



IN LONDON THEATERS.

Special Correspondence.

LONDON, Oct. 2.—John Galsworthy has come to be looked upon in literary London as one of the comparatively new men who count for much, and who may be expected to figure in the group that will presently succeed Harley, Pinero, Anthony Hope, Doyle, Wayman, Kipling and other chiefs among writers of novels and plays. So it was a keen audience that gathered at the Savoy theater on Tuesday afternoon to see the first performance of Galsworthy's latest play, "Joy," by the Vedrenne-Barker company, now moved down town from the Court theater.

The scene of the play was the same for all acts—the room of hours on the Thamester, Oxford—and the action took place in a single day. After it was all over the audience departed in an apparently indifferent frame of mind, wondering whether it had really enjoyed itself much. Well, there are some plays over which the playgoer thinks at first, and again, and again, and again, that give more satisfaction on subsequent reflection than at the time of performance. "Joy" belongs to the latter class, and is the work of a man who had something to say that was worth saying—but which seems to have been too philosophical and psychological and too fragmentary to be said suitably in a theater.

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MANAGER Pyper will introduce two strong attractions of a widely varying class next week. The first is the "Yankee Regent," a rattling comic opera, written along the lines of "The Isle of Spice," and "The Royal Chef." It is by the composer of those sparkling pieces, Ben N. Jerome, and is said to have scored as handsomely in the east as anything which has yet come from his pen. The company which renders the "Yankee Regent" here is headed by the comedian Mr. Toby Lyons, and in addition we are promised a chorus of 49 or 50, many of them, of course, of the regular sex. The management also promises the original production, including the scenic effects and superb costuming with which it was brought out.

A second in the list comes the star of western fame, Miss Maude Pealy, distinguished on many girls' and social accounts, and lately noted for the romantic marriage she made with young Louis Sherwin, a former Salt Lake newspaperman. The complications which followed this marriage are too recent to need describing, but with all that perhaps the public has no concern. Miss Pealy comes as the star of the play entitled "The Strange Sex," a drama with a record of a big run in London. She is represented by Manager John Cort, who never slighted a production so that we ought to be assured of a strong supporting company. Miss Pealy opens Thursday and plays Friday and Saturday with the customary end of the week matines.

The eighth and last performance of "The Alaskan" will be given tonight. The work has proved a success, somewhat puzzling in its nature, for the reason that it came out from New York with a speed and celerity which almost suggested that it had been kicked out. It did, in fact, receive a reading from the critics as unanimous as a man can be, but even then John Port, might have been pardoned for giving up in discouragement. The reason for the adverse verdict in New York is something hard to find. "The Alaskan" is certainly bright, fresher, more original and more tuneful than the majority of the comic operas which come west with the greatest stamp of approval. Perhaps the production, being staged by a western manager, aroused a feeling of prejudice, and it is not unlikely that the metropolis resented Mr. Cort's defiance in the face of all Broadway traditions by equipping his opera company with principals who actually know how to sing.

The coming week's bill at the Orpheum gives promise of being of unusual interest and merit. As headliners are O'Hana San & Co., presenting the oriental sketch, "The Geisha's Dream," introduced by four "Views" of the famous Japanese dancer, a restful of color and motion with new songs of Japanese character. O'Hana San and her two assistant Geishas dance is really "Japanese," and the act as a whole can only be described in superlatives, according to the press agent.

The Rupplets are billed as "famous sensational European equilibriste" and give an acrobatic turn out of the ordinary. Then follows the well known Ferry Corvey, the wonderful musical clown. His act is said to be most novel and entertaining. The Cowpony Quartet appears in a musical sketch entitled "In the Land of Cowponies." They are said to be direct descendants and have a sketch entirely their own.

THEATER GOSSIP

Mary Maimering has begun rehearsals of "Glorious Betsy," and will open her season at Plainfield, N. J., on Oct. 13.

May Irwin has bought from Frank J. Kelly a four story house at 156 West Forty-fifth street. The adjoining houses are owned by Charles Diligham.

"The North and the South," will be distinctly represented at the two plays at the Grand next week. For the first half of the week will be seen

the opening report of his marriage to Estelle Christie, a member of The Gay White Way company. Miss Christie has added her name to the list of stars.

Eddie Foy, whose phenomenal run in "The Cuckoo" is the type of musical comedy circus, is in private life Mr. Edmond Fitzgerald Foy. He made his first box to the public in 1889 doing a roughhouse at a newspaper's benefit in Chicago.

Maud Adams opened her season in Peter Pan at the Majestic theater, Uta N. Y., on Sept. 25. She will continue on tour until Christmas week when she will come to the Empire theater for a run. The dealers will be producing on Oct. 15.

Bernard Kalem and Eddie Chapman, under the personal direction of Ferdinand Gottschalk, are rounding out their new play, "Bridge into what looks like a Broadway success. Which will devote four weeks to rehearsals before taking the road for a try-out.

Miss Margaret Anglin is in a sense an official Canadian. It may not be generally known, but she was born in the Speaker's Chamber of the Canadian house of parliament, and her father was Speaker of the house of commons at the time.

Klaw & Erlanger's production of "Hoo-Hoo," although only in its ninth season, is still keeping up its record of breaking attendance, and all theaters will present it during this season, will cover the principal eastern and southern cities.

By arrangement with Charles Frohman Miss Nance O'Neill's manager, Charles Dillingham, has secured the Princess Theatre House in October for the use of his star. Miss O'Neill will play the part of Nina, in which Miss Blington was seen in such advantage last season.

Pearl Golding, who is this year starring in "Show Acrobats" under Shubert management, was originally destined to be a banker, like his father, but at the latter's death became passenger agent for the White Star Line, and between

selling tickets and influencing buskiness developed his voice, which led him into a grand opera debut, then into comic opera.

Luise Glaser, in "Love From Berlin," has made one of the greatest successes of her entire stage career. She will continue at the Liberty theater in New York until Dec. 1, 1907. Last night, when previous contracts will compel her appearance in several of the principal cities of the east. Miss Glaser's hit as the German girl has been pronounced in New York that she could have continued there undoubtedly for several months.

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