

SMART GOWNS AND DAZZLING DISPLAY OF JEWELS

VISION OF SPLENDOR PRESENTED BY WOMEN

Rich Creations of the Modiste Furnish Enticing Spectacle for Throng That Listens to Song Birds.

Fabrics of Rarest Make, Delicate Webs of the Loom and Flashing Jewels Delight Eyes of the Great Audience.

There were many beautiful gowns to delight the eyes of the grand opera throng. Laces of delicate weave and great age, rich clothes and flashing jewels.

Mrs. Carrie Kutner, black grenadine, point lace and diamonds.
Mrs. Abe Kutner, duchesse lace, gold embroidered, diamonds and pearls.



PERFORMANCE IS SUPERB

Throughout the Piece Great Artists Do Their Best.

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a pure and handsome soprano in her stinging of Sulamith that won her many friends. Bliss as the high priest, Muehlmann, and Little Alton in a sort of cheerful Aida bit all contributed much to the enjoyment.

MISS WALKER THE STAR.

Miss Walker's Queen was perhaps the star performance of the evening. It was a quite volcanic affair on the acting side. This Sheba is a wicked lady, who meets King Solomon's friend on her way to his court, and for lack of better to do permits him to make love to her. She then pretends not to know him when she gets to Solomon's court, cuts him dead, in fact. Buy Assad is going to marry Sulamith. The queen is jealous and determines to prevent it.

So, in a palpitating moonlight scene, she permits the wily Ashtaroth to lure Assad to her garden. Here she makes love to the young man in a fashion that gives Kundry's (according to Fremstad) kiss cards and spades to the tune of a highly impassioned duet. Ashtaroth's luring, a most intimately Oriental cry, beautifully done by Zella Alten, was one of the notable little moments of the piece.

EVERY INCH THE QUEEN.

But to Miss Walker. Every inch the queen she looks. She has the "grand air," the bearing, the manner, and to stand the kind of entrance she has, borne aloft a la Radames, takes all of these. In every phase Miss Walker was found adequate. Perhaps her best moment was in the duet, with its volcanic climax, and the graceful, tremulous little phrase that follows. Beautifully sung was this, and Miss Walker pours out her big, round voice as easily as the sun gives light. There is a snag or two at the top, but one gets these notes under two or three times during the evening, and they are forgotten. She is an admirable artist, an admirable actress and vocally one of the most important figures of any season.

MADAM SEMBRICH IS A HOSTESS

Mme. Sembrich was hostess at a delightful little after-opera supper at the St. Francis Hotel. She gave the affair for a party of eight. Pol Plancon gave a supper to four, both in the grill and in the white and gold room. Those who had tables were:

Mrs. M. Koshland and party of fourteen, Mrs. A. Roos and party of ten, A. Wolfe and party of six, W. S. Porter and party of four, C. H. Crocker and party of five, Adolphus Busch and party of six, Mark Gerstle and party of six, Fred Magee and party of eight, Mrs. C. B. Brough and party of four, J. Neustadter and party of six, Lippman Sachs and party of four, Joseph Martin and party of four, A. Patek and party of six, Mrs. R. S. Brown and party of eight, Pol Plancon and party of four, Miss Helen Woolworth and party of two, William Fries and party of six, Leopold Michels and party of eight, Conrad Uhl and party of six, Mrs. Bob Montgomery and party of four.

BRILLIANT PARTIES IN THE BOXES

Opening of Opera Season Is Marked by Display of Pretty Gowns.

Brilliant parties occupied the boxes at the opening performance of the grand opera last evening. Beautifully gowned and displaying a wealth of jewels, the ladies attracted much attention from the audience and during intermissions were tempted to bring the sweep of hundreds

LAST NIGHT'S CROWD MIXED

Opening Performance Fails to Make Society Event.

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Looking back over the house last night with the eye of retrospection it pictures to me a great garden of pantries—black, yellow, white, blue and pink, all blended together as are the colors of the many blooms that are now turning their faces to the caresses of early spring.

And the jewels that gleamed from brow and breast are as the dewdrops that gleam from the pansy buds when the sun comes out of the east.

Tonight should be a great night—a metropolitan night in atmosphere and fashion.

GAY PARTIES SUP AT PALACE HOTEL.

Ladies' Grill and Palm Garden Beautifully Decorated With Flowers.

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In gay little parties of fours and eights and tens many of the smart folk of San Francisco supped at the Palace after the opera last night. The Ladies' Grill and the Palm Garden were beautifully decorated with flowers and ferns to please the first night patronage. Those who had tables were:

In the Ladies' Grill—Louis Aubert and party of three, Ben Liebes and party of three, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brown, W. F. Dumphy and mother, H. W. Bishop and party of three, Louis Schwabacher and party of three, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Maxwell, Mrs. Frank Moffitt and son, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kauffman and party, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Walsh, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Ehrman and party of four, Mr. and Mrs. Wakefield Baker and party of four, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Leake and party of three, Mr. and Mrs. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Max Ganz, Mr. and Mrs. Morris Brown and party, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. de Saba and party of five, G. D. Bennett and party of four, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buck and party of four, Mr. and Mrs. L. Pierce and party of two, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hellman Jr. with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney M. Ehrman and party of four, Mrs. Merritt H. Weed and party of three, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Heyneman and family, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Dorn and party of three, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Wolfe, Mr. and Mrs. Sol Lichtenstein and party of two, Mr. and Mrs. W. Wilson and party of three, Mr. and Mrs. A. Mack and party of five, W. G. Heyman and party of four, Mrs. Judge Henshaw and party of six, Thomas Archer and party of three, Mr. and Mrs. Edvard Peixotto and party of three, Mrs. Albert Steinfeld and party of two, Mr. and Mrs. A. Judis and party of two, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Mauzy and party of two, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Pollock and party, Mrs. Thomas Kirkpatrick and party of three.

In the Palm Garden: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Rothschild and party of two, Joseph Greenbaum and party of three, Mr. and Mrs. John C. Kirkpatrick and party of two, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Dunn and party of four, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Corvay Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Henry Levy, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pissis, Dr. David Cohn and family, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Breuner, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Liebes and party of four, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Strine and party of three, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Wetmore, Mr. and Mrs. William Cluff and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Leibel and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jafet Lindberg and party of two, Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Dorn, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Greenbaum, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bachman and party, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Fleishacker and party of five, Mrs. E. M. Granules and party of five, Mrs. R. L. Dunn and party of four, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. de Young and party of six, Max Hirsh and party of three, Mr. and Mrs. J. Liebes and party of two, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stern and party of two, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Knight and party of three, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ackerman and party of three, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Zellerbach and party of two, Mr. and Mrs. L. Dinkelspiel and party of three, E. Pausky and party of two, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Burnett and party of two, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Israel and party of two, Mr. and Mrs. H. Rothenberg and party of two, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Foster and party of two, Charles B. Russell and party of two.

Parties Come in Autos. The number of people that arrived and left the opera in automobiles was quite large. Owing to the perfect weather many who owned cars took this opportunity of using them. Ladies with bare heads or light shawls on their heads stepped out of automobiles by the score and found the machines most convenient. The Police Department recognized the popularity of the motor car this year and chauffeurs were allowed to run their cars right up to the main entrance. Among those who came in automobiles were J. K. Hecht and party, Dr. Leland, J. L. Greenbaum, Sidney Liebes, W. A. Doble, John Rothschild, Sig Stern, R. L. Smith, Mrs. H. Ramsey and Fred Hotelling.

SOME WELL KNOWN MEMBERS OF THE SMART SET WHO WERE AMONG THOSE PRESENT LAST NIGHT AT THE OPENING OF THE GRAND OPERA SEASON.

FIRST NIGHT ATTENDANCE VERY LARGE

Society Folk and Music Lovers Throng Grand Opera House.

Among those who attended the opening night of the opera last evening were:

Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Whitmore, Mrs. J. Morgan, Mr. and Mrs. Gus Bremer, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Archer, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Corvay, Mrs. George Elyer, Mrs. Helen Weber, Fred Hotelling, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Casserly, Mrs. Theresa Casserly, Edward Tobin, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Felotto, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Busch, Miss Busch, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morton, Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Merrill, Dr. Genthe, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Mauzy, Miss Alice Mauzy, Miss Schroth, Miss Florence Schroth, E. E. Ennis, Mrs. Jerome Lincoln, Miss Ethel Lincoln, K. C. Jones, Miss Mary Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Liebes, Mrs. Louis Schwabacher, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Ehrman, Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. J. S. Emery, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Green, Mr. and Mrs. Adolphus Roos, Mr. and Mrs. A. Roos, Lipton Sachs, Mr. and Mrs. William Haas, Mr. and Mrs. F. Tillman Jr., Miss Agnes Mangels, Mr. and Mrs. Ashton Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. Parker J. Whitney.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Guggenheim, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Neubauer, Miss Mabel Beck, Mr. and Mrs. George D. Bold, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Kauffman, Miss Sadie Kauffman, Mr. and Mrs. L. Meyerstein, Mrs. William F. Herrin, Miss Kate Herrin, Lansing Minner, Dr. Leo Melinger, Mr. and Mrs. Chris A. Buckley, Mr. and Mrs. A. Levy, Mrs. S. Mitchell, Mrs. D. Peyser, Mrs. Cowdry, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bishop, Mr. and Mrs. John Rothschild, Mr. and Mrs. Sig Stern, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Doble, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bloss, Mrs. Harry Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Pissis, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Crocker, Captain and Mrs. Gleason, Miss Elizabeth Gleason, Miss Laura Gleason, Miss Estella Fay, Miss Edna Fay, J. L. Greenbaum, H. Fleishacker, Mrs. Oscar Webber, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Pope, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Ackerman, J. D. Downey Harvey, Mrs. Cutler, Mr. and Mrs. A. Stern.

John M. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Magee, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Kohl, Mr. and Mrs. John Martin, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Barrett.

Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Hellman, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Hellman Jr., Mr. and Mrs. S. Heller, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore F. Lonnnot, Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Foster, Miss Foster, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Porter, Mrs. Joseph Haber, H. Haber, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Sesson, James D. Phelan, Miss Phelan, Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Van Bergen, Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. Sullivan, Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Bartlett, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Mendell, Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Baldwin, Mr. and Mrs. James Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Noble, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Leake, J. J. Speaker, Miss George Speaker, Roy Mathews, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Lord, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hendrickson Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Driscoll, Mr. and Mrs. Charles D. Ford, Mrs. William Tevis, Mr. and Mrs. Mountford Wilson, Mrs. R. Ramsey, Miss Ramsey.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. P. Howard, Mr. Simpkins, E. S. Pillsbury and wife, Mrs. G. I. Umbson, W. E. F. Deal and wife, E. J. Cluff and wife, James Follis and wife, R. Zelle, James Horsburgh Jr., Chief of Police Dinan, the Misses Nelle and Kitty Dinan, M. Abrams and wife, Paul Steindorf, Senator Charles Belshaw and wife, Judge Frank Dunne, Judge William P. Lawlor, Edward Bowes, Garrett McEneaney and wife, Mr. and Mrs. William Blackwell, A. Sutter, Mr. and Mrs. Uhl, Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Brooks, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, John Zelle, Dr. H. Ohrwall, Miss Edith Davidson, Mrs. C. Van Gulpen, J. J. Gottlob, Melville Marx, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Nunan, Gavin McNab.

els entranced the assemblage. Mrs. Eleanor Martin wore a gorgeous gown of white Irish point with diamond ornaments and plumes in her coiffure. A very handsome white panne velvet opera coat, trimmed with ermine, completed the evening costume.

Mrs. Arthur H. Barendt wore a handsome gown of old gold and black brocade.

Mrs. Bessie Wilson's gown was of white lace, heavily embroidered in silver and pink roses.

Mrs. Helen de Young wore a Paris gown of elaborately embroidered white lace, with festoons of pink roses.

Mrs. Ernest Hueter was gowned in an elaborately embroidered white lace robe.

Mrs. William Hamilton Morrison wore a black lace gown.

Mrs. E. S. Pillsbury was gowned in a heavy white Irish point robe over pale yellow tulle.

Mrs. Clarence Musto wore a black chiffon robe over crimson silk.

Mrs. Edmund Newton was gowned in a rose pink Parisian creation, heavily embroidered in silver.

Mrs. M. B. Gillelan, cream point lace. Mrs. Horace Hill and party occupied a loge, her guests including Mrs. Richard Bayne in a stunning black lace princess gown over white silk and collar of pearls.

Mrs. Robert A. Dean wore Dresden silk trimmed in rose point, diamond ornaments.

Mrs. Matthias Gardner wore a black lace robe.

Mrs. Paul Dunphy, gray and white embroidered crepe de chine.

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Caruso, the silver-voiced, was host at a gay party at Zinkand's after the opera last night. The great tenor was surrounded by seven friends as merry as himself, and he was the focal point of interested glances from all parts of the beautiful dining-room.

CARUSO IS HOST OF MERRY PARTY

Tenor Among Those Who Entertain at the After-Opera Affairs at Zinkand's.