

PLAYS AND PLAYERS

DASH TO POLE AT THE ORPHEUM

In plain, homespun English Mat Henson, the greatest colored explorer the world has ever produced, tells at the Orpheum this week of his famous dash to the pole with Admiral Peary. Henson makes no pretensions as a lecturer, simply telling in his own way of the his- tory, illustrated by new views of the polar regions and the Esquimaux and their mode of life. When he told of living on raw dog for several weeks—frozen at that—an involuntary shudder could be seen to pass over the feminine portion of the audience. There is humor in his narration of the marriage customs of the natives. The bill at the Orpheum otherwise, while lacking in feature acts, is fairly good. La Rose and La Gusta have a clever slack wire act, introducing some entirely new features in this line of entertainment. There is no singing. Fred Ray's Roman burlesque. The greatest applause was aroused when one of the trio mentioned the name of Jimmie Durkin. In the impersonation of a woman with a "Jag," Miss Elita Proctor Otis made a hit. The spectacle was sufficiently harrowing on the nerves to drive a woman from drink for all time to come. Marshall Montgomery is undoubtedly the cleverest ventriloquist that has been in these parts for some time. He keeps his mouth engaged in eating, drinking or smoking while "Little Willie" continues his jabber just the same. Miss Anna Laughlin works hard in her juvenile comedy song and dance act and is rewarded with a good hand. The five juggling Normans are old favorites and have lost none of their dexterity as jugglers. The little fellow with the "smile that does not come off" added charm to the act. The moving picture drama is interesting.

"WHO IS MISS NELSON?" ANSWERED

(By United Press Leased Wire) SAN FRANCISCO, March 28.—The secrecy which hedged the identity of the leading woman in "Edna Earle," which is now playing in Portland, Ore., under the name of Miss Gerda Nelson, was solved today, when it was learned that she is none other than Mrs. Gerna Wismer-Hoffman, a San Francisco society woman, and the wife of William Frederick Hoffman, composer of music. For two months the theater-going public has asked the question, "Who is Miss Nelson?"

No one apparently knew the answer. The management had nothing to say, and as for the star of the play, who scored success after success in the role of "Edna Earle," she remained silent. Mrs. Mathilda Wismer, mother of Mrs. Hoffman, reluctantly admitted that Mrs. Hoffman and Miss Nelson were the same.

"THE HOUSE OF A THOUSAND CANDLES"

It is said that ex-President Roosevelt was vociferous in his praise of the performance of "The House of a Thousand Candles" when that play was produced at the National theater in Washington, D. C. The ex-president and his party occupied the right hand stage box, which was decorated in his honor. The original production, as seen at the Hackett theater in New York and the Garrick theater in Chicago, will be seen at the Auditorium tomorrow night.

STOMACH GAS, INDIGESTION, HEARTBURN AND HEADACHE GO

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SCENE FROM "THE BELLS" IS GREAT

The Washington show as a whole this week is one of the best that they have had for many moons. Lew Shaw does some really wonderful things with billiard balls, such as jumping a ball into a high silk hat and drawing a ball entirely around the same hat and counting. Thomas and Fuller, singers and talkers, have a fair act. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Dowling in "A Snap Shot" have a clever act, which created much merriment. Veronica Verdi and brother are entertaining in their musical stunts, while dainty Mattie Lockette captured the house with her clever work as "Mary Jane."

BUFFALO BILL AND WIFE RECONCILED BY GRANDSON

(United Press Leased Wire) NORTH PLATTE, Neb., March 28.—Again the darts of Cupid have pierced the hearts of Colonel and Mrs. Cody, and tonight they are as happy and loving as two birds in the same cage. Col. Cody, better known as "Buffalo Bill," and his wife were brought together by their grandson, Cody Goals, a boy in his teens. Ten years ago Col. Cody and his wife separated. He sued for divorce and she filed a cross bill. The case never reached trial, owing to the interference of friends. Since that time Mrs. Cody has made her home on the old ranch near here, now occupied by W. F. Garlow, who married Miss Irma Cody, while Col. Cody has not stepped inside the old ranch home, now christened "Scout's Rest."

THREE DEAD CATS; ONE DEAD DOG?

This is the first day of clean-up week. That there is a need for tidiness in this line was demonstrated in a walk through the alley between Front and Main avenues a few days ago, when an invoice showed two dead cats and a dead dog in one block. Many people recently from foreign lands live in property abutting on this alley and all sorts of refuse is thrown there. The alley is the dumping ground for dead animals of all kinds and empty tin cans, and both at times fairly litter the ground.

SALT LAKE CITY.—Charged with the murder of George W. Fassel, who he held up at the point of a gun, Harry Thorn pleads that the shooting was an accident and that he merely wanted to scare his victim. He names John Hays and a man called Curley as his associates in the holdup. Hays is also said to have confessed.

gas or heartburn, fullness or heavy feeling in the stomach, Nausea, Deliberate Headaches, Dizziness or intestinal griping. This will go on, and, besides, there will be no sour food left over in the stomach to poison your breath with nauseous odors. Pape's Diapepsin is a certain cure for out-of-order stomachs, because it prevents fermentation and takes hold of your food and digests it just the same as if your stomach wasn't there. Relief in five minutes from all stomach misery is at any drug store, waiting for you. These large 50-cent cases contain more than sufficient to cure almost any chronic case of Dyspepsia, indigestion or any other Stomach trouble.

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SMILING KITTIE SMITH, ARMLESS, DOES WONDERFUL THINGS

Sews With Her Feet, Draws Pictures With them, Takes Photographs, Uses Tools Deftly, and Makes Real Furniture, and Does All and More Than Other People Do With Their Hands and Fingers—Dorothy Dale Tells Story of Most Remarkable Girl.

BY DOROTHY DALE MAYWOOD, Ill., March 28.—It does one good to know Miss Kittie Smith. To talk with her is an inspiration. To see how she has overcome a terrible physical affliction makes imagined troubles seem very silly. To know what wonderful things this young woman can do under a great handicap makes one wonder at the stupidity of persons in normal condition who fall to make use of their natural powers.



KITTIE SMITH, ARMLESS GIRL WHO HAS OVERCOME HER PHYSICAL AFFLICTION.

hospital cut off both her arms at the shoulders. But Kittie has lived and she is prospering by her own efforts—she is now a self supporting girl of 25, and this is her story. Kittie has learned to use her feet to do the things that hands were intended to do, and almost all her work is done with her feet. She has overcome her misfortune in best told by herself. "I can't say I handle things, but I can say that I foot them. "Yes, I can sew. See these centerpieces which I embroidered all myself. Just a moment and I will show you how quickly I can thread a needle," and in a twinkling her needle was threaded and the thread knotted. The needle was threaded with her toes and the knot made with her teeth. "Now do you wish to see my workshop in the basement? We went there and I saw pretty Kittie work at her bench, which she built herself. "This is my favorite pastime," she said. "I love to hammer and saw and make things out of wood. I can saw a board perfectly straight, and almost as fast with my feet as any carpenter could with his hands. She picked up her saw with her right foot, and, while steadying it with her left foot, she deftly demonstrated how easily it was done. Various tools were scattered over the workbench, and several book racks which Miss Smith had just finished were lined up waiting for their coat of varnish, which she will also apply herself. One of her greatest desires is to some day own a complete set of tools.

Center tables, tabourets and book shelves are listed among the various articles of furniture made by Miss Smith. Besides doing this work herself, which is her business, she is teaching some small crippled boys to use a scroll saw. Pen and ink sketching is another accomplishment. She holds her pen between the first and second toes of her right foot and can copy any picture that may be given to her. A camera is numbered among her most treasured possessions, and she has made many fine pictures. She not alone manipulates her camera, but varies all her developing and printing. While showing her book of photographs, the telephone rang. Sitting down in front of the instrument Kittie calmly slipped her right foot out of her shoe, and lifting the receiver off the hook with her toes proceeded to answer the call. "No one understands the old adage, 'Where there's a will there's a way,' better than I," said smiling Kittie. "I do not find tasks too hard to undertake or too tedious to finish. I have never had a lesson in drawing or sketching, and what I can do is

from constant practice. When I write I sharpen my pencil, opening and closing my knife myself. I wash my face, brush my teeth, take my bath, and can comb my hair when it is not too tangled. I also use scissors to cut all paper, cloth or material with which I work. I sweep and dust, mop and scrub, and even blacken stoves. I am often asked whether I enjoy life. As I am very busy I do, of course. This wonderful young woman was born in Chicago in 1882. Her parents were very poor. After her affliction the Children's Home Society of Illinois became interested in her

home and school for crippled children. To fit herself to act in an official capacity in such institution she attended the Taylor university at Upland, Ind. A comfortable cottage was rented here. With only \$300 the school was opened. At present there are four little patients and students. They have medical care, plenty of fresh air and plain but wholesome food.

Kittie does the work. One little girl with a badly deformed back, caused by a drunkard's kick, is beginning to show signs of recovery. The institution is now being kept up by a fund from the Children's charities and by individual donations, many of which are solicited by Kittie Smith. She says she is happy, and I believe she truly knows the joys of life and achievement.

WOMAN KEEPS YOUNG; RETAINS BEAUTY IN A 10-YEAR DREAM

DETROIT, Mich., March 28.—After 10 years of unbroken melancholia, Mrs. Alex Tannenholz has awakened in perfect health. Her case puzzles physicians. She says she was in a dream all that time. Mrs. Tannenholz had been active in the social life of the city. Suddenly a pall fell over her mind. She lost interest in everything, and experts said her case was hopeless. At times she did not recognize members of her household. Two weeks ago she entered the kitchen, and with no signs of strangeness took up the task of preparing dinner. Her mind today is completely recovered. Mrs. Tannenholz is 50, and yet such a blank

were the 10 years in her life that she looks barely 40. AGED MISER'S SAVINGS TAKEN IN COURT CASE DES MOINES, Iowa, March 28.—Muttering threats of vengeance, Taylor Donovan, an old miser, found recently in a cellar, called down curses on the courts this

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morning for wresting his little fortune from him. His little hoard of \$66 which he had carefully accumulated after years of labor dissolved after a little journey through the courts until only one meager \$10 bill was left for the old man. Donovan was found by the Humane society in a cellar on High street. The court appointed a guardian for him, but the guardian was dismissed as the insanity commission would not pronounce Donovan insane. Lawyers' and guardians' fees ate up the \$66.

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