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"MANNEQUIN" AT CAPITOL

A gripping story of American home life is told in "Mannequin," James Cruze's production for Paramount which was adapted from Fannie Hurst's $50,000 Liberty prize contest story. Alice Joyce, Warner Baxter, Dolores Costello and ZaSu Pitts are featured in the leading roles.

"Mannequin," which opens a 3 day's run at the Capitol theater on Thursday is the story of a child, stolen from its parents, Alice Joyce and Warner Baxter, by a dull, slow-witted nursemaid, Annie Pogani, played by the versatile ZaSu Pitts.

The vaudeville bill will offer five good acts headed by Hall Erminie and Brice in a variety of hits. Others include Bordner and Boyer in a novelty act; the Garner Girls in songs and dances; Rody Jordan in a comedy offering; and LaVelle Adams and her company in a revue. Pathe's new serial, "Casey of the Coast Guards" will also start with the program.

The management is looking for one more Charleston dancer for the Charleston contest on Thursday evening.

PROGRAM AT LYCEUM

Since the Swedish naval band will be at the Lyceum this evening there will be no movie program, but starting tomorrow afternoon another double feature bill will be shown starring Mark Twain's "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court," easily one of the greatest satire comedies ever filmed. The other picture is "The Love Hour," featuring Huntley Gordon, Louise Fazenda, Willard Louis and Ruth Clifford.

"The Love Hour" is a romantic drama of a little shop girl and her millionaire husband. The plot evolves around the wealthy husband who loses his fortune and then his health.

The re-issue of "A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court" is bound to be extremely popular for those who saw it a number of years ago will surely see it again and those who have not cannot afford to miss it.

CHAMPLAIN DESCENDANT DIES

Batavia, N. Y., March 24 (AP)—Miss Orra G. Sherwin, 80, a direct descendant of Samuel de Champlain, early French explorer and discoverer of Lake Champlain, died here yesterday.

Ireland's commission for relief of the poor recently found that one woman receiving aid owned an automobile and three melodeons.

SPARKLING COMEDY ON PARSONS' STAGE

"The Show Off" Amusing Reflection of Family Life

(By Herald Reviewer.)

Opinion was virtually unanimous at Parsons' theater, Hartford, last night, that "The Show Off," which began a week's engagement, is one of the most amusing entertainments yet produced. It is a mirror of modern domestic life in which "in-laws" and the troubles of the youngest daughters figure heavily.

The central figure is "Aubrey Piper," a young man with an overdraft in his bank account but a million dollar's worth of self-confidence under his hat. "Piper" is played by Louis John Bartels, who is almost as well known to the public as President Coolidge through his interpretation of the role in the leading theaters of the country. He is a loud young man who wears loud clothes and wants to be "clubby" with everyone he meets, meanwhile trying to impress the world with his importance. "Piper" is truly one of the great characters of the musical comedy stage.

The leading role on the distaff side is capably taken by Helen Lowell, the long suffering "Ma," who is inclined to be a "Calamity Jane" and who frequently sees her gloomy judgment vindicated by subsequent events. Miss Lowell is equally as great as Mr. Bartels. One criticism might be offered—her voice does not carry well enough to reach those sitting in rear seats. But as a type Miss Lowell leaves nothing to be desired. She is splendid.

Winifred Wellington also makes a fine impression for the manner in which she portrays the youngest daughter, strong-willed and inclined to the opinion that her folks are old-fashioned because they cannot see "Aubrey" through her rose-tinted spectacles. Frances Goodriche, William Carey, C. W. Goodrich and George Weller have important assignments in the case and their work was favorably received.

Francis Pierlot, a member of the company, has been stricken ill with pneumonia. His place has been taken by Myron Paulson, who played the same character in London and in Chicago and who is familiar with the lines and the task expected of him. George Warrington, appearing for a few minutes only, is a true to life insurance salesman.

There is a moral to "The Show-Off" and it is this—don't scoff at the swaggering male person who thinks he knows it all; perhaps he does.

"The Show-Off" is from the pen of George Kelly, whose comedies are familiar to magazine readers and theater audiences everywhere. It will remain at Parsons' theater for the rest of the week, with a matinee next Saturday.

Food Poisoned. Cooks Are to Be Arrested

Chicago, March 24 (AP)—Two cooks at the Cook county hospital were suspended and the police said others may be arrested in an investigation of reports that poison had been placed in food prepared for Warden Michael Zimmer and more than 30 doctors for dinner last Sunday.

City chemists who analyzed some of the food said enough poison to kill scores of persons had been found in some of the chicken dressing.

According to the police hospital authorities received reports prior to the serving of the dinner that disgruntled cooks had placed foreign matter in the food.

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MAPLE SUGAR SAP NOW IS FILLING UP THE BUCKETS

Winter's Grip Relaxes and Vermont Trees Are Running — St. Johnsbury Is Known as "Maple Sugar Capital of the World."

St. Johnsbury, Vermont, March 24 (AP)—The myriad sap buckets of Vermont have at last begun to fill with the trickling fluid that is the raw material of maple sugar, a product for which the state is famous.

Winter's grip has relaxed after delaying the maple sugar season virtually one month. While the mercury tumbled night after night to 20 to 30 degrees below zero and six feet of snow carpeted the sugar-bushes, tapping the maples was out of the question. Last year sap was running merrily before March one.

But today zephyrs of spring were thawing the frozen hearts of the maples. They doled out their life-blood slowly but surely, into the buckets affixed to their sides.

Reports of great activity in the sugar-bushes seeped today into St. Johnsbury, a thriving village, wedged deeply in the Green Mountains of northeastern Vermont and known as the "maple sugar capital of the world."

Battle Through Drifts

Farmers were battling through snow drifts higher than their heads breaking roads into the sugar orchards. They were cutting hundreds of cords of wood for the open fires that boil the sap. They were tapping and bucketing many thousands of trees. The mercury today stood at 32 degrees above zero. A light "sugar snow," hailed as a good omen, has fallen.

Vermont's maple crop is valued at millions of dollars. The bulk of the harvest is directed from St. Johnsbury, though farmers' cooperative agencies in other parts of the state do a thriving business. The maple nectar is shipped here from the chief producing centers and passes through a huge refining plant with a capacity of 160,000 pounds of sugar and 12,000 gallons of sap a day.

Maple sugar is produced in New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Hampshire and Maine, but Vermont, the tiniest state of the lot, makes the moats of it. United States department of agriculture production figures for 1924 follow:

Vermont 12,221,000 pounds; New York 5,415,000; Ohio 3,774,000; Pennsylvania 2,304,000; New Hampshire 1,921,000; Maine 650,000.

Maple sugar is eaten as a delicacy in syrup or in candied forms. Thousands of pounds are used to sweeten cigarettes, cigars and high grade chewing tobacco.

Ways of Harvesting

Mountaineers with hob-sleds drawn by plow-horse and often by yokes of oxen carve their way through the deep snow in the woods collecting the sap. In some sugar orchards, where the terrain lends itself to efficiency, sap is spouted down the mountain sides directly into the sugar house. It is boiled 16 hours to produce syrup and four hours longer to produce sugar.

During a period of prolonged balmy weather, hundreds of fires gleam all night from the sugar places sequested amid the snow-clad hills. Warm days and nights keep the sap dripping incessantly into the buckets. The sap collectors must make their rounds and the sugar-makers must boil 24 hours a day. The work is done by the farmers and their hired help. They never strike. The season lasts about a month.

Thawing days and freezing nights are most conducive to a good flow of sap. But the day that buds appear on the tall maple trees, sugar-maker bow to the inexorable laws of nature and hang up their buckets. They know the run is over.

NAVAL CARRIER PIGEON GOES A. W. O. L. FOR YEAR

Then, In Returning To Duty, Steals Forty Mile Ride In An Automobile

Washington, March 24 (AP)—The navy's pet pigeon story about a carrier bird that went A W O L from a Canal Zone station for a year and then returned to duty, was carried today in an official report from San Diego of an aerial messenger which stole a 40 mile automobile ride to deliver its message.

The San Diego pigeon arrived at the navy station there perched on a motor car driven by Mrs. Evelyn Johnson of San Diego, who said it hadsboarded the machine at Oceanside, 40 miles away. It promptly took up its residence in the quarters of the officer of the day, drew rations, rested a bit and then took the air to make its home port at a nearby naval aviation station under its own power. The bird had been released presumably from a plane with a message addressed to the aviation station.

Stamford Man Dies From Injuries Suffered Sunday

Greenwich, March 24 (AP)—Edward J. Murphy, 30, of 300 Fairfield avenue, Stamford, died in Greenwich hospital late tonight from a fractured skull suffered in an automobile accident in Riverside Sunday. Murphy was riding with Grover Cornish, also of Stamford when their automobile struck a tree, careened along for fifty feet and then overturned on Rosebottom hill.

Cornish was not injured but was arrested on a charge of operating while under theinfluence of liquor and he was released in bonds of $1,000. He had not been rearrested late tonight.

Murphy was crushed when the car overturned and he was rushed to the hospital. He died just as physicians were preparing to operate upon him. He was the son of Mrs. Agnes Murphy.

Their Ideas of Ideals Change After U. S. Visit

New York, March 24 (AP)—Eight young men born in Greece who went home looking for brides, only to find new scenes had changed their ideas of feminine beauty, returned unmarried today on the National Greek liner Edison. Each had become moderately wealthy in this country, and made the pilgrimage in the belief that native brides should share their fortune. They declared unanimously at the pier today that their intent could not withstand the standard acquired in this country.