

Art From India and Persia Brings Total of \$32,809

Herat Type of Woolen Rug Fetches \$1,000, Top Price of the Sale.

A collection of art objects from India and Persia, including some sixteenth century rugs, being additions to the catalogue of a well known European connoisseur recently delivered from the customhouse at the American Galleries yesterday afternoon and on the two afternoons preceding for a total of \$32,809. Yesterday afternoon's sale reached a total of \$24,135.

Quaint 'Hook Rugs' of Colonial Times Placed on View

Naive Legends, Such as 'Call Again,' Woven in as Part of the Designs.

The last art exhibition of its season is now occupying the galleries of the American Art Association, consisting of an interesting collection of early American "hook rugs" assembled by C. E. Lawrence of Belmont, Mass., and a second instalment of the Oriental art collection of K. T. Wong of Shanghai, China. The rugs will be sold on May 19 and 20 and the Oriental art on May 18.

The Tavern With Cohan in Brooklyn

George M. Cohan will show in Brooklyn what he can do with the role of Faganbald in his production of "The Tavern." This attraction, which ran eight months at the George M. Cohan Theatre this week, with Cohan in the cast, that this arrangement could be made it has been necessary to set back the Brooklyn date of "Mary" one week.

"Dumbells," Soldier Actors, Have Same Share in Profits

Members of Chorus Also Receive Same Salary as the 'Prima Donna.'

The soldier actors of "Dumbells," who are entertaining in "Bluff, Bling, Bang" at the Ambassador Theatre, is a cooperative company. Humble workers in the chorus have the same vote and draw the same share of the profits and salary as the prima donna, who has made such a hit as Marjory.

First Merry Widow Is An American Now

Miss Julia Keely, who is playing the part of an adventuress in "Two Little Girls in Blue," the new A. L. Erlanger musical production, at the George M. Cohan Theatre, was the original Sarah in "The Merry Widow" when that famous piece was produced in Vienna. In 1914 she came to America and was engaged for a leading role in a musical play about to be produced in this country. At the first rehearsal, however, she discovered that she did not know enough English to play so important a part, and she promptly resigned.

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Miniature Collection to Be Sold.

The Toppin collection of miniature portraits of celebrities of the old European courts will be sold at auction in the Koeber Art Galleries, 12 Vesey street, to-morrow afternoon, together with a collection of diamonds and jewelry.

Plays and Concert for Needy Children

Noted Stage Stars to Appear in Entertainment for Swiss Fund.

Luminaries of the theatrical firmament and singers familiar to concert-goers will appear in an entertainment in Spanish given next Sunday evening in the Bramhall Playhouse in aid of the starving children of Central Europe. Miss Theodora Grama Irwin heads the committee. The proceeds will be sent to Miss Clara Guibrie d'Arles of the Swiss Save the Children Fund, Geneva.

Miss Merchant's Play "Irish Dew" to Be Seen

Now that Miss Abby Merchant has written a comedy called "Irish Dew," which William Harris, Jr., will produce, it is in order for the public to know a little more of her. Here are some facts contributed by her friend, Walter Pritchard Eaton. The short of it is that she is another product of Ford, George Pierce Baker's playwriting course in Harvard. The long of it is that she has had a very thorough training as a writer in the school of life.

Seek Vacation Funds. Association Asks for Help to Extend Its Activities.

In the rush of entertainments for charities and the flood of charity appeals little has been heard from the Vacation Association during the last few months. But that useful and very practical organization is very much alive and is asking for help to meet the enforced extension of its activities among the girls who have to work to help meet family expenses.

Stars to Appear at Benefit for Dug Out

Miss Elele Ferguson and Miss Carroll McComas were chief guests at a meeting at the Dug Out, 150 East Sixty-first street, last Thursday night for the purpose of organizing committees to take charge of the benefit in the Shubert Theatre on the evening of May 22 for the Dug Out. Mr. Cosmo Hamilton, Mrs. James Metcalfe and Mr. Stephen H. Pell outlined the proposed programme, the cast for which will include many of the prominent actors and actresses in New York.

Notes of the Theatres.

A wreath of Flanders poppies, presented by the Flanders Children's League, will be worn in the commemorative services for S. Rankin Drew at the benefit of the S. Rankin Drew League, to be held at the Hippodrome, Tuesday night at the Hippodrome. The league is sponsoring the "wear a poppy" movement for Memorial Day.

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MAY AVOID SALE OF MANHATTAN OPERA

Receiver Hints at Settlement of Hammerstein Debts.

While the Manhattan Opera House, built by the late Oscar Hammerstein, has been advertised to be sold next month by public auction under a Supreme Court order, persons familiar with the present state of the financial troubles of the widow of the impresario held out the prospect yesterday that such an enforced liquidation might not be necessary.

Miss Blauvelt Engaged.

Mrs. Ira J. Blauvelt of Nyack, N. Y., has announced the engagement of her daughter, Miss Florence L. Blauvelt, to William M. Hoguecamp of New York.

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