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Why do people laugh at a fat man when he laughs at an embarrassed position on the stage? That is the question that Rappley Holmes, one of William Collier's chief stars in "Nothing But the Truth," has been trying to answer for a good many years. Holmes is fat, there is no denying that, for he even admits it himself. He comes large on the stage and large off the stage.

FAIR EXPONENTS OF A DELICATE ART \$250,000 FUND RAISED IN MITCHEL CAMPAIGN

Thomas L. Chadbourne, Banker, Tells of Banquet at Which Sum Was Subscribed

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Thomas L. Chadbourne, a banker, chairman of Mayor Mitchell's Committee of National Defense, gave to Assistant District Attorney Kilroe much information about methods used to get a large part of the big fund fund. Mr. Chadbourne told of a luncheon of prominent men at the Downtown Club, which he said, was presided over by Cleveland H. Dodge, at which upward of \$250,000 was subscribed.

Mr. Chadbourne said that to the best of his recollection there were present at the luncheon, William H. Wood, Sam O. Lewisohn, Emory R. Buckner, George F. Baker, George W. Perkins, Ambrose Mohr, Judge E. H. Gary, John Schiff, Otto Kahn, Ogden Mills and John H. Patterson.

Speeches were made by Childs, Buckner, Patterson and himself, he said. Childs explained the financial situation of the Mitchell committee and Chadbourne urged that contributions be made. "I subscribed \$25,000 outright," said Mr. Chadbourne.

Myrtle Victorine and Irene Zolar, who will reveal their fencing skill in "The Show of Wonders" at the Chestnut Street Opera House next week.

RUTH CHESTER HAS A PEACH PLETHORA

One of the youngest old ladies in the world is coming to the Garrick Theatre Tuesday night. She is Ruth Chester, the "Ma" Bascom in "Turn to the Right."

Francis Wilson TELLS OF HUMOR OF THEATRE

Francis Wilson, one of Philadelphia's numerous "shining lights" of the stage, dimmed the lights of Witherspoon Hall last night, drew up his chair and conversed with large, friendly throngs.

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LABOR SHORTAGE BLOCKS LUMBER SUPPLY

Present indications point to a greatly reduced quantity of lumber felled in New Brunswick during the coming winter as compared with ordinary years.

The effect of the existing transportation problem on the lumbering industry is easily understood. Recent statistics of the lumber cut and awaiting shipment at points in New Brunswick and the adjacent counties of Nova Scotia show a total cut of only 50 per cent.

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"LONG LIVE THE KING" A Human Story of Child-Love, of Intuition and Love, the Latest Novel

By MARY ROBERTS RINEHART

you have spent the day—until the little barrier of her own innocence. Hedwig could not have put this into words, but she had it, she could feel it, when the Countess's arm touched her, she drew aside.

"Naturally it is always quiet here. But how?"

"Where?"

"At the riding school, with Otto."

"Only with Otto?"

"Of course! Then you have virtually spent the day with him!"

"I have spent most of the day with Otto."

"This devotion to Otto—it is new. I think. You were eager to get out of the nursery. Now, it appears, you must fly back to the schoolroom and other duties. I should like to know why."

"I think Otto is lonely, mother."

"I have something to say that will put an end to this sentimental nonsense of ever being lonely. The Archduchess, seeing this boy, this young Larsch, if I felt necessary, I do not. You would probably see him, anyhow, for that matter. Which, I observed, this afternoon, also, and you are so friendly with your father?"

"She rose and threw her bolt out of a clear sky. She had had, as a matter of fact, no previous intention of doing so. But she had a sudden fit of irritation. 'It is unnecessary to remind you not to make a fool of yourself. But it may not be out of place to tell you that I have certain plans for you that will take you mind away from this silly boy, soon enough.'"

"Hedwig had risen, and was standing, when she saw the Archduchess on the table. 'What plans, mother?'"

"Not a word! I am not to be married!"

"The Countess turned and, separating the curtains, surveyed the room within. Annunziata was asleep, and beyond, the Countess, who was homesick, and perhaps because just then she had to speak to some one, she turned to her at last with the thin that filled her mind.

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Yuletide Generosity at the Stanley

The employees of the Stanley Theatre, who have been in the service of the Stanley Company, under whose direction the theatre is conducted, a year or more were given a surprise yesterday by Stanley V. Mastbaum, managing director of the company, who presented them each with a Christmas gift.

Show of Wonders at Midnight

On New Year's Eve a special midnight performance of the new York Winter Garden "Show of Wonders" will be given at the Chestnut Street Opera House.

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