

FRANK BRICE IS 'COLLEGE WIDOW' ADE'S BEST COMEDY WELL PRESENTED

University Men Realize Instantly How True to Life Piece is and Declare Author a Master

George Ade's part in the eternal scheme of things was made brilliantly evident yesterday afternoon at the Max opera house where the best of his plays, "The College Widow," opened a week's engagement.

The idiosyncrasies of college life have presented the humorist with a fruitful source for his wonderfully funny satire and in addition he has evolved the most interesting plot he has yet discovered upon which to hang his wit.

It is a play for everyone and even though one got his education beside the after working hours the comedy ought not to be missed; but those who boast a "frat" emblem, shake hands according to a ritual, know the regulation college life, understand the art of successfully doctoring an expense account and who own to similar requisites of a university training, will find in the piece an infinite store of hearty laughs which will float harmlessly past the less favored members of society.

Ade never misses introducing the little characteristic touches of humanity which will make the man in the audience nudge his neighbor and remark how true to life it is. Such an incident as the girl at the dance searching for pins to repair the damage that some careless foot has made along the bottom of her skirt is not necessary to the plot, and if Henrik Ibsen had written "The College Widow" he would have eliminated such extraneous superfluities, but in our humorist's hands this Ade reaches home like nothing else in the world, and no serious discussion on the complexities of civilization can more truly present the foibles and faults as well as the virtues of the world's institutions.

Most politicians recognize the cartoon as one of the most potent factors in the education of the people and it is by this same sign that Ade conquers.

Ade, Master of Types George Ade is a master of types and most of his plays as well as his stories are based on the various frailties by which the average human falls short of perfection. The college widow, an attractive feature of every college, like the daughter of the regiment, is the ambition of every youthful gallant who comes within the radius of her domain, until finally the right man comes and captures her heart.

Fame Witherspoon, the daughter of the college president, does not refuse to use her famous charms to induce a football hero to abandon his intention of joining a rival college team and become a member of the Atwater eleven. It is because of this man's presence that the great Thanksgiving game is won for Atwater.

Then this half-back whose touchdown saved the day finds that he was tricked into remaining at Atwater and this prepares the way for the scene wherein the college widow confesses that what was at first deception on her part has turned into a more lasting and more worthy feeling towards this Billy Bolton, and the curtain descends with the happy match arranged.

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WETLANDS SERIES OF HOTEL FIRES FOLLOWS TRAVELING SALESMAN

BROADWAY VAN NUYS LAST TO GO

H. W. Charles Declares He is a "Hoodoo" Which Causes Heavy Loss to Houses in All Parts of the Country

H. W. Charles, a traveling salesman, now living on Avenue Fifty-four, Los Angeles, declares he is the "hoodoo" who caused the Van Nuys Broadway hotel to be destroyed by fire, and his friends are inclined to agree with him. Mr. Charles and his wife have stayed in hotels in every part of the country, and in no less than ten of them there have been fires soon after the departure of the Charles.

While on their wedding trip they stopped at five hotels which were burned down afterward, and the same thing has happened so many times since they have grown superstitious. "I am not naturally a superstitious man," said Mr. Charles yesterday, "but when I heard of the Van Nuys Broadway hotel fire I could not help feeling creepy."

"When my wife and I came here a few weeks ago we stayed in that hotel, and when I came to Los Angeles to visit her last week I thought of sending my trunk there to be kept for me.

Virginia Carvel, a true daughter of the south, and between love and sectional politics these two fight the old, old story to its usual conclusion. Brice, who is a man to indulge without regret in the most worldly fortune by the purchase of a slave girl that he may set her free, in accordance with his Boston ideas. This is the character of the play, and it is the notice and into the contempt of Virginia Carvel, who as it happened, was bidding through a friend for the possession of the same slave.

The play is pictorially and historically true, and although the characters are constructed with an eye more for dramatic effect than in an effort to hold the mirror up to nature, they are one and all charming, and as the majority of the public are lovers of romance before they are admirers of nature as displayed on the stage, "The Crisis" will make a wide appeal.

George Barnum gives another wonderful character drawing in the role of Judge Whipple, the abolitionist. Every gesture and inflection of the voice is in keeping with the role, and the radical, fiery figure is brought out as clear cut as a cameo. His scene with Stephen Brice upon the entrance of the latter into his study brought forth the salient points of both men in a remarkable manner and held an immense audience breathless. The role of Brice is well played by Galbraith.

Richard Vivian is a delightful feature of the entertainment in the character of Carl Richten, a German student, also enrolled in the office of the vociferous Judge Whipple. Vivian is nearly always Vivian, but he has enthusiasm, sincerity and a wonderfully vigorous dramatic sense, which makes him one of the most entertaining players. Los Angeles has ever boasted. Howard Scott deserves special praise for his work as Eliphant Hopper, a small part admirably played.

Miss Eugenie Thais Lawton gives one of the most artistic performances of her local career and has made a long advance in her ever increasing popularity. As the southern patriot she misses no opportunity.

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The others of the company were all excellent. The scenic effects were also a feature, the football game being one of the most realistic things the local stage has known.

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SMART PARROT TATTLES ABOUT A PRETTY GIRL

Turns Detective and Exposes a Friend Who Stole Shrieks Nickname of Mistress' Friend When Asked Who Took Set of Furs From Apartment—Police Are Skeptical, but Find Lost Articles

Special to The Herald. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Peppita, a Mexican parrot, turned detective yesterday and indirectly recovered a set of furs which had been stolen from her mistress, Miss Josephine Limmer of 51 East Ninth street. Miss Limmer had had Peppita for four years.

Who's been here, Peppita? she asked, but the only reply was a large, "What sort of a parrot are you anyhow?" she demanded. "Here you talk so much that I am almost tired to death of you, and yet when I ask you a simple question you don't answer me."

Her suspicions thus aroused against Miss Frankel, Miss Limmer went to the police. They were inclined to make light of the parrot's testimony, but finally followed the clue. In Miss Frankel's home they opened a trunk and in it found the furs which Miss Limmer said she had lost.

HAUNTED BY VOICES IN AIR

"Murderer," They Cry to Man Once Suspected of Crime, and He is Terrified

Special to The Herald. OMAHA, Dec. 25.—To be accused day and night by mysterious voices of a murder he did not commit—voices which urge him to confess—is the weird experience of P. S. Free, who called on the Omaha police today for protection. Free believes himself a victim of hypnotic influence.

Next day the voices continued, sometimes in whispers, sometimes in screams. The men I was working with began to cast suspicious glances. "I quit my job and came to Omaha, but the voices followed. My brief matches of sleep have been accompanied by horrible dreams. Three nights I have not slept a wink. I cannot understand why I should be tortured like this, because I am as innocent of that murder as a child."

ALWAYS AHEAD

The HERALD made a gain, November over October, 1905, of 2511 inches—local business—while the Examiner made a total loss of 230 inches!

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STEER ROUTS POOL PLAYERS

Maddened Animal Enters Billiard Hall, Upsets Showcase and Jumps Through Window

Special to The Herald. CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—A steer running wildly in Heated street, near Forty-third, caused a panic yesterday among the people of the neighborhood. The beast broke away from its attendant and ran into the doorway of Geo. P. P. & Co.'s billiard and poolroom at 839 West Forty-third street, where many young men were playing billiards.

THIEF RIDES ON DUMB WAITER

Fashionable Apartment House Looted on a Novel Plan by Enterprising Burglar

Special to The Herald. NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Hoisting himself up through the dumbwaiter shaft from the cellar in the fashionable apartment house at 125 West One Hundred and Twelfth street, a thief last night entered the rooms of Mrs. Peter Farrell, on the top floor, ransacked the place and got away with \$500 worth of jewelry and silver.

SAYS PUPILS CARRY PISTOLS

Chicago Man Complains of Lack of Discipline in School and Asks Investigation

Special to The Herald. CHICAGO, Dec. 25.—Since Principal Austin C. Rishel of the Audubon school became ill some weeks ago the discipline at the school has declined to the extent that now the teachers have no control over the boys, according to the statement made by Frank Lambert, 1920 North Secely avenue.

Old Miner Burned to Death

By Associated Press. AUBURN, Dec. 25.—Dr. Alex. Thomas Dozier, 82 years old, once a prominent physician of this county and an old-time miner, who went down to do work on a claim, was burned to death in his cabin at 2 o'clock this morning. He leaves a grandson, C. T. Dozier, living in Berkeley.

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