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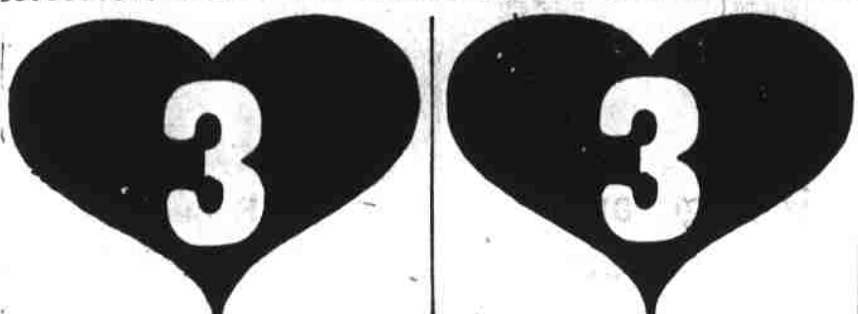
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**WEAK BLOOD AND  
THUNDER STAGE  
STUFF IN N. Y.**

"THE DRAGON'S CLAW" OPENS IN METROPOLIS, BUT DOOMED TO FAILURE.

**OLD STYLE MELODRAMA**

A Moral Lesson in "A Modern Girl"—The Hippodrome Girls of "Wars of World" Dared to Marry Male Employees.

BY BEAU RIALTO.

(Written for the United Press.)

New York, Sept. 26.—A real melodrama—one of the "Curse-You-Jack-Dalton" order, is "The Dragon's Claw," which made its initial appearance here recently at the New Amsterdam theatre. Magnificently staged and superbly acted, this three act play is lacking in the vitally necessary quality—the "punch"—and for that reason seems doomed to failure.

Austin Strong is the author. Taking the Boxer rebellion of a few years ago in China as a setting he has written a rather weak story of an army officer's jealousy of his wife.

All the characters that go to make up the real blood and thunder "tent-twenty-third" stuff are there. We have the hero—a handsome chap—in the person of an American army officer. Charles D. Waldron takes this part and plays it well—that is, as well as he can with the material offered him. The heroine is his wife—admirably portrayed by Gladys Hanson.

The villain? Oh, surely, we have a villain. He is always present with his schemings and plottings and he is after the hero's wife. He is about to get her, too, we think, when just then the Boxer rebellion breaks out.

Our hero rushes forth to spike the enemy's guns or some such performance and his daring opens his wife's eyes. She discovers then that she loves him all the time and the villain is thus foiled. Curses!

One bright spot in the drama is the acting of Frederic de Belleville, who has the part of a good natured French Chef. He is thoroughly human and very often humorous. His generous heart and gallant manner are a real delight.

But all in all we fear that "The Dragon's Claw" will not scratch very deeply.

Al Jolson is soon to return to the Winter Garden, for the first time since February, 1913. This was made known recently in connection with the announcement ending the engagement of "The Passing Show of 1914" in New York. This show ends at the Winter Garden October 3, and Jolson will head the annual fall production of the Winter Garden which will take its place.

The title and cast of the new production has not been announced. Rehearsals have been under way for sometime, however.

"Just how far can a girl go without risking her reputation?"

This question is causing considerable comment in New York since the presentation of "A Modern Girl" at the Comedy Theatre. Billed as a comedy drama, this play startlingly brings before the public the manner in which the average young woman today conducts herself.

The leading figure in the play—"The Modern Girl"—breaks every conventionality known to society. The crowning event of the play comes when she visits, unchaperoned, the apartment of a man whom her father is about to appeal to for financial aid. Of course, neither father nor daughter knew the other would be there. The father is about ready to kill the man whom he was going to ask to help him but he is brought to his senses.

The point brought out the strongest seems to be the fault of the modern girl's conduct lies with her parents. The girl of today is left to shift for herself altogether too much according to the playwrights—Misses Marion Fairfax and Ruth Mitchell. The parents spend too much time in seeking amusement for themselves and not enough in training their children, according to the play's lesson.

The Hippodrome is out with a challenge. Its beauties are up in arms. A new crop of girls was engaged for this year's production, the "Wars of the World," some recruited from different Broadway shows, and others entirely new and fresh.

At any rate these girls are unusually pretty, attractive, and youthful, and in their own estimation, the most fascinating lot in town. Rumors have reached them since the opening that the Winter Garden girls have been

"talking" about them and referring to them as the "usual Hippodrome crowd of matronly girls who marry men employed in the Hippodrome." This has caused the ire of this year's crop of exceptional beauties. They, therefore, had a meeting where they decided on two war-like measures.

First—the expulsion from the Hippodrome chorus of any girls who married a man employed in the Hippodrome.

Second. A challenge to the Winter Garden to produce a dozen girls as pretty as a dozen of the Hippodrome girls—the judges to be Lee and J. J. Shubert, Arthur Voegtlin, J. O. Huffman and William J. Wilson.

**BIG FIGHT ON FOR OHIO DRY AMENDMENT.**

Cleveland, O., Sept. 26.—The campaign to add a statewide prohibition amendment to Ohio's constitution at the general elections in November was formally opened here today when "wet" and "dry" speakers clashed in a joint debate before the City Club of Cleveland.

Thirty thousand dollars has been raised to conduct the temperance fighting in Cleveland and Cuyhoga county alone. In nearly every county in the state both factions have their central committee with ward and precinct captains to canvass every voter.

Although both "wet" and "dry" forces declare the fight is non-political, Gov. Cox, Democratic candidate for re-election is said to have "wet" tendencies while his Progressive opponent James R. Garfield has joined the "drys." The Republican platform refused to take a stand on the question, but Congressman Frank B. Willis, candidate for Governor, is known to have strong "dry" sympathies.

**KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS  
INVADE SAN FRANCISCO.**

San Francisco, Sept. 26.—Fifteen hundred Knights of Pythias arrived in San Francisco today from the central and northern parts of the state, bringing with them a class of 200 candidates to receive the ranks of the order at Pythian Castle. Grand Chancellor Miller and other grand officers will take an active part in the work.

**Costly Ancestors.**

Two close-fisted Missouri brothers sued a neighbor for \$375 owing on a land deal. They engaged the best lawyer in their county seat. The lawyer won the case. The brothers called to see about his fee. One stayed outside and the other went in. "How much is it?" he asked.

"Well," said the lawyer, "I won't be hard on you. I have known both you boys since you were children, and I knew your pap. I guess \$300 will be about right."

The inquiring brother went out dazed. "Lordy, George," he said to the one outside, "I'm darn glad he didn't know grandpap, too."

**Old Memories.**

Representative Simeon D. Fess of Ohio met an old friend in Washington the other day and they fell to discussing the ravages of time, especially in regard to loss of hair.

"Yes, I have a great prejudice against being bald," remarked Fess' friend, "but I guess I'm elected."

"Well, you know the old story about the big fly and the little fly," said Fess. "The big fly and the little fly were promenading across an expansive bald head, and the big fly remarked to the little fly: 'See this fine, wide boulevard here? I can remember when it was nothing but a narrow cowpath.'"

**Monkeys and Gum.**

In tropical countries the natives have many unique ways of catching monkeys. One of them as explained by a traveler is this:

The hunters walk about in short boots in sight of the monkeys. Then they take the boots off, place some gum in the bottoms and leave them on the ground, withdrawing to a great distance themselves. Presently the monkeys come down from the trees, try on the boots and when the hunters come after them the boots stick to them and they are unable to climb. Thus the imitative little monkeys are captured.

**PICNIC IN THE COUNTRY.**

There will be a basket picnic at Pleasant Hill Lodge No. 304, A. F. and A. M., on October 1. All Masons, as well as the general public, are invited to attend, and all are requested to bring well-filled baskets or boxes for the dinner.

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