

Little Theatre Announces Winner in Play Contest

By WALTER D. HICKMAN

RITTER of the winning play in a State-wide contest conducted by the Little Theatre Society was announced today.

The honor goes to Miss Rebecca M. Bennett, 2124 Park Ave., of this city. Title of the winning play is "My Lady of the Bad Lands," a drama of a Dakota ranch and of Washington, D. C.

Although one cash award of \$100 was announced by the society, the judges felt that Maurice Carter Tull of Lafayette, Ind., should be given honorable mention because of the theme and treatment of his play, "Q. E. D."

For two years I have served on committees of award of the Little Theatre, and some day this man is going to reflect life in "natural" which is going to make all of us set up and take notice.

He gets lost at times in being frank, when he knows a little more of the real sadness of life, I do not mean death of physical injury, but the pain that comes with mental failure, he will write a great play. Tull recognizes that one big thing, and some day he will be able to put it in dramatic form.

There were twelve long plays submitted. I found some of them very bad.

The judges: Mrs. Kate Milner Rabb, Mrs. Oliver Pierce, Lee Burns, Mary Pratt, Fink of the Star, Whitworth of the News and myself.

I think that the Little Theatre

should go after one act plays instead of three acts or more.

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A FEW LINES ABOUT THIS, THAT AND THE LIKE

At the Palace this week end, you will meet Primrose Seaman and company. Miss Seaman is one of those individuals who takes her profession seriously. She has an entertaining act, well done and carefully.

And yet, when she finished yesterday to real applause, she found time to pass a hat to collect funds for the N. V. A. Mr. Conrad of her company made the appeal yesterday while Miss Seaman collected real money for the actor's fund.

That is spirit and cooperation. That is loyalty, Miss Seaman and Mr. Conrad. And you have the talent to back up your appeal.

The Venetian Masqueraders is one of those colored musical events. There is melody, yes; scenery, much of it, but what I saw of the act, it needed comedy relief.

Henry B. Toomer and Esther Day offer a comedy dealing with married life under the title of "A Very Bad Cold."

Edith Clifford sings some songs of real merit and one which has no merit. Her real songs go over well. This woman has ability, real talent. Why in the world is she content to just get by when she could be a positive sensation.

The Hartwells open the show. I was late in arriving and missed this act.

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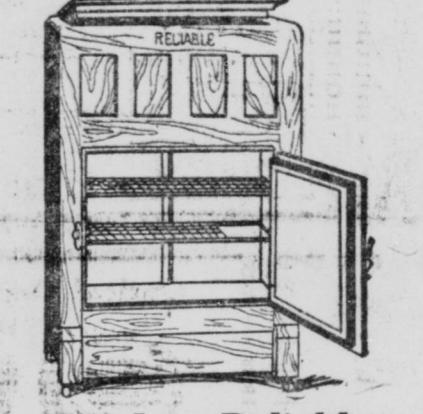
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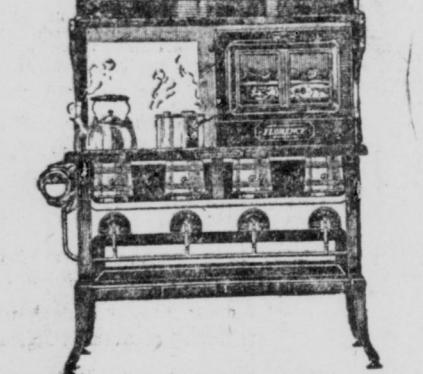
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