

Original Stage Vamp Gone; Won Kings and Princes; Given a Peck of Pearls

Born Hortense Schneider, She Became Known as "La Belle Helene" and Won Fame as Can-Can Artist.

Copyright, 1920, by The Press Publishing Co. (The New York Evening World.) THE death, just announced, of Hortense Schneider, "La Belle Helene," "La Grande Duchesse de Gerolstein"—as she was affectionately named for her creation of two roles in Offenbach's operas...

Hortense Schneider, a 100 per cent "vamp" more than half a century before the word came into vogue, died at the age of eighty-two. She was born in Bordeaux, went on the stage at fifteen, but it was in 1864 when she was a blonde beauty of twenty-six, that she ruled as the uncrowned queen in the gay Paris of Napoleon III.

She began her Parisian career in one of the little summer theatres of the Champs Elysees. But her real debut was at the Comte Theatre in the title role of the Princess in Offenbach's "La Belle Helene." From the contemporary description of her appearance, one gathers she would have made the same sort of hit as the "shimmy" in a Broadway theatre of to-day.

Princess and Dukes were at her feet—and paid royally for the privilege of being there. When she was starting in another Offenbach opera, "La Grande Duchesse de Gerolstein," Cesar Alexander II of Russia, telegraphed ahead to have a box reserved at her theatre and begged her to sup with him after the performance. Napoleon and the Empress Eugenie were virtually snubbed by him, for the sake of "La Grande Duchesse," since he begged off from a state dinner the French rulers had arranged at the palace to rush to Hortense. Nor was he the only visiting royalty who paid greater homage to the queen of the operatic bouffe than to the Empress of the French.

Among Hortense's admirers was one of the most famous Lovelocks of the day, the Duke de Gramont Caderousse. She snubbed him, then sent him 12,000 francs, intimating that she expected to be remembered in his will—his health had been undisturbed by his excesses. From his lawyer she exacted a receipt in which a cipher had been added to the 12,000 francs, making it 120,000. She got the money, after the Duke's death.

She was said to have received enormous "rush money" from the Duke de Lyons and the Duke de Talleyrand, and she had a series of hectic adventures with the Prince de Demidoff. After her success in the role, she called herself "La Grande Duchesse de Gerolstein," and by flourishing this title once won the royal right to drive into the Champ de Mars when the great international exhibition was held there in 1887.

Until the fall of the Second Empire she could fill any theatre in

Such Is Life! By Maurice Ketten

Comic strip panels with dialogue: 'WHAT'S THE TROUBLE MABEL? YOU ARE CRYING!', 'MY HUSBAND IS A CAVE MAN!', 'DOES HE BEAT YOU?', 'I SHOULD SAY HE DOES! I AM BLACK AND BLUE ALL OVER', 'FEEL THIS BUMP ON MY HEAD?', 'THE BRUTE!', 'SEE THAT SCAR ON MY BACK?', 'THE BRUTE!', 'SEE THAT MISSING FRONT TOOTH?', 'THE BRUTE!', 'WHY DON'T YOU DIVORCE HIM?', 'I CAN'T! I LOVE HIM SO!'

BRYN MAWR'S MAY DAY REVELS



Miss Raymonde Neel and Miss Mildred Voorhees of New York, who will take the part of "clouds" at the revels.

The Evening World Ouija Editor Asks

NOT so enthusiastic to-day! Why? Why, the New York boys and girls who are discussing the Ouija Editor's latest question: "Can you be happily married on \$25 a week?"

Lucille the Waitress. BY BIDE DUDLEY

"DON'T see much in the papers about flying these days," said Lucille, the waitress, as the Friendly Patron moved his applause out of the way of his neighbor's elbow at the lunch counter.

"That's because the war is over," he replied. "I guess that's right," she went on. "When all those battle submarines were flying around in the air everybody was talking about aerostatics. We had a fellow in here this morning who claimed to know a lot about flying. He said he was in the war, but he got rather tiresome with his chatter. First thing he says after he takes a seat on a stool is: 'Lucille, do you ever go up in the air?'"

GOING DOWN

DEAR EVERYBODY: It appears that three words are being worked overtime these days: IF, BUT and WHY?

A Prayer for Mother

Mothers' Day, May 9, 1920. By Marguerite Mooers Marshall. MAY you be well. May the days you have toiled, the nights you have worried, the agony of your body and your heart, the cumulative, crushing burden of the billion "little things" you have done for your children, may the great weariness that is on you, slip off into the limbo of years, as Christian's burden fell at last from his aching shoulders.

Pauline Furlong's Queries On Health and Beauty

For Dark Complexion—GRACE J.: Whenever convenient apply some of the following lotion: Lactic acid, four ounces; glycerine, two ounces; rose water, one ounce. Bow Legs—LEM M.: After you are grown nothing can be done to correct this condition. In youth they may be operated upon.

Help! Hired Girls! Maids!

Since the Armistice Servant Girls Harder to Get Than the Kaiser and as Hard to Give 'Em a Trial.

Copyright, 1920, by The Press Publishing Co. (The New York Evening World.) THE servant question to-day is, "How much do I get?" Times have changed, and the working girls control the situation—no matter what situation you give 'em. Maids, cooks and laundresses require no union to enforce their demands. For one cook can walk out and cause more distress than a gang of factory hands a mile long.



The Present-Day Servant Has as Much Brass as a Flock of Pawnbroker's Calling Cards.

It is a matter of history. To-day we know what made 'em free, but nobody knows what made 'em so blooming independent! Servants to-day are so independent they live without working! Ask the man who owns 'em. The only bell a maid will answer is the dinner bell. The meal hour is the one time she uses two hands to do anything. From her teatress to her boiled eggs, the maid has everything pretty soft. The only thing hard about servants is getting 'em.

The Jarr Family

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WHAT Do You Know?

- 1. What was Edison's first invention? 2. On what continent is the Hamitic language spoken? 3. What grain is called "corn" in Ireland? 4. Who was king of the Jews at the time of the massacre of the children in Bethlehem? 5. Under what Grecian philosopher did Alexander the Great study? 6. What President was called "The Little Magician"? 7. Who wrote "Hocked in the Cradle of the Deep"? 8. What was the nationality of Queen Victoria's husband? 9. Who commanded the Swedish Army at Austerlitz when the French and Austrians were defeated? 10. From what card game is the term "four flush" derived? 11. Who is the best known Japanese motion picture actor in the United States? 12. In what State did Thomas Watson get the most popular vote in the Democratic Presidential primaries?