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# Gossip About Plays, Players and Playhouses

did its usual good business, and the Burmade. Unseasonable high temperature in- not give the fire of inspiration. C. B. H. terfered to a large extent with the attendance at the theaters, but the prospects of cooler nights will very likely bring a greater desire for indoor amusement. glance at the date book shows some better things in prospect for Omaha as the season advances, and the outlook is comforting for those who take their winter pleasure at the theaters.

WORK OF A NEW DRAMATIST "Attlin," the Blank Verse Tragedy by Laurence Binyon.

LONDON, Sept. 21 .- (From a Staff Corre- sticking way out of the top of it? spondent.)-English actor managers cannot poet, essayist and art critic. Oscar Asche going to have to wait for that? and his wife, Laly Brayton, took these risks detail and unstinted in the expenditure of brains as well as money.

who conquered about all of the world of the fifth century excepting Rome (vide Gibbon) for his hero. Attila had a lustful eye on Rome at the time of the play. If he couldn't annex the empire himself, he wanted sons who would. But portents at the opening of the play indicate that Attile is about to lose all three of his sons. A soothsayer confirms the portents, and it occurs to the monarch that it would be well to set aside the elderly mother of those three sons, and wed a captive Burgundian princess, that the fates might be defeated, and, incidentally, that his own fierce fancy for the princess might be gratified. Neither the audience nor Miss Brayton quite knows what to make of this flery Princess Ildico. It is not very clear as presented from the stage, although, doubtless, the text explains, whether she falls in love with the robustious Hun, or whether she is merely playing politics. Even when her foster brother is slain at her wedding feast by Attlia and his warriors for attempting Atlife, she seems only casually concerned. But when she discovers that the ambitious monarch has put on his finger a ring sent by the sister of the Roman emperor, and has just been listening to that seductive young lady's invitation to come and take Rome and herself with it, then Princess Ildico makes it clear enough that she is filled with a mighty rage, and when the pair leave the feast for the bridal chamber she takes possession of Attila's sword and slays him.

The only trouble with it all is that the motives do not stand out, simple and sharp, and many of the incidents do not lead with a very certain step to the inevitable end. author's inexperience as a dramatist. There can be no question about his gifts as a poet. Never for a moment are his lines cheap and tawdry; never atmlessly gorgeous and rarely undramatic. Often they rise to a height of distinction that makes every one hope this new author will be encouraged to write another play of the same sort, but more workmanlike in con-

Horace Annesley Vachell's play "Her dramatized by himself from the novel of the same name, was not what could be called a glittering success as first pregot another manager to take it, and it was produced afresh this week at the New theater. A remarkable feature of the perthe boy of 8, around whom of the play centers. played with surprising skill and simplicity. part in America, doubtless the success of at a diagram. I'm not there. the play will rest on his young shoulders,

Already plans are afoot for the dramatisation of Miss May Sinclair's new novel, "The Helpmate." She had many offers for the dramatic rights of her first big success. "The Divine Fire," but declined them all, feeling that the story could not be made sul able for the stage without being twisted out of all recognition. But the new story is much better suited for dramatization.

Since the death of Richard Mansfield we have been hearing a great many stories about him. One of the best of these is related in an article by Augustus Van Biene, the actor-musician. Van Biene tells of chumming with Mansfield in his early days in England. Mansfield was playing Sir Joseph Porter in a one-night stand "Pinafore" company, The two actors roomed together. Mansfield's salary was \$20 a week and Van Biene's \$5 less. At rehearsals Mansfield could never satisfy the stage manager, the late Richard Barker. At one of the final rehearsals before hitting the road a scene was gone over and over again. Finally, Mansfield lost his nerve and pleaded: "Please, Mr. Barker, do leave me alone. I shall be all right at night. I have to act the part, not you.' Barker was furious. "Act!" he shouted. "Act! Great heavens, man, you'll never act as long as you live!"

awaiting patiently for some millionaire to young critter chucked out into the snow mirth-making skits in which they excel. endow a national theater as Carnegle has with her che-ild? Pazs again. I'm absent. endowed libraries and hospitals. In both countries there are a few people who spend say gair-il for girl? Nobody in real life Earl G. Hicks, Omaha's own boy baritone, some money on "art on the stage" The ever says gair-il. D'ie ever hear anybody will begin his second week's engagement. most liberal of these is unquestionably Miss in real life say gair-il? A. E. J. Horniman, an Irishwoman, London and Dublin have both profited by her want my hat,' instead of 'I want meh hat?' number on the program will be the Burartistic endeavors and now the great cotton city of Manchester is to receive her favors. ciety drammer always turn her back com-Miss Horniman has endowed the Manchester Playgoers' theater-renamed from talking to him in her bouddir? And, by the Midland Hotel theater. Iden Payne of the way, what's he doing in her boudoir. London will manage it. New English plays anyhow? In the common or garden variety some revivals and a few foreign dramas will of life that we lend, to found ducks call be done, including Tolstoy's "Power of upon their ladifrens in their boudgirs? Show Darkness." plays will be on the bills as well as some Irian plays.

The Irish National theater-like most things Irish, now rent by dissensions-was triumph in "Mistress Neil," when she won endowed by Miss Horniman at the Abbey Street theater, Dublin. She also financed a season of Irish plays at the Avenue theater. London sometime age.

There is hope for a school for dramatists James Forbs' comedy, "The Chorus Lady." in London. The scheme is put forth by Like Miss Crosman she was practically un-Cyril Maude, the actor-manager, who has known to Broadway. Today she is recog accord so heavily in the American success, nized as a comedianne of unique capacity "The Earl of Pawtsuket." Mr. Maude says for in the words of an eminent critic she

for nothing, unless it was the plays, many of which show promise but day actressess; the gift that makes her sented. whacking big crowds that turned have glaring faults, making them hope- akin to Joseph Jefferson, Sol Smith Russell out to see Gus Weinberg and less. He believes these faults could be and Nat Goodwin. That felicitous ability Ruth White in "The Burgo- remedied by instructing budding dramatists to alternate, to almost merge comedy and master" at the Krug, and the equally big through courses of lectures. He, therefore, pathos, "The Tear Behind the Laugh." crowds that didn't turn out to see either sugests that half a dozen well-known Miss Stahl's beginnings were com-"The Royal Chef" or "The Tankee Re- dramatists should band together and form paratively obscure. Educated in a Montreal gent" at the Boyd. In the competition for a school at which they would give these convent and a conspicuous participant in the public's favor the popular priced house lectures. Cecil Raleigh, W. J. Locke, Pi- the miracle plays given there under the had all the better of the argument last nero, H. V. Esmond and other dramatists direction of the sisters it was small wonder week. At the Orpheum one of the highest- think the scheme is worth considering, but that on her graduation she found her way priced bills ever presented by that house are not enthusiastic. They declare that to the stage. A novitlate in road producdramatists are born, not made and that wood continued on the fine start it has lectures might teach technique, but would gagement as leading woman at the Girard

WHY IS IT THUS ON THE STAGE?

Things the Man with the Interrogative Eye Can't Figure Out. "And, then, too," went on the man with the interrogative eye, "there are a whole lot of other things happening on the stage all the time that I can't figure out

at all. "For one thing, why is it that the ad venturess, whether she's in the house or out of it, always wears a black sequin spangled dress with her milky shoulders

"And when she scratches the match to be said to be wholly engaged in timorously light her cigarette, why does she always following one another's footsteps along the scratch it on the high heel of one of her narrow path of convention, when one of shoes? I've always considered that danthem risks a good many thousands of gerous, for she's liable to set fire to the pounds, and the danger of beginning his lacy stuff that shows when she lifts up first big season with an experiment, by the foot to get at the heel with the match. producing a blank verse tragedy by an I've been waiting for years for some author practically, if not quite, unknown stage adventuress to set fire to herself to the stage, although well known as a while doing this. Wonder how long I'm there next Sunday night for four nights in

"And in vaudeville, to skip around some, at His Majesty's theater, and deserve the where does the fun come in when at kindest things that can be said, for the every pause in the rapid fire talk between production was admirable indeed in every a pair of sidewalk comedians the one of 'em who's dressed up slaps the other one across the face with all his might with a folded up newspaper? D'je ever notice Laurence Binyon chose Attila, the Hun, how the whole house just howls and rocks with laughter every time that hap-

pens? 'Say, I seen y'r sister las' night,' one of the sidewalk comedians says to his companion, and then, biff! he gets himself swatted right across the face with the folded up newspaper, and then for a couple of minutes you can't hear yourself think, the folks all around you are bridge, New York, during a blinding snow swaying in such a veritable gale of laughter.

'Yep, I seen her las' night,' the sidewalk comediun repeats, and then, zing-o! he gets another one of those newspaper will be given on Monday. wallops, and again everybody just careens back and forth a-hollerin'

hey? What's funny about What for? How about it? When? Hey? Show me.

"And, say, what is there in the common, in every kind of a theater audience, high or low, so immensely? The cuss word always gets an immense laugh out of 'em. performed by a well known almost comedian that was absolutely carried to success organization of this kind. by the frequency with which this prominent near actor ejaculated that hot place

"You never hear cuss words evoke any wild laughter in ordinary life. Why should they be a source of such tremendous eachin- organization is said to be one of the largnation when emitted by somebody on the stage?

"Why again does any allusion to boose on the stage inevitably get all of them another over craftily and appearing sort o' pleased and gratified? Search me there. I'm not jerry to that one.

taste and he makes an immense hit. Now, rities, in the commerce of ordinary life a highball's a matter of fact sort of an affair I've seen the time after failing for too starting with a matines today.

mean. "But any allusion to rum by the stage sented. But Mr. Vachell re-wrote it and person is just naturally bound to make is the latest idea of Jesse L. Lasky, the all kinds of a hit. There was a vaudeville well known producer, and he has drawn plano player who did his stunt in the make- lavishly on the supply of pretty singing up of a tramp burglar, going around last girls, the costumer's art, lighting effects formance is the work of Master season, who said, as he started off the and other accessories to make a sumptuous Bobble Andrews, who plays the part stage after his final encore every night: 'Now I'm goin' out an' git one that high,' Herne is an authoress of the playlet, "Beindicating with his hands how high a one tween the Acts," which she will present The part is by far the most attractive in he was going to stick into his system, and, here. It relates a story of disappointed an otherwise rather futile drama, and was my! what a roar that did bring forth every love of a young actress. The scene is laid blessed night. What's the answer? Which? in a dressing room. Miss Herne is ade-If as good a small boy can be found for the Show me the blue prints. Gimme a peck quately supported by a company of three.

just as it does here. Mr. Vachell has al- is it that the pitiable knockabout person strelsy," will endeavor to tickle his old ready received several American offers for who is getting such a horrible lot the admirers and make new friends. Willard the audience? "The knockabout duck gives him a fright-

ful kick on both shins, and then how every-

"The other knockabout chap then sinks a stiffens two of his fingers and deliberately ing Muller, Chunn and Muller, Then the folks in the audience fairly drome pictures, bust themselves, it is so funny, you see.

find out for why they laugh. stomach with the strong, crook-handled mancy, whose experiments and illusions are

once more. What for? young woman has been cast out into the trie dances are promised by Cook and snow with her che-ild, with no place to go Miss Rothert, who come here from Chicago, and with no idea as to where she can back where they have been appearing at one of the \$12,000 worth of diamonds that she is the high priced vaudeville houses. Fred wearing out in the snow-why, amid these Russell will transport (figuratively speakcircumstances, does the orchestra siways ing) his audiences to the sunny southland The world in Britain and America is still got to do with a diamond-burdened poor seen Barr and Evans in one of the joyous,

"Why doesn't the leading man say 'I pletely upon the young feller when she's Of course, Bernard Shaw's me some more. I'm a-walling."

Not since Henrietta Crosman's sensational in one night recognition from New York critics as worthy a place in the front rank of American stars, has an actress scored a similar success until Rose Stahl appeared on September lat the Savoy theater in

tions was followed by a three year's en-

Avenue theater in Philadelphia. Afterwards she filled similar positions in resident companies in several western cities. Then came starring tours of which the most ambitious was in "Janice Meredith" in which she succeeded Mary Mannering Although Miss Stahl had always been iden tified with emotional roles as exemplified in the Bernhardt repertoire, it was in Mr. Forbs' twenty minute vaudeville sketch that she demonstrated the full resources of her artistic equipment. It was the popular favor which greated her inimitable characterization of Patricia O'Brien, the typical chorus girl of today and a figure new to contemporary drama that led Mr. Forbes to place the character in a new environment and to make her the central figure of a four act play. Miss Stahl and her company will be at the Boyd theater the week for three nights and a matinee beginning Thursday evening September 26.

Maude Fealy, the Denver actress, is to follow Rose Staht at the Boyd, opening "The Stronger Sex," a new play by John Valentine. Miss Fealy made her bow to Omaha last season in "The Illusions of Beatrice," and is very pleasantly remembered for her excellent work in that plece She is still under the direction of John Cort, who has surrounded her with a capable company.

The latest thriller "Nellie, The Beautiful Cloak Model," which A. H. Woods offers to the patrons of the Krug theater for two days' starting matines today, is in four acts and fifteen scenes, all punctuated with sensational incidents, situations and climaxes. The blowing up of an automobile by dynamite on the new Williamsburg storm is one feature in particular that is almost sure to be discussed. The company includes thirty people, who play their difficults parts admirably. A special matines

The "New Century Girls," who come to the Krug for two days' commencing September 24, with usual matiness, is said to that? Where does the shrick come in? be one of the best burlesque shows on the road. Plenty of pretty girls, beautiful costumes, good voices, good comedians, good comedy, good music, good scenery. every-day cuss word that tickies all hands good mechanical effects, in fact everything that is "good," is none too good for the "New Century Girls." There are two brand new up-to-date rollicking burlesques en-So does the word used to designate the titled "The Thespian Hotel" and "A Thief hot place. Some years ago I saw a play in the Night," between which is sandwiched one of the best olios ever seen with an

An entertaining performance is promised at the Krug for the last three days of this week when "The Cat and the Fiddle" makes its first appearance in Omaha. The est ever appearing at the Krug, numbering sixty people. The play is new and up to the second, full of bright hits, and the musical portion is of a better character than is But that is manifestly because of the in the audience grinning and looking one usually heard in this style of shows. The vaudeville part of the bill is composed of some of the best acts in the varieties and dy acrobats, Brock Bros. "Some fellow on the stage says some. the celebrated transatiantic four, Charles thing about how good a highball would Sellon, Florence Willis and other celeb-

> Vaudeville of extraordinary excellence is and there's nothing at all funny about it- promised at the Orpheum for the week many of 'em when they seemed durned specialty artists are engaged in the eight tragic to me-on the following morning, I features. "The Stunning Grenadiers." 'a company of beauties from the London and Parisian musto halls head the roster. This and alluring musical spectacle. With a budget of new quibs and parodies, "In one of those knockabout acts, why Lew Hawkins, "The Chesterfield of minworst of it gains so little sympathy from Simms and company are scheduled to prosent a little farce comedy entitled, "Flin-der's Furnished Flat." "The Four Dainty Dancers," lithe, sprightly and shapely, does chuckle. Wonder if it can be that are said to be just the sort of girls that everybody in a theater audience is just keep front seats in demand. A musical oddity will be contributed by the Kinsons. who, with their voices imitate all kinds of hatchet deep into the skull of the hard musical instruments. Another sort of luck one-more mighty laughs. Then he wonder making turn will be the hoop roll pokes them into his unfortunate partner's concluding will be a series of new kino-

"I'd like to have a look at exhibit A to Increasing popularity of twentieth century vaudeville at the Burwood theater "Two Dutch comedians, both with huge prompts the management to proffer a still balloon size stomachs, are doing their duo- stronger bill than has yet been offered, and logue in front of the drop, and every time starting tomorrow matinee this will be one of them works off a witticism on the evident. The main number on the program other he is slapped resoundingly across the will be The Great Powell, prince of necrocane in the hands of the other one. And both astounding and entertaining. New to everybody laughs. I'm from the Ozarks Qmaha's vaudeville lovers will be the Cummings trio, who are possessors of highl When, in a sure enough drammer, the cultivated voices. Many songs and ecconplay, muted, the first measure of The and will there entertain them with a black-Flower Song? What's 'The Flower Song' face monologue. Following Russell will be The act is full of rich comedy and abounds "Why do stage folks in drammers always with opportunities for hearty laughter, his principal song being "Neath the Old Cherry Tree, Sweet Marie." The closing "Why does the leading weman in the so- wood's own moving pictures. Performances will be given daily at 2:30, 7:45 and 5:15 p. p

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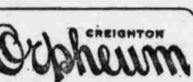
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