

ONLY FIRST CLASS SHOWS WANTED

Medford Withholds Patronage From Inferior Attractions—The Better the Show the Larger the Crowd Always Obtains in Medford.

(MRS. ED ANDREWS.)

There is perhaps no factor that exerts such a potent influence upon the thought of our time as the drama. The play as it is put upon the stage today, with its excellence of scenery, appeals strongly to the sense of sight and where the text has literary merit and the actor histrionic ability, the impression made upon the audience is perhaps more lasting than can be made by either orator or book. This is especially true of impressionable youth.

The theatre stands side by side with the church all over the land. Both are moulding the character of the rising generation, and those interested in the moral welfare of the community should recognize the fact that the theatre is the producer of the higher civilization and encourage all wholesome plays and render impossible the production of pernicious trash that masks under the name of fiction, that is first read by the millions, then dramatized and given to the public in a still more seductive form. Let it be said to the credit of Medford that, with few exceptions, its play-goers have withheld their patronage from inferior entertainments and have encouraged most liberally the higher class, and it might be well right here to call attention to the coming engagement of Walter Damrosch and his magnificent orchestra of sixty musicians and quartette of singers from the Metropolitan company of New York.

Since the deaths of Theodore Thomas and Anton Seidler, Mr. Damrosch occupies first place in this country as a director. Mr. Damrosch is not arbitrary in his selection of a program. While he renders many of the classics, he also lightens his concerts with the popular music so as to please his entire audience.

Taking into account the class of entertainments that Medford has en-

joyed the past season, it can be said with truth that our people are alive to the advantages gained by the high class drama and its influence upon our community.

ELECTRICITY WINS WASHING RACE.

At the recent lectrical show in Chicago electricity won a very pretty race with hand labor to see who could wash the most clothes in a given time.

Five pretty girls, operating new types of electric washing machines and motor-driven wringers, raced with six ladies of pronounced color who did their work by the world-old hand method, using the old fashioned wash tubs, wash boards and hand wringers. The girls started the electric motors to work on the clothes and spent the most of their time laughing and chatting with the visitors, while the machines ran themselves. The colored women worked as hard as ever they could, for if they washed half as many clothes as the girls and electricity did they were to get one hundred dollars. The suds flew fast and furious about the colored girls, but when time was called they had not washed a third as many clothes as their contemporaries did, so they lost the prize but were handsomely rewarded for their honest work, demonstrating the vast difference between ancient and modern laundry methods.

After an exhaustive test one of the best known medical authorities in Europe had publicly declared that the simple ironing of garments with the electric flatiron is one of the best ways to sterilize it.

It has long been our custom to boil everything which we want sterilized. Clothing contaminated by contact with contagious diseases was boiled to cleanse it of disease germs. Everything used by surgeons at operations was thoroughly boiled and even his clothing was boiled and steamed. That the electric iron, which retains a high degree of heat indefinitely, is just as good a disinfectant for light fabrics as boiling has been thoroughly demonstrated. During the test every variety of fabric was subjected to the heat. Clothes of all kinds were daubed with typhoid and dyptheria germs, used as dust cloths, contaminated by actual contact with children suffering from measles and whooping cough and laden with deary germs in every way. Each and every time the simple ironing of the cloth killed every form of baccilli. The hot iron sterilized sheets and pillow cases, un-

derclothing, handkerchiefs, lawns and linens by a simple application. With the heaviest clothing it was necessary to iron the garments on both sides to rid them completely of germ life.

KING'S DAUGHTERS

(By MISS FLORA GRAY.)

Find a merrier bunch of girls! Not very often. The "King's Daughters" have discovered the art of mingling work with pleasure. The club was organized in February, through the courtesy of Mrs. M. E. Worrell, at her home on West Eleventh street, with both practical and social purposes, and is affiliated with the Presbyterian church.

Some prettily appointed luncheons have shown the characteristic art of each hostess. Flowers, including carnations, violets, sweet peas, narcissus and roses as the different seasons afforded, were ever in abundance on the dining table and in every room. One afternoon of each week has found the girls in a home, on the porch or lawn—they care not where, so long as the sun shines—hand-embroidering dainty lingerie, a tie or a center-piece.

Friday, May 6, Miss Ray entertained with a luncheon as a farewell to Miss Treichler, who left this week for North Dakota, where she will attend the State University commencement.

Thursday last Miss Emerick was hostess at a lunch which brought the stated gatherings of the club to a close for this season. Beautiful red roses formed a graceful center-piece for the lunch table, and were also strewn carelessly about among the table appointments.

The girls interested in this informal organization are Miss Gertrude Treichler, president; Miss Alice Streets, vice president; Miss Flora Gray, secretary; Misses Helen Worrell, Aletha Emerick and Lotta Luke.

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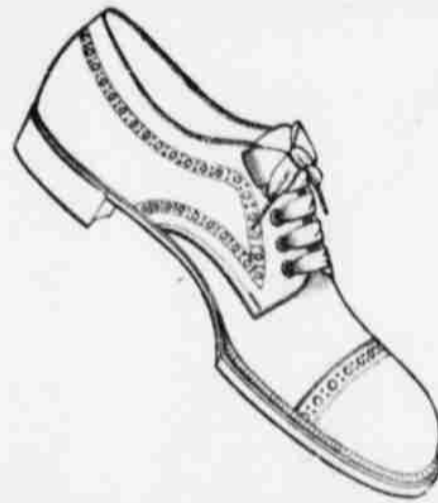
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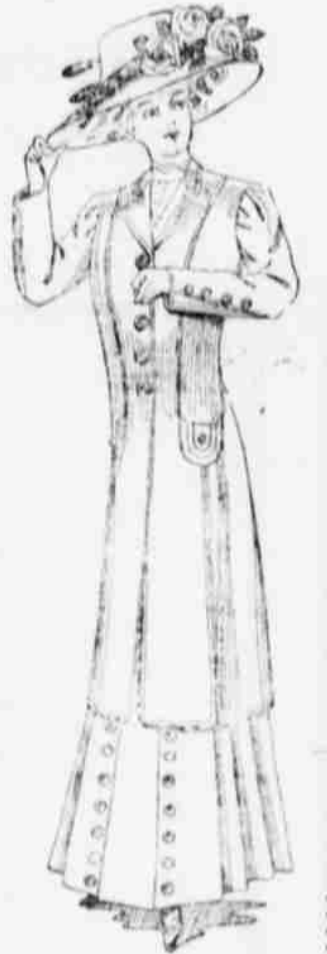
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