

# Future Stars of the Dramatic and Musical Stage At Kiddie Klub's First Tryout for "Wishing Ring"



AT THE KIDDIE KLUB TRYOUT

## 'THE WISHING RING' TRYOUT FOR TALENT IS KIDDIE KLUB JOY

All Last Year's Favorites Were  
There and Many New  
Ones, Too.

Well, Kiddies, here we are again, as the clown says in the Christmas pantomime; and then the harlequin hits him with a stuffed sausage and Columbine, with her loveliness and fluffy skirts and things, escapes right through the wall.

But we're not going to have any old pantomime. No, it's "The Wishing Ring" again, which Cousin Eleanor wrote and which you all enjoyed so much last year and some of you couldn't get in, could you? The rush of kiddies was so great. And Cousin Eleanor is going to be the queen again by request. Some queen, eh, kiddies? We'll tell The World, won't we?

Well, we had the first tryout on Saturday and it went fine. All the kiddies who took part last year wrote to Cousin Eleanor and wanted to act again in the same parts. But we had to have a tryout for the actors and singers and dancers, the fairies and hobgoblins, the gnomes, the giants, the hero and the horse.

Remember the horse, kiddies? Wasn't that a horse! And we're going to have him again or another champion right from the Horse Show. But the horse doesn't need any try-out. All he wants is plenty of oats and a pasture and lots of pretty kiddie girls to pet him and good kiddie boys to bring water to him.

But the boys and girls have to be tried out, for every year new kiddies come along and are developed. So on last Saturday, oh! so many kiddies and kiddies came to the Manhattan Opera House on 34th Street, near Eighth Avenue, and went around to the 35th Street entrance to the stage.

And you know it's so spooky back of the stage, kinder Christmasy like the dark nights when Santa Claus goes down the chimney from the top of the roof as high as the tent. And some of the corners are dark like peeing out in the garden when the moon is just bright enough to show you around. And there's lots of scenery hanging down like the Hanging Gardens of Babylon. And there are porches and steps and wires and things to fall over if you don't watch your step.

But Mr. Morris Gest, who owns the Manhattan, and Mr. Frank O. Miller, who manages it for him, turned the whole theatre over to Cousin Eleanor, and just as soon as she stepped on the stage all the lights went up and it was just as bright and cheery as fairyland. And all the kiddies and their mamas and big sisters all said: "Ah!" just like in a regular matinee.

And then the kiddies had to go through their sprouts. You know what "sprouts" mean, kiddies—not Brussels sprouts, stage sprouts, singing songs, speaking pieces and doing stunts—you know, performances. And the kiddies were there in great numbers, notwithstanding the rain and the football game.

Football game! Ain't that funny? As if football or anything was as good as "The Wishing Ring!" Well, the kiddies had to say "The Queen's dead, Long live the Queen!" and "Long live the Queen!" and "Long live the Queen!" and some said "The Queen's dead so long as she ain't alive," and "Long live the dead Queen." It was terrible what they did to the poor Queen. But they didn't know that Cousin Eleanor was the Queen, and so everybody just laughed.

Well, it was lots of fun and just made the kiddies who were there long for Xmas to come, for two days after Xmas "The Wishing Ring" is going to be put on at the Manhattan Opera House at 10 or 10.30 o'clock in the morning.

And then came the tryout and a little bit of rehearsal in toe dancing.

And who do you think was there to pick out the dancers and who's going to train them?

Nobody at all but Miss Rosina Galli of the Metropolitan Opera. Not Miss Galli-Curci, the singer. Oh, no, Miss Galli, who makes up and trains all the pretty ballets of the opera. She is the regular ballet mistress and say, kiddies, you ought to see Miss Galli go round on her toes. She's just so dear and sweet you or I wouldn't mind if she went round on our toes.

And then this afternoon comes the tryout of the rhythmic dancers. No kiddies, that doesn't mean arithmetic. It's something just as difficult to learn, and just as different when it is all learned. Mrs. Sam Carter Waddell is going to have charge of the rhythmic dancers and we'll see something fine in their performance in "The Wishing Ring."

Kiddie Lillian Willing is four years old and you ought to hear her speak a piece. She recited "Bed in Summer" and you wouldn't think it was winter at all.

And you know what Cousin Eleanor is going to do this year, because there was so great a crowd last year? She's going to put coupons in the paper—telling you all to send one of them in asking for tickets, and then the tickets will be issued right away and, of course, the first at the theatre will get the first seats.

And there will be some crowd there early on the morning of the 27th, which will be on Saturday, won't there, kiddies? We'll all say there will be, won't we?

## SOLDIER PRIEST RECEIVES A ROUSING 'WELCOME HOME'

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for \$3,000 From Yorkville  
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Eighteen hundred school children dressed in white, each bearing an American flag, acted as a guard of honor and sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and "Welcome Home."

From the rectory there was a procession to the school auditorium on East 91st Street, led by a company from the 12th Regiment, N. G. N. Y., of which the Monsignor was formerly chaplain, where an entertainment was furnished by the school children. Then the Rev. James A. Talbot, acting pastor, voiced the welcome home of the parishioners and

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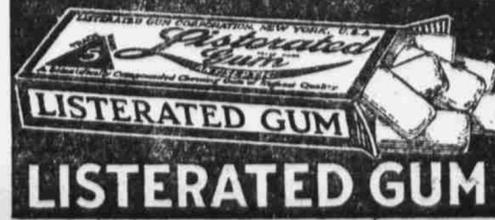
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