

About Plays and Players  
By BIDE DUDLEY

At the opening of "The South Firm" at the Broad Theatre last night were many interesting players. The report had gone out that the new Hutton play dealt with the faults of the motion picture business and the movie people were there to see what it had to disclose. After the second act two well-known film stars, both young women, were heard discussing the play.

Those Jay New Yorkers. An announcement from Walter Kingsley states that Santos and Hayes, two San Francisco girls, "one a baby hippo and the other a rag and a bone," have taken New York vaudeville audiences by storm. They came to New York on the advice of a show drummer. The drummer told them he had been here twice and had found New Yorkers very much Seneca, Kan.

Thoughtful Miss Story. Belle Story, who returns to the Hippodrome Monday as prima donna, used to be Belle Story. She cut the "e" out for the period of the war in order to save letters.

A Role for Miss Darling. Grace Darling, the motion picture star, is to try the speaking stage. She has been engaged by Selwyn & Co. for a role in "Rock-A-Bye Baby" and actually will have lines.

Anderson's New Line. George Anderson, after years and years on the stage, has left the theatrical business that to become associated with a tailoring house. He isn't sure just what his duties will be, but Broadway hears he will be used as the handsome model.

Hector's Latest Poem. Hector MacCarthy has sent us a rhyme about the actor who returns from the road tour. This is how Hector finds him:

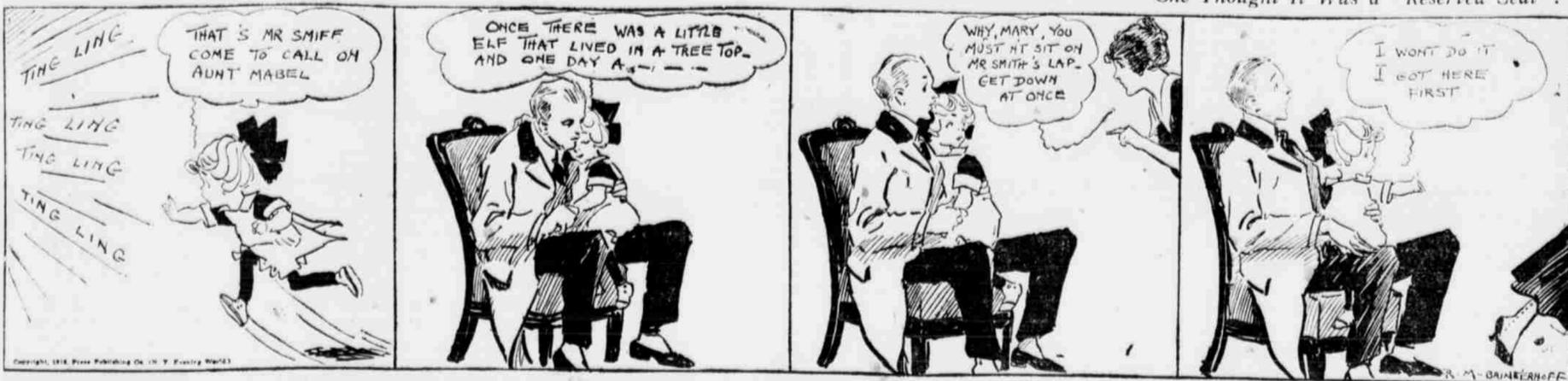
Back to the dull of the foreign time,  
Back on a boat, drift of a dime,  
Back with a bag full of old shabby clothes,  
Waiting for some one to pay.  
You all know that kind of a feeling,  
The way you come here from the boat,  
And I hate to come back to your Broadway  
And see you never cared much for the West.  
It's not that you don't love old Broadway,  
It's the feeling you've got at an end,  
And it's not much enjoyment when out of me  
To start figuring out what's your friend.  
But you do in some way, and you do in some way,  
And I'm sure you'll be glad to see me again,  
And you will, you were somewhere in France.

By Way of Diversion. Come back in the years just a moment with me, dear reader; we'll make a brief call. Out West there's a home that I want you to see. 'Twill take you one minute, that's all. Come back in the years when the grass hoppers hopped and hot winds blew barren the land; when grim old Misfortune on Kansas had dropped and left her just thistles and sand; I want you to meet, in a little frame house, a mother who went through the fight—when there was no honey at all in the comb and often no supper at night; the brave little soul who encouraged us all, while keeping her own sorrow hid; the one who, while standing with back to the wall, said: "He will provide." (And He Did!) All those were the days when a man was a man and a woman a woman, you see!—when real warriors battled and weaker ones ran away from grim hunger and debt. She's still out in Kansas, the mother who stood with back to the wall and tears hid and said: "He'll provide." He could, and He would; who asked him to help, and He did.

Gossip. Billie Burke has made a Paramount film called "Let's Get a Divorce."  
A. H. Wood, has returned from Chicago. Martin Herman has gone there.  
Leona Thompson is in town after a solid year on tour in "Oh, Boy."  
Glady's Valerie will be featured shortly in a new film entitled "Who is to Blame?" Charles K. Harris wrote it. "The Slammer" is to be published in book form soon. Charles K. Harris' picture of Arnold Daly will embellish the volume. Victor Kiriak has succeeded John

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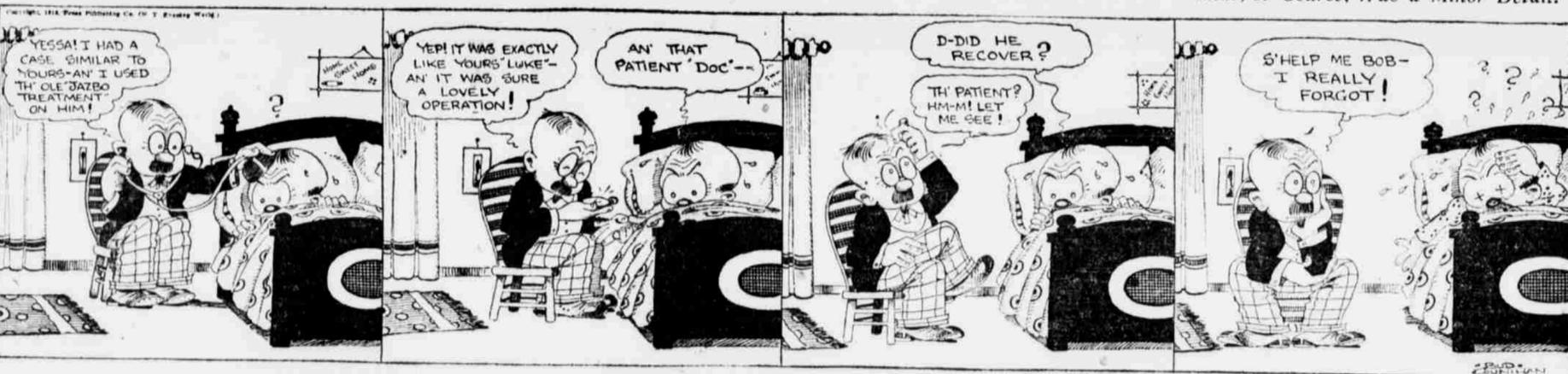
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GRINDSTONE GEORGE

The Meat of His Remarks Would Be a "Rib Roast"!



"SOMEWHERE IN NEW YORK"

There Are Some "Callers" Whose Calls Are Uncalled For!



FAR-SIGHTED. An ambitious colored man had quit his job and was being granted a new one with another woman, when his employer asked him if he could be ready to commence work in two weeks, relate the Christian Herald. He replied: "I fear that it would be difficult for me to be ready in two weeks, but I could be ready in one week more." "How's that?" asked his employer. "Well, in one week I can finish de garden work," was his answer, "but if I is home then one week more de massus would be rushin' me into de middle of house cleanin'!"

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