The Bee's Home Magazine Page

In the Stage World

Attractions in Omaha.

"Where the Trail Divides" at the Brandeis.
"Peter Pan" at the Boyd.
"Checkers" at the Krug.
Vaudeville at the Orpheum.
Burlesque at the Gayety.

Eva Lang had a night off Monday, for the first time since the season at the Boyd opened. She spent it at the Brandeis, watching Robert Edeson and his company play "Where the Trail Divides."

Henry W. Savage produced a new play Monday night, "The Great Name," at Hartford, Conn. The play will come west, as far as Chicago, at any rate, and may be sent around the circle before it is taken into New York. Henry Kolker heads the company.

Margaret Anglin is to resume her activity on the stage next Monday evening in New York, presenting "The Green Stockings." It is an English play, and has to do with the custom in a certain part of England, where a girl must wear green stockings at the wedding of a younger sister. The character played by Miss Anglin has to do this pleasing stunt three times, and the family is beginning to worry about it. How she was relieved from a doom of perpetual spinsterhood makes up the material for the comedy.

Manager Bondy has changed the lettering in the big sign on top of the American, and now has one of the most attractive announcements in blazing letters that shines over the city. He is preparing carefully for his opening on Sunday, which he promises to make such as will turn the tide of vaudeville patronage in his direction.

Manager Woodward has tackled many tough propositions in his career, but nothing quite like the one he has just undertaken, that of producing "Cinderella" right after "Peter Pan." The scenery and equipment for either of these plays fills the huge stage at the Boyd completely, and how to prepare the setting for the one while the other is being produced is putting the manager and his stage crew to their trumps. Also, the matter of rehearsals is a feature of the problem. "Peter Pan" is being played twice a day, which is sufficient task almost for any company, but on top of this, the daily rehearsal of "Cinderella" must be had, and as this comprises four ballets, several transformation scenes, and numerous specialties and spectacles, the task is about as big as one manager ever set for himself.

The opening of the new Blackstone theater in Chicago is going to be made the event of the year in the Windy City. It will be graced by the presence of Messrs. Frohman, Klaw & Erlanger, the owners, and by many other notables of the stage world. William H. Crane will be the star, and the play will be George Ade's new comedy, "United States Minister Bedloe." The play was presented for the first time at Trenton, N. J., on Monday night.

Wilton Lackaye has withdrawn from the cast of "Judith Zoraine," in which he was to appear as co-star with Lena Ashwell. George Waldron has been given the role. No explanation is offered.

An army of mechanics is due to arrive in Omaha tomorrow morning to make preparations at the Auditorium for the coming of the New York Hippodrome. Structural changes must be made both behind and in front of the curtain line, in order to facilitate the proper operation of this tremendous amusement enterprise. An advance staff of nearly twenty carpenters, electricians and stage hands will take charge of the Auditorium and put it in proper shape for the reception of the entertainer and their paraphernalia due there January 9. R. H. Burnside, general stage director of the hippodrome, has already made a careful inspection of the Auditorium and laid out the plans for the enlarging of the stage, erection of special galleries for lighting effects, the addition of several thousand feet of rope to hang the massive scenery and the installation of the proper mechanical devices which insure a smooth performance. Arrangements were made yesterday with C. E. Dixon, the head of the local organization of stage employes, to use more than 140 local men on the stage to handle the production, operate the lights and take care of the properties. In addition to this number there will be more than 100 stage hands on the hippodrome staff. It is extremely likely that Chicago will have to be called on to furnish sufficient stage hands, as certain it is that all the theaters in town will have to be raided for their stage help.

Manager Gillan of the Auditorium announces that the sale of seats for the hippodrome engagement will begin tomorrow morning at the branch office in the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul railroad office, Sixteenth and Farnam streets. So heavy has been the advance sale by mail orders that a temporary office was opened in the Auditorium yesterday and a force of clerks worked the greater part of the night in making reservations. Mail orders received now, Manager Gillan announces, will be numbered and filled in the order in which they are received.

William Rock, who is appearing at the Orpheum with Maude Fulton in original dance creations this week, came from Bowling Green, Ky. He is now 38 years of age and his wife accompanies him on his travels. Mr. Rock has staged several eastern productions and was identified with "The Orchid" and "The Candy Shop" just before entering vaudeville a few years ago. "It may seem strange to hear me say it, but I can assure you that the sounds of appreciation are as soothing to me as the scund of the 'ghost' when he walks on Saturday evening," said Mr. Rock. "Now," he added, "don't mistake it that the money element is not essential and welcome, but I do say that I really love my work, and every time I score a hit it gives me more gratification than a whole lot of money could possibly give."

Sam Howe's "Love Makers" started in Sunday at the Gayety to turn hundreds away unable to obtain seats and have kept up that pace ever since. The friends Sam Howe made when here last season are all earnestly endeavoring to renew their pleasant acquaintance.

Mignonette Kokin, the Orpheum dancer, spent Christmas day in Omaha. She went to Lincoln Monday for a week's engagement and from the capital city she will proceed to Denver.

Frank Pallma, who has been musical director for William Rock and Maude Fulton, went to Chicago from here Sunday evening to serve as musical director at the new Blackstone theater.

Sunken Schooner Identified.

CHATHAM, Mass., Dec. 28.—The sunken three-masted schooner that has been resting in three fathoms of water on Little Round Shoal since the storm of December 4 was identified today as the Mollie Rhodes of Vinal Haven, Maine. It was bound to that port from New York with coal. Captain Dobbin, Jonesport, and his crew of five men were probably lost.

CLEVER INGENUE HIT IN KANSAS CITY

DOLLY DAVIS.

Dolly Davis, who was a well-liked favorite in Omaha for several seasons, is winning a warm place in the hearts of Kansas City folk. She is playing with the stock company at the auditorium this season, and is more than making good.

Ye Getting Of Ye Goat

Brightside and His Boy

BY LAFAYETTE PARKS.

"Time to Swear Off Again," Their Latest Tabloid Sketch.

"SUPPOSE WE START THE LIST WITH THE DAMES."

"This is the season of the year when everybody should begin to plan turning over a new leaf on the first of January," begins Brightside, when Son arrives to grind out the daily grist of parental puzzles.

"In 1911 I shall be kind to every class skirt with coin that I meet," resolves Son, extracting a corp tip from his cigarette case.

"I like this idea of having one day in the year to make new resolutions," approves Father.

"And then take the other 364 to break them," assents Son. "That's your little Willie's idea of reform."

"I regret to admit that is usually the way a great many New Year's resolves end," mourns Father.

"A guy will say 'Never again!' and mean it," says Son, "when he can't get his hat on with a shoe horn. As soon as the swelling goes down, however, he forgets those noble words he swore to on the glad New Year's morn and just another vow is broken, that is all."

"For that very reason," cautions Father, "this matter of turning over a new leaf should be given serious consideration some days before January 1."

"I'll speak to the bunch in the office about that," decided Son. "There are a number of little things that I don't like. One word from me, you know—and they'll do as they please. Most of us coarse chaps like to give advice on this uplift business, but I notice most of 'em are a trifle shy when it comes to doing any of the lifting."

"Well," says Father solemnly, like a district attorney drawing up an indictment, "there are a number of bad habits that are indigenous to Americans generally. I suggest that a campaign be started now for everybody to resolve on New Year's to quit these annoying traits."

"Suppose, Pop, suggests Son, "that we start the list with the dames. Then if the hammer gets worn out before we get through, that will let us men get by with a few."

"For one thing," enumerates Father, "I should like to see the young women stop chewing gum."

"Better that than chewing the rag or tobacco," asserts Son. "Believe me, if a skirt must chew, and it looks to me as if she's just naturally built that way, a wad of rubber is about the proper thing."

"I also believe," hesitatingly resumes Father, "that a little less gossip on the part of the fair sex might make for more happiness."

"My, my, Governor," exclaims Son, "but you are a regular kill-joy for fair. Take it from me, little Bright Eyes would rather cut out the eats or even the grad rags than put the soft pedal on the buzz-buzz parties."

"This fad to join clubs seems to me overdone on the part of our women," continues Father.

"As for me," ventures Son, "if I were serving a life sentence paying rent for a dame, I'd rather have her make herself at home at her club, than to keep busy with her club at home. I'm some side stepper, at that, but life would be far too sad if hubby had to keep dodging wife's big stick."

"Another useless fad," declares Father, "is the desire of many of the women to become mannish or athletic. Let them resolve to go back to the dainty feminine ways men love so well."

"Back to the flat and the gas range for the dames of New Year's is O. K.'d by me," agrees Son. "What business, I say, has any skirt to try to cultivate a muscle like a bunch of bananas in order to intimidate us men, who toil all day in offices until our biceps are as flat as a pair of string beans? It's an outrage."

"Some resolutions also should be made by all sensible women in regard to dress reform," adds Father. "I advocate a uniform style of an unobtrusive fashion."

"Most married men," Son observes, "will be willing to compromise on the style if the dames will only make the price unobtrusive. It's the big noise of prying loose the long green for the glad rags that staggers father."

"Let us not forget to make resolutions that apply to the faults of men," admonishes Father.

"I can't seem to think of any habits belonging to men quite bad enough to be worth the trouble to swear off," modestly concludes Son.

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Sleeping Rooms of Outdoor Temperature

No person need be afraid to sleep in a room as cold as outdoors if sufficient provision has been made to keep the body warm. It cannot be stated too emphatically, however, that cold is exhausting to the vitality, and so the pores must be protected.

The danger of taking cold by fresh air enthusiasts lies in the fact that they rarely have the bed covers arranged so they give sufficient warmth. An individual who is not in robust health is likely to feel the cold intensely, and for such flannel next to the spine is imperative. Either the sleeping garment may be made from it, or there may be a sleeping bag of flannel. Bags are made especially for sleeping and are fashioned from the warmest and softest wool. They are expensive, so unless a person is literally sleeping out of doors sufficient warmth will be obtained by using a bag made from a good quality of flannel, preferably blanketing.

Even in such a case, extra warm covering for the feet is necessary, for unless circulation is perfect, the blood will not be sent to the extremities. Shoes of flannel or crochet should be worn and they ought to come up above the ankles.

Persons who do not care for the extreme of using a sleeping bag will find warmth in a thin blanket laid between the sheets. In a room where the temperature goes down to that of outdoors this, with the usual covering, will keep a sleeper warm.

It is not uncommon for the "fresh air" followers to need something warm over their heads, and for such covering a close, knitted cap is best.

There should be no hesitation in wearing one, for there will not be benefit, but injury, if a person takes cold in the head. There is no question that plenty of cold air is highly beneficial, and that to sleep in a warm, close room is debilitating, but if any portion of the body feels the cold it must be warmly protected.

MARGARET MIXTER.

Novel Row in Clubdom

The Beethoven club, composed of the leading society women of Canton, O., has been thrown into wild discord by the announcement that fourteen of its popular members, maids and matrons, have been made defendants in a damage suit for $100,000 brought by Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Sawyer.

Mrs. Sawyer, one of the plaintiffs, has been the critic of the Beethoven club, and her daughter is the secretary. A paper read by Mrs. Sawyer at a recent meeting, criticising the program of the year, was the beginning of the trouble. Among other things, she said:

"We began the year's work with Beethoven and ended with 'The Chattering Squaw.' I consider that there was an unequal division of the work. One member, who has a fine, natural voice, under good control, was ignored as a vocalist, but seemed to have many 'papers' on current events, and one number for the piano. Was it to spare the member's voice?

"I chanced hear Beethoven's fifth symphony, 'Allegro,' on the program. It was a solo, but given as a duet. The motif was suggested to Beethoven by the clear, sweet notes of the yellow hammer. While listening it suggested to me the carpenter's little yellow hammer nailing the notes down hard."

A few days later the women who have been made defendants in the damage suit signed a paper calling upon Mrs. Sawyer to resign from the club, declaring that her report as a critic had been a personal insult to every member. The paper was delivered by special messenger, and Mr. Sawyer says that when his wife opened the envelope and read the contents she was "horribly shocked."

Birds on Miniature Trees Novel Decoration

An engagement luncheon to be given next week for a fashionable girl offers suggestions in table decoration which may be followed to advantage by others. The general scheme of ornamentation is that of a conservatory and aviary combined.

The birds used in the decorations are about three inches long, so built that they balance when the tiny hook, which is an excellent substitute for claws, is placed on a slender twig or wire. The birds look like paroquets. They are probably made of papier mache, and come in different colors, but for the young girl's luncheon those of white, shading to a pink tone in the neck and head, were chosen. The small toy shops sell them and they cost, as a rule 10 cents each.

In the center of the table for the engagement luncheon are to be sprays of orange blossoms, growing aparently from a mossy bank. The birds are perched among the flowers, on the natural stems. Such an idea could be modified, using only a natural bare branch, for the birds make quite enough ornamentation. Tiny little swings, such as are used in cages, are placed, one at either corner of the centerpiece, and a bird is perched in each. The swings are twisted with asparagus vines. The birds themselves cannot hold a flower or leaf in their beaks or they would over balance.

For each guest there will be a tiny box plant, in a small fancy china dish, which will serve as a favor. On top of each of the four candle shades a bird will be perched, care being taken to have it sidewise that it shall not burn.

For a dinner such birds might be used with great effect by choosing those with feathers of different colors. In the middle of the table two uprights to serve as telegraph poles might be a foot or more apart. These should support a fine silver wire. On this the birds must be placed at irregular intervals, facing in different directions.

Beneath the wire, on the table, an arrangement of box paints, with bright red combined, either by berries or flowers, would be effective.

Another charming way would be to raise a fish in the center of the table and perch the birds about it.

A foundation of moss or a small fancy stand could serve as the flower base.

ROSANNA SCHUYLER.

Women Wear Too Thin Clothing in Winter

There wasn't any reason for it, a certain woman declared, but she was always tired. She was conscious that her temper was not of the best, though she had it under excellent control, and whatever she did tired her (even her diversions exhausted her), so at last she called a nerve specialist.

He listened to her recital of trouble and shook his head gravely and then began to ask questions. "Do you wear high boots when you walk in the street?" She said she did not. "Do you wear silk stockings, or warmer ones?" She said silk. "Do you wear few underclothes, to appear sylphlike, or do you use flannel?" No flannel was her answer and she volunteered that most of her gowns had half sleeves. Then the nerve specialist delivered himself of an opinion like this:—

"You are like most women nowadays, your are not warmly enough dressed in cold weather. Cold saps vitality, which is strength. You are not sufficiently protected from cold, so your physical strength goes below par, and then you proceed to live the strenuous life demanded of women, and go on your nerves.

"It is useless to tell me you are warm enough when you are out of doors. If you are warm enough when wearing pumps in the street in winter it is because you are making an undue demand upon yourself to be so, and you are bound to pay later by lack of strength. It is as logical as that two and two make four.

"Cold is exhausting to a person who suffers from nerves. Conversely, warmth is soothing. You must keep the surface of your body thoroughly warm at all times, unless you wish to grow old before your time. For premature age will be the price that women will pay soon for the fashion now of wearing insufficient clothing in cold weather.

"Don't for one moment fancy I think you should swathe yourself in flannels, or that I would have you wear hosiery made of yarn. You should select such garments as will prevent your own natural warmth from being dissipated during the first five minutes you are exposed to a cold wind.

"Wear pumps indoors by all means, but it is not logical that they shall be equally comfortable for you when an icy temperature is recorded and you are going out to walk.

"To almost every woman nowadays it would be safe to say: 'You do not conserve your natural strength. Keep warm, and your nerves will be less strained. You won't be so fussy, and wrinkles will not so soon appear. But if you don't wear such clothing as will protect you, then you will be profitable patients for nerve specialists, as well as general practitioners.'"

MARGARET MIXTER.

Fads of Women

Veils edged with maribou are no longer the latest idea, for fur is now used as a border on some of the newest importations.

Of course only the narrowest fur edgings are seen, and the veils they trim are heavy and fairly coarse in mesh, usually the Russian nets in a fancy weave, or rather a combination of Russian net with a hair line Tuxedo.

These veils are, of course, expensive, but if a woman possesses a narrow fur edging the net sold by the yard will not be costly, and by combining the two a new style veil can be made for comparatively small cost.

Lovers of delicate perfumes whose purses are not too well filled will be interested in knowing that they may indulge in the delicious odor of the Mary Garden without being obliged to purchase an expensive essence.

Use Cream on Face in Winter

I think a woman should never go out into a cold wind, if she uses powder, without putting a layer of cold cream on her face before dusting on powder, because the cream is a protection against drying, cold winds. Only a little cream need be applied and the powder should then be rubbed on slowly; the grease will not show.

To recommend a cream that would agree with all flesh is impossible, for some skins require more oil, while others need but little.

A girl of my acquaintance, who dislikes to use much grease, has prepared a lotion that suits her. She applies this mixture before going out into the cold.

She has no rule for quantity, she tells me. In preparing she takes about one teaspoonful of pure strained honey and puts it into a china cup which has previously been heated. The honey is thinned with rose water until there is just body enough to make it hold. This mixture is rubbed into her skin before she powders. On coming indoors she washes off the lotion.

A combination of honey and glycerine, using equal parts, and thinning as suggested with rose water, would suit some skins.

Honey thinned with cucumber juice, the latter slightly warm when being mixed, would be more astringent than either of these others and to sensitive skin is bleaching.

Although I do not disapprove of so-called "liquid" powders—washes that are substitutes for powders—I think the dry dust is better to use in cold weather, because any liquid is more apt to be carried into the pores than powder that will remain on the surface unless it is driven in by rubbing.

If, as is not uncommon, there are rough places on the face, spots which suggest chapping, they should be lightly touched with oxide of zinc ointment. This is healing and powder may be put on over it.

MARGARET MIXTER.

Daily Health Hint

For the first thing in the morning only light exercises hould be taken, just enough to quicken the circulation. This should be taken before, not after the morning bath.

Some Simple Aids for Insomnia

Persons who are troubled with sleeplessness in winter should try the effect of drinking something hot just before going to bed. Such nourishment must not be swallowed until the person is literally ready for bed. Incidentally the food taken just before retiring must be of a kind that can be easily digested.

More than one case of sleeplessness might be traced to a need for some slight nourishment, for if the stomach is too empty circulation is interfered with and blood that should be in the stomach and through the body gathers in the head, causing pronounced restlessness, even though the person afflicted may not realize what makes insomnia.

A glass of cold milk beside the bed, where the liquid may be sipped if a person is restless through the night, may also aid in bringing quiet to tired nerves.

Special heed should be given to having plenty of fresh air in the sleeping room of a person who is inclined to restlessness. By fresh air I do not mean pronounced cold, for this saps vitality, and therefore is to be avoided, but stale air is a strain upon the nerves, for the lungs cannot work as they should, and so the blood that feeds the tissues is not sufficiently purified. A draught blowing directly over the bed is not desirable, as it might cause cold, but where there is danger of this a folding screen may be set up to break the direct draught.

Indigestible food taken late at night is apt to cause sleeplessness through indigestion, though the sufferer may not be conscious that what was eaten is not being assimilated. Indigestion is not always accompanied by acute pain, but if food remains in the stomach without going through the process of digestion, it is likely that the individual will either not sleep or that restlessness will follow.

MARGARET MIXTER.

A Striking Case.

So striking is May—
She strikes with delight
Typewriter by day,
Piano by night.

T. E. M.

Jof of Giving.

He asked her for a Christmas kiss,
And, true as I am living,
She gave him two or three—and this,
All for the joy of giving.

T. E. M.

City Building Laws Will be Revised by Councilmen

Entire Code Remodelled According to Lines to be Laid Down by Building Inspector.

A complete revision of the building laws of Omaha will be attempted by the city council probably according to recommendations and plans to be submitted by the building inspector. An ordinance introduced at the last meeting at suggestion of Coroner Crosby was drawn for the purpose of preventing accidents in buildings while in the course of construction. It provides for temporary floors to keep men from falling through the steel work. Councilman Bridges suggested that other reforms were quite as necessary and it was decided to refer the whole matter to the building inspector and have him consider all the changes that should be made.

Harry B. Zimman, representing unnamed clients, asked to have a voice at the discussion of the gas company's bill for street lighting which will be taken up next week in committee meeting and his request was granted. Mr. Zimman was one of the original minority who fought the gas contracts and is one of the best informed men in the city upon the fight and its results.

The city engineer was unofficially advised to make specifications for artificial stone gutters exorbitantly high so that property owners will not ask to have them laid with brick streets. On Laird street the property owners have asked for a brick paving with artificial stone gutters and it is the opinion of the councilmen and the city engineer that the combination does not make a good roadway. Nothing can be done, however, when the petitions are correctly made out and the engineer was told that he ought to require so much expensive material in such gutters that they would not be desirable, but that real stone would be preferred.

HIGH SCHOOL CLASS HOLDS FIRST ANNUAL REUNION

Members Gather at Home of Miss Elgutter — Hugh Mills For President.

The first annual reunion of the class of 1910 of the Omaha High school was held Tuesday night at the home of Nellie Elgutter, one of the class members, at 205 Dodge street. Hugh Mills was elected president of the alumni class for the coming year.

Considerably over 100 of the members of the class were present, some having returned from college and others who were still in Omaha. A short program and refreshments was the evening's entertainment.

Other business of the class consisted in electing further officers. Henrietta Gilmore was made vice president; Marion Carpenter, secretary; Richard Barnes, treasurer, and Edward Smith and Nellie Elgutter, sergeants-at-arms. A bronze tablet will be put in the new wing of the high school with the remainder of the money which the class has on hand, $154.

Prof. E. U. Graff, principal of the high school; Miss Kate and Miss Florence McHugh and Miss Mackin of the high school faculty were present at the reunion and also A. N. Carstensen, a former member of the faculty.

Counterfeit Dollars

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ALL A MISTAKE

"But they say she was an actress."
"Untrue. She only thought so."

NATURALLY.

"Why do they call him a poet of passion?"
"He gets so mad when his verses are returned."

KINDLY SUGGESTION.

"The critic said my painting was good, but it lacked warmth. Can you suggest anything?"
"Yes; use a match."