

The Stage—Simple Acting the Most Difficult

"To play a simple, unaffected part, without make-up, is the most difficult work for an actor," declared Edwin Arden, who will take the part of Baron Hudey in "The Yellow Ticket," which opens at the Garrick next week.

Mirror of the Age

old medal presented to him by the Czar and Czarina when he made his first public appearance at the Imperoy Theatre, St. Petersburg, when 14 years old. He came to Philadelphia on a pleasure trip, but did not appear professionally. In the following year he brought with him from St. Petersburg a troupe of Russian dancers, with whom he appeared in vaudeville. He returned to America the following year for an engagement in the "Summer Widowers," presented by Lew Fields. During the season of 1910, he toured with Frelowa and Morikin, as a solo dancer. During the two following seasons he has appeared in vaudeville. He joined the Winter Garden Company last spring to appear in "The Passing Show of 1914."

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STORIES OF ADVENTURE FROM THE EUROPEAN WAR

A curious phase of the war is that many soldiers have taken amulets with them to the front. Heather is, perhaps, the commonest of such lucky charms, because many Scottish soldiers were presented with little bunches by their wives and sweethearts, and an enterprising hawk who turned out with a barrowload of the growth into the west end of London did a roaring trade with the Household and other troops. But many of the men who served in South Africa pin their faith to "lucky" empty cartwheels, keys, etc.

One of such coins formed part of a set which, at the time the order to mobilize was issued, was in the keeping of a pawnbroker. On receiving the call, the owner obtained his property as soon as possible and, having pocketed a single piece from it, went on quite contentedly. That piece is dented through having diverted a bullet in a tight corner in South Africa.

Of conventional amulets also large numbers have been taken to the theatre of war, though not always in their original form. A woman brought a very old-fashioned charm made of gold to a West End jeweler, asking him to make it into a ring for her husband.

Many family "lucks," moreover, are being carried by the soldiers. One man wears suspended from his neck by a ribbon a ring which, should its possessor bring it back to England, will have gone through three campaigns. A young seaman, who received it from his mother, gave it to her sweetheart when he was about to embark for the Soudan; then another member of the family carried it during the war in South Africa, and now it is in France.

Another of the "lucks" which accompany troops has a remarkable history. A young man, who was a member of the family carried it during the war in South Africa, and now it is in France.

A court-martial, sitting at Kolmar, in Alsace, has sentenced a farmer, named Demange, to ten years' hard labor on the ground of shooting sympathetically at the enemy. Demange lives in the district which was occupied by the French.

Denial of the story of the passage of the Russian troops from Archangel to the Continent through Sweden, which was published in the London Standard, is taken as final and authentic. Many train loads of Russian soldiers were said to have passed through various stations on both eastern and western main lines. One phase of the tale was that Russians in numbers had been shipped from Archangel 5000 miles to ports in Scotland, and were taken to eastern or southern ports for immediate transfer to the Continent.

To tens of thousands of people the exploding of the story has proven a great disappointment. There still remains the mystery of how and where the Russians were said to have been shipped. It has been hinted that the very source of the rumor was in official circles higher up than the Press Bureau, for its moral effect upon the Germans.

How three French soldiers captured two German quick-firers and put to flight two companies of German Infantry is told in a letter from a captain of Infantry fighting on the Aisne. Two corporals and a private, in reconnoitering, crawled within ten yards of the German trenches. Most of the German soldiers were away fetching dinner and the officers were some distance back of the guns.

The three Frenchmen sprang to the guns and turned them on the unsuspecting Germans, who fled, and communicated their panic to the entire companies. French artillerymen who have been watching the proceedings opened fire, and all but exterminated the Germans.

This night the two corporals were made second lieutenants and the soldier a sergeant major.

One of the anecdotes given out at the British official news bureau today as going the rounds of the men at the front, the truth of which is in no wise guaranteed, deals with a young British cavalry officer who was cut off from his men and who hid in the woods at the side of the road.

Room he saw a solitary German soldier patrolling the road. The saboteur could have shot the German, but it would have been too much in cold blood for him, so he merely moved up behind the German, cautiously and then gave him a hearty kick. The German, according to the story, yelled and ran for dear life, while the saboteur remained behind and laughed.

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