

3,200 BEAUTIES IN CONTEST FOR STAGE CAREERS

Judges Will Now Select 24 to
Be Voted For Under Mr.
Frohman's Offer.

THEY HAVE A HARD JOB.

Evening World Readers Will
Select 12 of the 24 as
Prize Winners.

Charles Frohman's remarkable offer, through The Evening World of an opportunity for stage careers for twelve pretty girls, closed yesterday. Now the work of judging the contestants will begin.

From the photographs that have poured in from all sections of the United States in the past three weeks, at the rate of one hundred and fifty a day, and incidentally during the past four days it has been nearer two hundred a day, the committee appointed by Mr. Frohman will select twenty-four photographs. These will be printed in The Evening World, and readers will be asked to decide by vote which is the prettiest girl of the entire two dozen.

To each of the twelve girls receiving the largest number of votes Mr. Frohman will hand a contract for forty weeks' employment on the stage at a salary of \$25 a week, making a total outlay of \$1,000.

Free Tuition, Too.

These contracts will include a trip to Europe and a chance to appear at a London theatre. In addition, each of the dozen lucky girls who win in The Evening World contest will receive six months' free tuition in singing, dancing and acting. This course of training will begin at once under Mr. Frohman's direction, so the prize beauties may make their first professional appearance in "The Dolling Princess," which opens in September.

The list of successful competitors, as published in The Evening World, must be accepted as final. Any contestant writing to Mr. Frohman direct upon the subject will be at once disqualified. Owing to the almost unlooked-for number of photographs that were entered in the competition, it will be three or four days at least before the judges, doing their work justly and carefully as they wish to, will be able to sift down the collection to something that resembles a decision. When there is no much loveliness, selection becomes bewildering. So many things must be taken into consideration—age, height, the suggestion of temperament and intelligence—that the judges must of a necessity "make haste slowly."

3,200 in Contest.

Roughly speaking, there are three thousand two hundred candidates, of every conceivable type of beauty. When one considers that American women lead the world for perfection of face and form, one can realize that the work of Mr. Frohman's committee will be a difficult, even if agreeable, undertaking.

The youngest contestant who is entered is a slip of a baby girl of five years, while next in age comes a young miss of twelve. After that there are

over and over so many girls at fourteen, sixteen and eighteen years of age. They came from the Bronx and Brooklyn very strong, particularly Brooklyn. But from all over the United States and one from Russia, from big cities and little towns, the photographs have been pouring in. The manner in which St. Louis has looked to her lovely young laurels, however, is truly remarkable.

Two of the contestants, obviously with hair of an unusually glorious Titan shade, affixed locks of it to their photographs. Inasmuch as one girl was from the North and the other one was from the South it seems safe to believe that the idea was spontaneous and original with each of them. One aureole lock is attached to its owner's photograph with a dainty pale blue bow of ribbon, while the other is secured with a pale pink love knot.

One in Directory.

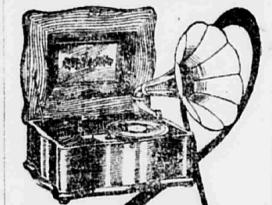
Only one contestant had her photograph taken in a directory costume. A dainty slipper strapped over silken hose is half revealed by the enlightening ray of the tulle worn by the fair stage aspirant.

One real live coquette, the authenticity of whose title is vouchsafed, is entered. In describing her, her admirer proclaims that she is an "exquisite and perfect Italian type."

One of the most notable tendencies of a large number of the contestants is to expatiate upon the subject of their "crown of glory." One young lady assures the judges, on the back of her photograph, that her hair is "fair and heavy and 3½ feet long." Another assures them that it is "red and sometimes white" while still another explains that her hair "yes from chestnut to Titan," "Copper color," "ash blond," "like spun gold" and "ebonite" are a few more of the colors that are featured.

Modest in Claims.

Eyes are evidently considered next in importance, and here again the side remarks upon the backs of the photographs afford increased data. A photograph that warrants the explanation has on its back "very attractive eyes and" "modestly—very attractive in all ways." A contestant with versatile orbs has written that her "eyes are gray—changing to blue and green." A retiring miss of sixteen says that her "eyes are blue (LARGE) and attract



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YOUNG HAMMERSTEIN ACQUITTED OF CHARGE.

Across the face of a charming photograph from the West is written the quotation from "The Merchant of Venice"—"Oh! Wise young judge!" A lady who is noticeably inclined toward wholesomeness of contour would assure Mr. Frohman that she is "fifteen pounds lighter now than when this photograph was taken."

A "representative" Brooklyn contestant says that she can "feel the talent like quicksilver in her blood." But, taken as a whole, the photographs need neither excuse nor emphasis of talent points. They are charming and delightful representations of the most exquisite feminine beauty—namely, American girlhood. The real pity is that they cannot each all be awarded one of Mr. Frohman's prizes. However, Nature's beautiful hand, in so almost impartially bestowing her favors, should console the disappointed contestants.

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M. E. Tausiek, of No. 772 Amsterdam avenue, one of the highest Masons in the State, lost a gold ring recently because of a light-fingered gentleman on a Broadway car. A few members of the local court yesterday presented him at the "Temple" with a duplicate. In the committee were William Cunningham, Charles Ellison, William Hammer and other distinguished members of the order.

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PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 11.—After a trial lasting three days, Arthur Hammerstein, of New York, son of Oscar Hammerstein, the opera impresario, was today acquitted in a jury of a charge of disorderly conduct last July near Mexico City, a fashionable suburb of Philadelphia. The Court ordered, however, that Mr. Hammerstein pay the costs of the trial.

Mr. Hammerstein had been living in a country house while superintending the erection of his father's big opera house in Philadelphia, and it was while bicycling to his home that the alleged offense was committed. The trial attracted unusual attention, a citizen's organization being behind the prosecution, and the courtroom was filled with Mr. Hammerstein's friends, who testified to his good character. Mr. Hammerstein on the stand indignantly denied the charges. The specific charge was that he had acted improperly before women and girls on the street.

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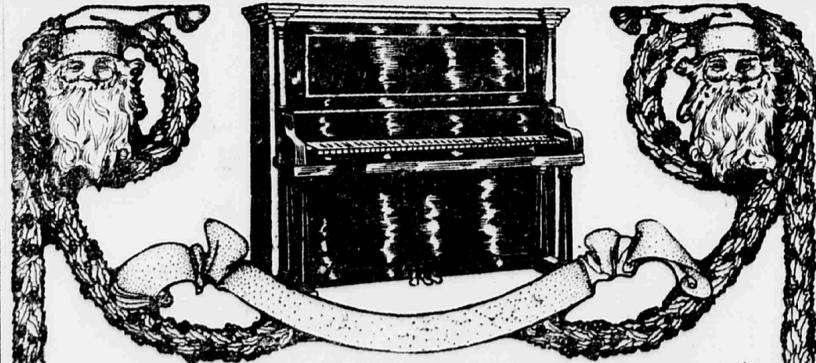
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