

LOOKING AT THE STARS

with
MATT HUGHES

MILLER AND LYLES TOGETHER AGAIN.

The new musical comedy featuring Messrs. Miller and Lyles, Johnny Johnson, Charles Tazewell and others, including a cast of seventy-five and dubbed "Sugar Hill," had its premiere at the Lincoln Theatre in Philadelphia last week.

The old team of fun makers are reunited in what promises to be a success reminiscent of "Running Wild," "Rang Tang" and other hits.

This recalls a story often told by drawing, shuffling Flournoy Miller of the team. One of the scenes in "Shuffle Along," which was the first show to appear on Broadway for a period of fifteen years, showed him as



Miller and Lyles

the mayor of Jintown. He was submitted to an intelligence test by Lyles as the chief of police. A spelling bee was resorted to in which the mayor flunked miserably.

Miller was in a Harlem barber shop getting a shave one day when the patrons, not knowing who he was, were discussing the show.

"I wouldn't go downtown to see that show for nothing," said one determinedly. "No sir, you couldn't get me down there."

"And why?" Miller asked, pretending to know nothing about the show.

"Why, man, they tell me they got a mayor in the play who is so dumb, he spells cat, k-a-t. I don't see why they don't have some intelligent people in the shows when they play for white folks."

Miller is a graduate of Pisk University.

THE BIRTH OF A SONG.

Mr. Don Redmond, one time arranger for McKinney's Cotton Pickers, made his radio bow with his own band Saturday evening.

Among the numbers he presented was his own composition, "I Heard There's a Yarn About That Chune."

It seems that when the pluckers of boll weevil food were making music on the coast, a choice bit of scandal broke out of the apartment of Miss Aurora Greeley after a party at which only girls attended.

The further the story went the worse it got, but nobody could nail the bit of gossip down. Finally, Mr. Redmond took pen in hand and wrote his now famous number, "I Heard that You Said that Somebody Told You."

A GYPSY SHEIK.

Perhaps you've often asked yourself who that eccentric gentleman is who graces the front of the Penn Hotel nightly? A sporty, old cowfer with a youthful appearance that is immediately dismissed when you are close enough to observe the lines that age has scribbled on his pan. He wears the latest style beret rocked on his head in proper college boy style, often wears knickers of flashy cut and puffs constantly on a huge black cigar like a musical comedy detective.

According to the story, he was one time chauffeur and handy man to the dancing Peg Bates, the one-legged hooper, who landed in the big money after "Blackbirds."

He was too handy, they tell me, and as a result Peg lost one of his favorite shebas. Bigharted Peg forgave him and admitted that he was thinking about ditching that frail anyway.

But it happened that Peg took a flop for a new cutie and was really in earnest this time. But the sheik in his chauffeur would not be submerged. He cut in on Bates again and this time Peg got real sore and kicked him out.

The gentleman, beret, knickers, cigar and all, has been quite conspicuous about the good old Penn since that time where he casts a knowing glance at the damsels who promenade the avenue. It's the gypsy in him, I suppose.

THESE THINGS ARE FORBIDDEN.

A column or two ago I cited a number of things that I would bar from the theatre if I were made dictator. The R.K.O. theatres passed down a sheet last week of things that would be taboo from henceforth on their circuits. Many of these "thou-shalt-nots" would leave the sepia comedian

Wife of Tuskegee Head Gets M.A. Degree



Bennett College for Women, Greensboro, North Carolina, honors Mrs. R. R. Moton with master's degree. Reading from left to right, front row, President David D. Jones, Mrs. R. R. Moton, Dr. G. Lake Innes; back row, President F. D. Bluford, Dean F. Marcellus Spaley, Dr. Will W. Alexander.

speechless if they were invoked in the sundown houses. Some of the things forbidden are:

Stooge walking out in underwear. Comedian inviting audience to kiss him. Remark, "Your motor is running," when girl shimmying. Any reference to pantries or nances.

Man wearing woman's brassiere. Squinting. Flit under arms. Kicking the rear. Reference to Ex-Lax. "Out west where men are men and women are double-breasted." "Next movement is from Epsom." Expression, "Guts."

Direct remarks to audience. Biz of touching man in rear and asking, "Are you nervous?" and reply, "Only around the second chucker." Looking at back of woman in suggestive manner. Thumbing nose while woman sings. "There's a lady with pants on."

Dropping trousers. Diploma gag. Goosing during military drill. "You'll be all right, we'll get married." Ice man song.

Woman (patting man in rear): "You're a darling." Man: "You're all right, too." Reference to manager. The words "hell," "damn," "lousy" and God were ordered out a dozen or so times each. Sucker.

Miner Strikes Lead, Gets \$1,000 Per Week



HENRY LOVE

Galena, Kansas, miner, holding chunks of lead which he struck on his farm and which is bringing him \$1,000 per week instead of the \$35 per week he used to earn. Strangely no foreigners are allowed in the tri-state mining field where 12,000 men are employed in normal times but there are many colored miners. The mines produce about thirty million dollars worth of lead and zinc yearly.



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