

The Conning Tower

Footlight Motifs
Gaby Deslys in "Stop! Look! Listen!"
Thy voice hath naught of the Lorelei lure...

"We are all laughing at Henry Ford," says William Marion Reedy, "and will continue to do so. And yet comes the thought—"

"I thank my friends sincerely," writes Miss Mary Ann O'Byrne, of Watervliet, N. Y., whom Tower contrived did not forget this Christmas either.

One of the Health Department's admonitory posters of prophylaxis shows a boy in the throes of sneezing and has beneath it: "Cover up each cough or sneeze; if you don't you'll spread disease."

In response to A. M. Botsford's of recent date, inquiring as to whether Arthur Byron told "The Boomerang" audiences that he was beaten "four down," Mr. Winchell Smith replies that everything about Mr. Botsford's letter is all right except that, in "The Boomerang," Arthur Byron never said any such thing.

HERE'S SOME 8-PT. COLD STYLE, THOMAS. "IN COLD TYPE."
I'm seeking a favor, my dear F. P. A. (You know I'm producing my newspaper play)...

The 4-cylinder peace plan has no chance of success, we maintain. It seems fardoomed to failure.—The Tower, Nov. 29.

THE SKEPTIC. Yes, I believe that Old King Cole Was merry and had fiddlers three. That he smoked his pipe and drained his bowl In their society.

And I believe the moon is made Of Stilton cheese, and hold it true That fairies weep lest violets fade, And that their tears are dew.

And every hundred years I know The solitary Phoenix dies In flame—then 'I'm convinced 'tis so) From his own pyre doth rise.

But what I cannot quite believe ('Tis wicked of me, I confess) Is that we ever shall achieve Peace through pre-par-ed-ness.

THE DIARY OF OUR OWN SAMUEL PEPPS. December 25.—Lay late, and then for a game at pocket-billiards with A. Thomas; and he beat me, yet is his skill sought to raise a great dust over, neither. Home to dinner, where were W. Moore the gazetteer and Mistress Louise Llewellyn the singer; and we had a fairish dinner, and talk of this and that. In the evening to the playhouse, and saw "Stop! Look! Listen!" and enjoyed it in a great measure, save Mistress Gaby's efforts. But H. Fox I deemed excessively dull, and Doyle and Dixon as adroitly comick a pair of dancers as ever I saw. In the playhouse I did see G. Ade; and it made me sad to think that he is not writing harlequinades of this sort, being better fitted to it, methinks, than is any man living.

26.—Up, and read most all day, in C. Hamilton's "On the Trail of Stevenson" and J. Hay's Letters, particularly the ones that told of the days when he was employed upon the same newspaper that these words are printed in.

27.—To my dentist's; and he took me to luncheon, too; of sausages and sauer-kraut. To the office, where at work until evening, when to a concert of the college boys from Cornell, very pleasant and amusing.

The United Historical & Patriotic Societies & Associations of New York, A. Wakeman, secretary, should elect Cyril to membership. "Should you receive a duplicate copy," its notices read, "kindly hand same to some friend whom you think will be interested."

Speaking of grand opera and music, the Rochester Post-Express says that Madame Bernhardt "may never more visit the United States and Rochester."

Ever so many politicians think that T. R.'s political re-entry will not endure. Oh, well! a short life and a Gary one!

Nobody but D. R. believes that the Glue Club—the subject is still the West End Association's dinner—will sing the sextette.

DANCE GIVEN FOR MISS ADEE

Debutante Introduced by Her Grandmother at Sherry's.

MISS BROWNING IS PRESENTED

Mrs. Albert Francke Entertains for Her Niece, Miss Mary I. Francke.

Mrs. Louis Fitzgerald, of 33 East Thirty-seventh Street, gave a dance last night at Sherry's for her granddaughter, Miss Geraldine Fitzgerald Adee, the debutante daughter of Mrs. Ernest B. Adee, of 129 East Thirty-fifth Street.

A number of dinners preceded the dance, among them being one given by Mrs. Clarence Blair Mitchell, of Park Hills, N. J., at the Colony Club, for Miss Fitzgerald. Others were given by Mrs. Henry M. Alexander, for Miss Helen Alexander; Mrs. Wilber A. Bloodgood, for Miss Rosalie Bloodgood; and Mrs. Edward W. Packard, for her daughter, Miss Mariel Oakes.

The small ballroom, decorated with Christmas greens, was used and supper was served in the adjoining rooms. The guests, between 300 and 400, included most of the debutantes of the season, some of the young women who have come out in the last few years, a few young married couples and the usual dancing men.

Among the married couples were Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Astor, Mr. and Mrs. S. Bryce Wing, Mr. and Mrs. W. White-wright Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gouverneur Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Grafon Mortimer and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene S. Reynal.

Mrs. Henry K. Browning gave a dance last night in the large ballroom at Sherry's for her debutante daughter, Miss Katherine Browning. The decorations were palms, poinsettias, ferns and Christmas greens. There was general dancing throughout the evening, with supper served at midnight.

Among the 300 guests were Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Green, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. Gouverneur Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Richard, Miss Mabel Aiker, Miss Ethel H. Simmons, Miss Diana E. Richards, Miss Marion and Miss Katharine Fitch, Miss Frances Ward, Miss Lillian Palmer, Miss Muriel Wiggins, Miss Madge Lesher, Miss Lurline, Miss Amy Gilford, Miss Nathalie Browning, Miss Jennette Blair, Miss Katherine Hall, Miss Helen Fortson, Miss Theresa A. Browning, Miss Henrietta Talcott, Miss Genevieve Clendenin, Miss Helen Sales, Miss Marion Danforth, Miss Marion Becker, Miss Katherine Force, Miss Marie Jordan, Miss Olivia Erdman and Miss Adeline Hatch.

Others were John Browning, Charles Sabin, Frederick Feltmann, Quinton Perry, William Palmer, Gardner Day, Wells Riley, John Meyerkott, Herbert McKinstry, William Adams, J. M. Heck, Jr., George Grant, Robert Cleveland and Ralph Marshall.

Miss Mary I. Francke, daughter of Mrs. Lindley Francke, was introduced to society at the dance given yesterday afternoon at Sherry's by her aunt, Mrs. Albert Francke, of Lawrence, Long Island. The debutante was assisted in receiving by Miss Marion Townsend, Miss Geraldine Adee, Helen G. Alexander, Miss Dorothy Greer, Miss Frederica Bull, Miss Anna Ethelbone, Miss Dorothea Camp, Miss Ethel Simmons, Miss Madge Lesher, Miss Marion Danforth, Miss Marion Carey, Miss Maryanna Lincoln, Miss Hope Williams, Miss Mary Harshorne and Miss Genevieve Clendenin.

After the reception Mrs. Edward W. Packard gave a dinner for her debutante daughter, Miss Mariel Oakes, at Sherry's, which was attended by the young women who received with Miss Francke. Afterward the guests went to Miss Adee's dance.

The first of the Colony Dances for this season was given last night at the Colony Club. These dances are for girls who will be introduced to society winter and for boys home from school and college. The patronesses are Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Mrs. H. Casimir De Rham, Mrs. Winthrop Burr, Mrs. Edward T. H. Talmadge, Mrs. Henry H. Landon, Mrs. Walter B. James, Mrs. Robert P. Huntington and Mrs. Russell H. Hoadley.

Mrs. Marie Rappold, Mrs. Margaret Matzenauer, Arthur Middleton and Percy Grainger, pianist, were the artists at Albert Morris Bagby's musical morning yesterday at the Waldorf-Astoria.

Among those seen in the audience were Mrs. C. Ledyard Blair, Miss E. Fortson, L. Blair, Miss E. Blair, Mrs. Charles B. Alexander, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Prince, Mrs. W. Watts Sherman, Miss Harriet A. Lander, Miss Janetta Alexander, Miss Mary Alexander, Mrs. John R. Drexel, Miss Alice Drexel, Mrs. F. Burrall Hoffman, Mrs. William Grosvener, Mrs. William Lowe Rice, Mrs. J. Horace Harding, Mrs. A. Murray Young, Mrs. Cornelius C. Cuyler, Mrs. Helen Philip, Mrs. James McKee, Mrs. Warren Delano, Mrs. Edwin Gould, Mrs. J. Allen Townsend, Chauncey M. Depew and General Horace Porter.

Dinners were given last night at the Ritz-Carlton by Mr. and Mrs. Jean Saint Cyr and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert H. Gary.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Miss Eleanor Curran, daughter of the late John E. Curran and Mrs. Curran, of 138 East Forty-sixth Street, to Henry Hopkins Livingston, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Livingston, of Oak Hill-on-the-Hudson.

Mrs. Thomas Howard will give a dinner at Sherry's this evening for her debutante daughter, Miss Elizabeth Howard.

Mrs. Frank Bertram Jordan will give a dance to-night at the Plaza for Miss Marie D. Jordan.

Another scene of this evening will be one given by Mrs. W. C. Noyes for her daughters, Miss Marian and Miss Catharine Noyes. Miss Robinson's annual Christmas "coco" will take place to-night at Sherry's.

Mrs. Albert Rathbone will give a reception this afternoon at her home, 45 East Seventy-eighth Street, for her debutante daughter, Miss Anna Rathbone. Receptions also will be given this afternoon by Mrs. George E. Sage, at the Hotel Gotham, to introduce her daughter, Miss Elsie E. Sage, and by Mrs. Willis R. Howell, at her home, in Morristown, for Miss L. H. Barker.

Mrs. W. Scott C. Iron will give a Christmas party to-day for her young daughter, M. Rhoda Cameron.

Mr. James B. Cowe will give a dinner to-night at her home, 1059 Fifth Avenue.

WILL BE JUNE BRIDE.



Miss Cora Young, whose engagement to Leo Bashinsky, of Troy, Ala., will be announced at a dinner-dance to-night at her home, 155 Riverside Drive.

NEWS OF PLAYS AND PLAYERS

"David Garrick" Is Moved Forward in Sothern Repertory.

E. H. Sothern's first appearance in "David Garrick," another of his father's famous roles, is to occur earlier than originally announced. The final performance of "Lord Dunsyre" will be given on Saturday night, and the Booth Theatre will then be closed for three days. On the night of January 6 Mr. Sothern will offer the "David Garrick" revival.

The Hippodrome's all-night box office took in less than \$5,000 between the hours of 2 and 6 o'clock yesterday morning, and the management is said to be considering its abolition.

Madge Kennedy rejoined "Fair and Warmer" at the Eltinge Theatre last night, after an absence of about a month.

The management of "The Princess Pat" announces that a special matinee of its show will be given at the Cort Theatre on Thursday to take care of the disappointed multitude.

Rosika and Yansel Dolly made their reunited reappearance at the Ziegfeld "Midnight Frolic" along about the time that this paper went to press.

Lou-Tellegen, the distinguished artist, author, orator, fencer and suitor, will be the guest of Miss Grace Field at a midnight meal at the Claridge on January 4.

Percy Burton, whose particular business it is to manage English actor-managers, now has charge of Sir Henry Herbert's season in this city. Mr. Burton has relinquished his hold on Granville Barker, but retains his affiliation with Sir Johnston Forbes-Robertson.

The Holiday Players failed to perform at the Bandbox Theatre yesterday afternoon, and a delayed start is announced for to-day at 2:30 o'clock. They will present two operettas—"The Christmas Angel" and "The Little Boy from the World."

Mme. Melba will twinkle at the Hippodrome next Sunday evening as Mr. Sousa's guest-star.

R. Iden Payne, who staged "Hobson's Choice" between lessons to the aspiring dramatists in Carnegie Institute, Pittsburgh, has been invited to lecture at the Bands on the "Change of Act" in a wild rumor on Broadway last night had it that he was about to accept.

NEIGHBORHOOD THEATRES

Margaret Anglin at the Standard in "Beverly's Balance." The Standard Theatre housed another distinguished star last night when Margaret Anglin returned to New York for a week in "Beverly's Balance." The play is a delightful comedy, more than delightfully played by one of the best actresses in the country. Since her previous appearances in New York Miss Anglin has won new honors in the classic drama on the Pacific Coast.

"Young America," which retains the original cast and every ounce of its freshness, is spending the week at the Broux Opera House. That there is still great interest in "Young America" is shown by the fact that Jasper, the dog star thereof, will be given a gold medal this afternoon by the members of the Theatre Club.

COLUMBIA AND YORKVILLE

Frank Finney, Star of Bostonian Burlesquers, at Columbia. The Bostonian Burlesquers began a week's engagement at the Columbia Theatre last night, presenting "The Isle of Nowhere." Frank Finney, the star of the organization, was capably droll. Other principals were John P. Griffin, Charley Jansen, Florence Mills, Kitty Mitchell, Walter Johnson and Jean Carothers.

At the Yorkville Theatre the presenting company is the Monte Carlo Girls, offering two one-act burlesques and a programme of vaudeville acts.

MR. JONES MAKES THE KISSES COUNT

"Cock o' the Walk" Rests Upon a Harmless Intrigue.

OTIS SKINNER IN WELL DEVISED PART

Humor and Good Acting Serve to Savor a Somewhat Unconvincing Play.

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By HEYWOOD BROWN. Henry Arthur Jones contends that when a man kisses a girl, though he do it ever so discreetly, at least three persons will see him. In the second act the news has spread to twenty or more, and by the time the third act is reached the matter has become international. With no more material than the mere squeezing of a hand, Mr. Jones can make as much trouble for a character as the average dramatist could heap upon one of his folk with a bountiful brood of illegitimate children.

"Cock o' the Walk," which was produced at the Cohan Theatre last night, much resembles "The Liars" in the manner in which the playwright has devised complications from a simple source. Such a method tends to convey an artificiality, but it may not be denied that it is technically sound. "Othello," which is woven into the text of the present play, required no more than a handkerchief to bring about the death of Desdemona, but Shakespeare absolved himself from the burden of causing the complications by creating a consummate villain. Since there is no lago in "Cock o' the Walk," Mr. Jones is often overburdened with the necessity of making things unpleasant for the gentleman who kissed the lady and lived to rue it.

In so far as it is a comedy of intrigue "Cock o' the Walk" is much less skillful than "The Liars," because the dramatist practically has left his chief character out of the first two acts of the play. Antony Bellchamber must be the chief character. Not only is he played by Otis Skinner, but he is by far the best drawn character and immeasurably the most interesting. It is true that Bellchamber comes on early in the first act and has a good deal to say, interesting matter at that, but much to do but he is not in the least concerned with the kisses which set the play to moving. He neither gives nor receives them. He merely sees them.

Late in the play Bellchamber does make the matter his business by appearing as a witness for the kisser and clearing him from the natural censure due a man for such a deed. Eventually it is discovered that the kisses and the complications which grew out of them were merely the ingredients in the subplot. The real story concerns the manner in which Bellchamber, a broken-down actor, came to play the part of Othello in the great Shakespearean revival.

Briefly, Sir Augustus Conyers, a distinguished English actor-manager, kisses a matinee girl, and gets into end of trouble about it. He is saved from a scandal only through the efforts of Bellchamber, who lies in his behalf and is accordingly rewarded by being allowed to play Othello. We think that "Cock o' the Walk" is one of the least skillfully plotted plays which Henry Arthur Jones has written in recent years.

And yet it is an interesting play. Like all ill-plotted plays, it has its dull moments—some of them minutes—when the matter is not so delightful. These delights come from two sources. In Antony Bellchamber Mr. Jones has devised a character of rare dramatic charm, and that part falls to Otis Skinner, who plays it with great skill. Mr. Skinner depends on the air for more than breath. He can fondle it to good purpose with outstretched and gesticulating hand. He can fashion it also into rare sounds. Here is an actor who is able to make an audience weep for his own sake without regard to the question of whether or not it speeds the play upon its way. We would rather

RETURN TO STAGE AFTER ILLNESS. David Brown Russell died Sunday afternoon from pneumonia at the home, 150 West 117th Street, of his son, Isaac Franklin Russell, of the Court of Special Sessions, who lives at 422 Greene Avenue, Brooklyn. He had been ill only seventeen hours.

Mr. Russell was born in Patchogue, L. I., in 1854. For the last twenty years he was head of a department in the Jamaica branch of the Title Guarantee and Trust Company. A year and a half ago he married Miss Jean Scott of Patchogue, who survives him. He also leaves four brothers and a sister. Mr. Russell was a member of the Crescent Athletic Club and the Sea Cliff Yacht Club.

Funeral services will be held at Justice Russell's home this evening.

JOHN H. PARKHURST. Verona, N. J., Dec. 27.—John H. Parkhurst, seventy-three, a veteran of the Civil War, died last night at his home, Mount Pleasant Avenue, Livingston, after an illness of two weeks. As a member of the 26th Regiment, New Jersey Volunteers, Mr. Parkhurst saw nine months of fighting and was in the battle of Fredericksburg. He was chairman of the Livingston Township Committee for several years. He leaves a son, George H. Parkhurst, of Livingston, and two sisters, Mrs. Sarah Van Duyn, of Livingston, and Mrs. Betty M. Reeves, of Hanover.

MRS. SARAH B. CANNON. Bordenctown, N. J., Dec. 27.—Sarah B. Cannon, widow of Colonel Garrett C. Cannon, of Bordenctown, died at the home of Clarence S. Bird, a nephew, at Trenton last night. She had gone from her home here to spend the winter in Trenton. She was an aunt of Harold Biddle, of Newark.

GEORGE F. HARDING. Chicago, Dec. 27.—George Franklin Harding, eighty-five years old, one of the promoters of the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy Railroad, died at his home here to-day. His estate is estimated at \$5,000,000.

CAPTAIN ANTHONY GALLAGHER. Chicago, Dec. 27.—Captain Anthony Gallagher, a sailing master on the Great Lakes for more than fifty years, died at his home here yesterday. He was seventy-five years old and was among the first captains to bring a steamboat into Chicago.

MRS. EDDY'S SON DEAD

George W. Glover Passes Away at His Home in the Black Hills. (By Telegraph to The Tribune.) Lead, S. D., Dec. 27.—George W. Glover, seventy-six years old, only son of Mrs. Mary Baker Glover Eddy, founder of the Christian Science Church, died to-day at his home in the Black Hills, near here.

Mr. Glover had lived in the hills for several years. He attracted national attention before the death of Mrs. Eddy by instituting a suit in the Massachusetts courts to obtain a part of his mother's fortune. He was awarded upward of \$250,000 after her death. He was born a Christian Scientist.

MRS. FOLSOM FERRINE DEAD

Mother of Mrs. Grover Cleveland Was Seventy-six Years Old. Mrs. Emma Folsom Ferrine, seventy-six, mother of Frances Folsom Cleveland, who was Mrs. Grover Cleveland, died Sunday night at her daughter's home in Princeton, N. J.

Mrs. Ferrine's first husband was Oscar Folsom, a law partner of the late President Cleveland. He was born in Buffalo. After her daughter's marriage in the White House in 1886 Mrs. Ferrine spent much time with her there during Mr. Cleveland's Presidential term.

DR. DAVID W. CHEEVER.

Boston, Dec. 27.—Dr. David W. Cheever, for more than half a century one of the leading physicians and surgeons in New England, and widely known as a writer and lecturer on medical subjects, died here to-day. He was eighty-four years old. Dr. Cheever was connected with the Boston City Hospital from 1850 to 1880. He became surgeon emeritus. Dr. Cheever, who lectured for many years at the Harvard Medical School, was a former president of the American Surgical Association.

MARY LAIDLIE DED.

Mary Laidlie Dey, ninety-two years old, the widow of a prominent New York West Eighty-eighth Street. She was a sister of Richard Varick Dey, the aged California millionaire, who came here last June to testify in the disposition of the estate of the late Charles L. Fair. The funeral will be held at the Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth Avenue and Twenty-ninth Street, Thursday morning.

BENJAMIN F. HYATT.

Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 27.—Benjamin F. Hyatt died here yesterday, in his eighty-sixth year. He was well known in Westchester and Fairfield counties, having been a candidate for Senator on the Democratic ticket from this county for many years. Two daughters—Mrs. Ray Bordeaux, of Glenville, and Miss Ella Hyatt, of Mineola, Long Island—survive him.

COLONEL EDWARD JAY ALLEN.

Pittsburgh, Dec. 27.—Colonel Edward Jay Allen, eighty-five years old, friend of President Lincoln, member of the staff of General Fremont, and one of the first settlers of Seattle, Wash., died at his home here last night. He wrote several books and was said to have been the only surviving commander of the 15th Pennsylvania Infantry.

MRS. DORMAN T. WARREN.

Mrs. Harriet Crosby Warren, taken suddenly ill yesterday morning at her home, 150 West 117th Street, died within a few minutes. Mrs. Warren was seventy-seven years old. Her husband, Dorman T. Warren, and two sons, Howard C. Warren, professor of geology in Princeton University, and Ralph Warren, of Easton, Penn., survive her.

JAMES B. MEWAN.

Albany, Dec. 27.—James B. Mewan, ex-mayor of Albany, and for ten years a member of the Legislature, died here to-day, after a long illness. He was graduated from Yale in 1878 in the class with ex-President Taft.

DIED.

Barry, P. J. W. Sahler, Adeliza F. Taylor, and Wood Grant. Deary, Mary L. Townsend, Robert Edwards, William S. Warren, Harriet C. Hyatt, Benjamin F. Wiggins, Lillian.

BARRY—December 24, 1915. P. J. Whitmore Barry, aged 44 years. Funeral services Stephen Merritt's Chapel, 233 Eighth av., near 21st st., Tuesday evening, 8:30.

DAVIS—At Santa Monica, Cal. Jennie Weed Davis, wife of Robert Brown Davis, of Fresno, died at her late residence, 330 Riverside Drive, New York City, Tuesday, December 28, at 2:30 p. m. Interment at convenience of family.

DEY—On Monday, December 27, 1915, at her residence, 28 West 84th st., Mary Laidlie Dey, aged 92 years, died. Funeral services at the Marble Collegiate Church, Fifth av. and 29th st., on Thursday, December 30, at 10 a. m. Kindly omit flowers. Interment private.

EDWARDS—William Seymour, of Charleston, W. Va., on Sunday, December 27, 1915, at his home, 110 Hospital st., Baltimore, Md., after a long illness. Funeral services at the chapel, and interment will be held at 2:30 p. m. on Wednesday, December 29, at 11 a. m. Charles E. (W. V.) papers please copy.

HYATT—At Glenville, Conn., on Sunday, December 26, 1915, Benjamin F. Hyatt. Funeral service at his late residence, on Wednesday, 29th inst., at 2 p. m. Interment at convenience of the family.

SAHLER—On Sunday, December 26, at her residence, 28 West 84th st., Harriet C. Sahlmer, widow of Benjamin Wheeler Merriam. Funeral at her late residence, 312 Fifth av., Tuesday, December 28, at 2 o'clock. Interment private. It is requested that no flowers be sent.

STOUT—At Bloomfield, N. J., after a short illness, December 25, Susan Comstock, wife of G. Lee Stout. Funeral services from her late residence, 592 Frank in st., December 28, at 11 a. m. Charles E. (W. V.) papers please copy.

TOWNSEND—December 27, 1915, at Edge Hill Inn, Spuyten Duyvil, N. Y., suddenly, Robert Townsend, husband of Edith Earle and son of the late Solomon and Helene Dekay Townsend, of Oyster Bay, L. I. Notice of funeral hereafter.

WARREN—On Monday morning, December 27, 1915, Harriet C. wife of Dorman T. Warren, aged 77 years. Funeral service at her late residence, 170 West 59th st., on Wednesday, December 29, at 1:50 p. m.

WIGGIN—Suddenly, at Washington, D. C., December 24, 1915, Lillian, daughter of the late Henry and Jane Mohon Wiggins. Services at the home of her brother, Joseph N. Wiggins, 246 Dadd st., corner Midland av., East Orange, N. J., Wednesday, December 29, at 3 p. m.

CEMETERIES. THE WOODLAW CEMETERY. 2324 St. by Harlem Trains 40th Street. Lots of small size for sale. Office, 30 East 134 St., N. Y.