DrawnBy M.MYER

"The Thief."

an admirably acted story of human interest which offered a number of considerable obstacles to impressive presentation. Briefly told, the them that of a woman who loves her husband so dearly and withal so des perately that she steals large sums of money from her friends where with to dress handsomely, in the mis he may retain her husband's admir ation and affection, If Miss Edythe Ketchum who had the leading role were not an actress of mere than or dinary ability and resource, the ef fect of the piece would have been triffing indeed As a fact, she showed surprising capacity for feeling and expression, and brought morale of the play in forceful method Frank J. Harvey, the husband, also had plenty of opportunity to negative Miss Ketchum's work, but instead came up to scratch in fine fashion. The action of the entire cast was characterized by restraint, where over dramatic effort might not unnaturally have been expected.

Fritzi Scheff" Coming.

ment which comes from the management of the Academy of Music that Fritzi Scheff will play an engagement in this city Wednesday night, December 6, and will make her advent in new comic opera, entitled "The Duchfor which Victor Herbert and Joseph Herbert and Harry B. Smith have collaborated upon as composer and authors. This is the first joint work of these different authors, and their union is certainly an auspicious event in the world of light musical

This time Fritzi Scheff will be seen as a flower girl, in scenes of which there are three, laid in and about The story of the play reveals how Rosita is the daughter of the keeper of a flower shop. She has many admirers, but her father favors Adolphe, an old Comte, because he final arrangements for the marriage are being made, Adolphe's father of-He will not permit fers objections. his son to marry anyone of lowly birth. She must have a title. A clever idea

he s the same person with whom she had carried on a flirtation in her faththey are married, is said to furnish the splendors of the films. one of the prettiest touches found in the play. On learning the truth, Rosita becomes highly indignant with all who were in the scheme, including the husband, but in the end her love for him prevails and all is well.

Mme Scheff's supporting company includes some excellent singers as well as some clever comedians.

Seats will go on sale tomorrow morning at the theatre box-office at 10 o'clock sharp. Mail-orders from outof-town people accepted now,

"Danteos Inferno."

Commencing with a matinee Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, and continuing daily for the rest of the week, Dante's "inferno" will be shown at the Academy with one matinee at 3:30 o'clock and the evening pedformance at 8:30 o'clock. Dante's "Inferno" is the same cine-

matographic production which was witnessed and emphatically praised by the king of Italy and the royal housebeen prepared sublime in character and well adapted to the spirit of the poem. The pictures will be accompanded a variety of handsome costumes poem. The pictures will be accompanied throughout by an explanatory lecture, and a Dante student has been deliver the lecture. All the incidents in the journey

throughout the Inferno, told with unexampled power by the poet, are reproduced in the most like-life manner. It is one of the greatest monuments of th world's literature and the story is well known.

nine. Dante's intensely poetic soul, his passion for the good, the true and was one of the best seen on the local the beautiful, was set afire by the floor for a long while, and the C's went deeply spiritual charm in Beatrice's face. In this love there was no alloy 19. The first half was a very close of sensual affection. To Dante as he affair, the half ending 11 to 11. Both grew older Beatrice became a living teams played good ball throughout and incarnation of womanly purity, a type in flesh and blood of the uplifting influences of womanhood. The poet saw Y's, E. Stewart, C. Ross forwards, Be her only a few times and then for brief moments only, after their first C's, Player and Wiley forwards, Avermeeting at the festival. Beatrice accepted the tribute of Dante in the spirit in which it was offered, as a homage not to her sex, but to the virtues of her sex. It is said that the recognized his excelling genius and urged him to leave to the world an undying memorial of his lofty ideals. Dante early felt the inspiration that came of this urging and planned to came of this urging and planned to make Beatrice immortal as an embodiment of womanly perfection in a spiritual sense. To accomplish this he made her the central figure in the partment will play the Davidson "Divinia Commedia." In "The Divine Comedy" Dante journeys from earth good one. The admission will be 15c. into hell, through purgatory into par-Beatrice gives him as his guide through the Inferno a pious pagan poet of antiquity, Virgil, the

writer of the immortal "Aeneid." The opening scenes in the picture at once convince the spectator of the high artistic standard of the whole try, which will arrive here tomorproduction. The wandering of Dante through the dark and gloomy forest,

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the appearance of the three beast comes to Adolphe. He will hire a impeding his way toward the summit, titled personage to marry Rosita, and his meeting with Virgil, are depicted then have them divorced so that he with a vividness and loyalty to the may gain her after she has been ele- poem the portals which defy descripvated to the place of a titled person- tion. All through the country about the valley to with the fatal legend Philippe, Marquis de Montreville, a down into the circles between the poor officer with many debts, for a Acheron and the Styx are seen wonderagrees to become the fully exact reproductions of th scns husband, and Rosita signs the papers in Dant. Th Stygian Lake and the adwithout knowing who her liege lord venures on its shores are marvels of is Immediately after signing the doc- pictorial art. The descent into the ument he leaves to join his regiment, City of Dis after the conquest of the and when he returns three months opposing friends again closely follows later, the flower kirl discovers that the near Virgil and Donte page into the lowest circles of Judas and ceed in making administrative chang- test. ers shop. This meeting between hus- Lucifier, in the lake of ice. Words are es destined to become law, if success- On the first day that this new serhand and wife, who did not know that quite inadequate to give an idea of ful throughout the country.

"Naughty Marietta" Coming.

Described as an attraction of unusual merit, "Naughty Mariett," a new comic opera by Victor Herbert and Rida Johnson Young, in which Oscar Hammerstein presents Mlle. Florence Webber, will be seen at the Academy of Music soon.

It is claimed that "Naughty Mariet-

ta" is far above the ordinary operatic attraction in cast, chorus, authorship, range of its many musical numbers is natural versatility of Mr. Herbert, but he ardor with which he has applied himself to the study of detail and musical effect. And that Miss Young has displayed much originality in her roscenes in the city of New Orleans, back in the year 1780, when woodmen ranged the forests, and Spanish senoritas and beautiful quadroon slavhold. A special musical program has es mingled amid picturesque surroundings, and chivalry and heroics

will add to the striking stage pictures of the period they will mark, toengaged to direct the production and gether with special scenic equipment and an augmented orchestra.

Basket Ball Games

H. S. teams. The Y's and C's game down to defeat by the score of 23 to ett center, Rutzler and Harry Templeton guards.

The C. H. S. and Bairds game was a ing to C. H. S. by the score of 31 to Ray and Millersham forwards, Lillard center, Berryhill and Medlock guards. Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock the representative team of the boys' de-

scrubs. The game promises to be a

American Troops for China Manila, Dec. 2.—In spite of advices from Peping declaring it improbable that American troops from the Philippines will be sent to China, prepara tions continue to send the 15th infan-

Omcial circles are reticent.

Washington The Municipal Guinea Pig in The Laboratory Of Government Development when "Doc" Wiley determines the question, "What is cordial," having disposed of the question, "What is whisposed of the question, "What is whisposed of the question, "What is whisposed of the question, "Passident Taft.

(By JONATHAN WINFIELD.)

Washington, Dec. 3 .-- Try it out on he capital.

municipal guinea pig in the labora- day are scheduled for the machines. tory of government development, and | Dr. Tarvey W. Wiley, pure food and some of which do not.

"Doc" Wiley does it. Postmaster Hitchcock never ceases Dr. Wiley, as everybody knows, doing it.

too, have largely proven successful. gram. Within the past few weeks he has tried street cars, and to form a sore of postoffice-in-transit, available at any street little device proved quite efficient. The street car mail boxes, however, cated by trying it on Washington.

Automobile collection and delivery of mail is not an entirely new thought. The cordials blackberry, wild cher-

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which the government officials pro- big automobile vans engaged in the the municipal guines pig, of the na-

vice was put in practice, each of the Washington, Nobody mentions them, big cars carried 24 letter carriers out usually because they are really rathor improving existing conditions, in to the beginning of their routes, before er comonplace. But, outside of instancestablishing new methods of discard-the driver and a lone letter carrier es of this character, there are other deing the old, Washington is a sort of started the collections. Eight trips a partments whose entire work is experimunicipal guines pig in the labora-day are scheduled for the machines.

is innoculated yearly with scores of re-sxpert extraordinary and government form baccilli, some of which "take" chemist, finds Washington even more fruitful as a field for "try outs" than the Postmaster general.

keeps an argus-eyed watch upon the ing the government "doctors" who moment's notice to spring upon and animal experts are continually trying management and equipment, that the flash the new idea on Washington for throttle any nostrum, beverage, foods, out new treatments and new systems it is much easier just to take the gov-solid or liquid, now or hereafter to of breeding, which in the forms of periremarkable and displays not only the ernment list for it, and let it go at be offered for sale and consumption, odic bulletins find their way into the which in the least particular appears hands of the farmers of the land. Mr. Hitchcock is one of our best lit- to bear a suspicion of taint and adultle experimentalists. His experiments, teration. Now this is the usual pro-

> was it first tried out on? Why on the sebrass, and the government experts bartenders of Washington, of course, corner where the car stops, and the and on such of the population of the unequalled. It has another distincvity as enjoy "suds" with their free mid-day meal. It wasn't done by offihave not as yet bee. put in general cial order—Oh, no. "Doc" Wiley just use here, but the idea has been vindi- felt them out, as 'twere. It didn't

System after system of mail handling ry and other "masquerades"-are not with the motor van as the motif have made in strict conformity with the been devised. In every large city there pure food laws. He declared that they has been automobile mail service of a were not cordials at all, taking as a limited sort, but the entirely new standard the recipe that mother used Of Last Night phase of this system, which Washington will within the next few months demonstrate as satisfactory, or reject as worthless, is sending carriers | Having arrived at this point, "Doc Dante, when a boy, at a festival of flowers and prayer, met a little girl named Beatrice. Dante was a little more than nine, Beatrice scarcely

The basket ball game last night at out on their routes in automobiles.

"I believe the service will prove its efficiency" said the postmaster general in discusing his latest experiment.

Steams. The Y's and C's game out on their routes in automobiles.

"I believe the service will prove its efficiency" said the postmaster general in discusing his latest experiment. "It will be one of the aids which will ker" stores and obtain therefrom sam-

keep the postal service on the crest ples of cordials, to be tested, analysed

Vehicles. 11 p. m.

and catalogued as to their ingredient

mobile service, there are collections himself-Washington will again have and distributions during 16 hours a contributed her quota to the welfare day, and at present there are three of the nation by being again used as

tional laboratory Examples of this sort are myriad in ington, the results of whose tests, ex-periments, plans and systems are sent broadcast over the country, affecting every man, woman and child in the

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entire United States in some manner or other. There is the government experiment But there isn't much use enumerat- health of the nation, and is ready at a station at Bethesda, Md. Out there

It hasn't been so very long since Washington was not only the birthplace but the very spot of origin for a Not long ago, Dr. Wiley advocated peculiar little animal, a cross between mantic book, for she has laid the out a mail box device to be attached to the "collarless" schooner of beer. Who a zebra and a jack-ass. It is called the assure us that as a draft animal it is tion, too, for it is about the only means of transportation that Mr. Hitchcock hasn't tried out yet as a means of handling his mails.

The agricultural experiment stations, too, produce wierd freaks sometimes. and for the first time in history a persimmon without a pucker has been produced, and it was grown in Washing-

So, until the end of Time, or government, it will be just about the same. Try it out on the capital.

Chicken-1 hievery Is Epidemic

Cicken stealing, the police say, is becoming a very common offence in the city, calls being almost daily sent a to police headquarters for an of ficer to trail and apprehend a thier who has a weakness for chicken. Yesterday the earliest call came from the home of Mrs. S. C. Ross, stating that several fine Plymouth Rocks and Rhode Island Reds had been stolen from him last night,

"I wish you would say in the paper," said Chief Christenbury this morning in talking about the henstealing epidemic, "that the police department would appreciate it very much if those missing chickens would 'phone right away and not wait for several hours until the thief has had plenty of time to escape. Often a call comes for police aid long after the niceent has happened, and it is impossible or part to impossible to impossible or next to impossible to pick up a clue, whereas if the complainant would co-operate quickly by phoning to headquarters the guilty parties could more often be appre-

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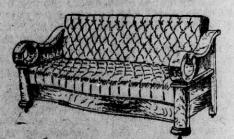
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