

SUMMER CLOSINGS FEATURE GOTHAM'S DRAMATIC HISTORY

Low Fields, Almost Alone, Braves Heat With New Production—Plans for Fall Season Are Elaborate Indeed.



The
St. Clair
in
"A Lively
Romance"



Scene From
"39 East"
Alison Skipworth
and Constance
Binney

(BY ELIZABETH LONERGAN)
NEW YORK, June 28.—(Special.)—The openings are few and far between, only one a week these days; and perhaps the coming weeks will be entirely without novelties. For the managers are saving many new and good things for the late August, which will mark the opening of the new season. Low Fields, however, braved the hot weather by bringing "A Lively Romance" to town. Judging from the good reports, "Romance" will not be lonely and the Shuberts' theater will be all too small for the crowds who are anxious to welcome Mr. Fields back to Broadway.

He has one of his delightful old time parts of the business man who devotes himself to outside attractions outside of business hours, and as in the past, he does the thing up brown. It is a case of double personality and this gives the new twist to his story. Can you imagine the amusing complications?

In a wig, he is Romeo and when his wife meets him accidentally he explains that he is her husband's son by a former marriage. There is an amusing telephone conversation at 4 A. M. when he calls up his home and asks to speak to his wife, then his son takes his turn, then the daughter and finally the dog is put on the wire. At last, when he finishes talking to the dog, he asks:

"Fido, will you please put Mama on the line again?"

There is a scene in a hat store that outshines anything he has ever done before. "A Lively Romance" is not all Fields and his comedy. The music is unusually good and there are many clever dancing numbers. Frances Cameron, Vilette Wilson, Herbert Fields (son of Lew) have principal roles and Jessica Brown dances divinely. Other dancers are Joe Niemeyer, Willie Solar and Artie Leeming.

Rehearsals are going on daily in the 44th street theater of a new Shubert production which will open soon. It is called "King, Bang, Boom" and has some fine cast of players. George Hassell, the big comedian "discovered" in London by Lee Shubert, is to be featured and his comedy, "The Melting of Molly" since his original partner, Gloria Goodwin quit the cast, Miss Walton had a wee bit in the original production with a couple of good dance numbers with Gladys Miller, who is now appearing in "The Lady in Red." Miss Gatenon was in the original "Her Soldier Boy" company and featured this year in "Little Simplicity." George Hassell closed last week in "Good Morning Judge" after a very prosperous season and his part in the fall will be played by another comedian to be announced later.

Of particular interest to out of towners, is Mr. A. H. Woods' announcement of his plans for the coming season. While New Yorkers will be well taken care of, he has not neglected his many patrons all over the country.

representative, planned the whole affair. Three hundred undertakers witnessed the performance of "Somebody's Sweetheart" and the papers gave very liberal space to the unusual audience. One declared that the really joyous moments were when someone in the play died, while others used the story as something of exceptional interest. "Somebody's Sweetheart" is still playing to capacity, but a mid-week matinee is seldom crowded, so the gallant three hundred were able to witness the performance.

Eight plays closed the other night, but not all because of poor business. In fact, it is still the busiest June on record. When the soldier and sailor visitors leave New York, there will be plenty of summer excursionists to take their places, so the forecast of a lucrative summer seems likely to be realized. William Gillette closed "The Jest" with the Barrymores, was an absolute necessity after the hard season. The last show, by the way, had as many students as the regular audience. "The Jest" will be allowed a Thursday matinee this week and many more were turned away. Mr. Hopkins is losing a lot of money, but he promises to open "The Jest" early in the fall and to arrange for a long run. "Sometime" also closed after a long and successful engagement. Ed Wynn keeps as busy as ever between his benefit performances (he is known as one of the most generous actors in the profession) at the Century Grove.

The Scibilia theatrical enterprises, producers of "Love Laughs," now playing at the Bijou, have completed arrangements with the Messrs. Shubert for a route for their comedy, which opens in Chicago in September and which they wish to send to the Pacific coast. This is one of the plays that the Shuberts will send across the continent in the fall. Although the end of Rachel Crother's comedy, "A Little Journey," is not in sight, the Shuberts have arranged for a second company to open in Chicago in August and then go west. Miss Crother's other clever comedy, "23 East," will also tour and it is more than likely that London productions of both will be given during the coming season. Whether English audiences will appreciate the humor of travel and boarding-house life remains to be seen. Certainly American audiences cannot fail to enjoy every moment of the two unusually delightful little plays.

Ever since the signing of the armistice, managers have been eagerly awaiting news that the war tax would soon be ended. So far, no such news has been received from Washington and they are beginning to get anxious. Petitions have been forwarded to Washington and the best is hoped for, though anyone who has been abroad knows that the amusement tax was in vogue in Paris long before war was ever dreamed of. Managers say that if the luxury tax is repealed, the theater tax should also be abolished. It is said by those in a position to know that the tax will seriously discourage theater-going outside New York. If it is not repealed, that even in New York it is coming to be regarded as a menace.

BOHEMIANS PLAY "LIFE"

NATURAL THEATER WALLED BY CALIFORNIA REDWOODS.

San Francisco Authors and Actors Gambol on Greensward at Close of Annual High Jinks.

SAN FRANCISCO, June 28.—In a natural theater whose walls are the massive trunks of California redwoods and the vaulted roof their intermingled boughs of green, members of the Bohemian club of this city presented their annual play yesterday. Redwood logs lined the orchestra in lieu of chairs, and nature supplied all the scenery without any aid from man-made painted canvases.

The title of this year's play is "Life," the joint work of Harry Leon Wilson and Dominick Breccia. It is Breccia who composed the music, and Breccia has been described by a musical critic as "prodigious in his knowledge, keenly alert to beauty and a sensitive agent of reaction, who manages to keep in the background of his work and in little known, even to his own acient who glimpse his bigness, and to composers, who marvel at his erudition."

Harry Leon Wilson hardly is in need of introduction to American readers of fiction other than to say that he is the creator of "Ruggles," who became known to the public through his whimsical adventures at "Red Gap." He has written plays for the Bohemians on former occasions.

The play is described as philosophical and poetical rather than animated and theatrical. The symbols of its movement from scene to scene are of biological significance as indicated by Breccia's intermezzi which are called "The Seed," "The Flower" and "The Fruit." The "sower's dance" introduced the leading motive, that of stirring, mysterious energy weakening to life.

Few club activities are better known internationally than this annual play rendered in "Bohemian Grove." For years they have been given, and the names of men high on the honor roll of writers, composers, actors and dramatists have contributed to the reputation of high artistic, musical and dramatic excellence of these productions.

The Bohemians have been here for a week or more, according to their usual custom, and the play yesterday was the climax of their midsummer high jinks. All in close nature in comfortable tents or cabins, and every evening around the roaring campfire wit, wisdom, story and song beguiled the late night session before each seeks his cot or hammock.

In former years the mid-summer high jinks has not taken place until well into July, but the prohibition looming in sight the Bohemians deemed this an extraordinary occasion and so hastened the date, in order that the festival bowl and the cup that cheer might, for the last time, play the old party they have taken in the days of yore.

SUNDAY ENDS CHAUTAUQUA

Evangelist to Preach Closing Sermon at White Salmon.

WHITE SALMON, Wash., June 28.—(Special.)—White Salmon's Cadmean Chautauqua will close Sunday, July 6. The principal attraction on that day will be the famous evangelist, the high "Billy" Sunday. All sessions will be held in the new school gymnasium.

An unusual opportunity for a week-end run through the mid-Columbia gorge, including the hearing of "Billy" Sunday, is thus provided. The free auto park at White Salmon and the grounds of the Washington hotel on the heights will be thrown open for all who wish to camp during the Chautauqua.

A flock of light tan fowls, scolded in navy blue, has a collar of platted tan chiffon.

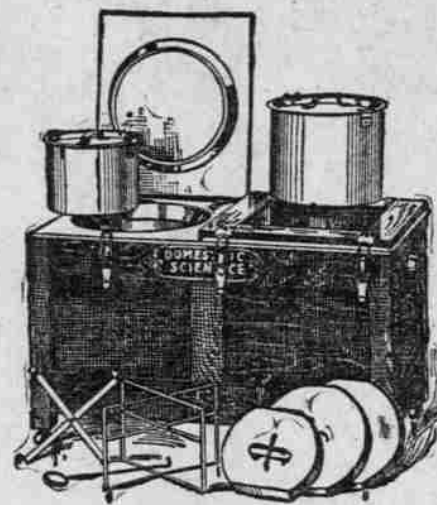
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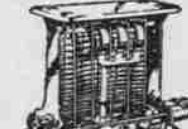
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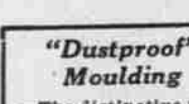
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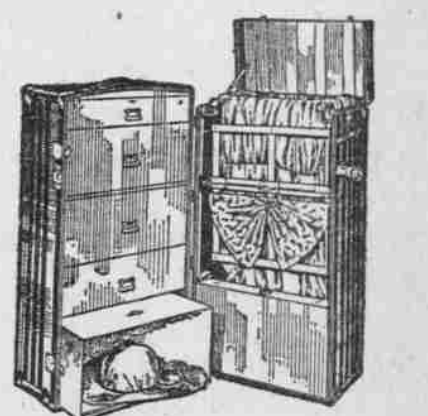
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NEW MINISTER IS FREE

BUSINESS MEN CANNOT USE CHURCH AS CLOAK.

Baptist Minister Says No More Catering to Principal Supporter of Parish.

NEW YORK, June 28.—According to Rev. Dr. Earle B. Cross of the national committee of northern Baptist ministers, the day of the minister who had to bow three times when he saw the principal supporter of his church approaching is soon going to be a thing of the past. The new minister is to be independent. Business men who used the church as a cloak are going to learn that they can't get away with their old high-handed methods. They who go to church on Sunday and worship the almighty dollar the rest of the week are not going to be able to dictate to the evangelist, order him to tone down his sermons and not to mention things which are distasteful to them.

"Spirituality" is an amulet worn by people who are afraid of God," declared Dr. Cross. "Spirituality" is an idol of men who have created God in their own image. True spirituality has a clean hands, a healthy appetite, laughs and gives every man a square deal. When in these tragedy-sobered days a spiritual leader speaks from the pulpit, worship puts off its frippery and kneels in contrition, respectable sins blush for shame,

and million-dollar thieves with fancy alibis get up and leave the room.

"The ministers are still driving on a steep grade. There is a bunch of folks who object to the use of 'cut-outs.' More and more, however, the muffers are being scrapped and sinners comfortably asleep by the way are being roused to moral action. It is absurd for folks in the pew to dictate to the man they have called to the pulpit. They are demanding more in the way of qualifications and equipment these days, and after they have chosen they submit to his advice and prescriptions with the grace of a business man in the hands of an expert systematizer. Two things are vital in a minister of Jesus Christ—first, a whole-hearted devotion to humanity born of a whole-souled allegiance to Jesus; second, an A. No. 1 training. In the presence of such a man the average church advisory board is like a crowd around an expert chauffeur who is dealing with a balky machine. By the way, many an advisory board fits out its minister with a 'flivver' and worn-out batteries, and then fires him because he doesn't get results."

"The minister deals with moral problems of the now and here. If he talks about heaven it ought to be as a man talks about his bank account, for the only way in which he can collect anything in the future life is by making spiritual investments in the here and now. The minister must be an expert in economics to deal with the moral phases of economic life, which Rauschenbusch has so pointedly told us is the one remaining sphere of our social order which remains to be evangelized with the Christian spirit. One can detect the taint that is in butter without attending a dairy school. A man with a well-trained conscience has a right to challenge the costume artist who draws lines in the faces and cir-

cles under the eyes of his sweatshop assistants. What the modern church demands of its ministers is that they shall have keen consciences and use them to polish up the edges of dulled consciences in the pews by vigorous tongue and pen.

"The church of this new day will reduce its 'restful worship' to a minimum. It will expect to wriggle and squirm under the electric current of its spiritual physician as he massages and vibrates their souls out of tension into normal flexibility. To use a very old phrase, a true minister will give his cure 'hearts of flesh for hearts of stone.'"

Mexico to Distribute Land.

MEXICO CITY, June 10.—The government is preparing to distribute among the people approximately 380,000 hectares (or 2 1/2 acres) of land valued at \$2,000,000 pesos which represents concessions given to a comparatively few individuals by several

governments previous to the Cárdenas regime. All these concessions have been cancelled by the present government. The persons to whom the land will be given must agree to cultivate the property. A commission of federal engineers is visiting several states to recommend methods of development.

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