

ACADEMY

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Miss Edith Shayne—Great. The dramatic version of Robert W. ... "The Firing Line" as in ... Miss Edith Shayne, Mr. ... playing cast, was presented ... Academy of Music yesterday af ... evening to two good au ... that were thoroughly pleas ... the play and completely in ... with Miss Shayne before the last ... was lowered.

"The Firing Line" has a plot that ... the audience from the ... of the first few min ... the show until in the last ... when the husband shoots him ... the bidding of his father, a ... which comes from the spirit ... The story surrounding the ... of the play is not a pretty one ... with his suicide, but it re ... the complete transformation of ... from a self-made cynic to a ... who really sees the world ... before he dies. The third ... closely follows the life ... the girl who married Mal ... and gives her chance for real ... is seldom seen in plays of ... order. It is all up hill ... the actors to make the au ... like the show, and that they ... thoroughly is a decided com ... to the ability of each individ ... member of the cast.

Miss Edith Shayne is the bright ... star and is blessed with a ... clear voice whose flexibili ... and volume give just the right ... to the hundred different emo-

she has chosen and the audiences who ... saw her yesterday are looking forward ... to her return here in years to come ... with a great deal of pleasurable an ... ticipation.

Mr. Frank Patton, as Louis Mal ... court, took the high honors for the ... masculine end of the cast and while ... all of the rest were good, his dramatic ... ability placed him in entirely another ... class. He had the most difficult role ... of the piece and one in which he ... had to fight for every bit of applause ... granted him. He took the part nat ... urally and with an impulse that gave ... it a realistic touch and he was able ... at all times to make the desired im ... pression on his audience. A student ... of the occult, a perfectly poised gen ... tleman and an actor of the younger ... school, Mr. Patton was perfectly at ... home in the part and gave it a digni ... ty that is entirely lost in the reading ... of the book. He and Miss Shayne are ... typical productions of the modern stage ... and who, by the infusion of new blood ... into the art, are creating its complete ... revolution.

Mr. J. C. Mathews, as Garret Hamil ... the landscape artist, was and is one ... of the greatest race problem plays ... ever constructed. "Uncle Tom's Cab ... in" is merely a series of alleged ... incidents of old slavery days, rather ... loosely strung together in the play ... version of the story "The Nigger," the ... latest race-problem play, is a sustai ... ned story of the present, though the ... sin that makes its pivotal character ... suffer as a legacy of slavery days. Ed ... ward Sheldon, the author, denies any ... desire to preach or to mould public ... opinion in favor of the under race, ... and yet underlying the play there

The cast of players is comparatively ... small, but each one worked all the ... time and played his and her part nic ... e and with a finish that left nothing ... to be desired in the performance.

Race Problem Plays. Had Shakespeare lived in these ... times he might have called his race ... problem "The Nigger." Africans not

the Japanese girl was not a Caucas ... ian. "The Cherry Pickers." Joseph Au ... thor's play of a few seasons back ... was a race problem play with a ... Hindu background. "Strongheart." ... "The Squaw Man." with its half ... breed pledge of love between the ... white Englishman and the Indian ... girl, and now, its equal, "The Call," ... are race problem plays, in which ... the claim of white and Indian are ... pitted against each other.

It is inevitable, however, that ... America's real race-problem play ... should be founded upon the rela ... tions between the whites and the ... negroes. Bonicault, with no thought ... of preaching, and seeking only for ... dramatic effect, struck the human ... note in the problem when, in "The ... Octoroon," he conveyed the thought ... that a man is a man whatever his ... race of color, and that even a wo ... man with negro blood in her veins ... can love and hate and suffer, as all ... women, upon occasion, love and suf ... fer. "The Creole" and "Kli, the Ar ... kansas Traveler" were impregnated ... with this recurring question of the ... relations between the white and ... black races.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin," the epic of ... the negro race, and a powerful ... preaching despite the degeneracy ... of Harriet Beecher Stowe's great ... book into a ten-twenty-and-thirty ... dramatic nightmare, was and is one ... of the greatest race problem plays ... ever constructed. "Uncle Tom's Cab ... in" is merely a series of alleged ... incidents of old slavery days, rather ... loosely strung together in the play ... version of the story "The Nigger," the ... latest race-problem play, is a sustai ... ned story of the present, though the ... sin that makes its pivotal character ... suffer as a legacy of slavery days. Ed ... ward Sheldon, the author, denies any ... desire to preach or to mould public ... opinion in favor of the under race, ... and yet underlying the play there

foolish stubbornness which sometimes ... goes with love when youth holds sway. ... The prince loves Sonia with all the ar ... dor and passion of the Slav, but has ... to her when plucked at some utterly ... irrelevant act that he will never tell ... her of his love, nor does he, until the ... very last moment of the operetta. The ... waltz may be said to be symbolical of ... Sonia's efforts to have him voice by ... word of mouth the melody of his soul. ... The scene is laid in the summer gar ... den of her home, on the evening of a ... festival which she has arranged for ... her countrymen. It is a singularly ... illusive and atmospheric setting, full ... of the witchery of the night. The air ... seems heavy with the perfume of roses ... which abound on every side. Into this ... scene comes Sonia and her lover. Their ... speech is full of flippancy, but it can ... be seen that each one cares for the ... other. Sonia tells the Prince she has ... about decided to marry a Frenchman, ... and his almost boyish jealousy is a ... delight to see. He promises that he ... will dance at her wedding and that ... he will do it in a light-hearted man ... ner. "Then dance with me now," she ... challenges as the orchestra breaks ... forth into a fantastic Hungarian se ... lection, full of crashing dissonances, and ... throbbing with fire and passion, which ... later gives way to the famous Siren ... waltz. The couple that are interpret ... ing the waltz in this season's compa ... ny are Gertrude Hutcheson and George ... Damerel.

Many of last season's favorites are ... in the supporting cast, and a superior ... singing and dancing chorus, as well ... as a special orchestra will again be ... a feature.

The demand for seats has been the ... heaviest recorded in Charlotte this ... season, and capacity houses will see ... the show here again.

"Buster Brown."

The management of the Academy ... of Music are pleased to announce that ... they have secured for Wednesday mat ... inee and night the ever popular "Buster ... Brown." It is hardly necessary to ... say anything further for the inimita ... ble "Buster" together with "Tige" and ... "Mary Jane" are so well known that ... they require no introducing to the ... theatre-going public of this city. It is ... said that the show this year is all ... new, being elaborated upon. New fea ... tures, costumes, music, songs and scen ... ery being added since its last produc ... tion, and from critics in the cities where ... they have played, the assertion has ... been proven. Master Harold as "Buster ... " and Al. Grady as "Tige" togeth ... er with "Mary Jane" and a large sup ... porting company promise you an eve ... ning of real enjoyment.

"The Nigger."

In order to best convey the story ... of the Southern governor, who is ru ... ined by the discovery that he has black ... blood in his veins, Edward Sheldon, ... the author of "The Nigger," which is ... to be the offering at the Academy of ... Music Saturday matinee and night, ... January 14th, has adopted a melodram ... atic form for this play. In the hands ... of an ordinary company of players this ... melodramatic treatment would proba ... bly be very much in evidence. The ... players, whom Wm. A. Brady (Ltd.) ... is ending to this city, have, however, ... according to all accounts, woven into ... the plot so much of their individuali ... ty that the play becomes a living doc ... ument of love, suffering, and self-ab ... negation. There are some tremendous ... realistic scenes in "The Nigger," a ... fact that will be demonstrated when ... this much-discussed New Theatre play ... is presented here. But after all, it is ... said that the play's strongest appeal ... is to the reason and to the higher emo ... tions.

Daring Robbery And Big Suicide

Dresden, Jan. 7.—A daring robbery ... followed by the sensational suicide of ... the thief startled the hundreds of ... shoppers on one of the main thorough ... fares of the city recently.

It was about three o'clock in the ... afternoon, that a well-dressed young ... man wearing mask and glasses, hur ... led a large stone through the glittering ... windows of a jewellers' shop.

In his hand he held a second stone, ... with which he smashed the glass of ... a showcase in the window.

He seized a pearl necklace worth ... \$10,000 and other jewels worth \$75,000 ... or more and fled up the street. The ... buyers in the shop who had seen the ... robbery dashed out in pursuit. The ... chase led over the Altmarkt (a large ... open square in Dresden) where the ... robber dropped the plunder on the ... pavement.

He next dashed into the Prefecture, ... a building in the Schloss-Strasse op ... posite the Royal Castle and ran up ... stairs to the second floor. Seeing no ... possibility of escape he drew a re ... volver and shot himself through the ... head, dropping dead before his pur ... suer's eyes. His identity is unknown. ... He appears to be aged about twenty ... five, and the police believe that he is ... a foreigner.

NAVAL DEMONSTRATION WAS DEFEATED.

Boston, Jan. 7.—The naval demon ... stration against the Atlantic coast by ... the returning North Atlantic squadron ... under command of Rear Admiral Sea ... ton Schroeder, has been defeated by ... the defending fleet commanded by ... Rear Admiral S. A. Stanton, in the ... opinion of naval experts.

Rear Admiral Stanton was placed ... in command of the defending fleet and ... given the warships Tennessee, Mont ... ana, North Carolina, Washington, ... Birmingham and Salem. This fleet ... sailed early in the week and have been ... on patrol from Eastport, Me., to Jack ... sonville, Fla. Wireless telegraphy was ... eliminated during the game and it ... was necessary to locate the enemy un ... der the old conditions.

It is understood that the attacking ... fleet continued on its way to the West ... Indies after being discovered.

Interesting Experiment.

Wadesboro, Jan. 7.—The Southern ... Cotton Oil Company is making an ex ... periment at Wadesboro which is being ... watched with considerable interest. ... The company purchased a car load of ... Hereford steers and brought them to ... the mill at Wadesboro and is fattening ... them for market. The feed used is ... cotton seed meal and hulls and it is ... the purpose of the company to make ... the experiment to ascertain the value ... of this food for fattening beef cattle.

Free : - : Tickets - : - Free GIVEN BY THE NEWS FOR BUSTER BROWN :- (January 11, 1911.)



BUSTER BROWNS BIG BILLIKEN BALLET

This is one of the cute scenes you will see at The News' Buster Brown Party January 11, 1911
Write your letter today and surprise Buster, Mary Jane and Tige. Don't forget Monday is your last day.

Now, boys and girl, here is all about ... that big theater party on January 11 ... at which The Charlotte News will en ... tertain 40 of its little readers.

You all know about Buster Brown, ... his dog Tige, and his little playmate ... Mary Jane. Well, Buster is anxious to ... know just what you really think about ... him. The Charlotte News is going to ... help him find out what your opinion ... really is.

Now we want every boy and girl in ... Charlotte under 16, to tell the Contest ... Editor of The Charlotte News just ... what they think about Buster Brown, ... and why they think as they do.

Is Buster Brown a good little boy ... or a bad little boy?

Are Buster's pranks naughty, or are ... they merely harmless mischief? You ... must tell what you think in a letter ... containing not more than 100 words.

Buster Brown, Tige and Mary Jane ... come to the Academy of Music Jan ... uary 11 and here is what you will get ... for expressing your opinion:

For the two first prize letters: one ... lower box each. Each box contains ... six seats.

For the two second prize letters: ... one lower box each. Each box con ... tains four seats.

For the two third prize letters: one ... box each. Each box contains 3 seats.

The 14 letters next in merit will be ... entitled to one box seat each.

All prize seats are for the matinee ... of Wednesday, January 11.

Now you see that The Charlotte ... News theatre party will not only per ... mit you to come, but to bring your ... little friends, or your papas and mam ... mas.

Now you must write on one side of ... the paper only, and mail your letter ... so that it will get to The Charlotte ... News office not later than 12 P. M., ... Monday, January 9. Address it to the ... Contest Editor. Put a two-cent stamp ... on your letter if you seal it.

So now tell us just what you think ... of Buster, and get in The Charlotte ... News big theatre party.

Names of the winners will be an ... nounced in the Tuesday News. If ... your name appears clip it out and ... bring to the News office Wednesday ... morning and get your tickets.

HUNDREDS OF ENTRIES IN BUSTER BROWN CONTEST

If Buster Brown would like to know ... how many friends he has in Char ... lotte and how popular he is, even ... though he is a mischievous boy, all ... that he needs to do is to peed into ... the letter box of the Buster Brown ... editor of The News.

Letters! Letters! Letters! from ... all the boys and girls around. Why ... these letters are running over the ... top of the box and down to the ... floor. Every one contains a brand new ... reason for liking Buster. What if he ... does bring tramps home for supper ... or puts crackers in the sugar bowl, ... he is a real boy and he knows that ... a little fun makes up for several ... whippings.

One little child has said Buster ... was a bad boy and that he deserved ... some of the whippings he got, but ... that the good resolutions he made ... squared him, and that by the time he ... grew to be a man he would be all ... right.

And that is only one of the hun ... dred of opinions that are being ex ... pressed by the little folks in their ... letters to the contest editor.

All letters must be in this office ... by Monday night to be included in ... the contest. The announcements of ... the forty winners will be made in ... The News Tuesday evening and the ... free tickets to the Academy given ... out Wednesday morning at The News ... office.

For fear some little boy or girl ... has not yet read the full particulars ... the rules of the contest are again ... published elsewhere in this issue. ... Forty box seats for Buster Brown ... matinee Wednesday afternoon are to ... be given away by The News to the ... children who write the best letters ... about Buster Brown or any of the ... characters appearing in the Buster ... Brown comic section of The News ... published each Sunday.

Society

LEAVE TUESDAY.

Mrs. Clan Evans and baby return to ... Lumberton Tuesday, after spending ... several weeks with Mrs. Evans' sis ... ters, Misses Charlee and Bessie Hutch ... ison.

DOING NICELY.

The many friends of Miss Mary ... Brockenbrough, who was operated on ... last week for appendicitis, is doing ... nicely, her many friends will be glad ... to know.



Scene from "The Nigger," Edward Sheldon's Remarkable American Play, from the New Theatre, New York. Academy of Music, Saturday, Matinee and Night, Jan. 14th.

ness which she experiences. Probab ... her eyes are her greatest featu ... for they alone could play the ... part were her hands bound behind her ... back and the rest of her features ... masked. Her charming personality ... makes itself felt at all times and there ... is a perceptible decrease of interest ... on the part of the audience when she ... had the stage. A charming woman ... in love with her part and in love with ... the world is Miss Shayne, and the world ... celebrates the compliment. She has ... a great future before her in the art

being plentiful in England, and be ... ing, withal, more or less of a cur ... iosity, he compromised in his play ... "Othello" and made his leading char ... acter a Moor. "Othello" was proba ... bly the first modern race-problem ... play.

From time to time during the ... years that have succeeded Shakespea ... re, plays exploiting the difficul ... ties growing out of the prejudices ... of the whites against those of dark ... er skin, have been written and act ... ed. Recent years have been notably ... prolific in the production of plays ... with race prejudice as a theme. The ... negro has been staged as lib, but ... the other dark skinned people have ... been the subject of problem plays ... as strong and virile as those dealing ... with the problem of the black and ... white races in the United States.

"Madame Butterfly" is a race prob ... lem play, or opera, as you will, as ... the Japanese are the under race. ... Little Yosan was the toy of the ... "white devil" because she belonged ... to a dark-hued race. The sense of ... white responsibility was lost because

seems to be a moral intent—and ... that is to convince both whites and ... blacks that they have a mission, but ... that this mission must be worked out ... along different lines, and at the ... same time with mutual respect. "The ... Nigger" will appear at The Academy ... of Music, Matinee and night, Sat ... urday, January 14.

"The Merry Widow."

The famous "Merry Widow" waltz, ... which is to be danced here on next ... Monday night at the Academy of Mu ... sic when this world-famous operetta ... is to be presented, has probably prok ... ed more comment than any other sin ... gle feature of any theatrical produc ... tion ever presented in this country ... in Europe. Certain it is that no other ... single bit of melody have ever enjoy ... ed the widespread popularity of the ... haunting strains which run like a ... golden thread through the entire score ... of this sensational and successful Ven ... etian operetta. The waltz is danced ... in the second act by Sonia, the wealthy ... Maroonian widow, and Prince Danilo, ... her royal lover. They are both high ... spirited and capricious, and full of that



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