

THE PLAYGOER'S WEEKLY TALK

Observations on Plays and Photoplays of Interest to Philadelphians

PHILADELPHIA, meet Mr. Maude. A great many of our playgoers will protest against the redundancy of an introduction to the great English actor...

NAMING a play is a very serious matter, says George W. Lederer, who is overseeing the production of "The Velvet Lady" which will have its premiere here next week...

THE Belasco play she has the role of an intelligent young woman, the daughter of a mid-western clergyman, who waits on two young bachelors...

WHEN you were a little child you were probably "played house" with nothing more than a set of toy dishes and a small broom...

WHILE the Government theorists have been pondering deeply on what to do with the soldiers no longer needed in the war...

THE stage of the Walnut Theatre is taxed to capacity when it is called upon to represent the production of "The Garden of Allah"...

THEATRE AND MOVIE FAVORITES WHO WILL ENTERTAIN PLAYGOERS NEXT WEEK

Edna Archer Crawford in GARDEN OF ALLAH at WALNUT. Norma Talmadge in THE FORBIDDEN CITY at STANLEY. Cyril Maude and Lavinia Hope Crews in THE SAVING GRACE at BROAD.

Clara Williams NOW PLAYING IN CARMEN OF THE KLONDIKE at SEVERAL PHOTOPLAY HOUSES. Pauline Frederick in A DAUGHTER OF THE OLD SOUTH at STRAND.

George O'Grady in VELVET LADY at FORREST. Suzanne Jackson in SEVEN DAYS LEAVE at OPERA HOUSE. Louis Harrison in OH! JOHNNY at VICTORIA.

Ina Claire in POLLY WITH A PAST at GARRICK. Douglas Fairbanks in ARIZONA at ARCADIA. Best Lytell in HITTING THE HIGH SPOTS at REGENT.

Constance Binney in OH! LADY LADY!! at LYRIC. Marjorie Daw, characterist optimism, Marjorie Daw, produced by Geraldine Farrar, in his leading woman.

CHINESE GIRLS FILMED; FAIRBANKS IN ARIZONA

Unusual Offerings Next Week at Photoplay Houses—"Oh, Johnny," at Victoria

STANLEY—Screen patrons of this city will see some Chinese girls in film when Norma Talmadge appears in her latest picture, "The Forbidden City," at the Stanley Theatre next week.

ARCADIA—Not invariably does the man who writes of the West know his ground of his characters intimately enough to insure their being accurate.

VICTORIA—In "Oh, Johnny," the first of the Louis Benson pictures which will be shown all next week at the Victoria, Benson will play the role of a western cow puncher, in which Benson is said to be remarkably true to type.

WEARS PRECIOUS COLORS

Bessie Clayton Has Legion of Honor Decoration

It is the boast of Bessie Clayton that she is the only premier dancer that has ever been contracted for by the French Government and she is the only woman dancer not of French birth who is allowed to wear the colors of the Legion of Honor.

Miss Clayton was when appearing in vaudeville since her return to this country, and to be the beneficiary of the holiday bill at B. F. Keith's Theatre, where she will appear with her Spanish dancers, Tom Dingle, John play and Frank Hurst, all of whom expect to return with her to France after peace is concluded.

THEATRE BILLS FOR NEXT WEEK

Schedule of Entertainments Includes Three "Legitimate" Openings

NEW ATTRACTIONS BROAD—Cyril Maude and his notable company in C. Maude's Chambers' latest comedy, "The Velvet Lady," which was a London success last season and won great favor in New York city.

CONINUING ATTRACTIONS OPERA HOUSE—"Seven Days' Leave," an English war melodrama of the pronounced patriotic type. The heroine is played by Jean Stuart, last seen here as the vampire in "The Vampire."

VAUDEVILLE AT POPULAR PRICES WALNUT—Drammatization of the Dickens novel, "The Garden of Allah." A big scenic production, in which a big cast and many animals will appear at the historic theatre.

MUSIC PLANS AT ST. PAUL'S Important Season in Prospect at the Overbrook Church; New Soprano St. Paul's Episcopal church, of Overbrook, has announced the prospect of an important season in prospect at the Overbrook church, of Overbrook, has announced the prospect of an important season in prospect at the Overbrook church, of Overbrook.

PLAYS AND PLAYERS SEEN AT CLOSE HAND

Interesting Sidelights of Actors and Vehicles Now Before Philadelphia Theatregoers

Sanctus C. Browne, who will act as Santa Claus at the "Oh, Lady! Lady!" Christmas party next Tuesday afternoon, when many Philadelphia children will be guests at the Lyric Theatre, has been going down to League Island in the afternoons to play on his banjo and tell negro stories for the entertainment of the enlisted men there.

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