



"THE WOLF," one of the most important productions as well as one of the big dramatic successes of the past several seasons will be presented in Heppner at the Star Theater on Monday, Nov. 17, with an all-star cast.

"The Wolf" is a romantic drama of the Hudson Bay fur country in three acts and three scenes by Eugene Walter. Mr. Walter is an author who strikes hard, and he is said to handle the story with a directness that is courageous but yet does not offend. The story concerns the vengeance wreaked upon an American civil engineer, who years before the story opens, has deserted a half-breed girl of the far north, the girl, Anette, dies in a storm, but in Montreal there lives a half brother who has promised his dying father to search for the lost girl. He discovers that McDonald is the man he seeks, and that he is tenting Hilda, the daughter of a Scotch trader, whom he (Jules Beaubien) loves.

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MARRIAGE BROKERS.

They Play a Queer Sort of Game in English Society.

There exist in British social life certain individuals known as "marriage brokers." They move in the highest ranks and gain, often unknown to their friends, enormous commissions for making a desired "match" possible. In some cases, says London Tit Bits, a match is made as an ordinary business arrangement—that is to say, each party to the contract, the prospective bride and bridegroom, are aware how their meeting has been brought about, and each is prepared to pay a handsome commission for the introduction; but these cases are few and far between.

What causes the business of the society marriage broker to be greatly looked down on is the fact that most usually society matrimonial agents work in secret. They are received at the best houses, and their hostesses, all unsuspectingly, are made catspaws to obtain introductions. Needless to say in a case like this there is always one victim, for either the man or the girl is drawn into the match unsuspectingly, little thinking that the person who brought about the introduction may derive a lifelong income as the result. Sums of £20,000 and more have been known to change hands as commission in this way.

Very often the society marriage broker sets his bait by an advertisement in one of the most exclusive society papers. Advertisements of this kind are usually shrewdly disguised, taking the form in most cases of tempting offers of employment for impecunious gentlemen of high birth. In this way an interview is arranged, and in the most artful manner possible the proposal is put forward to provide the applicant with a wealthy bride in return for a heavy commission when the wedding is duly solemnized. In many cases the impecunious gentleman falls in with the scheme. Should he not do so, however, a promise of strict secrecy is usually extorted, and the marriage broker sets about attracting some more willing fish to his net. Too often the society marriage broker is a member of the fair sex. In this case few manage to escape from her scheming.

Then He Went to Sleep.

Mrs. Popkins was constantly reminding her husband that she owned the silver, that she owned the furniture, and the piano was her own private property, and so on until poor Popkins began to wonder what she'd claim next.

The other night Mrs. P. woke in alarm. Strange sounds were heard in the lower parts of the house, and quickly rousing her husband she cried:

"John! John! Get up! There are burglars in the house!"

"Eh?" inquired Mr. Popkins, rubbing his eyes.

"Burglars downstairs!" repeated Mrs. P.

"Burglars?" said Popkins, as he turned over. "Well, you do the worrying. I don't own anything."

A True Friend.

An elderly man in a large city died in extremely poor circumstances. A prominent business man, well known for his mercenary character, attended the funeral and was visibly affected as he looked for the last time on his old friend and associate.

"You thought a great deal of the old gentleman?" he was asked after the services were over.

"Thought a great deal of him?" echoed the merchant. "Well, I should say I did. There was a true friend. He never asked me to lend him a cent, though I knew that he was practically starving to death." —Harper's Magazine.

Great Indian Acrobats.

The traveling acrobats who wander from village to village in India are often surprisingly clever. In a remarkably short time they will erect their primitive apparatus, consisting of a few bamboo poles and ropes and will then go through a most wonderful performance, the daring and skill of which would greatly astonish people used to western acrobatic feats. The poles and ropes are fixed up in the most haphazard fashion, and the performers risk their lives over and over again, well satisfied if, at the end, the audience rewards them with a few annas.—Wide World.

Recognition.

Brown—Have you heard of the adventure of old Jehones, the lawyer?

Chown—No—what was that?
Brown—Why, he went out to bathe one day and encountered a huge shark. Their eyes met for an instant, then the shark blushed and swam away.—London Answers.

BEAUTIFUL, BUT DEADLY.

The Bushmaster is the Most Venomous Snake in the World.

"About the latest thing among snake novelties is the bushmaster," writes the London correspondent of the Chicago News. "This snake, according to Baron E. Leijonhufvud, F. Z. S., F. R. G. S., is one of the rarest and shiest in the world. It is at home in tropical South America and occurs in Trinidad. It has the greatest venom of any of the large poisonous vipers, and as much as 350 milligrams have been extracted at one time from the bushmaster. The dreaded rattlesnake, including the large diamond, does not give more than half the quantity of venom. Attaining sometimes a length of twelve feet, the bushmaster is the largest of all the poisonous snakes of the world. The pattern is beautiful; pinkish yellow ground color, with rhomboid regular designs of darkish brown, having a tinge of purple and terra cotta. In each darker pattern is a brighter center spot. Its Latin name means 'the silent rattlesnake.' It was given this name by Linnaeus on account of its tail, which is tapering and horny, made of the same material as that of the rattlesnake, but without the segments and consequently silent.

"Charles Waterton, the famous naturalist, who made three journeys to South America, describes the bushmaster in his notes of the first journey in 1812 as follows: 'Unrivaled in his display of every lovely color of the rainbow and unmatched in the effects of his deadly poison, the "Counacouchi" glides undaunted on, sole monarch of the forests. Both man and beast fly before him and allow him to pursue an undisputed path. He sometimes grows to the length of fourteen feet. The bushmaster's head is entirely heart shaped, and when raised the serpent does not get into the position of the other vipers, but keeps the head slightly raised with S shaped vertical bends of the body. In striking it lets out these bends like a spring and can in this way reach very far. Its food is the common rat, the rabbit and the agouti.

"In Central America the bushmaster is called by the Indians the pineapple snake because its scales are round and similar to the outside of a pineapple. This exceedingly delicate snake, which is killed by the slightest change of climate, is not nearly so aggressive as its smaller cousin, the fer de lance, and does not affect materially the mortality on sugar, bananas or coffee plantations.

Motion of the Sun.

Owing to the revolution of the earth the sun seems to make its daily circuit around us, which of course is not the case. But the sun is revolving about its center quite as truly as the earth is. It was one of the conceptions of that most remarkable man, Sir John Herschel, that the whole solar system had a motion in space and was advancing toward a point in the heavens near the star Hercules. Sir John's conception—as bold an idea as ever entered the human mind—is now generally accepted by astronomers, and the opinion is quite universal among them that the entire system is tracing our a curvilinear path in space, a course around some mighty center, probably at Hercules.

Putting It In Plain English.

Miss Jennings was hearing the grammar and rhetoric class. She wrote a sentence on the board and called upon Abner to rise.

"Thomas can ride the horse if he wants to," she read, pointing to the board. "Now, Abner, rewrite the sentence in another form."

Abner surveyed it somewhat dubiously for a moment; then inspiration came to him, and, stepping to the board, he wrote:

"Thomas can ride the horse if the horse wants him to."—New York Post.

Juvenile Musical Marvels.

Sir Charles Halle was only four when he first played in public; Hummel made his first appearance at the age of five, Mozart at six, Chopin and Rubinstein at eight. Mozart began composing when only five, while Samuel Wesley wrote a march for one of the guards regiments at the age of seven. Sir Edward Elgar was twelve years old when he composed his first music for a child's play—a shameful lack of precocity!—London Chronicle.

Nice Discrimination.

First Customer—I wish to select a vase.

Floorwalker — Yes, madam. James, show the lady to the crockery department.

Second Customer—I wish to select a vaw.

Floorwalker — Yes, madam. George, show the lady to the bric-a-brac department.—New York Weekly.

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