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# AMUSEMENTS (Edited by T. P. HASH, JR.)

"Naughty Marietta."

"Naughty Marietta" was fascinating -both "Naughty Marietta" was fascinating -both "Naughty Marietta" which was the comic opera, and Marietta D'Altena who was Mile. Florence Webber. The performance had the characteristic finish and completeness of a Hammerstein production, and all the charm of a Victor Herbert score. Gorgeous costumes; an all-singing, all-pretty chorus; and by no means least, a thor-oughly competent orchestra, are some of the poperties which helped this opera to one of the distinct successes of the season.

It would be hard, indeed, to find a more lively, thoroughly enjoyable lit-tle person than she who had the lead-ing role of Marietta. Mile. Florence Webber is quite capable of making herself thoroughly at ease before anw audience in any part that requires light audience in any part that requires light hearted song and laughter. Her voice is admirable, both in quality and volume. She sang frequently and charm-ed with each number.

Another excellent voice was that of Cora Drendilli, the quadroon slave. The chief fun-makers were Sid Braam and Blanche Latoll, and believe the laughs of the audience, they were some fun-makers. The sustained se-riousness with which they carried out their ridiculous parts was as commendable as it was difficult.

The scene of the action is laid in New Orleans in the days of the French colonization. Advantage is taken of this situation to introduce an unusual amount of color in the piece. With this, and the charming Mlle. Webber, and perfection of detail, "Naughty Marietta" takes rank with the most enjoyed of the fall-season offerings.

### "The Isle of Smiles."

A big sixty foot baggage car is required for the transportation of the immense amount of beautiful scenery and effects that go to make the new musical comedy, "The Isle of Smiles," the one big success that it has proved to be, and it has been said to be the best musical comedy that the present

season has yet produced. Forty people are included in its roster which contains the names of some of the most prominent musical comedy people that have appeared in this class of attractions. The musical numbers are twentytwo in number and are of the bright jingly, whistly kind, all of which are elaborately costumed with several new and novel effects..

In a word, nothing has been left undone by the management to make 'The Isle of Smiles'' entertaining and they have succeeded beyond their fondest hopes. "The Isle of Smiles" will be seen here at the Academy of Music soon.

## "The Dawn of a Tomorrow."

Christian Science, New Thought and all the varied theories that have to do with psychology are to hold the attention of young and old these days and "The Dawn of a Tomorrow" by Frances Hodgson Burnett, is, therefore, bound to attract large audi-ences when presented in this city in the hear future. Here is a theory, a the near future. Here is a theory, a story and a living example of what can be accomplished through the medlum of even the most lowly and ignorant. Glad, the London East End walf, is so strong in her belief, so



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