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THINGS THEATRICAL
NOTES ON PLAYS, PLAYERS AND PLAYHOUSES

Pinero's Thorough Work—Tree's Productions in Berlin—Emperor William Interested in a Play.

Beginning June 1st, Olga Nether-sole will begin a month's engagement in Paris, playing in English dramas. Mrs. Leslie Carter, in "Du Barry," continues to smash box-office records to smithereens throughout the south.

Gabriello P'Annunzio has postponed the production of his new drama "Navy" (The Ship) until next season in Rome.

It is announced that Anna Held and "The Parisian Model" company will be transported to London to play a season at Drury Lane.

Two new plays were presented in New York this week. Lpton Sinclair's "Jungle," dramatized by Margaret Mayo, and "The Undertow," by B. C. Whitney will produce at the Chicago Opera House on May 15th, a new musical comedy by Clifton Crawford, entitled "Captain Caroleus."

Marie Devo, who has been William Gillette's leading woman this season, is to be starred next year in the London success, "The Morals of Marcus."

Thomas Jefferson has arranged to give "The Van Winkle" in French and has secured dates to appear in Paris next season with an American company.

In Chicago, Mrs. Fiske is at the Grand Opera House, turning people away with the "The New York Idea." This is a return engagement of Mrs. Fiske.

in which it was her habit to appear, is coming to America.

Donald McLaren's Indian play, "The Redskin," has been produced in Glasgow, Scotland, with phenomenal success. The production of the "Redskin" in New York, last year brought forth a war between the critics and William A. Brady, the producer.

Julia Sanderson has signed a contract with Charles Frohman to take Edna May's place in "The Dairy Maid," a new musical comedy shortly to be produced. The approaching marriage of Edna May brought about the engagement of Miss Sanderson by Mr. Frohman.

Adrienne Augarde, a favorite at the Gaiety theatre, London, has been loaned by George Edwardes to Charles Frohman, and will appear in "The Dairymaid," a musical play which is to be produced in New York in August. Miss Augarde has been seen in America before, as she was a member of the Edwardes company which presented Mme. Sans-Gene at Daly's two seasons ago.

As an illustration of the thoroughness with which Arthur Wing Pinero works out the technique of his plays, Mrs. Pinero tells us that during a final rehearsal in a London theatre one of the actors complained that he could not get around the stage in a time allowed him. "O, yes, you can," said Mr. Pinero; "again, the actor tried again and failed. Then," said Mr. Pinero, "your scenery must be out of place." The manager protested it was not, but the dramatist produced a foot rule and found it was.

Berthold Tree, with his stock company from His Majesty's Theatre, London, brought his cycle of Shakespeare plays to a close at Berlin, with the production of "The Merry Wives of Windsor," which was received with unusual enthusiasm. These performances have drawn large houses and have been well received, but most of the German critics deal harshly with Mr. Tree's interpretation of Shakespeare. They object especially to the interpolations and the addition of pantomimes not belonging to the text, and find the English actor lacking in philosophical depth in his conception of the characters of Shakespeare. Furthermore, the rhythmical style of declamation is not in accord with the realistic German method of playing Shakespeare.

Emperor William is much interested in the coming production of a play written by his famous ancestor, Frederick the Great, entitled "The School of the World." The play has only been seen in the light, and is said to have been touched up by the Kaiser himself before it was given into the hands of the manager of the Royal Theatre here. It is full of expressions which the Emperor William must have learned from his homestead friend Voltaire. In fact, it is believed to be that play of Frederick which Voltaire declined to revise on the ground that he would not give the dirty linen of even a king.

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SPORTING NOTES.

Interesting Items on Various Sporting Topics.

Guelph will have a team in the newly formed Western Baseball League. Hamilton claim they will have four N.L.U. players on their team this year.

Hamilton is getting the lacrosse bee all right. In addition to the senior team and city league, it is now proposed to organize an intermediate C.L.A. team.

Twenty-three years ago Charley Comiskey was pitching ball for \$75 a month. Now he is reported to make a million, most of it made in the last six or seven years in baseball.

The American Baseball League has issued to President Roosevelt by President B. R. Johnson in enclosure. This is a return engagement of Mrs. Fiske.

John T. Chesbro will again pitch for the Greater New York baseball club. Yesterday the famous pitcher arranged matters with Manager Griffith, in Boston, and as a result the pitching staff of the "Yankees" will be strengthened in a short time.

Yehio Flaherty, Peterboro's pitcher, who has done great work for Galt in the Canadian League for the last two years, leaves this week for Waterbury, in the Connecticut State League.

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The Ottawa Roller hockey team, the septette that is to be entered in the big Canadian league, playing against Peterboro, had its first real practice last night. The workout took place before a few favored spectators, and the players demonstrated that they will not take long to acquire the points of the game.

The players used hockey sticks and a small baseball, nursing it along as they would a puck. Baird and Shore, of the Ottawa hockey team, were in uniform.

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Canada's Military Road. An important work is being carried on by the dominion government in North-West Canada, concerning which people in general know little. This is the building of a trail, or more properly a military road, from Edmonton to the Yukon territory. For two years the construction has been under way in charge of the North-West Mounted Police. From Edmonton the road stretches seven hundred miles away to Fort St. John, on the Peace river, and then takes course through the Rocky Mountains for two hundred miles to Fort Graham, in British Columbia, thence in a north-westerly direction for seven hundred miles more to Athol. This trail of six thousand miles lies through a region but little civilized, and where nature at times opposes her sternest barriers. It is not a wide road, only eight feet, and at intervals of twenty miles small log houses are erected as halting places. The principal work so far has been from the eastern side of the mountains, and last fall the construction party, under Capt. Cammeyer, reached Fort Graham, where they wintered. This summer another party in charge of Inspector McDonnell, of Whitehorse, will push the work from Athol until the two forces meet, before winter.

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MISS FAY TEMPLETON.
The well-known, and better-liked, actress, was announced her retirement from the stage on May 1st. Miss Templeton, about a year ago, became a millionaire. She was a right-hander, and as he wishes her to abandon her career, she has decided to do so. She is said to have a substantial city home for a winter residence.

Virginia Harrod appeared at New Haven, Conn., in a five-act dramatization of Tolstoy's novel, "Anna Karenina," entitled "The Great Question." There are nearly one hundred people in the cast.

Miss Eva Tanguay, the cyclonic comedienne who appears to have a brain storm twice a day in vaudeville is considering an offer to go to England to play a season of about ten weeks.

So great has been Miss Grace George's success in the New York revival of Sardou's "Divorces" that the original run of two weeks has been extended indefinitely until hot weather.

Henry W. Savage will produce in this country next season an English version of "The Jolly Widow," a successful musical comedy which has been running in Vienna for two years.

Londoners seemed so keen on hearing "Follow On," sung by Miss Edna May before marriage, that the Salvation lasso song has been incorporated in "Nollie Nell."

Amelia Bingham is another proposed recruit for vaudeville, and it is thought likely she will succumb to the blandishments of the magnates who now seem determined to denude the dramatic art.

The Modern Venus, "La Statue Hymaine," the young person whom the music hall morality censor in London compelled to wear tights instead of the even less abbreviated costume.

The Smell of The Dawn.
Those who are up and out early in the morning get the benefit of extraordinarily good odors, according to Farmer David Grayson in the American Magazine.

"Of all hours of the day there is none like the early morning for downright good odors—the morning before dawn, fresh from sleep and unspoiled with food, a man's senses cut like knives. The whole world comes in upon him. A still morning is best, for the mists and the moisture seem to retain the odors which they have distilled through the night. Upon a breezy morning one is likely to get a single predominant odor as of clover when the wind blows across a hay field or of apple blossoms when the wind comes through the orchard, but upon a perfectly still morning it is wonderful how the odors arrange themselves in upright strata, so that one walking passes through them as from room to room in a marvelous temple of fragrance."

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