

"WHAT A MAN!" OPENS AT ADELPHI THEATER

A. H. Wood's First Production of Season Promises to Be Big Hit

Happily there exists in the theater such a thing as sophisticated good taste. And happily, too, a fine example thereof is to be found at the Adelphi theater, Chicago, in "What a Man!" A. H. Wood's first production of the new season which one may safely prophesy will be one of the biggest hits from his busy workshop and which audiences nightly, large and contented, give a noisy endorsement.

"What a Man!" is from the French of T. Mirande and Mousy-Eon, prepared by Seymour Hicks for the American palate. It is candid farce, distinctly for the diversion of the adult illuminati. Indeed, it probably could be classed as "bedroom" farce, for such an apartment serves for the last two acts. But it is an excellent demonstration of how a set of authors may work tastefully and skillfully with a theme that often commands neither taste nor skill.

With his usual generosity, Mr. Wood has given the play the greatest comedy cast gathered together in many a year. Lynne Overman, who will be remembered as the star of "Yes, Yes, Yvette," "Just Married," and other huge successes, is the featured member of the cast, which includes May Vokes, herself a star these many years past in "The Knight for a Day," and other comedies; Lee Patrick, here recently in "The Shelf," Lennox Pawle, Kenneth Hill, Kay Strozzi, Clay Clement, Ruth Lyons, Winifred Kingston, Amy Dennis and other notable names of the stage world.

The enthusiastic reception accorded "What a Man!" predicts for it a long run, for this brittle bit about unconscious adultery, induced by aphasia, and the consequence thereof, comes in brisk translation at the hands of a company of excellent interpreters. Prediction in the theater is a silly business, but unless all signs fail, "What a Man!" is most definitely a "wow."

Now We Ask You?

Relative: "Now, now, Sonny. You musn't say 'I ain't going.' You must say, 'I am not going.' 'He is not going.' 'We are not going.' 'They are not going.'"
Tommy: "Aw—ain't nobody going."

SAYS CHILDREN NOT ALWAYS A BLESSING

Startling Statement of Dean of Men at Illinois in Magazine

"Children are not always a comfort to a home nor do they always strengthen the love between man and wife as is commonly supposed," is the startling statement made public by Thomas Arkle Clark, Dean of Men at the University of Illinois.

"A home without children may still be a home," he adds, defending childless married couples in the American Magazine. "It is true that children may act as disciplinary agents to their parents; they may teach their elders economy and patience and unselfishness and self control, but these virtues may be acquired by other and less strenuous means. The more I see what trouble and worry and sacrifice they entail upon their parents, the more I am resigned to my fate.

"Youth is not always considerate of old age. It has its own serious problems to solve and even when it gives its attention to old age, it not infrequently does it grudgingly. Even if one has children, he cannot take it for granted that his old age will be a sheltered one. Besides, while old age is beautiful, it is not always docile.

"With young married people, when the child comes, too often all the sentiment, the tender love, the little attentions that each showered upon the other, goes to the child. Everything must give way to the child.

"Childless pairs growing old together have many compensations for their failure to have children. Having only each other, if true love has brought them together, the lack of children draws them still closer."

U. S. IN FOURTH PLACE IN SHIP PRODUCTION

The United States has fallen from fourth to fifth place in point of production of ships, during the past year. Uncle Sam keeps up his pace as a lively old chap on land, but he has always lagged as a sailor.

His Earning Power

Dumb: "Sweetheart do you think we could live on forty dollars a week?"
Belle: "Maybe. But who is going to give it to us?"

NORTH SHORE LINE OFFERS NEW SERVICE

A new inter-line ticket sales service has been launched by the Chicago North Shore & Milwaukee railroad—the North Shore line—whereby through tickets to any point in the United States served by a railroad can be purchased from agents at North Shore line stations.

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This new service enables the traveler to board a North Shore line train and make connections with other railroads at Chicago, Milwaukee or other cities on the North Shore line, with all ticket arrangements, including Pullman berths, completely made in advance. Arrangements also have been made whereby North Shore line customers have the use of the Parmelee Transfer in Chicago, both for their personal and baggage transfer on through tickets.

The North Shore line, co-operating with other high-speed electrically-operated railroads and motor coach lines serving the territory within a radius of 100 miles of Chicago, has also opened a consolidated ticket office in the Outing and Recreation bureau, 72 West Adams street, Chicago. Here tickets to more than 600 points served by rail and motor coach lines may be secured and complete information about each of the points obtained.

The Urge Explained

Actor: "Did you notice how I moved the audience last night?"
Producer: "Moved is no word for it. It was little short of a stampede when you got on."

TROUSER SKIRT IS STILL TO BE SEEN

Despite Gibes of Generation It Has Its Friends; Used to Some Extent

Trousers skirts, surviving the jibes of a generation, have at last made a place for themselves in the most highly respectable displays of fashion. Even the sophisticated modernists smiled a bit over the recent information from Paris that trouser skirts were being seen in fashionable places and concluded to themselves that they would find no more favor than bloomers did in the gay, bicycling nineties.

Modern for these ultra modern skirts, however, are now shown in the Woman's Home Companion fashion department, as being distinctly desirable and useful. Sports for women have been largely responsible for trouser skirts, the demands of golf, tennis and archery being even greater than the freedom supplied by the shortest of ordinary skirts.

The garments consist of full, loose trousers of just about knee length, with a wrap around skirt effect which conceals the trousers even in the most strenuous action. With the skirt is worn a narrow belted jumper with short or long sleeves.

Pleats are being more and more emphasized in this month's fashion, all costumes being made with the idea of adapting themselves to youthful, exuberant motion. Properly arranged, pleats relieve the average dress of any semblance of stiffness as their folds, at the slightest turn of the body, carry the idea of graceful motion.

There is a great variety of pleated frocks being planned for late summer and early fall, plaids receiving unusual favor in their makeup.

BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS IS BEING ELIMINATED

Report Shows Many Illinois Counties Now Free of This Trouble

Steady progress is being made in Illinois in the eradication of bovine tuberculosis, according to the announcement of the Division of Animal Industry, Department of Agriculture.

Results achieved during the past twelve months show the greatest gain since testing was taken up in the state. During that period 742,816 head of breeding and dairy cattle were tested, and of this number only 32,634 reacted, or 4.25 per cent. During the previous twelve months 685,273 head were tested, with 52,111 or 7.89 per cent reacting. The improvement during the last year is given as 3.64 per cent.

The report shows that at the beginning of the last fiscal year sixty-five of the 102 counties of the state were interested in the work, while during the year eight additional counties were added, making a total of seventy-three now operating under the county area plan or eradication.

During the year seven counties, Menard, Crawford, Ford Grundy, Edgar, Coles and Monroe, were certified as free from the disease, with thirty-five counties certified as having 75 per cent of their dairy and breeding cattle tested.

Sure Cure

Sah the Simple Soph says the only way to cure yourself of being in love is to run away—with the girl!

To Headquarters

Recruiting Officer: What we want is men with convictions, and where shall we find them?
Voice: In prison.

SUGGESTIONS ARE OFFERED TOURISTS

"Every day adds new members to the motoring fraternity," says Charles M. Hayes, president of the Chicago Motor club, "and for the benefit of those who are starting on their first tour, a few safety suggestions are made: Keep to the right on curves; the horn should be sounded on curves; warnings prevent collisions. Use compression descending hills and save the efficiency of the brakes for emergency. If a grade is so steep as to make necessary the use of brakes, use the foot and emergency brakes alternately to slow down speed and prevent burning out of brake linings.

"Do not permit camping equipment or luggage to extend over the left side of the running board—it is dangerous everywhere as well as illegal in some states. Implements and materials for emergency repairs should be part of the equipment for a long tour if annoying delays are to be avoided.

"When signalled by a driver behind that he wishes to pass, the motorist should slow down and keep to the right. It is dangerous for two cars to speed abreast."

Oh—That's Different

Modern: "When my husband gets bad tempered I use a club."
Wife: "How brutal of you. But surely you don't mean it?"
"Indeed I do. I've joined three already."

And Keep It Out

She—"I took the recipe for this cake out of the cook book."
Hhe—"After sampling): "You did perfectly right; it should never have been put there."

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