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THEATRE GOSSIP Mrs. Carter's premiere in "Cleo" is to take place in Philadelphia next month. Lulu Glaser's next play is to be called "The Arrow Club," and is by Sidney Rosenfeld.

He annual review of events in Paul Armstrong, the author of the "Heir to the Hoorah." has been com-missioned by George C. Tyler to write a play for Eleanor Robson. the dramatic world and the forecast for the coming year usually printed on this page of the Christmas "News," will be found

Langdon Mitcheil is writing a play for Henrietta Crosman. This was to have been her vehicle this year, but it was not completed in time.

Charles Frohman plans to produce "Peter Fan" in Paris and Australia. He expects to star Maude Adams in the Barrie play during the engagement at the historical old house has piled up

to be the most successful of any the

Ellen Terry's American tour, under

Lillian Russell is soon to begin re

ble of seating 1,200 people. The new theater, which is rapidly nearing com-

letion, will open in March under the lirection of Edward McGlifan, instruc-

or of dramatic art in St. Vincent's col-

Tyrone Power, best remembered here

Tyrone Power, best remembered here for his work as Judas several years ago with Mrs. Fiske in "Marv of Mag-dala," will be seen in vaudeville for the remainder of this season. He will play a strong sketch, now being pre-pared for him. Edith Crane, his wife, and one or two other players will con-

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Robert Drouet, one of the principal

members of the cast producing "The Measure of a Man," which went to the

cold storage at a very early period this season, is about to venture into vaude-

ville. He will be seen in a sketch built about one of the many incidents in which Sir Conan Doyle engaged his

Lulu Glaser will be seen in a straight

comedy role within a few weeks. Like Francis Wilson, with whom she was as-

for the higher planes of dramatic en-deavor. Her new play will be called "The Arrow Club," and is from the workshop of Sidney Rosenfeld.

Nat Goodwin is rehearsing a new Nat Goodwing to indicate that his present effort, "The Genlus," will be soon abandoued. The new play is

sociated so many years, she has deter

famous detective, Sherlock Holmes

stitute his support.

Conversion" and

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tomorrow evening, exploiting Charles Cartwright as a star. Katherina Gray, Dorothy Revell, and George Fawcett will be the leading members of the supporting company.

Robert Mantell has received from Mounet-Sully a superbly bound copy of the latter's prompt book of King Oedipus, in a translation of the French arrangement of the great tragedy, in which he acted here in the season of 1903-1904. On one of the fly-leaves is a dedication to Mr. Mantell by M. Mounett-Sully, headed, Mantell by M. Mounet-Sully, headed, Hamlet,'

Clay Clement, who recently brought expects to star Maude Adams in the Barrie blay during the engagement at the French capital. During one scene in "Glorious Betsy." Mary Mannering appears in her bare



Paul Wilstach's play, "Keegan's Pal," has been renamed "The East-man Case," and will be presented at the Lincoln Square theator, New York,



The Belle of the Ghetto at the Orpheum Next Week.

notably with a piece called "The Last Chapter," but never before have his efforts in this direction been crowned with success. "The Man of the Hour," however, promises to enjoy a consider-able measure of popularity, if for no other reason, because of its bargain-counter quality. Mr. Broadhurst has followed the lead of Charlés Klein in taking a subject much in the public mind and putting it on the stage; dramatizing the newspapers, as it were. His present effort deals with corruption in municipal politics, and there seems in municipal politics, and there seems to be enough of this nowadays to make a pretty long play. The hero of the story is Alwyn Bennett, a young man of wealth and cul-ture, who is ambitious to win in the game of politics. He is in love with Dallas Wainwright, whose uncle. Charles Wainwright, is a capitalist and charles wainwright is a capitalist and street-rallway magnate. Bennett is elected mayor through the influence of the political boss, Richard Harrigan, who intends to use him in pulling through a franchise bought and paid through a franchise bought and paid for by Wainwright. Installed in office, however, Bennett's ever are opened to the real purpose of his supporters, and he makes a stand against them. This, of course, involves the enmity of his sweetheart's father, and brings about the ancient theme of "love across the bloody chasm." In the end, the pure politician has his way, both as regards the municipality and as regards the re-gard of its most desired citizens. The

S. Wardings

ance, however, is made by a child, Mas-ter Donald Gallaher, in the part of the litle son,

Girls," that reminds one of the fa-mous "Tell Me, Pretty Malden" num-ber in "Plorodora," and Valeska Sur-att sings "Why Do They Call Me a Gibson Girl?", I'm sure I don't know, Miss Suratt doesn't look any more like a Gibron girl than a beetle looks like o straffe but the sone is incompany plece is talky and preachy in spots, but has one or two good dramatic situa-tions, and may be written down as a hit. The presenting company includes George Fawcett, Frank MacVicars, Douglas Fairbanks, James Wilson, John Flood, Frederick Perry, Lillian Kem-ble, and Viva Marolda. a giraffe, but the song is ingeniously staged and claverly managed. After each chorus Miss Suratt and a young . . .

In the pursuit of their intention to keep Eleanor Robson at the Liberty theater all season, the Liebler com-pany has produced the third of the plays announced for his engagement. The plece in question was written by Clyde Fitch, is entitled "The Girl Who gentleman drop into poses represent-ing well known Gibson pictures, and ing well known Gibson pictures, and this, together with the musical set-ting, makes the song worth while. It was this number, by the way, which, rendered in London by Camille Clif-ford, caused Edna May to pack up her clothes and go out of the company of which she was principal member. Has Everything," and was tried on the road last year with excellent results. It is a slender comedy, without any feature likely to be remembered long There are several very clever play-ers in this presentation of "The Belle of Mayfair." Richard Carroll, long after the performance, but it has a number of those exceedingly bright and natural touches which have come to be called "Pitcher" There is a scene for of Mayfair. Hichard Carron, tons absent from Broadway; Van Rensse-laer Wheeler, Ignaclo Martinetti, and natural touches which have come to be called "Fitchy." There is a scene, for example, in a Harlem flat, which is so faithful to life that, having lived for years in the upper portion of New York. I came near clambering over the footlights and going to bed on the stage Christie MacDonald do excellent work, while Irene Bentley looks so charming that nobody minds the fact of her im-personation being as obviously hollow as ever. Bessie Clayton contributes two capital dances to the perform-ance. "The Beile of Mayfair" is likein a fit of absent-mindedness.

The story of the play almost suggests The story of the play almost suggests itself to an imaginative person who knows the title. "The Girl Who Has Everything," Mr. Fitc hthinks, is the girl who has love, and the girl who is not loved has nothing, no matter how much else she has. It is not a new idea, and the people will be in-clined to agree with Mr. Fitch in fin-verse proportion to the number of ly to last through the winter at Daly's. George Broadhurst, formerly noted as the author of such farces as "What Happened to Jones" and "Why Smith Left Home," has written a serious play, called "The Man of the Hour," which William A. Brady is presenting at the Savoy. Mr. Broadhurst has made sevclined to agree with Mr. Fitch in in-verse proportion to the number of years they have been married. This girl, whose name is Sylvia Lang, has, besides love, a dissolute and unthrifty brother-in-law. This gentleman has stolen his wife's fortune, and, to hide the fact, he secures from her, on her death-bed, a testament leaving him her property. Sylvia, to whom has been entrusted the care of the children, con-tests the will, and in her lawyer finds eral attempts to be serious in the past, notably with a piece called "The Last entrusted the care of the children, con-tests the will, and in her lawyer finds a sweetheart. They are on the point of marriage when the brother-in-law, Guy Weems, persuades the advocate that if the suit is pressed he can and will be-smirch the honor of the dead wife. Sylvia, ignorant of this, misunderstands her sweetheart's disinclination to fight, quarrels with him, and turns to an-other atorney. It is in the third act, after the suit has been won,that Weems comes to her room in an intoxicated

after the suit has been won, that Weems comes to her room in an intoxicated condition. In his effort to silence her he reveals the whole truth and coolly proposes that she become his wife. The girl's revolt, her struggle with him, and the final appearance of his little son at her cry, give to the piece that one necessary thrill, the lack of which has cost Mr. Fitch so many suc-cesses since he wrote "The Climbers." esses since he wrote "The Climbers." Miss Robson does the best work of her present season in the title role of the play, while Earle Brown as Weems, and B. H. Warner, as the lawyer, are excellent. The real hit of the perform-

and when Mrs. X. departs, irlumphant. Miss Y. utterly breaks down. Payed by two exceedingly capable dentable impression on the critical mate dentable impression on the critical mate dentable impression on the critical mate dentable impression or the critical mate dentable impression of the critical mater dentable impression of the critical mater

OLD POINT COMFORT.

On a line due north from the James. town exposition grounds, about five rolles distant across Hampton roads. lies Old Point Comfort. It derives its name from the fact that the storm. beaten voyagers of the Susan Constant the Godspeed and the Discovery, having put in at Capo Henry, met with a reception by the Indians which was on a variation of their troubles, and bein a variation of their treables, and being impelled to return to their boats, they speedily reached the point of juting land to which they gave the name Point Comfort. Here they were fre-from the dangers of the deep as well as from the menace of the savages and hence the appropriateness of the name they bestowed on their asylam. But the phase to which particularity of attention is now directed came in after years—the world-wide fame of this resort as a scene of gay feasivily. after years the worldswhe fame of this resort as a scene of gay festivity. The Point Comfort of the year of state 1607 became in the latter half of the nineteenth century old Point Comfor through the endearing associations , social revely with historic iraditie

and the second second PEOPLE YOU KNOW ABOUT.

Melba keeps down her weight by tak-Melba keeps down her weight by tak-ing three cold baths a day. W. W. Jacobs can never write more than one short story a month. The engagement ring of Mrs. W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., Cost \$10,000, Robert Hickens, the novellst, tressures among his rolics the cigarette smoked by the ex-Empress



Said a youngster whose name was John-"It has frequently to me occurred

That my parents so keen Might have named me John Seen. For a child should be seen and not heard." -Sam S. Stinson in Lippincett's.



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important payers.

Liebler & Co.'s big production of "In the Bishop's Carriage," will be seen at the theater for three nights and a Wednesday matinee, commencing Monday night. The story of "In the Bishop's Car-riage" is of absorbing interest, and the book has been widely read. The cast engaged in the coming presentation is as follows: William Latimer......Byron Douglas

which come in the near future.

in the form of an interview with Manager Pyper in the art section, on page

7. Our theater-goers will find much

to interest them therein. In addition

it may be said that this interview was

written some days ago, since which time

some new records of great business, and the season now under way bids fair

theater has ever known. Some very

strong attractions remain yet to be

presented, especially "In the Bishop's Carriage," Monday night, Maude Fealy,

who follows in the next week, "The

Virginian," and the Savage Opera com-

pany in "Madam Butterfly," both of

Francis Aikin Aubrey Beattle John T. Dillon Sergeant Finley Officer Moriarty

Miss Wallace.....Jane Fielding Mrs. Lane, matron at the tenderloin police station .. Caroline Morette

NANCE OLDEN JESSIE BUSLEY

Next week the Grand will make a departure from its usual line of entertain-ment in presenting "Uncle Josh Per-kins," for the first part, and "The Lit-tle Outcast," for the second, two widely varying bills that ought to suit the of all patrons

"Uncle Josh Perkins" is one of the most popular of the many rural com-edies known to the road. It comes THE THRILLING AUTO MOBILE SCENE

In Liebler & Co.'s Great Production of "In The Bishop's Carriage"-at the Theatre on Monday, Dec. 17th. The Engagement is for Three Nights and Wednesday Matinee.

feet. "Art for art's sake." Yes, and a will revive several of his former suc-little bit of realism, too, for there is a cesses. He will inaugurate the new live team of horses in the production. Shubert theafer in that city, under is without a rival. Mrs. Fiske has

AMERICAN PLAYS IN ENGLAND.

Special Correspondence. ONDON, Dec. 1 .- Perhaps the

tenant of the French army. They plot his destruction, and when Guimard un-expectedly stumbles into the tent, in deadly terror of an approaching si-moon. Biskra proceeds to play on his mental agony until he is nearly de-mented. Biskra makes the unfortunate Guimard say visions and of them the terrific and well-nigh universal slating "Julie Bonbon" has received in London will be good medicine for American theatrical mented. Biskra makes the unfortunate Guimard see visions, one of them the spectacle of his wife with a lover in his far away home in France. At length the tortured lieutenant suc-cumbs to the strain and dies, while the dreaded simoon tears and rages around, and Biskra and Yussef exchange con-gratuations. managers, although it rather hurts the feelings of us Americans in London. William Archer, who knows and admires the United States, and who un-

blame any American play, says he thinks it is a pity that this play was ever sent across the Atlantic, because whatever is said of its adaptability to the requirements of English audiences, is bound to strengthen the idea that there is a prejudice here against

Mr. Liebler said to the present writer in New York last summer, however, cannot be stung into retort. Only her eyes express her suffering, "Why is it that they hate American plays in England?" The answer was

doubtedly would rather praise than American plays, and players.

and Biskra and Yussef exchange con-gratulations. The second Strindberg play given by the New Stage club is called "The Stronger Woman." A certain Mrs. X., actress, confronts Miss Y., actress, at a cafe table. Miss Y. has been formerly adored by Mrs. X's husband. During the entire action, Miss Y. sits Sphinx-like, while Mrs. X. pours forth a tor-rent of philosophic dissertation con-cerning the manner in which she won and retained her husband's love, in face of her rival's wiles. Miss Y., however, cannot be stung into retort.

under the management of Frazee & Bay, who announce that they have equipped it with a complete scenic equipped if with a complete scenic environment. They also claim that the company presenting it is carefully se-lected in the east and fully capable. "Uncle Josh Perkins" runs up till Wednesday with the usual Wednesday main in England. 10 B. 10

"A Litle Outcast," which fills the ast half of next week at the Grand, s the story of a young man named Paul Weston, who has secretly married early in the new year. the daughter of his employer. He h previously served a term in prison a false charge, but the villain d He has Walter Clarke Bellows at the Chicago Opera House, is at work on a new play unces him as an ex-convict, and the he has been commissioned to write for young man is at once cast out by his production early in 1907 by Joseph employer. The story introduces little street gamin, Bob, whom Weste 2 Brooks. us befriended and who remains with him through thick and thin. His inthe management of Charles Frohman, will begin the latter part of January. Her repertoire will include "Captain re-unlied to his wife, largely through the ald of the little outcast. Of course the villain is detected, and all ends Merchant of Venice. happily. 2. 2. 2.

Next week the Orpheum will present hearsals of a new comedy by Kellett Chambers, which is to have its pre-miere in Philadelphia during the another good comedy bill, which will consist throughout, with the exception of a European act, of hilarious turns, The headliner will be an offering by Chris Bruno and Mabel Russell that is "Breaking a Butterfly." said to consist of high-class singing and dancing. Second on the list comes Leah Russell, "The Belle of the Ghet-Guy Standing, who has been playing in the new Peple play, "The Lova Route," leaves that cast to be Lena Ashwell's leading man on her tour through this country. Odette Tyler will be starred in the first-named piece. to," of whom, it is claimed by the press agent, there is no better Yiddish comedienne on the stage today. When she is said to be the equal of Ben Welch, admitters of clever character work will probably be interes ed. Klein Thomas Jefferson, son of the late Jo-seph Jefferson, has made arrangements original and Clifton are down for an to present his father's version of "Rip Van Winkle' in Paris later in the seaand childra are owned for an original offering in "The Dummy's Holiday," a drama of a millinery store, where the dummics come to life and sing, talk and dance in an eccentric fashion. Then there is Fred Zobedie, billed as son. He will appear himself in the first part. The entire play will be given in French, including Mr. Jefferson's

"the world's greatest hand-balancer." He walks up ladders on his hands and from first to last does his best to defy the laws of gravitation. In the Swor The ashes of Emil Zola are to be transferred to the Pantheon for burlal, So the French senate has determined upon. The Pantheon is a magnificent brothers will appear a couple of black faced comedians who depict the highstructure in the Quartler Latin, origtoned and the poor plantation negro and get off some original dialogue in the process. Irene Boljea, a clever inally a church, but now designed as the burial place for noted men of France. Victor Hugo was the first man little impers nator, is another feature on the bill, while the kinodrome promto be honored by burial there. a a couple of good motion picture St. Vincent's Catholic Church of Chi-cago, is to have a model theater, capadramas, . . .

Tonight the new Orpheum at San Francisco will throw open its doors. Since the old landmark was destroyed in the big calamity last April, the Or-phoum shows have been given out at the Chutes, pending the completion of the new home for vandeville. Good ottenations have been secured for the attractions have been secured for the opening week, all of which Salt Lake will get in due season.

Considerable interest attaches to the considerable interest attaches to the emparement of Maude Fealy at the Salt Lake theater on Monday and Tues-day, Dec. 24 and 25, in that her an-pearance is to be made in the tille role of "The I'llusion of Beatrice," the role of the function of heatrice, the new comedy by Martha Morton. Miss Fealy has by long and successful work as a leading woman with Sir Henry Ir-vings Wm. Glette, E. S. Willard and Win. Collier, demonstrated her ability as a versatile actress, until, finally, by common consent, she is placed among amonig the leading feminine stars of the coun-

. . . "Why Women Sin," will be present-ed by the Lyric Stock company for next week. This is a strong malo-drama in four acts full of heart interest and abounding with good strong situations, and laughthic comedy. It tells the story of a careless trusting hushand, of a wife who feeling hersolf neglected, turns for convolution to a more deturns for consolation to a man of the world, one bound to another woman who would not besitate to commit any crime through her great love for him. A friend of the husband and a slater to, the wife strive to avert the great to, the wife strive to avert the great soon abandoued. The new play is sorrow that they feel will eventually called "What a Gentleman Would Do,"

whose management he has now placed Mrs. Patrick Campbell, who was to himself

have made a tour of this country be-ginning early in the new year, has abandoned that intention and will re-The Countess De La Grange, known on the stage as Lea Dasco, who was a famous beauty during the Second Em pire, was found in her room in her zoological garden at Cimicz, a sub-Clyde Fitch's new play for Blanche Walsh, was officially named last week. It is to be called "The Straight road." Miss Walsh will be seen in the play for the first time at the Astor Theater urb of Nice, France, on Nov. 20, shot through the heart. The countess had recently gone into bankruptcy, but asserted that she had obtained money sufficient to pay her debts. The police think the shooting was accidental Frederick Paulding, who is assisting

Owen Davis has practically com pleted the dramatization of Arthur Stringer's recent novel, "The Wire Tappers," and arrangements are now under way for its early production. The dramatist, it is said, has not neglected to take advantage of the novel and up-to-date criminal features of Mr. Stringer's story; so, besides being a play of the "Leah Kleshna" type, Mr "The Wire Tappers" is likely to prove a novelty on account of its background of electric effects.

When the Shuberts take charge of Daly's in New York, which they will do with the beginning of next season, is generally believed that Henry season. The play is entitled will be given the management of that house. "The Great Divide,"

ow running at the Princess, in hich Margaret Anglin and Henry Miller are starring, will be the open ing attraction. It is more than like that the Shuberts will give up their ase on the Princess when they assume charge of Daly's.

comedy, two new plays, and so many

important grand opera events that no

body without special mathematical training would have tried to keep

count of them. This list might not

have been formidable at the beginning

of the season, but in December, with

the Christmas shopping to do, it meant

immediate adoption of the strenuous

life. The man whose duties were those

of dramatic and musical reviewer both

must have found himself in the posi-

tion of the actor who "doubled" the

villain and the hero in a melodrama,

and got along fairly well until one

was supposed to knock the other

of course, was the opening of the

Manhattan Opera House, a magnifi-

cent structure on Thirty-fourth street,

just west of Eighth avenue, in which

Oscar Hammerstein intends giving

The great big event of the week,

senseless and run away.

Special Correspondence.

Mrs. Fiske and the Manhattan com- | and wonderful scene,

"Dream City" probably will be the name of the new offering at Weber's, which, after a brief preliminary tour, will be presented to New Yorkers for the first time on New Year's eve. The the first time on New Year's eve. The book and score are by Edgar Smith and Victor Herbert respectively. The company engaged for the presentation of the piece is an undeniably strong one, and includes such prominent en-tertainers as Otis Harlan, Cecella Lof-tus Lillian Blauyer Core Tracy Lil.

York Idea.'

ew York woman who is the heroine of Langdon Mitchell's "The New

tus, Lillian Blauvet, Cora Tracy, Lil-lian Lee, Lois Ewell, "Billie" Norton, Maurice Farkoa, Will T. Hodge, Frank H. Belcher, and Joe Weber. This year's Drury Lane pantomime

deals with the story of Sinbad the Sailor, is to be in two parts, Hickory Wood and Arthur Collins being responsible for the book, J. M. Glover for the music and Mr. Collins for the "production." The story starts in a for the music and Mr. Collins for the "production." The story starts in a particularly beautiful scene, represent-ing a Persian garden, whence we are transported to the deck of the vessel in which Sinbad, together with his wife and daughter, set sail in quest of Treasure island. Later we find all the characters reassembled on the

back wall to front steps, it is nothing short of marvelous. Mr. "Hammer-stein could have done nothing to stein could have done nothing to crown more fittingly a life that has been full of theater building, cigarnachine inventing, music writing, and other activities.

Well-bred English musical comedy lways reminds me of well-bred peo-Neither is ever glued to your ory by the doing of anything parmemory by the doing of anything par-ticularly startling or unexpected, but about both there is a calm culture that is restful and agreeable. "The Belle of Mayfair," now running at Daly's, is distinctly of this class. The book of the place is by Charles H. E. Broekfield, and the score by Leslie Stuart, but "The Belle of Mayfair" is not a good example of the adage that "two heads are better than one."

Once or twice in my life I may have seen a duller and more thoroughly stupid libretto than that which marks this offering of Thomas W. Ryley. There are just three bright lines in the play; one of them stolen from Oscar Wilde, one from Jerome K. Oscar Hammerstein intends giving battle to Heinrich Conried. For the first round of the fray Mr. Hammer-stein had the services of such singers as Allessandro Bonci and Regina Pinkert, who, with an admirable com-pany and a great orchestra under direction of Campanini, presented "I Puritani" on the opening night. The audience was a brilliant one, and the new venture was voted a great suc-cess. I don't pretend to know any-thing about opera, and I am honest enough to confess my ignorance, so I

never been more fascinating than as Cynthia Karslake, the volatile young "They don't, but the more demonstrative part of an English audience isn't used to the accent of some of the American players who are sent to England, and in some cases actually cannot understand all that is said. Furthermore, outside of musical comedy-where it doesn't matter much what is said or how it is said--the English audience requires a definite logical, clean-cut plot. There are, in almost every season, several American plays that would be welcomed in Lon-don if only they could be presented by American actors with some under-standing and tolerance for London's peculiarities." The boos accorded to Clara Lip-man and Louis Mann on the first night of "Julie Bonbon" at the Waldorf this



"Arizona" was a comparative fail-"Arizona" was a comparative fall-ure her, and "The Lion and the Mouse" was a complete failure, yet to this day, "Arizona" is mentioned by London play-goers as one of the best plays seen in London for years; and as for "The Lion and the Mouse" I have var to hear of an intiluent I have yet to hear of an intelligent and experienced English critic, pro-fessional or amateur, who has not had high praise for the play, as apart from the company. But both of these control desmas were given by comcapital dramas were given by com-Fanles that had not been chosen-in part at least—with a view to Eng-lish tastes, particularly in the matter of accent. As a re-sult, Breeze, who can compare favorably with any English actor in force, sincerity and all-round dramatic ability, was disconserted by snickers from the gallery at times when the sit-uations in "The Lion and the Mouse" were most tense. If he had been at the trouble to go into training before-hand and tone down what were to the hand and tone down what were to the English gallery gods laughable pecu-llarities in speech and manner, there would have been no question about his London success. Also, if some Ameri-can actress with more London experi-ence than Marle Illington had taken the principal part in the play-Eleanor Bobeon for instance it is sole to as Robson for instance-it is spie to as-sert that Klein's stirring play never would have come to grief in England. If only a little more intelligence were used in the choice of American plays and players for exportation to London, there would be less talk about English prejudice against home pro-ducts, and less feeling on the part of some 20,000 Americans who are per-manent residents of London that the best side of American drama isn't often seen in England. seen in England.





he characters reassembled on the lack of the famous whale, erroneous-

"Here is one who will be greater than I." said Henrik Ibsen of August Strindberg, at the outset of the latter's dramatic career, and Londoners have just had their first opportunity of de-cling whether the great Norwegian's pronouncement on his young Swedish contemporary was prophetic or not. Whether any work from Strindberg's pen has been produced in the United States one cannot remember, but there was certainly power in each of the two short pleces of his which were given by the New Stage club at a special matinee this week. The first of the pleces rendered is called "Simoon." and its scene is a tent in the desert. Biskra, an Arab woman, and Yussef, an Arab Sheikh beloved by Biskra, are cherishing a relentless ven-dette against Guimard, a young lieu-