

"Mlle Modiste," Lavish Glee Club Production Next Week

Victor Herbert's Triumph Plays the New State Theatre Monday and Tuesday.

Gay, glittering, gorgeous, "Mlle Modiste" will make her bow next Monday and Tuesday nights, as the first legitimate attraction in Bellefonte's splendid new "State" theatre.

The music, most of it, is already well-known, having maintained its popularity ever since the play was first produced.

The lyrics are well-written, some containing a great poetic beauty while others are extremely clever and amusing.

The drama itself is a well-constructed piece containing suspense, love-interest, and comedy, with the comedy perhaps paramount.

The story opens in the hat shop of Madame Cecile in Paris where the heroine, Fifi, is employed.

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Over one year later, Hiram Bent returns to Paris bringing with him "Mlle Bellini," who is none other than Fifi, now a great singer.

Through these glamorous scenes, pert and pretty shop girls flirt with handsome officers; light-hearted footmen cavort behind the back of their master; stately Colonials dance the Polonaise; Cadets, in gay uniform, stir the audience with their singing; butterflies, powder-puffs, "The Duncan Sisters," and Farina—all fit against picturesque settings.

Outside the show proper there are added features which are easily on a par with the best parts of the book.

The principals are not so numerous as usual, but they certainly make up in quality what they lack in quantity.

Paul Crust is seen as the hero and, of course, plays the role with much skill and all the charm of his former performances.

These many features are but a few of the charms in "Mlle Modiste's hat box," and she is very anxious to have you see all of them she asks you to come see her next week at "The State."

The admission charge will be 75 cents and reserved seats will be on sale at Gross's on Saturday.

Lead pencils contain no lead. Lead pencil is as much a misnomer as it would be to call a horse a cow.

GASES ONCE WASTED TURNED INTO MONEY

Industry and Public Benefited by Chemistry.

East Pittsburgh, Pa.—Modern chemistry is demonstrating that even odors can be turned into dollars and cents.

Gases that have polluted the atmosphere are now being captured and converted into the liquids from which they originated, to the profit of both industry and the public.

Experts of the materials and process engineering department of the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company decided that too many smells were going up the chimney in the process of treating insulation with resinous materials.

How far chemical engineers can go in eliminating and using fumes by liquefying them before they are discharged into the air has not yet been determined, but experiments now under way suggest that far-reaching results are possible.

Chemists point out, however, that recovery methods might be too well perfected, for it is possible that some of the agents recovered from gases would themselves be difficult to destroy.

Seeks to Make Blend of Light and Music

Philadelphia.—A basic patent for an invention to blend light with music has been granted to Mrs. Mary Haddock Greenwalt.

While music is being rendered by singer, violinist, pianist or orchestra, Mrs. Greenwalt's apparatus floods the performer with lights of varying intensity.

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Mrs. Greenwalt was born in Beirut, Syria, the daughter of Samuel and Sara Tabet Haddock.

Mystery Blasts Being Studied by Scientists

White Plains, N. Y.—Residents of northern Westchester county are searching to find a solution to the mysterious blast which rocked buildings and spread terror over several miles of the countryside.

Similar blasts have occurred at intervals of exactly six months within the last two years. They always come at night. The ground was shaken and the noise of the explosion was heard, but on each occasion it was unaccompanied by any flare or light such as would have been the case had the explosion been due to powder or gasoline or other known explosives that are set off by friction or heat.

Scientists have been asked to study the terrain in the vicinity and ascertain if the blasts are being caused by some disturbance deep under the earth.

To Stop Dress Snobbery

Atlantic City, N. J.—With special approval by the principal some 50 high school girls are wearing middie blouses and blue skirts in an effort to stop dress snobbery.

"Lifer" Sues Woman; Charged Cruel to Cat

Boston.—Jesse Pomeroy, "lifer" who entered the state prison at Charlestown a seventeen-year-old boy, nearly fifty-one years ago, is the plaintiff in a \$5,000 action in which he denies charges that he has been cruel to animals while in prison.

Pomeroy remains in his cell while two attorneys represent him before the Suffolk Supreme civil court.

The defendant is Alice Stone Blackwell of Dorchester, publisher of a magazine for women, who told the court that "she felt it a public duty to write a letter to a Boston newspaper in 1925 in opposition to a pardon for Pomeroy. The letter described his crime as much worse than that of Leopold and Loeb and repeated a rumor that Pomeroy, when permitted the companionship of a kitten, had skinned it alive."

Counsel for Pomeroy told the court that the suit was brought to "spike a lie," and said that animals had been Pomeroy's only friends in prison.

Banana Employed by the Serpent in Eden?

"Early inhabitants of the East believed that the banana plant was the source of good and evil and that the serpent which tempted Eve hid in a bunch of the fruit," according to W. T. Pope of the Hawaii experiment station of the United States Department of Agriculture.

Undoubtedly this legend influenced the early classifiers who designated two species of the plant as musa paradisiaca (fruit of paradise) and musa sapientum (fruit of knowledge). The common name, "banana," was adopted from the language of an African Congo tribe, and first came into use during the sixteenth century.

The name "banana" seems to have been borne for a long period by the fruit, which was eaten raw. The term "plantain" was given to a variety which, though closely related to the banana, is edible only after being cooked.

The generic name "Musa" for the banana group was bestowed by the botanist Linnaeus in honor of Antonius Musa, a learned physician of the early Roman empire.—Chicago Journal.

Modern Homes Built on Old Mission Site

On the heights east of Manila is an old Franciscan estate with an early seventeenth century church on it, and down in a vale the ruins of a chapel—the holy edifice and the ruin alike memorable of a forgotten age.

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Clerical Sandwich

A missionary to one of the islands where man-eating is still practiced was captured by a cannibal chief. To his surprise he was offered his freedom on condition that he would carry a small packet to another chief in the mountains.

But while one officer was arguing with him another quietly opened the packet. It contained a note to the chief reading: "The bearer will be delicious with these."—Boston Transcript.

Poetic Justice

"Arabs dearly love what we call poetic justice," said Lowell Thomas, the writer-lecturer. "They tell the story of an Arab who stole a horse and sent his son to market to sell it. On the way to market, the son was himself robbed of the horse and forced to return to his father empty handed."

"Ah!" exclaimed the old man when his son walked back into camp. "I see thou has sold the horse. How much did it bring?"

"Father," said the son disconsolately, "it brought the same price for which thou thyself didst buy it?"

A World Thinker

The need of the hour is for a world thinker. Most of us are like flies that buzz around a very small area—and perhaps get caught or swatted before we even get into the next room.

We need men with perspective—world thinkers.—Grove Patterson, in the Mobile Journal.

Morphia Tests

Morphia is a very common poison, out its presence is easy to detect by the chemist. With no great difficulty he can detect the presence of even one-twenty-thousandth part of a grain. The usual residue having been obtained, an addition of iodine acid is made, and then, should morphia be present, the whole at once turns blue when a little starch-paste is added.

Rarin' to Go

An Alabama man declares that the priftest courtship of all was that of a darky couple in that state. It ran about as follows: Rastus speaking first: "Why don't you take me?" "Cause you ain't ast me."

SPREADS SUNSHINE AMONG SHUT-INS

Carolinian Has Given Away 80,000 Bouquets.

Greenville, S. C.—Spreading sunshine is the hobby of A. G. Gower, Greenville bookkeeper—figuratively, that is.

For eight years he has made and presented 80,000 bouquets to Greenville shut-ins, persons who are ill, and others.

Gower estimates that he cuts 250,000 blossoms annually from his garden, all of which are given away. The monetary return is nothing, but he says "It is spreading sunshine wholesale, and my reward is so tremendous that it is boundless. I have a treasure house without limits."

He began his flower mission in a small way about 20 years ago. It was not until just after the World War in 1919 that it began to assume its present large proportions.

At that time he was asked to teach a Bible class in the United States Army Hospital No. 23, at Camp Sevier. "I'll teach the class," he said, "if you will let me bring the boys flowers every Sunday morning."

Then the work of spreading sunshine began in earnest. His flower garden became larger and larger, until today it occupies every nook and cranny of the half-acre plot around his home.

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Kills Three of His Brothers and Ends Own Life

Bakersfield, Calif.—Albert Villard, fifty years, hanged himself from his own automobile and then shot himself to make death doubly certain after he had killed three of his brothers and wounded a fourth, according to reports brought here.

Joe Villard, suffering from bullet wounds inflicted by his brother, walked two miles to a neighbor's ranch to notify the authorities.

The three brothers who were killed—August, Eugene and Gabriel Villard—with Joe and their parents were at breakfast and did not know that Albert was in the room until he began shooting, Joe said.

Ranchmen say that for several years Albert has held a grudge against his brothers, claiming he was deprived of his share of the Villard ranch.

5,000,000 Italian Born Living in United States

Rome.—Latest statistics here show that there are 9,118,593 expatriated Italians living in different parts of the world. The figure is probably even greater than this, as the consular returns from some countries are confessedly incomplete.

The greatest number of emigrated Italians live in the American continent. Between North and South and Central America 7,674,683 Italians are accounted for.

The United States alone has more than 5,000,000 of them, while there are 150,000 in Canada, 800,000 in Mexico, 87,000 in Costa Rica, 800,000 in Brazil, 1,600,000 in the Argentine, and 21,500 in Chile.

In Europe there are 1,267,841 exiled Italians, more than half of whom are living in France. In Africa there are 180,100 Italians, while Australia has 27,000 living under its flag.

Think Farm Children Superior to City Bred

Wellington, New Zealand.—Farm children are superior to city reared children, says a national report on a survey of the physical growth and mental attainment of the boys and girls of New Zealand.

The survey included 20,000 town and country children ranging in age from ten to fourteen and was carried out by Dr. Ada Paterson, director of the health department's division of school hygiene, and Dr. E. Marsden, assistant director of education.

Will Written on Egg Shell Termed Valid

Brooklyn.—Wills have been written on eggshells, coabins and bedposts, and might possibly be tattooed on the shoulder of an heiress and remain valid. Crenna Skellers told of these among other unusual legal documents in a talk on "The Power to Make a Will," given at the Academy of Music.

Among surprising provisions in wills of historical people, Miss Skellers announced that Gouverneur Morris willed that his wife's income be doubled if she married again. Thomas Paine, she said, although commonly considered an atheist, bequeathed his soul to God.

Even Finest Violins Must Have Exercise

A violin, like a growing boy, according to the experts, is much better when kept busy. And dance tunes are just as good for "exercising" even a priceless Stradivarius as are the highest class concert numbers.

Inside the violin is this inscription: "Antonius Stradivaris Cremonensis, Faciebat Anno 1713" (Cremona of Antonio Stradivaris, made in the year 1713). The famous Cremona carver was at the height of his career as a violin maker in 1713, and all the evidence to be found in the family records leads the McDonalds to believe the instrument is an original of the noted maker.

The loss of weight that we undergo every day has been the object of recent research, says Science. In the experiments, conducted by the Carnegie Institution at Washington, two sensitive balances were used.

Both were strong enough to weigh a man, but delicate enough to register minute changes in weight. One of the balances would indicate a change of one-third of an ounce, and a person could sleep all night on its platform.

The other was a hundred times as sensitive, but could be occupied only for an hour or so at a time. The total moisture losses through the lungs and skin of a woman of average weight averaged around 30 grams, or one ounce per hour; for a man the figure was about one-third higher.

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Forgetful

The forgetful man got to the railroad station a few minutes before train time, but he felt he had forgotten something.

He looked over his baggage. It was all there. He felt in his pocket. His wallet was bulging pleasantly. Absently he reached in another pocket and pulled out two tickets to Niagara falls and a marriage license. So that was it!

He groaned and rushed for a telephone booth.

But it was no use. He had forgotten the name and telephone number of the girl with whom he had intended to elope.—American Legion Monthly.

Streams That "Meander"

"Crooked as the River Jordan" is an old expression, but there are streams that make Jordan look straight. In the old days when packet steamers were popular as transportation up and down the Mississippi, passengers used to get out at many of the sharp bends and walk across a narrow neck of land to rest from the tedious trip, the steamer arriving sometimes an hour later.

A Month of Birthdays.

February is the shortest month in the year, a fact well known to all of us, but it is also a very important month. It is full of birthdays, and we shall enumerate a few of them, even though we repeat facts known to us all.

February gave us Washington, the founder of our Republic, and Lincoln, the saviour of the nation. Daniel Boone, that great pioneer who read our title clear to that huge tract of land lying west of the Appalachian Mountains, was a February lad, the eleventh being his day.

It is fitting, too, that the Boy Scouts' birthday falls in the same month with this greatest of scouts, and that special exercises by their troops will mark his birthday. And toward the end of the month—the twenty-seventh—we find the birthday of Henry W. Longfellow, who sang of our original settlers as no other poet has done, and who also sang for the children:

Between the dark and the daylight, When the night is beginning to lower, Comes a pause in the day's occupation That is known as the Children's Hour.

ANNIVERSARIES OF THE WEEK

February 16—Fort Donaldson surrendered 1862.

February 17—President Jefferson elected 1801.

February 19—Jefferson Davis inaugurated 1861.

February 20—Panama-Pacific Exposition 1910.

February 21—General Sherman buried 1891.

February 22—Washington's birthday.

WORTH KNOWING

One automobile in each twenty injured some one last year.

Two inches is the average thickness of the hippopotamus' skin.

It requires 567 bees working a lifetime to produce a pound of honey.

A French chemist claims that he has invented a non-inflammable gasoline.

Few men make themselves masters of the things they write or speak.—Selden

Over 6,000 kinds of caterpillars have been found in America north of Mexico.

Falls kill more people than battles, according to the National Safety Council.

The saxophone was named for its inventor, Antoine Joseph Sax, of Belgium and Paris.

A single bee averages only 31.65 trips from hive to field during its entire existence.

One person in each one hundred in the United States was injured by an automobile last year.

Eighty per cent of all savings in the United States are said to be in the names of women.

Nevada is now a State without a street car, busses having entirely supplanted the trolley system.

A rate was among the barbers of Butler, Mo. has forced the price of hair cuts down to 20 cents.

The average life of the honey bee is six weeks; three as a field bee; three as a nurse rearing its young.

The first game of intercollegiate football was played early in November, 1869, between Princeton and Rutgers universities.

Three per cent of all bees issuing from the hive never return, as the result of the toll of storms, birds, and their own consuming labor.

The largest electric sign ever built was lighted for the first time, February 1, in Times Square, New York City. The new sign is lighted by 815 lamps, which are connected with twenty miles of wire.

A policeman of Bourne, England, recently held up traffic when a duck started to waddle across the road. In the middle of the road she sat down to lay an egg. Ten minutes later the egg was rescued and traffic resumed.

Realizing the educational effect of films, the British government has appointed Mrs. Ashley, wife of a member of Parliament, as censor of etiquette for films. So the villain may eat peas with his knife in America—but not in England.

Sailors have numerous superstitions. A sailor may sing, but he seldom whistles, for whistling is supposed to bring on a hurricane. Blue paint is also unpopular with sea-faring men, who dislike to join a vessel having any part of her painted blue.

Army airmen will now have a three mile limit. Instructions to regulate high-altitude flying by Army Air Corps pilots have been issued by Major General James E. Fehet, chief of the Air Corps. Because of the dangers of high altitudes, special permission and special apparatus will be required for those desiring to go above the three-mile limit.

The most remarkable echo known is one on the north side of Shipley church, in Sussex, England, which distinctly repeats twenty-one syllables. In the Cathedral of Girgenti, Sicily, the slightest whisper is borne with perfect distinctness from the great doors to the cornice behind the altar, a distance of two hundred and fifty feet.

Hedjaz, in southern Arabia, is a land of despair for safety razor and shaving soap manufacturers. Ibn Saoud, its ruler, has not only forbidden smoking, the use of alcoholic liquors and perfume, and the wearing of silver and gold ornaments and silk garments, but has made shaving a crime for which both the barber and the man shaved shall be punished.

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