

About Plays and Players

By BIDE DUDLEY

SELWYN & CO. are getting ready to give preliminary performances of several of the plays they expect to present in New York next fall. They have engaged Clara Joel for the new melodrama by Roi Cooper McGray and Irvin S. Cobb. This play is known at present as "John W. Blake." Miss Joel's role is an important one since she will be the only woman in the play. At present she is in "The Eternal Magicians," but her company will close Saturday in Allentown, Pa. To play opposite Lewis S. Stone, who is to be featured in Edgar Selwyn's new comedy, "The Double Cure," Selwyn & Co. have engaged Christine Norman, who has been in the support of Emily Stevens in "The Unchastened Woman." This play will have its initial performance at the Apollo Theatre, Atlantic City, on May 23. In choosing both Miss Joel and Miss Norman for these roles Selwyn & Co. have shown excellent judgment since Broadway expects much from these young women in the not very distant future.

FUND ELECTS OFFICERS. The thirty-fifth annual meeting of the Actors' Fund was held at the Hudson Theatre yesterday afternoon and was well attended. Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Daniel Frohman; First Vice President, Joseph R. Grismer; Second Vice President, F. F. Mackay; Treasurer, William Harris; and Secretary, Gus Hill. The only newcomer in the list is Mr. Hill, who succeeds E. D. Miner. Sam A. Scribner, E. F. Aibee, Francis Wilson, Oscar Eagle, James J. Armstrong and Bernard A. Reinhold were selected as Trustees to serve three years. It was reported that the fund is in good shape financially, although its bank account would dwindle away were it not for the fact that numerous benefits are being held for it. Sol Bloom turned in about \$1,000 collected through a system of little banks in the homes of persons interested in this charity. He also reported that newspapers all over the country had signified a willingness to donate \$2,000 worth of advertising space to the fund. This space is to be sold. Another meeting of the fund will be held early in October.

CECIL QUIZZES A COP. Cecil Lean of "The Blue Paradise" seldom leaves his bed before noon. He has a well-trained alarm clock that wakes him at that hour. The other afternoon a policeman handed him a summons for speeding in an automobile. Mr. Lean looked it over. "When am I to appear in court?" he asked. "At 10.30 to-morrow morning," replied the cop. "Why take the case to the Night Court?" asked Mr. Lean.

DREW AS SHAKESPEARE. John Drew has been engaged to play the role of Shakespeare in "The Yellow Bands," the civic masque to be produced at the City College Stadium, May 23. Five performances will be given.

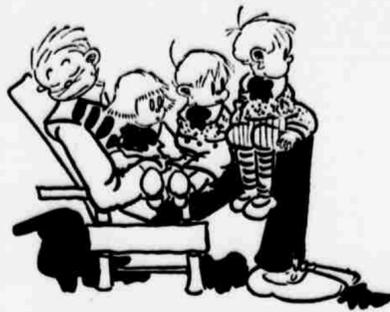
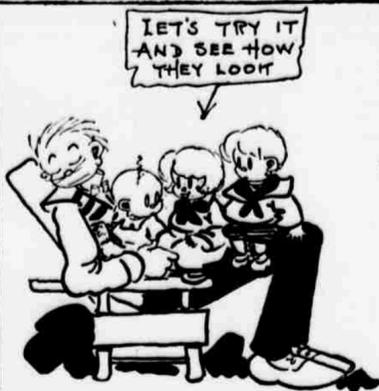
FERRIS GETS A SURPRISE. Dick Ferris of Los Angeles is in New York. Fifteen or twenty years ago he was a 10, 20 and 30 cent star, and in his company was a 25 cent actor named Herbert Brennon. Time has brought changes for both. Ferris is now worth a lot of money and Brennon is directing the million-dollar Kellerman film for William Fox. Yesterday Brennon was to meet Ferris at the Biltmore but didn't show up on time. Ferris was provoked. "I wonder where that 25 cent actor is?" he said. "Finally Brennon appeared. He stepped out of his pocket worth \$9,445.50, wore \$3,457.50 worth of diamonds and carried a roll that looked bigger than a gasoline merchant's fat's receipts. Ferris turned and ran."

GOSSIP. A. H. Woods is preparing to give Max March's new play, "Cheating Cheaters," a spring try-out. Townsend Walsh, author and advance man, has come out ahead of Jimmy Powers in "Somebody's Luggage." The Boston Braves have sent John Philip Sousa a baseball with their autographs on it. Earl Carroll will return from California June 1. His latest musical play, "Canary Cottage," will open in Los Angeles May 21. Henry Warwick is to replace Malcolm Dunn in Mae Tempest's new play, "A Lady's Name." Olive Tell, after a siege with ton-

"S'MATTER, POP!"

By C. M. Payne

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Dear Sir,  
I have watched your "Smatter Pop" pictures for four years and there is one thing I notice which is very queer why is it they never grow at all?  
He and Willie are the same size, and baby still has the one lock of hair, that he always had. If you will explain this through your cartoons I will be much obliged to you.  
Yours truly C. W. Williams



HENRY HASENPFEFFER—His Forethought Had Nothing on Wife's Afterthought!

By Bud Counihan



FLOOEY AND AXEL—If It Wasn't for the Dust We Could See More of What Happens!

By Vic



Here are the plans of some of the members of the cast: Mary Ryan will see all the shows in town and then go to the mountains; Tom Findlay has engaged a season's seat behind third base at the Polo Grounds; Fred Burt is getting his summer art studio in shape; Mr. and Mrs. Walcott will get acquainted with their four-year-old son; Harry Browne is collecting a few bottles of bait for a fishing trip, and Frank Thomas is going to work.

THE EVENING WORLD'S Kiddie Klub Korner CONDUCTED BY ELEANOR SCHORER

COUSIN ELEANOR'S "KLUB COLUMN"

MY Dear Cousin Kiddies: So many of you have sent me letters saying that you are saving the six coupons to become members of The Evening World's Kiddie Klub that I am looking forward to a busy, busy time next week signing and sealing all your membership certificates, sending a pin to each of you and when the designs for the make-believe Kiddie Klubhouse come pouring in I will know what good artists all the members of my club are. Then I will be proud of every one of my new cousins and wish there was a prize for each. But there are only five of them, so do your very best, and here's good luck to every one!



Tim walked out into the water and led the little girl out on the beach.

HOW TO BECOME A 'KIDDIE KLUB' MEMBER

Here you see a picture of the silver metal MEMBERS PIN that will be given to every Kiddie who joins The Evening World's new KIDDIE KLUB. New read very carefully how you can become a member and receive not only your pin, but a membership certificate with your name on it. The "Kiddie Klub" Korner will be printed right here in The Evening World every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. In it every day will appear a pin coupon bearing a number. Each Klub day the number printed will be one higher than the one printed on the Klub day before. On six consecutive Klub days you save these coupons, so that you will have six which numbers are in rotation, like 5-6-7-8-9-10, or 6-7-8-9-10-11. Start with any number so long as your six coupons are numbered in unbroken order. Then write your name on the six coupons, and include them in an envelope with a note bearing your name, address, age and the name of your parent or guardian. This mail your envelope to the Kiddie Klub, Evening World, 63 Park Row, New York City. Then we will let you know when you can come and see your pin and certificate. Do not send any coupons until you have saved all six of them.

WHEN YOU WERE A BOY By Jack Callahan



THE TIME MOTHER FOUND A DIME NOVEL IN YOUR POCKET.

AIN'T THAT KID A CORKER? I'LL BET POP READS IT BEFORE HE PUTS IT IN THE FIRE.  
THE BOTH OF THEM WILL LEAVE FOR THE WEST TO-MORROW TO SHOOT INDIANS.  
LET ME HAVE THAT BOOK I'LL TAKE IT DOWN AND THROW IT IN THE FURNACE!  
I SAW HIM AN' WILLIE JONES' READING IT IN THE CELLAR.

SLEEPYLAND STORIES By Uncle Bill

How Timmy Saved the Little Girl in the River. On a lovely May morning Timmy rode down the lane on his kiddy-car and galloped across the pasture, "Ka-wullup, Ka-wullup, Ka-wullup!" and when he came to the ravine he put up his feet and coasted down very fast. The kiddy-car ran across the bridge like this, "Br-r-r-r-oomph!" and dashed up on the other side. And who do you suppose was waiting for Timmy when he passed the big oak tree? The King of the Woods. "Be your car to a bush and we will get down near the river," said the King. Tim did not want to go at

first, because his Mummer said he must keep away from the river unless some big person was with him; but then he looked up at the King and saw he was about as big as Daddy, so he said: "Thank you, King of the Woods. That will be fine." They slid down the cow path all covered with pine needles and walked on the mossy planks in the cove by the meadow and up on the other side and climbed to the top of the hill. There they sat on the bench under the tall pine tree and looked across the river and the broad bay, and they saw a train going over the long bridge. Tim told the King that he was going to be an engineer and run all his trains on time when he grew up to be a man. Just then a lady came down the river in a canoe with her little girl about as big as Timmy. The little girl let her hat fall over, and when she tried to get it she fell over, too. She was standing in the water but it was almost as high as her shoulders. She cried "Help! Help!" Before the King or the lady could do anything, Tim ran down the bank and walked out into the water and took the little girl by the hand and

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THE KIDDIE KLUB'S PICTURE CONTEST

OPEN ONLY TO MEMBERS OF THE "KIDDIE KLUB." There are so many kiddies who like to draw pictures that THE EVENING WORLD wants to encourage them. So all members of the Kiddie Klub will be given a chance to show what fine young artists they are. Every month awards of one dollar each will be given to the five Klub Kiddies who send in the best drawings, and Cousin Eleanor, who is a real grown-up artist herself, will select the best drawings and award the dollars. Only kiddies who have sent in their six coupons and have joined the Klub may enter the picture contest, but while you are saving up your coupons you may be drawing your pictures. When the pictures start coming in certain selected ones will be printed, with the young artist's name and address. A new contest will be run each month. Kiddie Klub members may enter every contest until they have won an award, but only one award will be made to each member. The contest this month will be to see which five kiddies can draw the best pictures of a make-believe Kiddies' Klubhouse. Draw your pictures the same shape as this box, but a little larger. Send them, with your name and address, to the Kiddie Klub Contest, Evening World, No. 63 Park Row, New York.