

About Plays and Players By BIDE DUDLEY

As predicted by the writer of this department in The Evening World's Annual Amusement Number recently, business in theatrical circles has picked up wonderfully since the middle of January. Seldom has Broadway had so many successful shows and the outlook is bright for prosperity until the season ends.

SHE LIKES "SEVEN." Emily Callaway of "Success," at the Harris Theatre, considers seven her lucky number. She played in "Seven Days," did well on Broadway in "Seven Chances," rehearsed with "Seven Days' Leave," and left to accept a part in "Success" because it has seven letters in its title.

A CAPABLE BILL. Lieut. Montague, physician at the Pelham Bay Park Naval Training Station, has begun arranging entertainments for the boys in the service. It is announced that his show at the station Sunday night will be made up of acts presented by Peggy Wood, Marie Nordstrom, Donald Meek, Grace De Mar, Jack Gardner, Jerry Savage, Harry Ellis, Jack Rosleigh, Hal Crane, Walter McDonald, James J. Morton, Master Dwyer and Mack and Vincent.

THE QUITTER. The man who fights and runs away, Will live to fight another day; The man who runs and fights away, Will do much running in his day And always lose his stripe.

FATHER WAS TO BLAME. William J. Kelly of "Seven Days' Leave," has a nephew about eight years old. The boy came home from school crying the other day and his father asked what was wrong. "The teacher whipped me and it is all your fault," replied young Kelly. "My fault—why?" "I asked you last night how much a million dollars was and you said, 'a h—of a lot of money.' The teacher asked me that question to-day and when I told her she whipped me."

HOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED. Before John Philip Sousa would accept Charles Dillingham's invitation to conduct the Sousa music in "Cheer Up," at the Hippodrome yesterday, he insisted on getting a shave.

GOSSIP. Natalie Manning, a niece of Louis Mann, is in "Our Friendly Enemies." Archie Selwyn is at Palm Beach. Edgar Selwyn will go to that resort this week.

"Rock-A-Bye Baby," the new Selwyn musical production, will go into rehearsal Feb. 27.

Charles Purcell, tenor of "Maytime," is getting ready to spade his garden. The curtain will go up on the new Al Jolson show, "Sinbad," at the Winter Garden to-night, at 8 o'clock sharp.

Lieut. Bentham, U. S. N., will represent the navy on the Entertainment Committee for the Real Estate Board show at the Hippodrome, March 1.

Lee Morrison and Al Davis have written a scenario for a ten reel film called "Camouflage." Everything in it is original but the title.

When "The Garden of Allah" opens at the Manhattan Opera House Feb. 25, the production will be more elaborate than ever before.

The new Henry W. Savage musical comedy, "Toot, Toot!" will be seen in New York after its four weeks' engagement at the Forrest Theatre, Philadelphia.

J. Harry Manners has written a playlet for presentation at the Actors' Fund benefit March 1 at the Century Theatre. Laurette Taylor will appear in it.

When the Lincoln's Birthday Luncheon is repeated at the Hudson Theatre Sunday evening for the benefit of the Stage Women's Relief, one feature will be "Little Tom's Hat," a novelty created by H. H. Burnside. It will introduce Ave Ross, five Uncle Toms and five Simon Legrees.

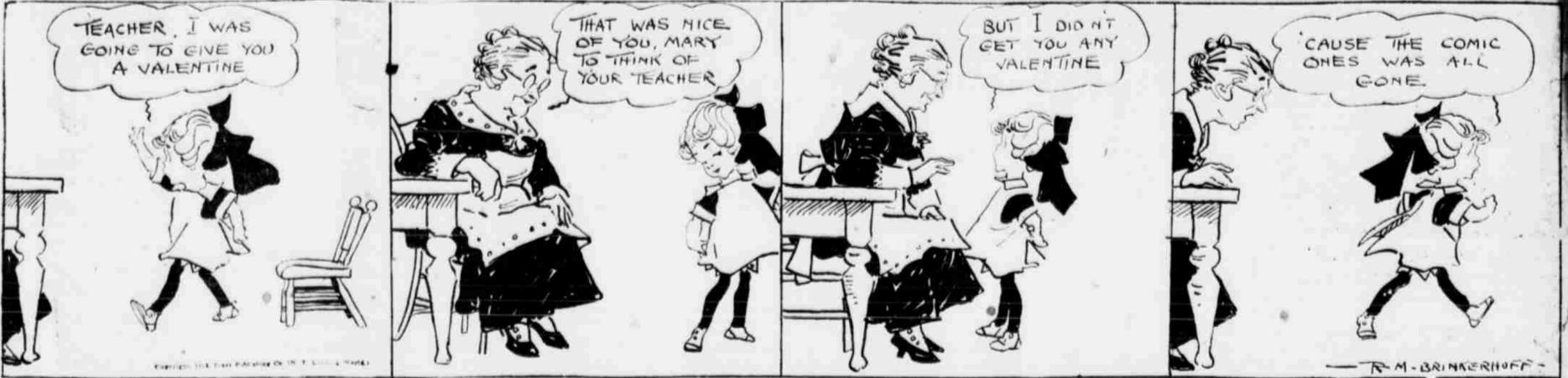
A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY. The Lenora (Kain). Today announces that Oscar Whipple of Lenora received a magnificent bill-gout from Kansas City last week.

FOOLISHMENT. He held the machine on the line. You bet, he wags his shoe. Just then someone an angry man. Her doll? The way the fellow ran. None proved this statement.

FROM THE CHESTNUT TREE. "That man will drive anybody to his grave." "Who is he?" "An undertaker."

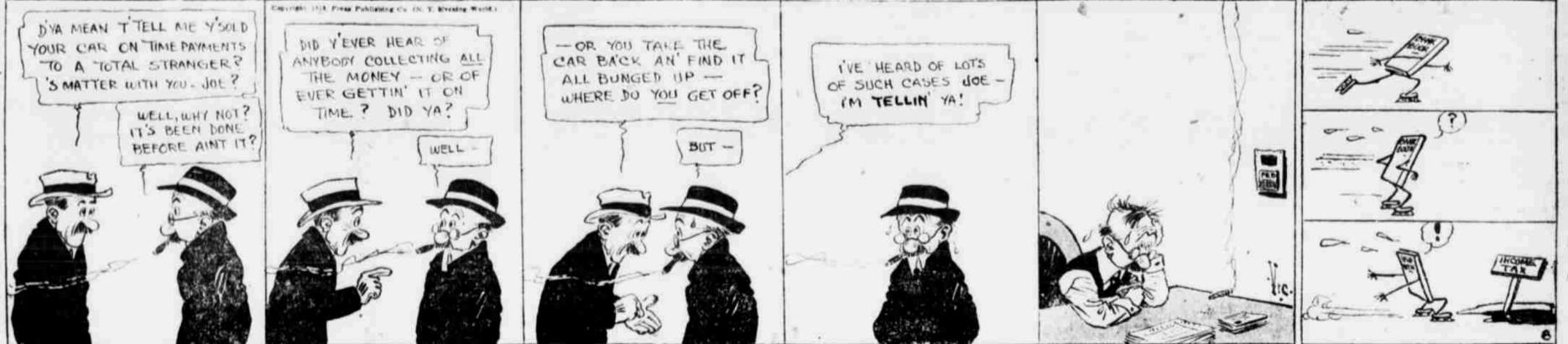
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