. J. D. Casey, plaintiff, vs. L. Hexter, and L. May, partners under the firm name of Hexter and May, defendants. Hexter, wife of L. Hexter, — May, — wife of L. May; C. H. Dodd and — Dodd, his wife; also, Chas. F. Dodd, (if living), if not, their unknown heirs; and all other persons or parties claiming any right, title, estate or interest in or lien on the real property described herein, defendants.

To L. Hexter and L. May, partners under the firm name of Hexter & May, Chas. F. Dodd, (if living), if not, their unknown heirs, and all other persons or parties claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the

real property described herein, defendants:

IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON,

You and each of you are required to appear and answer complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit, on or before the last day of the time named in the order of publication of summons, to-wit: On or before the 27th day of May, 1912, and if you fail to so appear and answer the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in plaintiff's complaint.

The relief prayed for in the complaint is that the defendants and each of them be required to set forth the nature of their claim, title or interest in and to the south half (S½) of Northeast quarter (NE¼) and southeast quarter (SE¼) of northwest quarter (NW¼) of section 25 in township 2 South of Range 36 E. W. M., in Union county, Oregon; and that whatever right, title, estate, interest or lien the defendants, or each of them, have or claim in said land be declared inferior to the rights, title, and interest of the plaintiff therein, and that the defendants and each of them be forever barred from all right, claim, title or interest to said land.

This summons is published by order of the Hon. J. W. Knowles, circuit judge of the above entitled court for the county of Union, and by said order

it was directed that this summons should be published in the La Grande Evening Observer, once a week, for six consecutive weeks. The date of the first publication is April 15, 1912.

JNO. S. HODGIN, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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SUMMONS.

In the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for the county of Union.

Sada Anderson, plaintiff, vs. F. L. Meyers, executor of the last will of John Predmore, deceased, Sisters of St. Francis, of La Grande, Oregon, and William Hull, H. C. Montgomery and J. J. Beldin, trustees of the La Grande and Moss Chapel Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, in Union county, Oregon, and all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate or interest in or to or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein, defendant.

To all other persons or parties unknown claiming any right, title, estate or interest in or to or lien upon the real estate described in the complaint herein, defendants above named: You and each of you are hereby notified to be and appear in the above entitled court and answer the complaint therein filed against in the above entitled suit within six weeks

from the date of the first publication of this summons; And defendants will take notice that if they fail so to appear and answer the plaintiff will, for want thereof, apply to the court for the relief demanded in the complaint, to-wit, that plaintiff be decreed to be the owner in fee and entitled to the possession of the real estate described in the complaint, to-wit: Lots eleven, twelve and thirteen in block two of Predmore addition to the Town of La Grande, Union county, Oregon, and that plaintiff's title thereto be quieted.

This summons is published by virtue of an order of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, of Union county, of date February 6th, A. D. 1912, directing publication thereof in the La Grande Evening Observer once each week for six consecutive weeks and the first publication of this summons is on the 16th day of April, A. D. 1912.

J. D. SLATER,

Attorney for Plaintiff.

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