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"Facing the Music." The engagement will be doubly interesting from the fact that Mr. Corbett is a prime favorite in the city, and his new play will give him abundant opportunity to demonstrate his talents as a comedian. Those who have heard Mr. Corbett in his highly humorous monologue will not have to be told that he is really a comedian. Much of the effect of his humor is in its very drollness, and his friends will readily agree that it will not tax Mr. Corbett's resources to maintain a fast pace in this distinctly funny play, in which he has been surrounded with a particularly capable cast of players. It will be remembered that "Facing the Music" was originally produced in New York with Mr. Henry E. Dixey in the principal character, and that it enjoyed a long run at the Madison Square theater. It was subsequently disclosed at Powers' theater in Chicago, where it ran throughout the summer a few years ago. Mr. Dixey became involved in a controversy with his management and abandoned the play.

Last winter, Mr. H. H. Frazee, who had entered into a contract with Mr. Corbett under the terms of which the latter was to be starred, decided that "Facing the Music" was just the play for his stalwart and handsome charge. The work is by Charles Henry Darnley, and the story may be briefly told.

In a Kensington flat there lived two John Smiths, one a curate and the other a sportively inclined young man with a liking for the race track. Both the Mr. Smiths were married to young and attractive Mrs. Smiths, and as both Mrs. Smiths have been out of town and the curate Smith has engaged a Kensington flat during his wife's absence, and as both Mrs. Smiths return unexpectedly and one of them late at night during a heavy fog and is shown into the wrong Smith flat, the complications can better be imagined than described. Suffice to say that with the aid of an actress and a detective everyone becomes involved in a door opening and door slamming affair, that keeps the audience in a state of hilarity, ranging from a polite titter to a boisterous guffaw and culminating every now and then in enthusiastic applause. As John Smith, the sportively inclined flat dweller, Mr. Corbett ought to give a good account of himself. Among the prominent members of the supporting company are the Messrs. Joseph Sullivan, Corwin Luskmoor, Charles Horn, Tom Dare and the Misses Eleanor Montell, Amanda Hendricks, Lillian Leslie and May Dudley. Appropriate and complete scenic equipment has been provided.

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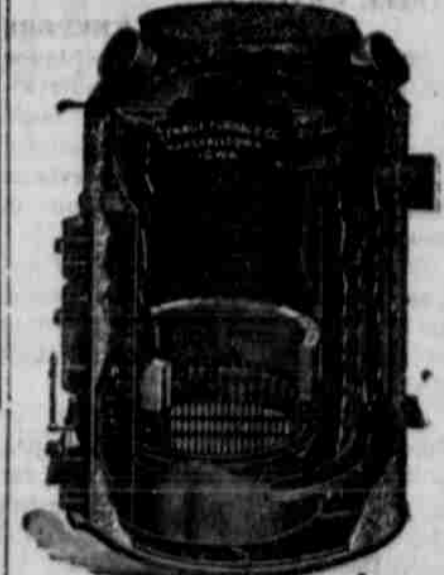
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