

The New Plays "Peggy" Beautifully Dressed but Stupid.

BY CHARLES DARNTON.

If they had only kept on whistling at the Casino last night "Peggy" might have carried more than one tune to success.

While it may be utterly absurd to expect voices in a musical play, it must be granted that there's an old-fashioned prejudice in favor of them. Even one fairly good voice gives novelty to musical comedy.



Miss Vida Whitmore as Doris Bartle.

So you see the company was a queer mixture. Then, too, there was a suggestion of Lew Fields in a barber-shop scene with Harry Fisher spreading the latter, not to mention a bar with fizz-water going off half-cocked.

Miss Whitmore, no longer interestingly thin, sang often and weirdly. For her sake there was an interpolated number called "Beautiful Ocean" that marked the low-tide of the performance.

Harry Fisher had such a bad part that he could make nothing of it, while Charles Brown was as dismal as the silly lines that fell to his hard lot. Farren Soutar led the whistling song like a gentleman with a sense of fun, and Miss Alva York, while fairly amusing in a cockney role, gave nothing more than a careful imitation of that inimitable stage cockney, Miss Connie Ediss.

The book by George Grossmith sr. was positively stupefying. As a result "Peggy," though beautifully dressed, proved unusually stupid. Mr. Ryley has produced the piece upon a very handsome scale, but a few more rehearsals and two or three people with voices worth hearing would help it immensely.

S'Matter, Pop?

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The Two-Gun Man

The Best Cowboy Story in Ten Years By Charles Alden Seltzer

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SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Post Ferguson, a young cowboy out of a job, is known as a "two-gun man" from the fact that he carries two pistols and is a dead shot.

CHAPTER IV.

A "Different Girl." Her being from the East would account for many things. First, it would be plain to him why she had smiled several times during their talks over things in which he had been able to see no humor.

CHAPTER V.

The Man of Dry Bottom. A young man rode around the corner of the cabin and half-closed his eyes, sitting quietly in the saddle and gazing intently at the two.

He was about Ferguson's age, and, like the latter, he wore two heavy guns. There was about him, as he sat there sweeping a slow glance over the scene and the man, a certain atmosphere of deliberate certainty and confidence that gave an impression of readiness for whatever might occur.

Ferguson's eyes lighted with satisfaction. The girl might be an Easterner, but the young man was plainly at home in this country. Nowhere except in the West could he have acquired the serene calm that shone out of his eyes.

The young man opened his lips slightly. "Stafford hire you?" he asked. "I'm hopin' he does," returned Ferguson.

The young man's lips drooped sadly. "I reckon you're wantin' a job mighty bad," he said. Ferguson smiled. "Takin' you an' Stafford ain't very good friends," he returned.

The young man was no friend of Stafford. He followed the girl to the porch, prepared to stepping down to go to his room when the young woman came out. Her sharp exclamation halted him.

"You're not going now?" she said. "You had got to remain perfectly quiet until morning!" The brother dropped his middle to the porch floor, grinning mildly at Ferguson.

The dusk had begun to fall while they were yet at the table, and the young woman arose, lighting a kerosene lamp and placing it on the table.

Betty Vincent's Advice to Lovers

A Baa Combination. GIRLS, don't try to combine business and society. It is impossible to do it successfully, and you are the chief sufferer from the failure.

A Correspondence. A GIRL who signs herself "M. V." writes: "Some time ago I met a young man at a wedding. I know he would correspond with me if he knew my address. Since I know his, would it be proper to send a card with mine on it?"

Afraid to See Her. A MAN who signs himself "T. W." writes: "I am very much in love with a girl, but she is poor and I am rich. My relatives frequently visit the house where she works and I will not call on her when they are there. She thinks I am not treating her well. What do you think?"

She Must Wait. A GIRL who signs herself "T. A." writes: "A young man has been calling on me for several years and I should like to marry him. Couldn't I speak to him about it?"

Unescorted. A MAN who signs himself "P. O." writes: "I am engaged to a young girl and am very much in love with

Some Good Stories of the Day

Willing to Stand. A FARMER owned a young steer which he wanted to break to the draft, and, having no other animal to harness with it, he decided to get into the joke himself, giving the reins to his son.

Cheaper S v ce. THE people of Nodaway County are proud of the fact that they own the only cow in the county that has been milked by a man.

Training the Child. AN amusing incident is related of a young servant-maid who had relinquished her husband for two years, and who, having before his departure insisted on a good photograph, had taken it with her.

Sammy and the Subway; the Quest of a Seat

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