

THEATRICAL GOSSIP FROM NEW YORK CITY

New York, Dec. 16.—Matinees and morning performances at which the routine of the stage acted have become the fashion of the theatrical hour in New York. Four times a week "The Yellow Jacket" is to be seen at the Court Theatre. Lord Dunsany's pieces and other plays in the repertory of the Portman Theatre at the Thirty-ninth street. Through the holidays Mr. Brady will install "Little Women" in all of his playhouses, while Cohan and Harris are also arranging a series of such matinees.

New plays in prospect for the coming stage include a comedy by expert Mr. Harcourt, "The Journey" to be produced by Harrison Fiske, a piece drama by Miss Gifford from Kate Douglas Wiggin's "Mother Cary's Chickens," to be produced by John Cort; a fresh attempt to conquer the stage by the playwright Owen Johnson, in a dramatization of his own book, "The Woman and a Light Piece," "Pussyfoot" and Eugene Walter, in which Charlotte Walker will appear.

Herbert Brenon, the producer of "The Brides," has another big picture production well under way. The photodrama is Lucretia Borgin, produced from Victor Hugo's famous play. According to announcement

the production is to be made on an unusually elaborate scale. Florence Reed has been selected for the role of the luxury-loving and notorious Lucretia.

Robert Warwick, who recently organized his own producing company, is well under way on his adaptation of "The Argyle Case," in which he is to play the role made famous by Robert Hilliard when the play was produced on the speaking stage. It is expected to have the piece ready for release late next month.

With Miss Clara Kimball Young in "The Common Law," now playing throughout the United States and Canada, the beautiful and popular screen star's second photo-dramatic achievement under her new management is announced for early release. The new piece is an adaptation of the powerful novel by Thomas Dixon, "The Foolish Virgin." In this play Miss Young will be seen in one of the most sympathetic roles of her career. The story is replete with action and unusually well adapted to the requirements of the motion camera.

Selig's feature release of the coming week will be "The Five Franc Piece," written by Myles D. Savelle, and which tells the story of the attempted theft of important war secrets. The plot is laid in the time of

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Napoleon and the play has been staged and costumes with a view to historical accuracy. Edith Johnson has the leading role.

After an absence from screen work of several months Fritzi Brunette is soon to be seen in the leading role of an eight-reel feature bearing the interesting title, "Beware of Strangers." It is said that the new piece will afford Miss Brunette even greater opportunities than "Unto Those Who Sin," the feature in which she first joined the ranks of beautiful vampires.

Willfred Incas is to make his next appearance in a picture version of "Jim Bludso," one of the most famous of the Pike County ballads. It was this picturesque poem that first attracted widespread attention to the literary talents of the late John Hay, the eminent diplomat and statesman. As all readers of the John Hay classic will recall, the climax of the poem tells of the burning of the big Mississippi river steamer, "Prairie Belle." In order to secure the essential realism for this effect, the producers of the screen version purchased the largest sidewheel river steamer obtainable and burned it to the water's edge.

Those who see June Caprice in her new picture drama will have an opportunity to become acquainted with the splendors of the interior of one of the most famous city mansions in America, since many of the scenes for the picture were taken at the million-dollar home of Charles M. Schwab on Riverside Drive in this city.

URGES NATION-WIDE BOYCOTT OF HIGH-PRICED FOODS.



GEORGE W. ANDERSON.

A nation-wide boycott of those foodstuffs the prices of which speculators have run up is urged by George W. Anderson, United States Attorney at Boston, who is in charge of the Department of Justice probe into the causes of the high cost of living. Dr. Anderson made this declaration after several conferences with President Wilson at the White House. The measures advocated by Mr. Anderson, if followed out on the scale he suggests, would constitute the hugest boycott in the history of the country.

DECLARES IT IS FINANCIAL ABSURDITY

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 14.—"It is a veritable financial absurdity," says the Tribune De Geneve commenting on the low price of the dollar in Switzerland, which is now worth five francs fourteen centimes, whereas the normal price is five francs eighteen centimes, while Swiss money is at a great premium in Paris, London and New York. In Paris, for example, a 100 franc Swiss note is worth 114 to 118 francs today. Americans living in Switzerland are losing by the exchange rates. The Tribune adds that the situation is extraordinary because, whereas America is full of gold and lending millions to the belligerent nations, Switzerland is surrounded by fighting nations and has contracted a debt, since the war, of over 700,000,000 francs, but its credit is increasing as the war progresses. The Swiss government intends shortly to raise another loan of 100,000,000 francs for mobilization and other purposes.

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TALKS ON THRIFT.
THRIFT AND THE HIGH COST OF LIVING.
For the past few years one of the timely and important topics has been the high cost of living. Foodstuffs have been increasing in cost with a rapidity that has made readjustment necessary in many lines, and only as wages have kept pace with the increase in other things have we been able to keep our financial ships off the rocks. War conditions have not helped the matter, for in spite of our great prosperity the cost of living still mounts up.

As individuals we are in a large measure helpless to remedy the difficulty, for the causes are economic and beyond our control; but we can do much towards alleviating the resulting ills. We cannot all be teachers of domestic science, but we can all practice

the art of good living. We cannot change the price of beefsteak, but we can make better use of our porters' houses. We can do some solid thinking and apply thrift principles to our kitchens and dining rooms and offset in a very large measure the added strain of high prices.

The trouble with many home-keepers is they take the easy way and stay in a rut. They do not study their jobs and like every one else who does thoughtless work, do the work poorly. For instance, in a large boarding house, as in all such establishments, one of the principal items of food is steaks and chops. Their cost is high and the waste is large. The landlady complains that she cannot make a living. But she doesn't know how. Many of the guests are fond of fish in various forms, yet the menu seldom includes fish; and fish is cheap. On a single meal she could save from three to five dollars and please her guests immensely. She might often substitute a stew for a steak, and accomplish the same result. She might use cheaper cuts of meat, made up into appetizing forms. But she sticks to her chops and steaks and grumbles at the high cost of running a boarding house. It's the high cost of ignorance that she ought to blame.

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Your youngster will relish a dish of home-baked beans as much as a choice tenderloin. They will grow fat on spaghetti. They will have fewer stomach disorders on bread and molasses than on the candy and soda and lobster salads. It's the appetite that counts—not what satisfies it. Go easy on the butter and take only as much as you can use. Examine your garbage can to see if your high cost of living is not due to the high cost of thriftlessness, live better and save more. Thrift is the panacea for many ills, and the high cost of living—yes, even the cost of living high, can be considerably reduced by applying thrift to the little things about the house.