



Gaby Deslys and Harry Piker at the Brandaes

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WHEN the admitted genius who presides over this department of The Bee's varied and continuing activities reached his desk on Saturday morning, he found resting there a card from Gaby Deslys and a really "hot" ribboned box, in which daintily nestled in a mass of pink cotton was a new-laid egg. Nothing to denote if it were the output of the blessed hen that accompanies the bewitching Gaby on her tour, but a tale that came up from Kansas City rather tended to discourage the belief that the egg is of that precious vintage of one may use the word in faving with hen fruit; perhaps, under present prices, the word should be mistage. However, neatly inscribed on the egg in the most elegant of French, which was translated after consultation with the polyglot persons who contribute condensed information for the edification of the public through the news columns of the paper, was the statement that the egg had been laid with gentleness and care by Henrietta, whose journey with Gaby is proving her most illustrious of her kind, and worthy at least of a place alongside the gods whose gabbling saved Rome. And let us wish long life to Henrietta, and may her oviparous activity at least continue a source of joy and inspiration to the extravagant Gaby on her tour of the Etats Unis, and when in course of time she is no longer capable of producing those exquisitely modeled and soberly colored evidences of her worth as a hen, may she be permitted to "buss her life of usefulness in such a henyard as might have been in the mind of the poet when he was creating a habitant and a background for the Hen Thasant and Chantier. And for Gaby long life and great happiness!



Fitzgerald and Quinn at the Gayety

any American. When she first came over she appeared in a brief sketch, but later she was given the leading part in a musical production. This was after she had mastered English and during her visit here she will both speak and sing in this tongue. As a matter of fact, she rarely uses French even off the stage except (and this should not be held against her) when she speaks harshly to the gentlemen of the customs' department.

Gaby's engagement in Omaha is for one day only.

The dainty French operette, "Adele," is a new booking announced at the Brandaes theater for four days, beginning December 23. This is one of the few operas that has really succeeded on its merits in New York this season. It was thrown into the new Lozarsky theater in New York as a fill-in during the hot weather and scored an instantaneous success and has played to capacity houses until a week ago, when it went on the road for a short tour of which, through the efforts of Messrs. Crawford, Phillee and Zehring, the new managers of the theater, the Brandaes will form a part.

Forty-five pounds is the weight of the diminutive comedian, Master Gabriel, who is smaller than Tom Thumb and equally famous. In his one-act comedy, "Little Kick," he comes to the Orpheum this week as the head-line attraction. Last season he was the star in the children's theater of New York City, where he was seen in the play by Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, "Rackety Packety House." In his vaudeville offering he introduces imitations of himself in two of his most widely known creations, "Peter Piper" and "Little Nemo." His present vehicle is said to offer him excellent opportunity for the display of his gifts as a mirth-provoker.

Prima donna of rich vocal endowment, Miss Maude Lambert, with the composer, Ernest Ball, will offer a musical act that promises to be high above the usual vaudeville average. Another of the offerings for this week is the songstress comedienne, Nellie V. Nickols, whose past performances in Omaha are her best press agent. Character songs, eccentric comedy and dancing are to be contributed by Muller and Coogan, an amusing quartet of an hour is to be provided by Binns, Binns and Binns, who play various instruments and add comedy to their music. An exhibition on the swinging trapeze will be offered by Alcide Capitaine. Five Belgians organized by Victor Hookney and known as the Hockney company, have an act that combines acrobatic and bicycle features. The bill will be rounded out by "The First Christmas," a special photo-play chosen for an exclusive showing over the Orpheum circuit.

Joe Hurtig, master builder of musical burlesques, has been rather liberal in equipping his pot show, the "Bowery Burlesquers," with an attraction this season which will be offered the patrons of the popular Gayety theater. The play is built on a higher order and is vacinated with all those ingredients which are found to make any attraction a success. Fascinating pictures, pleasantly enlivened and animated by the bewitching smiles of the galaxy of young women, characters with the splendor of tableaux from Fitzgerald and Quinn, and Margaret Lee head the cast of the "Bowery's." The customer's taste and ingenuity has been tested in the designing of the chic and elaborate wardrobe. The result is a most gratifying one, the costuming being one of the features of the production. The scenic settings are likewise of a most magnificent order and there is every indication to believe that this season's offering of the "Bowery's" will be the most attractive one in history. Starting tomorrow there will be a ladies' dime matinee daily.

William A. Brady presented in New York this week "The Things that Count," an appropriate Christmas play, from the pen of Lawrence Eyre. Under the title of "Mrs. Christmas Angel" it had a trial in New York last year and was successful. Alice Brady plays the leading role, and she has in her support the distinguished Scandinavian actress, Hilda Englund, who will be recalled for her wonderful portrayal of Hansen's character, Miss Edmund, indeed, was trained by the great Norwegian dramatist, and ranks today as the leading exponent of his works.

Wells Clark, a dramatic actor, has

cast his lot in vaudeville. He offers this explanation: "The murderers are being sent up; the base ball players have gone abroad; the freaks are in the circus; the grand opera season occupies the grand opera singers, and the vaudeville managers are obliged to resort to actors to fill their bills. This is what I have been waiting for." As a result of this condition Mr. Clark announces that he is to make several vaudeville productions of plays of merit.

Mr. Charles Hawtry, in the part which he made famous in "A Message from Mars," appears at the Hipp theater for three days commencing today in a fantastical photo drama. In this marvelous photo play, which is in four parts, a great opportunity is given for thrilling and interesting scenes. An inhabitant of Mars having committed some misdemeanor, is dispatched to earth and commanded to reclaim some selfish mortal. His farther experiences with Horace Parker, on earth, being of an intensely selfish disposition, form an exceptionally gripping photo play. The performance is continuous from 11 a. m. to 11 p. m.

Pians for the municipal Christmas tree were almost spoiled by the freeze-up in the Minnesota forests this week. It is the only time in the history of the big timber before the sixty-foot giant pine to the railroad had been one day later, the snow would have made it impossible for the gangs of men with many teams to complete the work.

The local commission man has just heard from his representative at Selma, Minn., who spent three days in the big timber before he selected the tree that will soon stand in the court house yard and delight thousands of Omahans on Christmas day. After the tree had been selected, the work of felling it and sledding it to the freight cars was delayed several times, because of the big timber having the sixty-foot giant pine to the railroad had been one day later, the snow would have made it impossible for the gangs of men with many teams to complete the work.

Just as the railroad was reached, road conditions became so bad, on account of snow and ice, that no more big trees could be hauled through, so Omaha will be lucky to have the tree, which will arrive in the city Monday or Tuesday. It is sixty feet tall and over eighteen inches in diameter at the base. Two large flat cars are required to transport it.

SEBASTIANA SORTINO TO WED
License is issued for Her Marriage to Bellomo Rocco.

CEREMONY ON CHRISTMAS DAY
Betrothal Takes Place Four Days After Rocco Meets Woman Acquainted Tuesday for Killing Faithless Lover.

Sebastiano Sortino, the girl mother, acquitted last Tuesday by a jury of a charge of killing Santo Delucca, her faithless lover, who he married Christmas day to Bellomo Rocco, aged 22 years, with whom she became acquainted at the time the jury freed her.

A license authorizing the wedding was secured at the court house by Sebastiano Salerno, proprietor of a grocery store at Sixth and Pierce streets, and a brother of Joseph Salerno, the banker. Father Stenson will perform the ceremony. The securing of the license is equivalent to formal betrothal according to Italian customs.

The pretty 4-months-old daughter of the dead Santo Delucca, Rocco says, already is regarded by him with as much affection as though she were his own child.

Rocco, who has been in the United States less than six months, was glad to talk of his approaching wedding. He was summoned to the Sortino home by Sebastiano's mother, who is proud of her prospective son-in-law.

Married Christmas Day.
"We will be married on Christmas day," he said to a little girl, who served as interpreter. "I was at the trial and felt sympathy and love for Sebastiano, and especially when I saw that the fine ladies of Omaha were sorry for her. Yes, I want to care for the baby and I am as fond of her as though she were my own." It became acquainted with Sebastiano soon after the trial and so have known her four days.

Young Rocco is of pleasing appearance and manners and Sebastiano's friends predict that he will make an excellent husband. The girl immediately after her acquittal went back to work at the M. E. Smith wholesale house, where she was employed before "the trouble," as she calls her experience with Delucca, occurred. The chief delight of her mother, who came from Italy to be with the girl during her trial, is caring for the baby, and she will remain in Omaha.

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COLORED FOLKS ORGANIZE
Omaha Negroes Start Local Branch of National Society.

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Organization of an Omaha branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is now being completed. Over twenty-five people, most of them colored, have joined the local movement, which has for its purpose the economic, political and social advancement of the American negro.

John H. Grove of the Grove-Wharton and business interests, was one of the white men who helped the association to establish a branch in Omaha, and he has been elected treasurer. The other officers, all colored, are: Rev. William T. Osborne, pastor of St. John's African Methodist church, president; Thomas Reese, 3723 Miami street, vice president; Samuel L. Patton, 3409 Patrick avenue, recording secretary; Jesse Merchant, 713 North Twenty-eighth avenue, corresponding secretary.

Meetings Held Monthly.
Meetings have been held monthly at St. John's African Methodist church since the organization began here three months ago. Dr. C. M. B. Mason of New York, national organizer for the association, helped to promote the new branch in Omaha. Rev. John Albert Williams, rector of the colored church of St. Philip the Deacon, is also an active member, and says that membership is open to all persons, either white or colored, who wish to participate in the national move for the advancement of the black man.

Hereafter meetings will be held every two weeks, and an executive committee will be chosen to assume active charge of the association's work in Omaha. It is understood to be a sane campaign to oppose racial discrimination, Jim Crow legislation, lynch law and similar conditions, and to secure the rights of full American citizenship for colored Americans.

TO ASK FOR EXTRADITION OF STRAJAN FROM AUSTRIA
The Austrian government is to be asked to extradite Nick Strajan, formerly of South Omaha, who is wanted by the county attorney for first degree murder. He is charged with slaying John Nicke last May. A few days after Nicke was shot death resulted from a wound in the head. Strajan is in Budapest.

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