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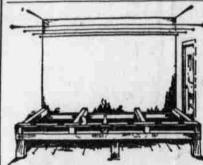
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The illustrations show a plan for building a stage at one end or on one side of a room, all the work being of such a nature that no injury need be done to the woodwork or the furnishings. A situation should be chosen so that a door may open from one side of the space set apart for the stage. This will give opportunity for the making of "entrances" and "exits," and

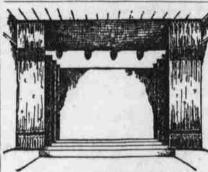


POUNDATION FOR THE STAGE.

for the changing of costumes, if desired. If there are windows, or another door, at the back of the stage, these can be utilized as part of the 'scenery" of the stage fittings.

The stage must be raised about two eet above the floor. A simple framework can be laid up as suggested in the first illustration, without using any nails whatever. Three-by-four joists can be cut to the right lengths and placed as shown, stout blocks or boxes holding the joists at the proper height above the floor. On these timbers the floor is laid, the first board being shown in position in the illustration. Openings cut in this first board give a chance to set ordinary hand lamps upon the cross-wise timber, to serve as "footlights," tin shields being tacked in front of them as suggested.

A very simple method, also shown in this same illustration, is used for hanging the curtain in front of the stage, and for making "wings" at the side of the stage. Stout screw-eyes are placed in the walls on either side at proper distances, and from these, wires are stretched tightly across the space above



THE STAGE COMPLETE.

the stage. On the one in front the curtain is hung, while upon the others are hung narrow strips of cloth to form the wings. This plan is plainly shown in the second illustration, which also shows the footlights in position, and the front of the stage covered with cloth or paper.

The floor can be covered with a large The floor can be covered with a large "art square" or rug, or with a piece of common carpeting. The curtains in front should be as light as possible, unless very sput wire and screw ever are less very stout wire and screw eyes are used.

If a door is desired at the back of the stage, and no door is ready at hand in the rear partition, a curtain can be hung clear across the stage on the rear wire, with an opening in the center, where a portiere can be hung.

The stage furnishings, chairs, tables, couches, etc., will depend, of course, upon the nature of the play; but it should be remembered that a handsome setting" of the stage will add much to the attractiveness of the entertainment. -Webb Donnell in Ladies' World.

Planting Trout.

It was the policy of the officers of a ertain railroad line, in all their advertising matter, to place great stress on the excellence of the trout-fishing to be reached by their lines; and in audience." order to provide the trout, it was necessary from time to time to plant the advertised streams with fry.

On one occasion an old gardener named Conelly, who had charge of the station grounds, was sent out with the cans of fry, procured from the State hatchery, and a railroad map, marked to show exactly where to plant the tiny

Conelly returned that night, however, with part of the fry still unplanted. He needed further instrucions from the general passenger agent, who had marked the map.

"Say, mister," said Conelly, scratching his perplexed head with one hand and pointing to the can with the Has made a life study of roots and herbs, and in that other, "shall I plant thim fish wid the study discovered and is giving to the world his won-derful remedies.

talls up, or down?" "Why," shouted the irascible agent.

"you thundering blockhead-" "Alsy, alsy!" murmured Conelly. "Ot'm no such blockhead as ye'd think. The shpot on the map where ye towld me to plant thim trout is all biled down to mud. If thim small fish is to go in that sthream at all, at all, 'tis wan by wan they'll have to go in, like banes. All I'm askin' is this: is it heads up ye'll have thim, or talls?"

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you can't improve on nature." "I'm glad he thinks so," said Mrs. Heck, with a sniff. "He must have changed his mind since this morning. Johnny says he spent mighty near the whole forenoon in front of the looking glass up in his room, pulling the hairs out

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"'Blamed if I know,' says Bill. 'It wasn't here when we went over the

road yesterday.' "Well, I slowed down, and directly we pulled into the station, where over five hundred people were waiting on

"The conductor came along up front and says to me:

the platform to see the first train come

"'Jim, first we know we'll be run ning by some important place. Get this town down on your list and I'll put a brakeman out on the rear platform to watch out for towns that spring up after the train gets by." -- Minneapolis Journal.

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Keeping Up Appearances. The tall man in the suit of faded black went into the first class restaurant and seated himself at a table in a far

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"I reckon I do," said one small, serious-looking boy.

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