



Rosina Vokes Theater...

The only theatrical news of the week from New York is the dismal story of the failure of several new productions. The most important effort was Miss Margaret Mather's in 'Joan of Arc,' and it was the most patient failure. One very merciful and reliable critic sums up his verdict thus: 'It is a long, dull play, deeply acted; the action does not captivate; a very little suffices of an inspired lady in steel trousers.' Mr. William Young's translation of Jules Barriere's play appears to be very long, bombastic and windy. Miss Mather's work is praised by no one, and indeed the only act in the production which escapes condemnation is Otis Skinner, whose virility and histrionic power is still a pleasant memory.

The other failure, according to reliable authorities, is the musical farce 'The Ship Aboard,' at one time a Pittsburgh reporter, who had reported that the Philadelphia audiences had been so much pleased with the music, it is now reported that the Philadelphia audiences had been so much pleased with the music, it is now reported that the Philadelphia audiences had been so much pleased with the music...

Charles Bernard puts in a strong plea for a higher tone in the drama in this week's 'Mirror.' He thinks a new class is beginning to attend the theater, a class that uses the theater as a playhouse with the bottomless pit not long ago. He thinks a new class is beginning to attend the theater, a class that uses the theater as a playhouse with the bottomless pit not long ago.

When Edwin Booth played here last season the feat was expressed that it might be the last appearance here. He subsequently returned, and has made the doubt well-nigh a certainty. Booth and Barrett will not play together after this season, although the latter will continue to manage the great tragedian's business. Next season Booth will play for 15 weeks only, and these will be divided among New York, Brooklyn, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington.

The attractions at the various theaters this week are very strong, and the Bijou, Duquesne and Opera House have not had better plays and players this season than 'Shenandoah,' 'The Vokes' and 'The Charity Ball.' The week before Christmas is proverbially one of the worst in the theatrical calendar, but perhaps the excellence of the fare served to the audiences than usual. The past week was fairly good for all the houses—'Harris' Theater' has a new variety of articles, among them being 'invisible night corsets,' 'luminous Japanese petticoats,' and other striking unusual luxuries.

There are conflicting stories about Minnie Palmer and her husband, John R. Rogers. As an author's matinee in New York last week Minnie Palmer appeared greatly surprised when Rogers threw her a big bunch of roses. On the other hand, Rogers himself says he intends to have their common property sold and go to Europe, making the separation permanent. The Duff Opera Company will begin its engagement at the Garden Theater, in New York, on January 5, appearing in 'Dorothy.' Marie Tempest will head the company, while Charles Mitchell will be the featured attraction. It is said that during the engagement the management will produce several works of a light order at special matinees.

THROWN IN A TRANCE
The Latest Victim of a Sensational Indiana Evangelist.
SPECIAL TELEGRAM TO THE DISPATCH.
MUNCIE, IND., Dec. 13.—Mrs. Woodworth, the noted trance evangelist, is conducting a series of meetings here. On Wednesday night Miss Ruth Hughes, aged 17, went into a trance at the Woodworth meeting and has since been wholly unconscious for hours at a time, seemingly perfectly lifeless. Mrs. Woodworth has appointed a bodyguard, with instructions to permit no person to touch her, claiming that 'God placed her there, and if it is His command she will recover.'

MANAGER HARRY WILLIAMS offers the Irwin Brothers specially selected at the Academy this week. The company includes many well-known variety artists, among whom are Al Reeves, the banjoist, Stick and Zeno, aerial performers, Male and Daniels, in Irish comedy, Alice Thompson, serio comic, Kitten Wolf, sharpist, singer and dancer, Maggie Collins, popular dancer, Crawford and Bowers, Chinese caricatures, and Richard Riley with his performing dog, 'Jack.' A good performance may be expected.

DAVIS' FIFTH AVENUE MUSEUM.
From the zoological garden on the top to the handsome little theater on the first floor, all is brand-new at the Fifth Avenue Museum; in fact, Manager Davis announces that nothing remains the same in the house next week, except the prices, which are never long, except the prices, which are never long.

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STAGE WIVES.
"After Dark," W. A. Brady's next picture of London, will soon be seen at the Bijou. PATRICK ROONEY is reported as saying: 'It's a shame to allow John L. Sullivan to crowd such actors as me and Booth out of the profession.' **ELSIE LESLIE** in 'Prince and Pauper' is the Christmas attraction at the Grand Opera House. It is owned by Mr. Daniel Frohman, of the Lyceum Theater, N. Y.

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ACT II. At the Metropolitan Opera House, evening of 'The Charity Ball.'
ACT III. The study at the Rectory, 'In the watches of the night.'
ACT IV. The sitting room, morning of Memorial Day, 1888.

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