

THEATRE

"Sweethearts," the most tuneful and fascinating operetta that has come from the pen of the master composer, Victor Herbert, will be presented at the Academy, matinee and night, next Wednesday, on a scale of merit in keeping with the standing and prominence of its famous author.

The combination of story and musical score resulted in giving to the public that "best light opera in recent years," and one in which the number and variety of songs and concerted numbers of real beauty have rarely, if ever, been equalled.

Among the songs that have gained wide favor are "Every Lover Must Meet His Fate," a beautiful solo which furnishes a theme that recurs again and again in the score; "The Cricket On the Hearth," "There Is Magic In a Smile," "Pretty As a Picture," "Jeanette and Her Little Wooden Shoes," "Mother Goose," and several others of equal beauty and popularity.

The scene of the story is the quaint old city of Bruges in Belgium and the ancient houses, the windmills and the canal suggest a picture of rare beauty in the stage settings and costume embellishments.

Julia Gifford, whose work in the prima donna role in many light operas has made her a favorite throughout the country, will sing the role of the Princess Sylvia, the central figure in the story. Miss Gifford's charming personality and the superior quality of her vocal equipment make her the ideal artist for this role.

The matinee prices will be from 50 cents to \$1.50. Night prices will range from 75 cents to \$2. Tickets are now on sale at Elvington's Pharmacy.

"MAID TO ORDER."

"Maid to Order," the successful musical comedy which comes to the Academy of Music on next Saturday matinee and night, tells a story that is distinctly American. All of the characters in the play are American. It is not adopted or translated from the French or German or built upon any ideas derived from foreign plays.

The whole thing is essentially American and that, perhaps, is one reason for the popularity of the piece. The humor is American humor. It tells a story that could happen only in America because it is only Americans who would have the audacity to do what is done.

In "Maid to Order" it is said the humor and music are so reflective of American life that the audiences revel in it.

ACADEMY Wed. Dec. 13 MATINEE and NIGHT CHAS. O. S. O'BWERN presents THE NUMBER ONE and ONLY COMPANY PRESENTING VICTOR HERBERT'S MASTERPIECE SWEETHEARTS WITH DAINTY JULIA GIFFORD and COMPANY OF SIXTY AUGMENTED ORCHESTER PRICES: MATINEE 50c to \$1.50 NIGHT 75c to \$2.00 Tickets Now Selling at Elvington's Pharmacy.

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CHARLOTTE BURTON AND WILLIAM RUSSELL Starring in the \$10,000 Sequel to "The Diamond From The Sky" at the Bijou Tuesday.

el in delight from the rise of the curtain until the final ensemble. The company presenting "Maid to Order" is an exceptional one and includes among its list of clever singers, dancers and comedians such well known names as Rose Bott, Sallie Stambler, Harry Macdonough, Jr., Jack MacClellan and the famous Russell Sisters.

The matinee prices are 25 cents for the balcony seats and 50 cents for lower floor seats. Children, 25 cents to any seat. The night prices range from 50 cents to \$1. Tickets will go on sale at Elvington's Pharmacy on Thursday morning.

BIG GIRLIE SHOW AT VICTORIA. Castle's Famous Casino Girls Company opens a week's engagement at the Victoria today, and the management in booking this attraction for the final week of musical comedy at that theatre feel that they have an organization that will furnish Wilmington amusement lovers such a week of entertainment as they seldom have the pleasure of seeing.

Reports from up the State where this superb aggregation has been playing for several weeks are all unanimous in declaring this company one of the "best of the season," and it should indeed prove an innovation, with its great special features and acts at the Victoria this week.

Carrying almost a carload of special scenery and electrical effects, dozens of trunks of nifty costumes, and big equipment throughout, for staging their shows in the most up-to-date manner. The Casino Girls Company will present for Wilmingtonians this week three of the biggest tabloid musical comedy creations of the season, starting today with a presentation of that laughable farce, "The Honeymooners," with some of the prettiest scenery, lightest costumes, and biggest song and dance numbers ever seen at the Victoria.

Bill Bailey and Ben Hassen, two of the best comedy artists ever seen in Wilmington, will give you such laughs as you seldom get, while that great vaudeville act, Morrell and Tager, "From Grand Opera to Ragtime," furnishes something new, novel and entirely out of the ordinary. One of the best trained dancing choruses on the road, is the report from the Castle organization, and the usual free courtesy will be extended to ladies tonight.

"THE GUILTY MAN." Irene Fenwick, the fascinating little star, who is right now appearing in the leading role of the great A. H. Woods production, "The Guilty Man," one of Broadway's biggest season successes, and who was flattered by a page of illustrations in the latest number of Cosmopolitan Magazine comes to the Grand tomorrow, in one

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Some of the Pretty Dancing Girls With the Musical Farce, "Maid to Order," Which Comes to the Academy of Music, Saturday, Dec. 10, Matinee and Night.

have been waiting now for months and will gladly welcome it tomorrow with a record-breaking crowd.

All the old favorites of the original production are again in the cast. Arthur and Blair Stanley, Esther and Vivian Marston, Quabba, the hunchback, and Smythe, the quaint English solicitor, are all again to take up the narrative and complete it. Popular William-Russell, beautiful Charlotte Burton, talented William Tedmarsh, funny Orrol Humphreys, are all in the cast again with many new players, including handsome Thomas Chatterton, of "The Secret of the Submarine," and beautiful Rhea Mitchell. The sequel is an entirely new story. It is tremendously thrilling, powerfully dramatic, superbly photographed and enacted by the very best cast obtainable.

You will learn what became of little Arthur Stanley, heir to the English estate; what became of the great "diamond from the sky," what became of the vampire, Vivian Marston; what became of Blair Stanley, and all the other characters in this great drama, in eight reels of superb photoplay, two reels a week for the next four weeks. And last but not least, you will have revealed for the first time the winner of the great \$10,000 prize offered for this sequel.

INDIANA'S DAY FOR CELEBRATION

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 11.—Indiana today rounds out the first century of her Statehood, having been admitted to the Union December 11, 1816. In virtually all the cities, towns and counties throughout the State the centennial has been celebrated during the past Summer and Fall with elaborate fetes, pageants and other demonstrations. While the Summer and Fall were selected as more propitious for the outdoor festivities, many other features of the program were reserved for the actual anniversary. Today in every school throughout the State the centennial is to be observed with exercises appropriate to the occasion while a multitude of historical societies and other organizations have arranged for meetings and dinners at which speakers of prominence will tell the story of the history of Indiana and the great forward strides that the century witnessed.

APPLICATION FOR PARDON. Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Governor of North Carolina, for a pardon for Timothy Clemmons. Don't forget—and come early tomorrow.



MYRTLE STEDMAN The Beautiful Paramount Star With Tsuru Aoki and Sessue Hayakawa in "The Soul of Kura-San" at the Grand Today.

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ACADEMY OF MUSIC Matinee and Night SATURDAY DECEMBER 16 THE CASTLE PRODUCING CO OFFERS The Brightest, Liveliest, and Most Laughable MUSICAL COMEDY Success of the Season "MAID TO ORDER" With Miss Rose Botti and A Strong Comedy Musical Comedy Stars And The Handsomest, Smartest, Singing and Dancing Chorus on Tour This Season. Matinee: 25c. Balcony: 50c Lower floor. 18—Musical Numbers—18 Matinee: Children 25 c. Evening, 50c, 75c, and \$1.00 Tickets on sale Thursday at Elvington's Pharmacy.

The \$10,000 Sequel To That Record-Breaking Serial "The Diamond From The Sky" Begins at the Bijou Tomorrow It Stars the Original Cast Headed By Charlotte Burton and William Russell It Will Reveal the Hidden Secrets of That Great Serial. TREMENDOUSLY THRILLING POWERFULLY DRAMATIC SUPERBLY PHOTOGRAPHED ENTIRELY NEW STORY. It will Also Reveal the Winner of the Ten Thousand Dollar Prize. DON'T FORGET — COME EARLY!

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