

Hopper Started It in 1888 and Keeps on Telling of 'Casey'

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His current revival of Gilbert & Sullivan's "Pinafore," at the Murat, with De Wolf Hopper as Dick Deadeye, will be remembered by me because of one thing, and it is a good revival, too. That is—Hopper recites "Casey at the Bat." Hopper started reciting "Casey" in 1888 and it is something that he has not been able to get. His audience look with rare pleasure to hearing him recite this poem of the glorification of small town baseball. Between the first and second acts of "Pinafore," Hopper recites "Casey" as part of his curtain talk. This poem belongs to the old school and Hopper belongs there, also.

During his talk last night, Hopper said he was not born in Indianapolis, but that he has died here several times. He is a great wit, you know, but even when he is the funniest, he tells some big truths. One good thing this week, Hopper is not suffering death this week.

"Pinafore" does not give Hopper the personal chance of "The Mikado" affords him. As Dick Deadeye, Hopper relies upon his make-up to carry him through. I mean by that, that the singing parts and the story really make "Pinafore" a favorite. Of course Hopper must be in the cast of "Pinafore." I would care to see nobody else in the part. His make-up is wonderful. He receives excellent support from Sarah Edwards as Little Buttercup, and she gets a lot of fun out of the part. Others who do good work are Ethel Walker as Josephine, Ethel Clark as Hebe, Sudworth Frazier as Ralph Rackstraw, George Shields as Sir Joseph and Henry Kelly as Captain Corcoran.

The chorus numbers were splendidly done. Hopper has a good singing organization around him.

At the Murat today and Saturday.

FIVE GOOD ACTS ON VIEW AT THE PALACE
There are five good acts on view at the Palace today and Saturday. Al Garbelle has surrounded himself with a number of girls who dance and sing well together. The act is dressed in good taste and at times it is lavish. It is called "Silks and Diamonds."

I have always enjoyed the work of James H. Cullen, because nobody but Cullen uses his material. He knows how to "sell" a song over the footlights and there is common sense and a point to his jokes. He knows his stage.

Scotty Welch and the Madison Sisters have a singing offering which is done in good taste. The man is a good pianist. They close with their impression of a newsboy's quartette singing "Roll Those Bones." Good act.

Bernivici Brothers have been long enough in the amusement business to know that good music can be appreciated by an audience in a vaudeville theater. They know how "to dress up" their numbers. They know when to offer jazz. The brothers are violinists who are able to create a tonal picture.

The Lind Trio do some interesting stunts while balancing themselves on ladders. The movie is Elaine Hammerstein in "Foolish Virgin."

At the Palace today and Saturday. Other theaters today offer: McIntyre and Heath at Keith's; Emma Carus at the Lyric; stock burlesque at the Capitol; "Peter Pan" at the Ohio; "So Big" at the Circle; "The Navigator" at the Apollo; "The Measure of a Man" at the Isis, and "A Sainted Devil" at Mister Smith's.

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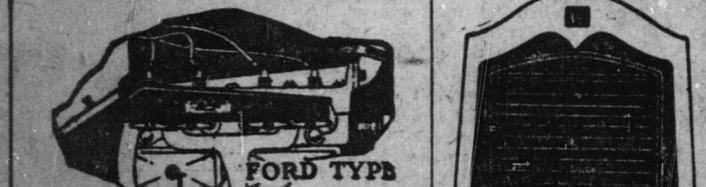
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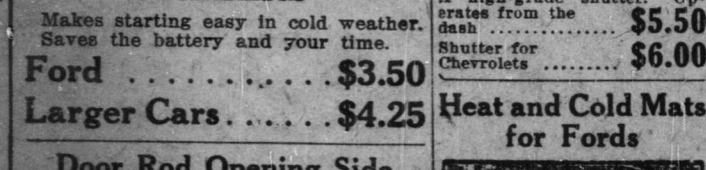


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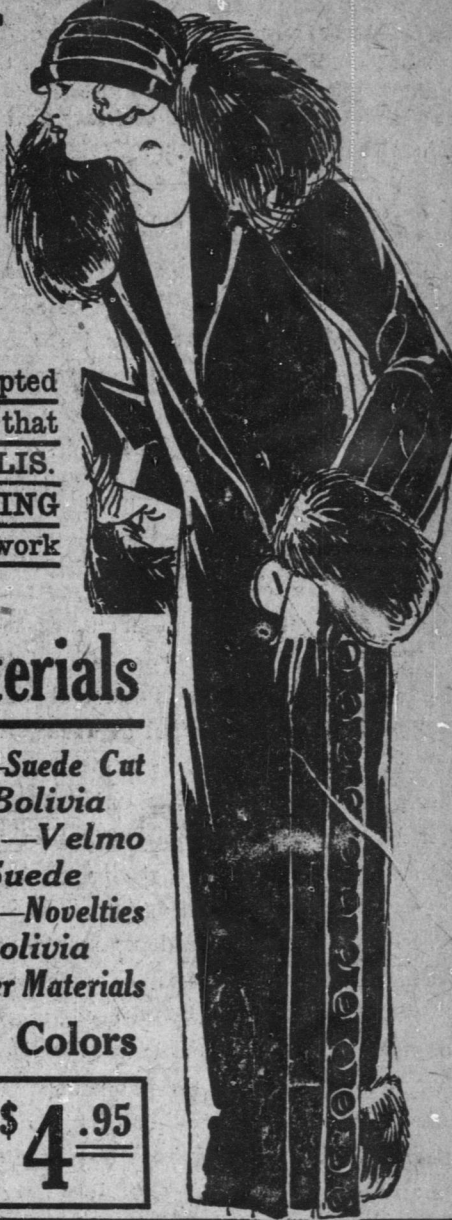
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