

At the Theaters

Academy : Bijou : Victoria : Royal : Grand

"Down to Earth," the uproarious comedy which has made the name of Douglas Fairbanks a household word, will be the feature at the Academy on Saturday, February 26, matinee and night. It is the sixth year for this remarkable picture that is still breaking all box office records everywhere and theatrical managers are at a loss to account for the fact that the present New York production is the best yet seen. The original production was made in 1914 and has since that time been shown in every city of the world. It is not the psychological reason, but the demand for genuine



Mabelle Estelle, Virginia Fairfax and June Floods, with Selevyn and Co. in the laugh festival "Twin Beds," which comes to the Academy of Music matinee and night, Saturday, February 26th.

comedy after the relief of the strain of world-swept war conditions? If so, the answer is found, for there is not a dull moment in "Twin Beds." It is a plot of laughter all the time from the rise to the fall of the curtain. Tickets will go on sale tomorrow at the Wilmington Talking Machine company.

ROYAL
With several notable contributions to the screen already accredited to him, Douglas Fairbanks has without a doubt made his finest performance for the silent drama in "The Devil's Garden," which opened at the Royal theater last night and held the audience enthralled from the beginning of the first reel until the final fade-out. That is the most versatile of the illustrious Barrymore-Drew family is demonstrated by his acting in this remarkable photoplay, which is based on the well known work of W. B. Maxwell. His facial expressions in the portrayal of the part of William Dale, a man of uncontrollable temper and passion who raises himself from the humble state of a lowly gardener to a power in the community, is a revelation of unsurpassed histrionic talent. He is ably supported in the leading feminine role by his wife, Doris Rankin, who has the part of Mavis, an upper servant in the household of Lord Bar-

ROYAL NEXT WEEK
William De Mille has handled a delicate theme in a skillful and delightful manner, in his latest production for Paramount, "Midsummer Madness," coming at the Royal theater the first half of next week.

Although the story is of a type entirely different from the producer's two most recent pictures, "The Prince Chap" and "Conrad in Quest of His Youth," it bears the same artistic quality which has characterized all pictures produced under Mr. De Mille's direction. The cast is rich in screen talent and includes Jack Holt, Conrad Nagel, Lois Wilson, Lila Lee, Betty Francisco and Claire McDonald.

GRAND
Charles Ray has one of the most strenuous fights of his screen career in the Thomas H. Ince photoplay, "Crooked Straight," which comes to the Grand theater for today only. And Mr. Ray has had some fights in the past. This one, however, laid him up for three days. The scene takes place on a stairway, and after a dramatic struggle Charles is knocked down by his opponent. He falls the full length of the stairs and several feet beyond the foot. The wind was completely knocked out of him and he had to be picked up and helped to a comfortable chair after the camera quit grinding. That scene ended work for several days. The result on the screen justified the price. Mr. Ray thought, as it is a first bit of realism.

BIJOU
When is the next Paramount-Artcraft Douglas Fairbanks feature? That's the question asked every day



Lionel Barrymore and May McAvoy, in a scene from "The Devils Garden," named by the National Board of Review as one of the Four Greatest Pictures of the Year, Opening at the Royal Today.

FARMERS BRINGING GREAT DEAL OF WEED TO NEW BERN
(Special to The Star)
NEW BERN, Feb. 23.—The ending of the New Bern tobacco market season, next Friday, has caused the farmers to bring in enormous quantities. Up to last Friday, 4,993,000 pounds had been sold on the local market, since then around 100,000 pounds more have been brought to town. The sales this year are over 1,250,000 larger than last season and predictions for next season look for an eight-million-pound market. Indications are that very little of the weed will be left on the farmers' hands, as prices now seem to be at their top, a much higher average than before the Christmas holidays.

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See the great fight between a man's fealty to his wife and the age-old trait that craved not one wife, but many—

LIONEL BARRYMORE
IN THE
"DEVIL'S GARDEN"

See Barrymore's most powerful role as William Dale, who heard his own wife's confession; who slew the man whose name she mentioned; and then felt the walls that checked his own predatory instincts crumble when that same temptation came to him.

Mr. Barrymore is supported by beautiful Doris Rankin (Mrs. Lionel Barrymore)

A FIRST NATIONAL ATTRACTION

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