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WHAT'S GOING ON IN THE WORLD OF THEATRES AND AMUSEMENT

LYRIC

Though Dudley Ayres, the popular leading man of the Poll Players, has played a great variety of roles since his debut into local theatricals, he has never been called upon to be a prisoner that is, incarcerated in a prison cell. But this will be his part for the attraction next week, when "The Girl Outside," by Vincent Lawrence will be presented for the first time in Bridgeport. The play deals principally with a man who is in duress vile, and the subsequent events that lead up to his rehabilitation into a life that is worthy.

The many friends of Miss Warda Howard will be interested in knowing that the part she plays next week, that of a daughter of a multi-millionaire, necessitates that she wear numerous gowns of a more than expensive nature. This is especially true of a cloak that she must wear in the third act. It was found necessary to go to New York to procure a wrap that would meet the requirements of the playwright.

EMPIRE

Julian Ellinge, the well-known professional woman-imitator, can boast a popularity far greater than might be expected from the fact that he has never appeared in any except large cities and towns. That is, he is a "big-timer" as they put it in the theatrical world. When Mr. Ellinge made his screen debut recently under Paramount auspices, it was thought that the small towns where Mr. Ellinge had not appeared might not be as interested in seeing him on the screen, but this surmise was found to be absolutely incorrect as thousands of small cities and villages all over the country poured in their inquiries and requests for Mr. Ellinge's pictures. "The Clever Mrs. Carfax," which is his second Paramount photoplay, will be seen at the Empire theatre today.

Sunday evening: Billie Burke in "The Land of Promise."

HIPPODROME

One of the most popular stars now appearing in motion pictures is Geo. Walsh, the Fox feature star, who will be seen in the master comedy dramatic subject, "The Yankee Way," which has been selected to head the feature program offered at the Hippodrome theatre this evening. "The Yankee Way" unfolds a timely story of love and adventure that is sure to please the most fastidious screen fan.

In conjunction with the feature attraction a number of other reels of motion pictures will be offered consisting of both comedy and dramatic single and multiple part feature plays.

The New Clothes

Perhaps the newest thing is the woollen coat with trimmings of knitted yarn. Some of these coats are very smart. They are expensive, too, for, of course, the knitted work is hand done and they are also a novelty. One of a dark dull green cloth shows sleeves, pockets and a waistcoat front of knitted green worsted. Others have only collar cuffs and belt or collar cuffs and pockets of the worsted work, and a good many have vests and waistcoats of it.

There is a decidedly military touch to the sport costumes of this war year of 1918. A new coat, designed for southern wear, goes by the name of the "trench" coat, and is developed usually in brown or gray, though green and nickel are also favored colors for this model. Another novelty is the "trench" sweater vest, with a purple waistline, sleeveless, in green, rose or yellow. Some are developed in a Roman stripe design.

These restaurant hats are quite a feature of new millinery, and with the exception of the sumptuous Oriental turban, they are so broad of brim that they suggest the days of the "Merry Widow." Usually they are of black velvet, although satin has an acceptable place. The trimming is as near an aigrette as a woman can afford, and if she can run the blockade of the Audubon society she will use a bit of the real thing if she is the possessor of it.

Don't wear old and shabby clothes under the false impression that in so doing one releases man power for the war. It's women who make most of these clothes, and they need the salaries. Don't indulge recklessly in any kind of gown merely because it has a great label in it. Use the enlightened business mind to decide what the value of a gown is before buying it.

Smart Millinery

QUILTED BRIMS

Quilted brims are a novel note in spring millinery. One delightful hat seen the other day was a wide cloche which seems to be the most popular shape, and this was covered in pastel Georgette quilted down by tuckings of dark colored silk about an inch apart. Wool binding about a quarter of an inch wide in contrasting color is used to finish many of the brims of these large summery shapes, and a facing of yedda or tazel finishes the quaint effect.

SPRING HATS

Certainly the spring hats must be seen to be appreciated. For instance, who could describe the beauty of a Georgette shape patterned over the entire surface by branches of the tiniest velvet autumn leaves on a silk wrapped stem held in place and close to the hat by tacks of bright blue floss in the same color as to straw facing?

BEAD TRIMMINGS

Tiny opaque beads trim the crown sides in rambling design on small awgater hats of chenille braid in brilliant colors and small shapes covered in black patent leather with bright tazel facings have little straw plaits in all colors laid on the crown.

CHANGING STYLES

Hats change a little every week. Crowns are lower and the wing line of the brim is more general than it was. The tall, heavy sort of hat with a high draped crown is less popular. The newest hatpins are of crystal, not pearl and aigrettes are not the best wear as trimming, although one sees them to a certain extent. Tulle is used a good deal in millinery, but practical women choose rather plain satin as being less perishable.

GINGHAM HATS

Now comes the gingham hat to compete for favor. Some of the gingham models are truly delightful and so girlish in design that they will appeal not only to the really young but to those who wish to look youthful after youth has fled. Gingham on one side with facings of straw in a contrasting or matching shade is the usual development of these hats, but some of the gingham show as trimmings several strands of different color wool around the crown base, trimmed about every inch by cut jet beads and ending in tassels of the same.

EQUAL FRANCHISE LEAGUE TO HOLD RECEPTION JAN. 31

College Club to Hold Regular Meeting on January 28.

ANNUAL MEETING OF Y. M. C. A. ON TUESDAY

No Red Cross Work at Seaside Institute on Monday.

Mrs. Samuel Shaw, as head of the Bridgeport Equal Franchise League, has announced that the date for the reception to be given in honor of Miss Katherine Luddington, the new president of the Connecticut Woman's Suffrage Association, is to be Thursday afternoon, Jan. 31. The reception is to be held in the sun parlor of The Stratfield and the Fairfield and the Stratford Leagues are to join in entertaining Miss Luddington. Plans are now being made for the affair as previously stated. Miss Luddington has been rather indefinite owing to the many engagements that are occupying Miss Luddington's time. She was one of the most diligent workers for the success of the Federal Amendment regarding Suffrage, in the House and sending a great deal of her time in Washington.

The 24th annual meeting of the Bridgeport Young Women's Christian Association will be held on Tuesday evening next at the Broad street rooms. Mrs. James G. Ludlum, the president will preside. The opening devotional service will be led by the Rev. Alexander Allison, Jr., pastor of the First Presbyterian church.

The year's work will be briefly summarized by the General Secretary, Miss Lena Sheldon. The business to be transacted will include the election of directors in place of those whose term of office has expired. Nominations for directors will be presented by Mrs. Andrew Cooper, chairman of the nominating committee.

Following brief business meeting there will be an address on "The Y. W. C. A. in War Time" by Mrs. Howard Morse of New York city, a member of the National War Work Council. Mrs. Morse has visited many of the hostess houses and other centers in which special war work is being done and because of her intimate knowledge of the work and also because of her own personality has been much in demand as a speaker. Opportunity to meet her and to ask questions about the work will be given during the informal social hour following the program. All friends of the association are invited to the meeting.

Mrs. Sara Sherman Pryor will have charge of the Story Hour service for girls and young women at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon. Every girl loves a story and Mrs. Pryor possesses the fine art of telling one in a way to hold her listeners. There will be solos by Miss Florence Coles and singing of Camp songs. A cordial invitation is extended to all girls and young women to attend this service at the Y. W. C. A. on Broad street.

The regular meeting of the Bridgeport College Club is to be held on Monday afternoon, Jan. 28, in the auditorium of the Bridgeport High School with the president, Mrs. Frank Miller, presiding. The speaker of the afternoon will be Mrs. H. Otto Wittgen, who will make a very interesting address on "Juvenile Delinquency." Members are invited to bring several guests with them as Mrs. Wittgen is an authority on her subject and will present much important information.

As a fuel conservation measure the Red Cross work which has been done on Wednesday in Olivet Congregational church, will, until further notice, be transferred to Monday, thus making it necessary to keep the fires going only two days a week instead of the entire seven days. In accordance with this plan the regular mid-week meeting of the church will be held on Monday evening also until further notice.

According to an announcement issued this morning the Red Cross work at the Warner Institute will not be carried on on Monday as the building will be closed.

The social which the East Side Y. W. C. A. was to have held on Monday evening in the Washington Park M. E. church, has been transferred and will be enjoyed by the members in the Y. W. C. A. rooms at 156 Beach in the Y. W. C. A. room at 56 Beach to sing accompanied by Mrs. Elmer Beardsley; Miss E. Jeanette Tuttle will give readings and Miss Grace Barnes, contralto of New Haven, is to sing accompanied by Miss Grace Kennedy of New Haven.

Mrs. P. L. Holzer will preside at the regular meeting of the Bridgeport Art League that will be held in the League rooms on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. There is an exhibition from the Zovak studios.

FOR THE HOME DRESSMAKER

Make the pockets in the boy's coat double jean and twice stitch all edges. They do not wear out or give way so soon as pockets of ordinary lining stitched once in the usual manner.

If you have to turn up the hem of the boy's knickers, first mark the depth of the part you need to turn up, rub that part which will come inside with dampened yellow soap, turn up and firmly stitch the raw edge down; then press to give a nice tailor-like finish.

Barrel Silhouette Is Fashion's Latest Fancy



The vogue of the silhouette has brought with it modifications of that style so that now we have this charming creation in checks, the barrel silhouette. The checks of gold brown on dark green velour add considerably to the attractiveness of the model. A collar of brown velvet, high and tight and buttoned at the side, imparts its bit to the general snappy effect of the gown.

ETIQUETTE

Be careful not to borrow money and forget to pay. If you do you will soon be known as a person of no business integrity.

POLITICIAN—Neither the husband nor the wife should be too ambitious. A married man or woman owes a duty to the husband or wife, and to their children, which is paramount to all other obligations; and it should be fulfilled first of all. Neither should neglect the other, the children, nor the house for any outside interest. A much engaged business man should make it a point to spend his evenings and his Sundays with his family; and when with them, he should put business entirely out of his mind, and talk of other matters. He owes this to himself as well as to them. To be the poet Metastasio met her in the street when she was a very little child. She was singing a popular air and her voice and vivacity so pleased the poet that he offered to her parents to educate her. They accepted his proposal and he kept his promise. Nothing was neglected to make the young girl an artist. She had the good fortune to receive music lessons from Haydn. Other celebrated artists taught her singing and composition. Metastasio bequeathed her all his property. In 1798 she lived in Vienna in affluence and gave weekly concerts which were renowned as gatherings of the celebrities of the day. She composed many masterpieces of music before she died, early in the nineteenth century.

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CARE OF INVALIDS.

Plenty of fresh, pure air is an essential part of a patient's treatment. Pure air is just as important and necessary for good health as pure food and water. Fresh air and sunlight are the cheapest and best agents for the recovery of an ill patient. Let fresh air and sunlight enter the sick room through open windows as much as possible. Expose the bed clothing to the open air and sunshine for some time each day. Have the patient sleep with the windows open top and bottom. The old superstition that night air is unhealthy, even for an invalid, is entirely false. On the contrary, night air, especially in cities, is purer and better than day air. It contains less dust and fewer microbes.

In case of a burn or scalding with hot water or steam, apply a little kerosene immediately and the burn will never blister and the oil will draw out all the inflammation. One of the best lotions for burns is carbon oil which you can get at any drug store. Lined oil and lime water, mixed in equal parts is also good for burns. It is a good plan to keep a bottle of this and a few strips of soft oil linen in the house for emergencies. The sooner a burn is treated the less trouble it is apt to give.

Instead of boiling beetroot, roast them in the oven. The flavor will be much improved.

FUNERAL BOUQUET AND DESIGNS. JOHN RECK & SON

PERSONALS

Miss Dorothy Holdsworth was pleasantly surprised last evening at her home, 2,040 Park avenue, by a number of her young friends. The time was passed very pleasantly with games and dancing and late in the evening light refreshments were served. The rooms were attractively decorated and the color scheme was pink and white. Those who were present were Miss Frances Lalley, Miss Catherine Lalley, Miss Marguerite Sanford, Miss Dorothy Soule, Miss Irene Langeneger, Miss Alice Hunt, Miss Grace Longnecker of New Haven, Miss Ruth Galagher, Edward Stanley, Joseph Taylor, Robert Holcomb, Enoch Sprague, Paul Allen, Paul Lawson and Donald Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. George Ross of this city but formerly of Thomaston welcomed a daughter to their home recently.

Miss Grace Longnecker of New Haven is the house guest of Miss Dorothy Toldivorth at her home on Park avenue.

Carlin Lalley of 168 Beechwood avenue is the guest for the week-end of the Hawley family in the Bronx and will attend the skating carnival in the St. Nicholas rink this evening.

Mrs. Arthur Wedge of this city has had as her guests at her home Mrs. Clara Randall and her daughter of Woodbury.

Miss Helen Munro will entertain the members of the Epworth League of the Summerfield M. E. church at her home on Ford Place on Monday evening. Miss Munro is the president of the society.

Miss Catherine Lalley of Beechwood avenue has as her guest at her home her cousin, Miss Frances Lalley of New York city.

Mrs. Walter E. Lashar, Miss Marjorie Lashar and Billy Lashar, who have been in Atlantic City, N. J., for the past ten days, are expected to return to their home on Clinton avenue on Monday or Tuesday.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Make a lather of good soap, adding a little soda and ammonia, and wash your children's quilts. Put this lather in a large bath and soak the quilt in it for half an hour. Stir it about, but do not rub or wring.

Pour off water and allow cold water to run over the quilt for some time, working it up and down in the running water.

Pin it to the clothes line at alternate corners to dry, and shake occasionally. Finish drying in a warm room. Give a thorough shaking when dry.

To make cabbage digestible, when half boiled pour off the water and place in fresh boiling water.

Have two separate cloths for dishes and pots. Keep the dish cloth for that purpose. Soak both out once a day. When you need a new dish cloth take the old one for a pot cloth.

When making fruit cakes add a teaspoonful of orange marmalade instead of candied peel. It is cheaper and gives a delicious flavor.

To keep the forks and spoons bright without the trouble of cleaning them, plunge them into boiling water after washing. This gives a beautiful polish.

Don't melt butter to spread on bread. You use three times as much this way. Always make it a rule to have some soft butter in the pantry for toast, sandwiches, etc.

Tea stains can be removed from the table cloth quite easily if the stained part is dipped at once into milk.

Don't use dish towels for oven towels. Use a square of heavy crash for oven use.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

The tea caddy has come into its own again. There is quite a craze for it among the collectors, as well as a demand for it on all the tea tables in the land. For something over a hundred years it has been relegated to the china cabinet or the silver table as an obsolete curio, but in this year of war it has once more become the receptacle, as it was in the time of our great-grandmothers, of the precious leaves, to be jealously guarded and sparingly used. Old caddy spoons are rarer even than the antique caddies now, and the happy possessors of them are using them with pride. Thus after years of obscurity the tea caddy emerges once more as one of the most useful and up to date of wedding gifts and is pretty sure of a place on our sideboards and tea tables until long after the "piping times" have returned.

A very charming Chippendale bed-room in one of England's great houses has the four-poster bedstead with the Chinese Chippendale chintz draperies. It is flanked on one side by a tallboy, the top decorated with broken pediment. At the foot of the bedstead is what was then called a dressing table, but which is really just a small table with six drawers, three above the other three.

There are two upholstered chairs—a wing chair and a leather chair, for you will remember that it was about this time that the upholstered chair came into being, one slatted straight chair and one spindle back. Above a serpentine front chest of drawers there is a large mirror showing a classical influence. There is a little shaving stand on one corner, and over near a window stands a large toilet mirror. Needless to say, the room is charming.

Reliable Recipes

EGG CREAM TOAST

This is an economical recipe, as only one egg is used and a small quantity of cream. Heat one cupful of milk with a pinch of salt and three table-spoons of cream. Beat one egg lightly, add a little of the hot liquid and then combine the two, stir constantly until of the consistency of cream and pour over slices of toast that have been lightly spread with butter. Serve very hot. Do not boil the egg cream.

BAKED FIG WHIP

Steam four very large figs until soft and then chop finely. Beat the whites of two eggs until stiff and dry and beat in the same amount of salt, the figs, one tablespoonful of lemon juice and a quarter of a cupful of powdered sugar. Pour into buttered tinfoil moulds, set them in a pan of hot water and bake until well risen and browned. Serve hot with a custard sauce made from the egg yolks.

WHOLE WHEAT CRUMPETS

Scald one pint of milk and add two tablespoonfuls of oleo and teaspoonful each of salt and sugar. When it has become lukewarm, add half a cake of compressed yeast dissolved in a few spoonfuls of tepid water. Stir in about 1-4 cupfuls of whole wheat flour, and one cupful of wheat flour, or enough of the blended flours to make a good drop batter, then cover well and set to rise over night. In the morning stir it down, beat vigorously and pour into hot greased muffin rings that have been set on a hot greased griddle. Fill the muffin rings with the batter. It will rise to the top and bake slowly. Cool and toast on both sides, then spread with butter. Serve very hot.

From Fashion Shops

Even the school girl whose wardrobe was quite complete in the autumn, when she left home, is apt to need an extra frock or two in midwinter; and for her the designers have this year taken particular care. If the regulations do not require that school dresses of a specified type be worn, the girl will be delighted with the new serge and serge and satin dresses designed for school wear. Perhaps as a forerunner of the agreement of tailors to use only four yards of woolen material in suits for year this spring, these serge dresses are made with rather narrow skirts. But the unattractive features of the very narrow skirt are done away with, in some cases, by an adaptation of the overskirt; in this instance, a sort of tunic which, in front, comes only to the hips and so leaves room either for a front panel of a different material or for a whole underskirt of another fabric. The overskirt hangs loose giving somewhat the effect of a coat.

An especially pretty frock of this type was made of black velvet, with a deep collar of embroidered silk. This same silk was used for a wide vest in the waist and extended straight down the frock to form a panel. At the bottom, it was banded with embroidered banding six inches wide, a narrower width of which edged the collar and the cuffs of frilled silk. Better adapted to school wear is a dark blue frock, of which the upper two-thirds is of satin and the lower third of serge. It is made on straight lines, with a narrow belt of satin holding in the fullness at the waist and the only trimming is medallions, embroidered in colored threads and placed at intervals across the belt and on the sleeves, just above the cuffs.

The girl who does not want to purchase a new frock for school wear can make herself one that is at least different from those which she has been wearing, if she has a Jersey suit left from her last summer's wardrobe. The light shades of tan, pink or yellow make darker shades of dye very nicely, and a coat of such suit has been recently converted into a smart school frock. It was mustard yellow originally but three packages of dark brown dye, properly mixed with hot water, furnished the means of turning it seal brown. By belting the jacket in with wide leather belt, it was made a Russian blouse dress. The coat collar and cuffs were removed, and attractive ones made to replace them. A similar set would look well on a serge or linen dress, and any girl who has done embroidery could make one. Marquise of a soft cream shade was the material used, and an allover design was considered on it in brown and marigold shades, with a touch of blue. The collar and cuff set finished the frock admirably. Such a dress can have a collar, cuffs and wide sash of angora, if desired, or dark brown watered silk could be used.

GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMAN OPENING IN EVERY FIELD IN WHICH SHE MAY SEEK TO EARN LIVING

Never before was the scope of vocational opportunity for women so wide, nor the chances for even untrained women to earn money so many and varied. The advice of authorities on women in industry however, is to the effect that adequate training is essential for efficiency today, and the war has brought into existence many sources of instruction for women desirous of training for industry.

The type of woman, her mental and physical ability, will determine largely her wage-earning position. For the woman of fair education the various fields of clerical work offer a fruitful field. The United States Civil Service possibly presents the most favorable opportunity for this class as the service of female clerks for the government is in demand. There is need in the large cities for intelligent women to fill clerical positions taking the place of men who have gone to war.

Banks are opening their doors to women clerks, and offices and commercial houses require women in relief divisions, for statistical work, the operation of tabulating machines, secretarial work, etc. The railroad offices throughout the country employ women as ticket agents, freight clerks and in other clerical positions formerly filled by men. In many cities the demand for telephone operators is larger than the supply.

For the woman in the country the farm offers an opportunity for service. Women in New York and New Jersey last summer demonstrated their ability to perform mutually profitable work in the market gardens, orchards and even in the grain fields. At the beginning of the season the farmers treated with scepticism feminine offers of service; but before its close the women had become a valuable agricultural asset in the farming sections of those states.

For the city woman whose physical ability is her chief recourse in bread-winning, the factories offer many positions, although again it is the trained woman who is in demand in textile and munitions factories and other centers of labor. Many of the railroads throughout the country are employing women in the freight yards for the lighter forms of labor, and they are in demand as car cleaners, in which latter service they have proven themselves highly satisfactory. The policeman is also appearing while occasionally a woman is to be seen driving a delivery wagon.

Statistics from the city of Detroit show that within recent months the increase in woman service is employed in factories and workshops is almost three times greater than that of men.

In reply to the question: "What can women do other than knitting, conserving food and giving voluntary service to the Red Cross?" There is a large field of usefulness for the woman who wishes to serve her country, in Americanizing men, women and children of foreign birth in this country, and every large city yields women's relief committees which are in need of workers. Good volunteer war work can also be accomplished by arousing interest in the nation's war loans—its Liberty Bonds and its War Savings Certificates and Thrift Stamps. Any woman with a gift for public speaking may become a "Four Minute Speaker."

Civilian relief for families whose men have gone to war offers a large field for patriotic volunteer service. Financial aid may be provided, positions may be found for women dependents and children of foreign birth may be rendered mothers who are compelled to work in the absence of their husbands. Child welfare is a primary insurance of the country's welfare.

The soldiers returning from battle wounds offer an extensive field for relief work of patriotic American women. Thousands of crippled men must be reconstructed and reeducated. Volunteer lay workers can do much for the physical comfort of convalescents by giving massage, by helping the lame to walk, the deaf to hear and the blind to see, by reading, by entertaining and by performing other duties to help men who have given themselves to the nation's cause.

For the patriotic American woman who wishes to do other work than knitting, conserving food and working through the Red Cross, the following organizations and others of kindred nature will yield ample information for relief work. National Americanization Committee, 29 West 29th street; National League for Woman Service, 105 West 40th street; National Security League, 31 Pine street; and National Civic Federation, 105 West 46th street, all of New York city; National Society, D. A. R., Washington, D. C., and Special Aid Society for American Pre-paredness, 891 Boylston street, Boston. In every state in the Union may be found units of the Woman's Committee of the Council of National Defense. These organizations have information concerning every phase of the war work being done by women. Red Cross associations are in 13 districts.

To remove brown marks from china put the articles in a steampan with cold water and a lump of soda. Put the pan on the stove and let it boil for 15 minutes. Then rinse the china well, and you will find that the marks will have disappeared.