

TYPICAL TOUGH GIRLS FEW

Stage Imitations Seldom Or Never Get Just the Right Spirit in the Act.

The author of several successful farce comedies was waiting in Philadelphia accompanied by a dramatic critic, says the Record.

"It's the hardest thing in the world," the playwright was saying, "to reproduce the typical tough girl on the stage. The attempt is frequently made, but it has never been done satisfactorily. If you engage an actress for the part who is really and naturally tough she lacks the necessary intelligence. On the other hand, the girl who is a mimic can simulate toughness never quite seems to get the genuine spirit. She is too palpably acting and her work doesn't have the true ring." Just at that minute a boy who was sweeping the pavement raised a great cloud of dust that enveloped the playwright and the critic. Coming from the other direction was a typical tough girl—the tough girl of real life, checked out in cheap finery.

"Say, young feller," she paused to remark to the boy, "why don't youse split before you do yer sweepin'?" The playwright's eyes glistened. "That's the real thing," he said. "It isn't nice and it's vulgar, but it would make a hit on the stage. It's real. But do you suppose any actress could make it seem genuine? Not much."

'POSSUM IN PARLIAMENT.

Dignity of Victoria Deliberative Body Thrown to the Winds—Law-makers Chase Animal.

Often political adversaries accuse each other of "playing possum," but rarely do legislators of all parties amuse themselves with a 'possum. Just this occurred in the Victoria state parliament. During a dreary debate, a large 'possum, gray enough to be the premier of all the 'possums, scampered into the chamber, ran to the chair of the sergeant-at-arms, sprang into it and sat there blinking at the electric lights. Instantly the lawmakers cast darts of the winds and with hoarse shouts of joy joined in chasing the 'possum. The speaker, unmindful of his robes and gravity, laughed heartily, but, after a minute or two, shocked by his own levity, he sprang to his feet and hurried from the chamber. The 'possum, like all his kind, was elusive. Over and under benches went the merriment members in pursuit of the creature. Chairs were overturned, pandemonium reigned until at last a noble member had seized the 'possum's tail and carried the animal off in triumph. The speaker returned, but so great was the members' merriment that he could not restore order and soon adjourned the sitting.

ALL HAD WOMEN WARRIORS
Scarcely a Country Without Amazons—America Has a Long List of Female Fighters.

There is scarcely a country without its women warriors, who for love of man or love of country have disarmed their sex and fought side by side with men. England is proud of the name and record of Phoebe Hesse, to whom a monument has lately been erected at Brighton. Christian Caranagh was another famous female warrior, whose husband was killed and carried away to Holland, where he had to die in a private battle. The wife followed him and distinguished as a man, fought and was killed. She was the first woman to enter the ranks of London. There were a long list of Amazons, but the most famous was the American, who, after the war, she, like all her women common soldier, fought and won fighting all day and evening at night, protecting the army and the less than 11 times to Mrs. Childers, who fought side by side with her husband in the trenches of the Philippines.

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Attempt Being Made to Form Monopoly to Control Output of Lipari Islands.

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