

GOTHAM SHOWS GATHER HARVEST AT CHRISTMAS

Heavy Advance Sale of Seats for Week of Holiday Performances Is Noted—Independent Producer Begins to Reap Long-deserved Reward.



Helen Menken in 'Three Wise Fools'

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—(Special)—Last year the week before Christmas proved to be particularly profitable and the good fortune was traced indirectly to the signing of the armistice. Early in December an unusual thing happened this year. Seats for the big hits commenced to disappear from the racks for the week of December 22. One instance was 'The Gold Digger' (the Belasco production with Ina Claire in the lead) which, ten days before Christmas had only a few seats left and those for the Tuesday before Christmas, none for Christmas eve (supposed to be the worst night in the year). And the seats that were left were in the first balcony, and none too good at that! The theatrical prospector bids fair to last indefinitely and the managers and actors will reap a well-deserved harvest after the several past lean years.

NEWS OF THE THEATERS

(Continued From First Page.) many changes of costumes, taking the audience into their confidence. 'Love, Honor and 'T' involves the struggle of a husband to regain the mastery of a too-fond wife who sought the company of rapid moving society and high livers to console her for the absence of the husband who had gone to war.

FUN IS BILLED FOR LYRIC 'The Champagne Girl' Will Be on Boards Beginning Today. Ben Dillon, Al Franks and the other members of the Lyric company and chorus will uncoil two hours of fun today with the opening of 'The Champagne Girl' in which the two popular comedians involve themselves and a few of their friends in a score or more domestic troubles.

See a really big time show at popular prices HIPPODROME THREE SHOWS DAILY! SUN., MON., TUES., WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY.

Some of the best fun in the production follows a correspondence proposal in which Mike's picture is sent by his friend along with an offer of marriage. More laughs follow when three women, at different times and unknown to each other, throw their arms into the same closet in order that their presence may not be discovered by the various husbands and sweethearts involved.

NEW BILLS AT THE MOVIES (Continued From Page 2.) 'Love with wisdom is the secret of life.' The cast of characters includes: Olga Ashling, Clara Kimball Young; her brother, Charles; her sister, Pauline Starke; her father, Sam Southern; her suitor, Milton Sills; another, Ed Hall; and a third, Edmund Lowe; her impresario, William Courtleigh; the Yogi, Vincent Serrano.

LAZZARI Heilig Theater Jan. 7 Direction Steers & Coman Prices—Floor, \$2; balcony, \$2. \$1.50, \$1; gallery, reserved 75c, admission 50c. SEAT SALE TOMORROW

'THE BUSHER' AT SUNSET Charles Ray Appears as Local Baseball Hero. The romance, the joys and sorrows of a small town baseball social are a few of the comedy features of 'The Busher,' a Charles Ray picture which is the feature at the Sunset theater for four days beginning Saturday.

FAIRBANKS IS AT CIRCLE Circle theater patrons will see Douglas Fairbanks in 'His Majesty,' the American today and tomorrow. It will be accompanied by a news and a comedy picture.

STRAND NOW PLAYING! CRUMP'S COSSAL COMBINED CARNIVAL Gigantic-Bewildering

PEGGY HYLAND -IN- 'THE MERRY-GO-ROUND' Better go round! Christie Comedy Current Events Mutt and Jeff COMING MONDAY 'BROKEN COMMANDMENTS'

Heilig NIGHTS-Jan. 8 SPECIAL PRICE 8 MAT. SAT. AUGUSTUS PITOU INC. Presents THE DISTINGUISHED COMEDienne MAY ROBSON in A NEW MELODRAMATIC FARCE 'TISH' by EDWARD E. ROSE from the MARY ROBERTS REINHART'S STORIES RECENTLY APPEARING IN THE SATURDAY EVENING POST

We find him helping the police raid the den of a king of the underworld. We find him later in Mexico showing the bandits what they don't know about their business and then we find him butting in on the affairs of a little principality in Europe. 'An idea of the enormity of the production can be gathered from the fact that Mr. Fairbanks spent \$40,000 for the erection of one 'set' alone.

ALCAZAR Week Starting Mon. Mat., Jan. 5 25c and 50c DAILY MATINEES FOR LADIES ONLY 25c and 50c Nights for Everybody Over 15 Years Prices 50c, 75c, \$1.00—Plus Tax

SEE THIS PLAY THE REVELATIONS OF A WIFE AT THE DAILY MATINEES Alice Sterling (a woman of wide experience) will address the ladies, giving real facts in her life, showing you the way whether it is best to tell your past before marriage. Subject: 'DUEL OF THE SEXES'

PANTAGES Unequaled Vaudeville—Broadway at Alder. Matinee Daily, 2:30. Twice Weekly, 7 and 8. Popular Prices—Boxes and Loges Reserved. WEEK COMMENCING TOMORROW'S MATINEE DIRECT FROM CONTINENTAL TRIUMPHS EDDIE FOY -AND- THE YOUNGER FOYS IN THE ORIGINAL CREATION 'SLUMWHERE'

Orpheum THE BEST IN VAUDEVILLE ONLY 3 NIGHTS SUN. MON. TUES. 15c TO \$1.00 SECOND EDITION OF THE FOUR MORTONS SAM, KITTY, MARTHA AND JOE 'THEN AND NOW' BLACK AND O'DONNELL BILLY McDERMOTT MASTER GABRIEL COXEY'S ARMY HUDLER, STEIN AND PHILLIPS JAMES DUTTON AND COMPANY MARMEN SISTERS DAVID SCHOOER A REVELATION IN DANCE AND MUSIC LAST SHOW WED. MATINEE

The ... BAKER Stock Famous BAKER Company The Cozy Playhouse of Perfect Acoustics Week Beginning Sunday Matinee, January 4 The Most Baffling, Mysterious Melodrama Released for Stock The Woman in Room 13 Direct From Broadway, New York A 1920 Model—A Positive Sensation Matinees Sunday, Wednesday, Saturday Next Week—NOTHING BUT LIES (As Played by Willie Collier)

PUBLIC AUDITORIUM This Week, Jan. 5-6-7-8-10 BEGINS TOMORROW (MONDAY) NIGHT, 8:30. ZINITA GRAF AND HIS COMPANY, INCLUDING Zinita Graf Will Produce the Following MON., WED., THUR. AND SAT. NIGHTS: 'The School for Scandal' By Sheridan. TUES. NIGHT AND SAT. MATINEE 'She Stoops to Conquer' By Goldsmith. WEDNESDAY MATINEE 'Romancers' By Rostand. 'The Proposal' By Tschekoff.

LYRIC MUSICAL COMEDY KEATING & FLOOD, Managers. Matinee Daily at 2 Evenings at 7 and 9 Week Starting Sunday Matinee, Jan. 4 Those Incomparable Laugh Provokers MIKE—and-IKE Ben Dillon Al Franks In a Sparkling, Scintillating Mixture of Merry Music, Laughter and Beauty, THE CHAMPAGNE GIRL A Real Bubble Show 'Let Joy Be Unconfined' New Songs—New Choruses—Right Up-to-the-Minute 2—Special Feature Nights—2 Tuesday: Country Store Friday: Chorus Girls' Contest