

About Plays  
and Players  
By BIDE DUDLEY

RAYMOND HITCHCOCK and his "Hitchy Koo" company will conclude their Chicago engagement Saturday night, and next Monday Broadway will welcome them back to their old stamping-ground. Shortly after he arrives Mr. Hitchcock will begin rehearsing in "Hitchy Koo of 1918," which attraction will open in Atlantic City during the week of May 20 and come to the Globe Theatre, New York, during the week of June 1 for a summer run. Among those engaged for the cast are Leon Errol, Mrs. Hitchcock (Flora Zabelle) and the Three Doolleys.

Incidentally, it may be stated that Mr. Hitchcock and his partner, E. Ray Goetz, are no longer lessees of the Fulton Theatre. They had the house seventeen weeks, but did very little with it. One night a play there attracted gross receipts, amounting to exactly \$5. However, it wasn't the fault of the house; the attractions were to blame.

"DOLLY OF THE FOLLIES." A. H. Woods is to produce a farce by Hilliard Booth, entitled "Dolly of the Follies." For the cast he has engaged Hazel Dawn, Tom Wise, John Mason and Homer Mason.

BONDS FOR MRS. HARRIS. A Liberty bond salesman became so eloquent after the first act of "Nancy Lee" at the Hudson the other night that Charlotte Walker handed him two \$100 bills used in the play as "props" to cover the purchase of two bonds. The money had been furnished for the play by Mrs. Henry B. Harris, who appeared in Miss Walker's dressing room five minutes after the purchase had been made.

"I see you bought \$200 worth of bonds to-night," said Mrs. Harris. "No, my dear," replied the actress. "You bought them. I bought mine last week."

And so it came to pass.

TALES OF THE WAR ZONE. Arthur Guy Empey, in his address at the mass meeting of theatrical people at the Palace yesterday, told of a show he arranged in a Y. M. C. A. building just behind the trenches in France. "Now and then during the performance," he said, "we'd hear a German shell coming. Then the bass drummer would stop playing. He wanted to converse his anxiety and he figured maybe the shell would hit the big drum and save him one lick." "In the French towns," said E. H. Southern at the same meeting, "I noticed that the plumbing, what they had of it, was very poor. Somebody remarked that the ideal marriage would be one between a French cook and an American plumber."

TWO SPECIAL MATINEES. The Messrs. Shubert announce that because of the President's proclamation making next May Liberty Loan Day, extra matinees will be given by the A. Jolson company at the Winter Garden and by the "Fancy Free" company at the Astor. These two theatres have made wonderful records in the sale of the bonds and special drives will be made in them Friday afternoon.

AN ANNIVERSARY SHOW. The Palais Royal will celebrate its first birthday to-night with a big show, which will include special acts as well as the regular performance of "Venus on Broadway." Both society and the stage will be represented in the audience.

GOSSIP. W. H. Wright will be advance man for the Red Cross "Out There" company. Cyril Keightley and E. Lyall Swete will support Ethel Barrymore in "Bellinda."

The Federal employees of the Port of New York will hold a Liberty bond rally at the Hippodrome Sunday afternoon.

SHE WANTED TO KNOW. An old negro woman in the elevator at the New Amsterdam Theatre Building yesterday touched the pilot on the arm and said: "Excuse me, Miah, but would you kindly tell me what do do ninth floor on?"

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY. Any lovely girl who shoots her sweetheart dead because he refuses to buy her gundrops makes a mistake.

FOOLISHMENT. I wonder where she is tonight. The girl with whom I used to fight, has found me full and well away. There! That's my foolishness today.

FROM THE CHESTNUT TREE. "They say Pinnacoli, the great basso, is an expert at raising onions, beets and beans." "Ah ha, but you should see Mary garden."



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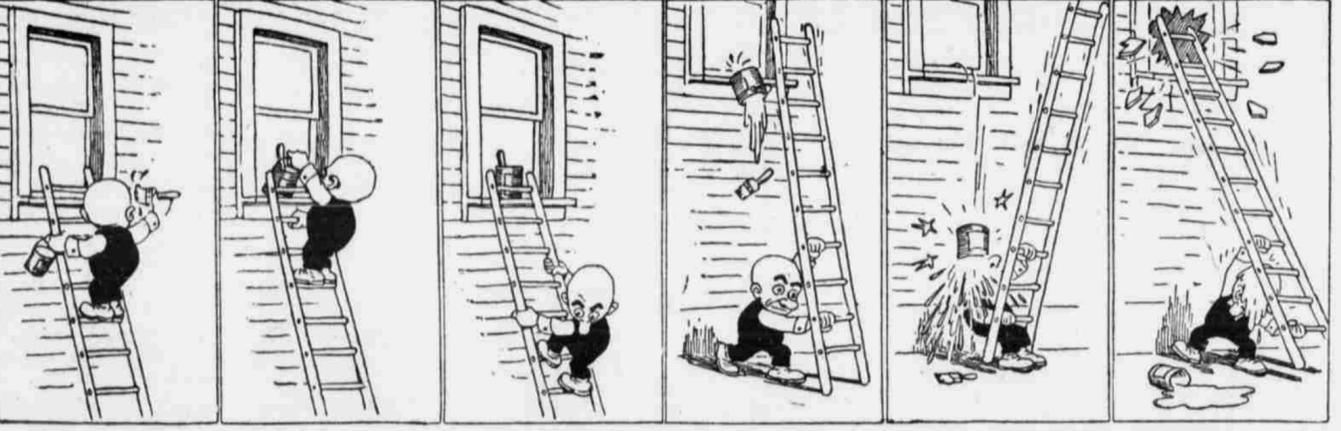
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A CURIOUS STONE. JOHNNY came home from school several times within a month with various bruises on his face and body, received in fights with his schoolmates, and on the last occasion his mother threatened him with severe punishment if he ever engaged in a fight again. Only a few days after the lad appeared with a black eye, and, scared by the stern maternal greeting, "Well, sir?" he departed from his usual truthful ways, and stammered: "I fell down and hit my head on a stone." "And which got the worst of it?" asked his big brother. "Oh, the other fellow," answered Johnny. "He's gone home with two black eyes."—Chicago Herald.

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