NEW LIFE AT THEATERS

LD LADY 31," Rachel Crothers' "sunshine comedy," with Effic Ellsler in the stellar role, comes to Boyd's thea-ter for four days, starting tonight and a matinee on Wednesday. Much has been heard of this odd comedy with its principal scenes set in an old ladies' home. Extended runs in eastern cities account for the fact that the play has not reached the west before, but it is said to be well worth waiting for, for it comes here with the original production and the cast almost intact.

Aside from its unusual setting, "Old Lady 31" is noted for its character delineation. Many of the characters are the inmates of the home; meager spinsters, complain-ing widows, jolly plump women, aged flirts, gossipy old souls and other types, an ensemble rarely seen on the stage. It is not, how-ever, a play of old age. In fact, it is just the opposite, for the spirit of youth and hopefulness and faith reigns supreme.

But the comedy is by no means all fun. Abe and Angie are forced out of their home through poor investments. With just enough money to pay Angie's admission to the old ladies' home, Abe chooses the poor house. When the time comes for parting at the home, the inmates take pity on Abe and vote him in. It is Abe that becomes Old Lady 31. No sooner does he step foot into the institution than the fun starts. The remaining acts furnish many a hearty laugh with just an occasional bit of pathos to relieve the situation. "Old Lady 31" is said to boast the finest cast of character actors

on the stage today. Supporting Miss on the stage today, Supporting Miss Ellsler is Scott Cooper, May Galyer, Vivia Ogden, Mrs. Felix Morris, Maud Sinclair, Kate Jepson, Hazel Sexton, Irving Mitchell, Louis Fierce, Lottie Church, Elizabeth Le-Roy, Mrs. Lettie Ford and Clara Colman.

Klaw & Erlanger's elaborate production of "The Riviera Girl," one of the musical comedy successes of the last two years, will be the at-traction at the Brandeis the last half of this week.
The book and lyrics have been

supplied by Bolton and Wodehouse. Emmerich Kalman has composed the score and Joseph Urban has created for the piece some glipmses of the Mediterranean, where the scenes are laid and the gorgeous costuming is thoroughly in tone with his artistic handiwork. The young American from Fishburg, Ill., who finds himself in gay Monte Carlo with his wife. At the cafe is a fair young singer with whom young aristocrat is smitten. Knowing that his high-bred family will never consent to his marriage with a young woman of the stage the youthful lover falls in with the ingenious American's idea of He is now, as he says, in his "first marrying her to an impecunious and best love, musical comedy," and count and then immediately hav- so far in "The Sirens" has received ing her divorced, so that with her title he can marry her himself and receive his father's blessing. The man from Illinois is a great schemer, but like all great schemers, he sometimes overlooks a small detail that spoils it all. That is what

happens in this case.

The cast to be seen here includes Miss Grace Walsh, J. Clarence Harvey, Miss Sylvia de Frankie, order to secure a gold mine, Jeff Henry Mowbray, W. Romaine. Royden Keith, Nelson Riley, Miss Morjorie Bridger, Roy Cutter and Frank Farrington, as well as a large chorus of pretty and sprightly girls.

As a light comedian, who sings and dances particularly well, Frank Dobson has been chosen to fill the leading role in the stellar attrac-tion this week at the Orpheum. The act is the new musical tabeloid. "The Sirens." With enough plot to hold the thing together, the chief elements are singing, dancing and In the cast are fifteen people and Nat Harris is the musical di-Dane Claudius and Lillian present what they call Memories," and with their banios they revive ballads of a former generation. Clayton Kennedy is an eccentric comedian. His burwhich he is capably assisted by in May in "A Marriage of Conven-attie Rooney. "Show Me," the ience." Mattie Rooney. sketch in which Walter Fener is to appear, has many surprises. The most thrilling act in vaudeville is presented by the group of Indian four nights during May. A large leopards. Dolores Vallecita enters the cage of these beasts without being armed with any weapon. In present this new musical comedy. the steel arena she plays with them as if they were mere kittens. Ann Gray is not merely gifted as a harpist, but is also charming. The three Bennett sisters are muscular maids, expert boxers, wrestlers and bagpunchers. News events of the world act, assisted by a well trained chorus of pretty girls. Pauline Haggard. will be pictures by Kinograms, and the Orpheum Travel Weekly is to show "A Honeymoon in Ber-

Many look upon the girls as the chief feature of the musical show and if they go to the Boyd to see "I'm So Happy" with Frederick V. Bowers next Sunday for four days they will be more than pleased with the flock of pretty girls who sur-round the talented star of this sprightly musical farce. "I'm So Happy" is not only a good laughing show but it is a wonderful beauty show with the most tuneful of music thrown in for good measure.

Do you know what "Chin Chin" means? That's the Chinese for wishing you a "Happy New Year," or any cheerful greeting, sanctified by custom; is also used for drink hearty, here's to you, in fact, for any salutation. So here is "Chin Chin" for you and yours at the



comedian in "The Sirens," at introduce a singing number that inthe Orpheum today, comes by cludes a repertoire of Irish songs his ability in the most natural man- with quite a few popular selections. ner. His mother was Minnie Wal- Singing, dancing, imitations, comedy

lace, who starred in the Alcazar patter and banjo playing make up theatre, San Francisco, under the act offered by Mitchell and direction of Joaquin Miller, while Mitch. Pete Curley and Joe Hall will be seen in a catingal railway.

his father was Charles C. Dobson, will be seen in a satirical railway

with his artistic handiwork. The production has been supervised by Herbert Gresham and Julian Mitchell, the latter of whom has given his deft skill to the dances and ensembles. Around the most diverting story are built a number diverting story are built a number of the dances are not satisfied so he sought diverting to the dance of the original New York his restless and ensembles. Around the most diverting story are built a number of the dance of the original New York his restless or known as the world's greatest banjo episode. diverting story are built a number of legitimately funny complications that crowd upon each other so fast that the action fairly races through the three acts. There is a quaint followed a season with Charles Rianger and more melodrama. All Blaney and more melodrama. All tiful scenes. Ladies' matinee daily this time he was making a reputa- all week, starting tomorrow. This tion as an unusual dancer, an ex- afternoon's matinee begins at 3

ever, thanks to Mutt, everything is

righted. Gus Hill has surrounded

these two famous characters with

bers are all new and consist of a

Menlo Moore's latest musical

comedy, "Follies of Today," comes to the Empress this first half, as the

stellar attraction. The Bunnin Sis-

ters, Earl Mossman and Hal Sher-

man feature as the principals in the

former musical comedy co-star with Ralph Whitehead, is doing a single in vaudeville this year. Miss Hag-

gard is a pianist of unquestioned ability. Sensational feats of equili-

brism and lifting are performed by Reo and Helmar. The headline at

variety of catchy airs.

27 and 28.

cellent interpreter of songs, and a o'clock. comedian of no mean ability. These qualifications were sufficient to land Florence Roberts comes to the him in vaudeville where he soon Orpheum for the week of April 27. became a headliner and where he Miss Roberts made her first appearance at the Baldwin theater, San Francisco. She has appeared in a number of Shakespearian roles. was discovered by C. B. Maddock. She will also be remembered in "Camille," "La Tosca," "Lady Isabelle," and "Za Za" and such modern plays as "Marie Rosa, "The Struggle Everlasting," "Sham," Struggle Everlasting," "Sham,"
"Gloria," and "Diplomacy." For her Brandeis theater, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 29 and 30. Orpheum tour Miss Roberts is presenting "The Woman Intervenes. This season's Mutt and Jeff which by J. Hartly Manners, the dramatist

who wrote "Peg O' My Heart" and In all the numerous heroines who have delighted your eye and aroused must marry a widow, and for a your sympathy upon the developing time is involved in trouble. Howscreen of the ever-popular movies there is none to compare with the character study which Mabel Nor-mand crowds into "Mickey." This a company of talented musical comedy artists. The musical numdelightful creation which Mack Sennett directed with his finest comedy touches and skill is now playing at the Brandeis for a limited engage-Thomaskefsky and his own excel-lent company of Yiddish actors will to be said for Mickey except that appear at the Brandeis theater on she is unique. When you first meet next Sunday and Monday, April her cousining her old squaw nurse in a rough mining camp and making Mail orders are being received by the score at the Brandeis theater for that hold never leaves you until the the engagement of Miss Ethel Barrymore on May 8, 9 and 10 in her new comedy by R. C. Carton, "The Off Chance."

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And now, after years of pleasant retirement spent at her beautiful home at Nutley, New Jersey, she is back to her first love, the stage.
Call it what you will—the lure, the fascination, the charm of the foot-lights—Effie Ellsler is back, delight—her father's stock companies in making hosts of new ones. Unlike years she was leading lady in the the sad spectacle of a former favorite trying, but without success, to regain her hold upon the ladder of popularity, Effie Ellsler's return is said to be almost a triumph. As "Angie" in Rachel Crothers' charming comedy, "Old Lady 31," which comes to the Boyd theater tonight, the Portia. Then, after a number of years away from the footlights she returned to play her present role of the same of the same of the popularity.

ACK go the pages of fond mem- | that, to my way of thinking, is the D ory with the mention of Effic finest recipe in the world to keep Ellsler-at least, to the older one young," says Miss Ellsler. "Just generation. Back to the days of as our play points out, age is merely "Hazel Kirke," of Charles W. relative. We are only as old, or as Couldock and Steel Mackaye. For young for that matter, as we choose

> Few are the actresses of the present generation whose careers have history of Miss Ellsler. She was a favorite Juliet at the age of 14

ng once again her old admirers and Cleveland and Pittsburgh. For many the sad spectacle of a former favor- companies of Frohmans. Just prior Miss Ellsler returns to Omaha for the first time in many years.

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Many Fair Ones Covet This Costume

BRIDES-TO-BE are sure to wax wistfully covetous over the "dream" of a bridal costume worn by Miss Grace Walsh in the first act of "The Riviera Girl," at the Brandeis. The gown is of the softest pink chiffon over metallic a long tulls well, attached to it softest pink chiffon, over metallic a long tulle veil attached to it satin of the same shade. The bodice around the sides and back; this veil is snugly fitted to the figure with a hangs for one-quarter of a yard on long pointed waistline to the front the floor and is gathered tightly toand back. This is outlined by nar- gether at the end. row, gold tissue ribbon, hanging She carries a novel bouquet effect which, instead of the conventional

of gold reaching the hem of the lilies of the valley, proves to be skirt. An overlay of solid rhinestones surrounded by a deep ruffle of silver encircles the waistline, rising to a point high at the "V" neck, both at the front and back. Flesh chiffon veils the shoulders and supports a single strap of rhinestones. The skirt is full with a simulated flounce from the knees down, ac-

There are several other stunning "creations" among Miss Walsh's array of costumes, most of them becomplished by rows of rhinestones ing especially attractive because of with a finely traced pattern of the their simplicity.

It Makes 'Em Strong. The other day Ruth Roland,

George Larkin, two cameramen and Director Paul Hurst worked in the cold water of an old reservoir from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., with only an hour's relief at noon. So cold was the water that hot coffee had to be served between scenes to keep the company from serious injury. The next day the company went on location to the mountains and as the sun came up warm and bright, Miss Roland chirped joyfully:

"Isn't this glorious? My, but we ought to be strong and healthy working out in the open as we do." "We are," said Hurst, dryly, "or we'd have been dead after

romps and pranks and youthful that six-hour bath yesterday." clarity and singleness of purpose the "Fit to Win," the United States public health serioce film, will return to the Boyd theater next Thursday to be shown there for men only seriously threatens the civilian popu-the latter part of this week. It will lation of the country as it threatened

be shown at the Orpheum on the our fighting forces.
South Side and in Council Bluffs The whole truth concerning the South Side and in Council Bluffs social evil is made clear without The story was written and pro-duced by Lt. E. H. Griffith of the human interest story which carries United States army, under the direction of Surgeon General Gorgas, as diers and sailors who might have a part of the educational campaign fallen victims of the degrading informulated by Lieutenant Colonel William F. Snow. With astounding have thrilled at this story of five

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