ABOUT PLAYS AND PLAYERS

BIDE DUDLEY

Charles Frohman and David Belasco have arranged to send the all-star production of "A Celebrated Case," now at the Empire, on tour in a special train for three weeks, beginning May 31. The company will visit nine cities. In some of them but one performance will be given; in others two. The cities selected are Boston, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Cincinnati, Detroit and Cleveland. Meals will be served on the special train and David Belasco will go along to see that everybody has a good time.

LOTS OF MUSICAL SHOWS.

New York isn't going to experience a dearth of musical shows this summer. The latest announcement says that the Messrs. Shubert have put into rehearsal a new comic opera from the Viennese entitled "Endlich Allein," or, in English, "Alone at Last." The music is by Franz Lehar. Other musical productions New Yorkers may expect soon are Ned Wayburn's revue, the new Lew Fields show, the 1915-16 "Follies," John Cort's "A Modern Eve," opening at the Casino next week, and the new Winter Garden show. "Chin Chin," "Nobody Home" and "Watch Your Step" are all "going strong" and may still be at it when summer comes.

MOTHER'S VERY BUSY.

Della Winslow, who writes that she is sometimes called "the actress-poetess" by the other members of the theatrical troupe to which she belongs, proves her right to the appellation with the following contribution, guaranteed to be right out of her own head:

Baby's pants are bottomless;
Needs them up with stitches.
Jimmy's hat's been lost two days
Long with other things;
House is messy as can be;
Holds but little cheer;
Bessie's sleepin' 'round her clothes,
Father's on his ear
All of us are nearly starved,
Dog and cat ate the mine;
Potpie and surprise (packed with mud)
No one takes the blame;
Mother is the reason for
Our unhappy lot;
Mother's very busy now,
Learned the turkey-trot.

JUDY IS TO LIVE.

Judy Abbott, the chief character in "Daddy Long-Legs," is to have her life extended by Jean Webster, who created her. Miss Webster is to write a new series of letters called "The Dear Enemy." The two hundred and fiftieth performance of "Daddy Long-Legs" will be given at the Gaiety to-night.

HE WANTED A RAISE.

An English actor in the Al Jolson company, which is to go to the Pacific Coast, wrote J. J. Shubert recently saying he wouldn't go to the Far West unless he received a raise in salary. Mr. Shubert replied as follows:

"Your King and country need you and there is plenty of work there in the trenches."

HE WAS JUST WONDERING.

Fred Schadel, whose addition is on Broadway, was standing in front of the French and Italy Theatre last night reminiscing with a man who had been industrious in one day, in the way that clearly and definitely proposed plays and actors. He gazed at Fred across the lobby.

"Say, where is that Alexander Fred?"

"I was just wondering where Fritz is," replied the man.

WHAT REALLY AILS PADUCAH

Judge Hal Corbett of Paducah, Ky., who came here to attend the Gridiron dinner, says times are not so very good in the Paducah portion of his home state.

"It isn't especially the war there to blame," he said. "What is hurting us is the lack of moisture. We haven't had any rain in two years."

"There is regret that somebody suggested 'The Rosary' as the play for us," said the Judge, as he moved away.

GOSSIP.

"A Pair of Silk Stockings" will close Saturday.

Crystal Herne has been engaged for "Trojan Women."

Walter Moore has finished his tango season at French Lick.

"Maid in America" scored 100 at the Winter Garden last night.

Campbell Gasnet has returned to Broadway from the Pacific Coast.

Maurice Williams, "Horse of Society Lately," has gone into rehearsal for "Fifi Jack and Gus Weinberg."

The Western "White Feather" company is to get a summer engagement at the Professional Offices.

Robert Hilliard will close his season in "The Argyle Case" Saturday at the Bijou.

The Board of Governors of the Actors' Society of Pennsylvania and Delaware has put affairs of Morning Glory Farm, Inc., in charge of "The Peasant Girl," possibly the best to enable it to pay enough to carry its thirty years.

Grace Washburn, star of the Charles B. Harris film, "When It Strikes Home," is to buy a set of the pictures so her friends may see her after she dies.

Now "Nobody Home" is to have a fashion parade. Twelve young women will appear between the acts, beginning to-night, and show what's what in gowns.

The Board of Directors of the World Film Corporation yesterday elected George H. Cox of Cincinnati President. He succeeds Van Horn Ely. George A. Hunn of Philadelphia was elected Chairman of the Executive Committee, and Joseph L. Rhinock an additional Vice President.

FROM THE CHESTNUT TREE.

She—I have water on the knee.
He—Why don't you wear pumps?

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