

GRACE GEORGE AMONG STARS APPEARING IN NEW PLAYS AFTER LENTEN SEASON

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"THE PINK LADY"
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JACK KIRKMAN, GRACE GEORGE, BERTIE (ON RIGHT) IN
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SCENE FROM
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BY LLOYD F. LONERGAN.
NEW YORK, April 22.—(Special.)—
As is customary, last Monday, being the first week night after Lent, witnessed the production of a number of new plays, but the output was not as large as had been expected. The reason is the Broadway has so many successes at present that in many cases managers did not care to try the experiment of making changes. A well-established success is better at any time than a try-out and the plays that have lasted through Lent are good enough to remain until warm weather anyway. Some of them will stay all Summer, for with the out-of-town visitors, New York managers have an inexhaustible supply of ticket purchasers to count upon.

The Playhouse, William A. Brady's new theater in Forty-eighth street just off Broadway, was formally opened Saturday. The initial attraction, which was only for the matinee and the single night performance, was Grace George (Mrs. Brady) in the comedy, "Sauce for the Goose."

It was the original intention to present the actress at the Playhouse in this comedy for a run, but on account of the lateness of the season, Miss

George will remain on tour, opening the theater in the Fall. At that time she will head an organization to be known as the Playhouse Company, which will be formed for the production of new plays and revivals.

Scenes All in New York.

The scenes of "Sauce for the Goose" are all laid in New York. Miss George has the role of Klitty Constable, a young wife whose husband, having literary tastes rather than domestic inclinations, does not appreciate her. The wife, however, is a woman of brains, smart and keen witted and equal to handling the situation, when once she is aroused. In the end the wife wins, not only against her husband, but against the other woman. The company includes Herbert Percy, Frederick Perry, E. D. Cromwell, Frank E. Denny, Miss Keith Wakeman and Miss Carolyn Kenyon.

Beginning last Monday, Mr. Brady transferred his "Overnight" company, which has met with great success at the Hackett Theater, and housed it in the Playhouse. There it will remain until the hot weather. "Dr. De Luxe," with the very funny Ralph Herz featured, is the new at-

traction at the Knickerbocker Theater, and the plans are to keep it on all Summer. This attraction is under the management of Joseph Gaizer, who has already shown that he has a good idea of the kind of musical comedy that the people like. It has an exceptionally bright chorus, good principals and during its trial performances on the road has been highly praised.

A conservatory for the orchids of entertainment.

That is what the managers of New York's latest plaything, call it.

French Idea Followed in New York.

This is the new Folies Bergere in Forty-sixth street, just west of Broadway, which will be opened late this month. Henry B. Harris and Jean Laaky are the proprietors and they plan to conduct it on the lines of the Folies in Paris as a restaurant music hall.

The new theater is something of an architectural exotic. Its front is of glazed tiles, set in Louis Seize designs, with a mural painting depicting comedy's development from the time of the Greeks to date.

There are no seats in the auditorium. Instead there are tables, tea-tables or en suite, all facing the stage. Dinner will be served about 8 P. M. and just

about coffee and cigarette time the curtain will rise on the first show of the evening. The second show will follow supper at 11 P. M. "Repeaters" are frowned upon, for different tickets are required for each performance.

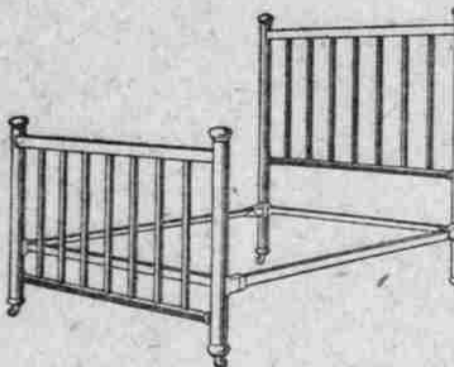
There will be three musical directors and two revues, besides the ballets and cabaret shows. The performers are among the most expensive stars in Europe and America.

There will be a broad promenade, bars to the right and left of them, and a gold champagne bar in addition. Some other features are a green-room, taxi-cabs, 40 telephone stations, flower shops and girl pages. A fortune has been expended on this venture, which promises to be an important part of the gay life of New York.

For the Spring season at the Comedy Theater, William Collier will inaugurate revivals of his former successes. The first was put on Thursday and the audience showed that they liked "The Dictator" as well as they did seven years ago.

"The Dictator," written by Richard Harding Davis, was produced in New York for a successful run in 1904. Mr. Collier later appeared in it in London and during his Australian tour, always with satisfactory results. His present

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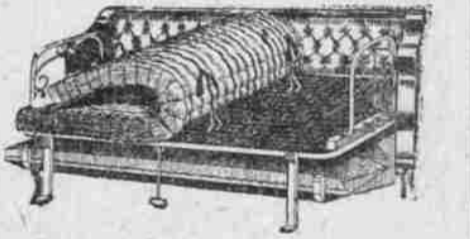
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Shuberts Get Another Theater.

The enterprising Shuberts have added another theater to their long list. The latest acquisition is the Manhattan Opera-House, Oscar Hammerstein having leased it to them for ten years.

The playhouse will be operated on the same principle as that in force for many years at the Academy of Music. Broadway successes will be presented at reduced prices (which is financially possible, because of the size of the house), but the engagements will run from three to four weeks.

E. H. Southern and Julia Marlowe will play their annual engagements at the Manhattan Opera-House hereafter and, as is customary, they will remain in town for eight weeks. Heretofore they have appeared at the Academy of Music.

The success of "As a Man Thinks," in which John Mason is appearing at the Thirty-ninth Street Theater, is so pronounced that Author Augustus Thomas

is preparing to sail for Europe to arrange for the English production. A number of foreign managers have made bids for the play, but Mr. Thomas, who is a good business man, will put it on himself, although the Shuberts will have an interest in it.

Theatrical managers are much in evidence in Trenton these days, owing to the fact that a strong effort is being made to force a censorship bill through the Legislature. One measure now under discussion, is being bitterly fought by both the syndicate and the independent interests.

The city council authorizes the Mayor of each city, borough or town to appoint a local board of censors, which shall consist of the Mayor, Chief of Police and a citizen. They are given the power to prohibit the performance in any theater or other place of amusement of any show which in their opinion may be against public morals or decency. And from their decision there is no appeal.

Petty Grafters Might Get Busy.

Leading managers point out that this measure would simply invite crookedness and corruption. It would place the producers at the mercy of every

crooked official who wanted to make a little change.

New Jersey is practically a "one-night" state. Outside of Newark and Jersey City high-class attractions never play a full week.

Consequently, in the majority of cases, the local censors would be obliged to act in the dark. The local board in some little town could easily announce to a manager when he struck the place that the play was unfit for presentation but that matters could be "fixed." And under the circumstances the easiest thing to do would be to pass out some small change to the grafters.

The average manager does not object to intelligent supervision, or even dictation. But he cannot see where he would "get off" if every benighted rural community had a board of official theatrical critics.

If the law passes it is within the bounds of possibility that the big organizations of producers may mutually agree to keep out of Jersey and leave its citizens to the tender mercies of fly-by-night companies. This angle has been brought to the attention of the legislators and is said to have made an impression upon some of them.

"SQUEAL BOOKS" ARE INTERESTING READING FOR NEW YORK PUBLIC

Mayor Gaynor Upholds Police Commissioner, Despite Numerous Reports of Robberies and Holdups, But Governor, Who Has Power to Remove, May Lop Off Official Head of Appointee Responsible.

BY LLOYD F. LONERGAN.
NEW YORK, April 22.—(Special.)—
The most interesting reading in New York today is found in the "squeal books."

The average citizen never heard of the "squeal books" until Magistrate Corrigan became involved in his argument with Mayor Gaynor over the prevalence of crime in New York. As a result of Corrigan's heated remarks, some grand jury is doing nothing else but investigate conditions as to crime and the prevention of them.

The "squeal books" is kept in each station-house, and contains a record of all cases where persons have complained of having been robbed or assaulted. The Lieutenant at the desk makes an entry, a copy thereof is sent to police headquarters and there the matter ends unless it should happen that an arrest is made. Details as to what is in the "squeal book" are carefully hidden from the general public, the idea probably being that they would be unpleasantly surprised if they fully realized present conditions.

It must be admitted that the grand jurors are shocked. They have found that in some precincts the crimes of violence run from four to 18 a day. They have dug up records of women being robbed in their homes, beaten by their husbands in the streets, while the fact remains that seemingly no effort has been made to capture the guilty ones. At least few, if any, arrests are made.

Mayor and the Governor have become involved in a snarl over the income tax question and there is a hope that if the flames of discord are fanned judiciously there may be some results that will please the residents of New York.

Polo Grounds Fire Caution.

The destruction of the Polo Grounds created as much excitement, in proportion, as would a similar fire in a small country town. And the financial loss is a bigger item than some persons realize.

For example, the Giants could count on playing to capacity any time the content was of particular interest. The capacity of the Polo Grounds was a trifle over 30,000. At the American League grounds, where the players are quartered at present, the spectators can hardly exceed 12,000. As the Giants charge as high as \$2 for certain seats, they may easily lose \$15,000 on a single game, simply because they cannot accommodate the crowd. Of course that is a top mark figure, but it could be reached. The average loss is easily \$3000 to \$5000 a day, and the rent of the Polo Grounds, \$40,000 a year, is still running on.

Girls of America, organized in this city, hopes to develop into a society of nation-wide scope. Its main object is to encourage a greater interest among young girls of public schools and great in exercise in the open air, with the three-fold object of developing their bodies, minds and characters.

Suffrage Parade Unique.

The suffrage parade, which will be held May 6, will have some novel features, if present plans are carried out. For example, there will be a division of mothers," to be led by Mrs. Egerton Winthrop. They will carry a banner bearing the inscription, "We prepare the children for the world; let us help to prepare the world for the children."

A band of Highlanders will follow the suffrage banner, after which will appear examples of the changes in woman's condition since the 18th century. The woman of the sedan chair, and the women who spun and wove in the home will be on a float with modern industrial workers. These, again, will be in contrast with actresses, artists, musicians and writers. Then there will be bands of business women, social workers, athletic women (some on horseback) and chaffeurs in petticoats. Aeronauts, with Mrs. Leo Stevens at their head, will be in line, accompanied by a model balloon.

A campaign march, written by William George, will be sung by a chorus as the procession files through Fifth avenue and Broadway to Union Square.

The wide interest taken by youths in the "boy scout" movements led prominent women educators to believe that a similar work might be accomplished among the girls of the great cities. It is appreciated that the exercises must be provided of an entirely different character from those arranged for the boys, but it is believed that the aim of character-building will be no less surely attained.

During the Summer thousands of young girls will have the benefit of healthful life and exercise in the open fields and woods within reach of the metropolis. Final details, however, have not been arranged.

Another new trust has been uncovered by District Attorney Whitman, and he has called upon the grand jury to aid in putting it out of business in this city.

The organization complained of is the Harlem Retail Grocers' Association.