

# ELIZABETH TAYLOR TO BE SEEN IN 'THE WOODEN KIMONO'

Robert St. Clair and Idabelle Arnold Will Play the Leads in the Comedy, 'Tommy,' Opening Sunday Night at English's.

ELIZABETH TAYLOR, who appeared with Mary Boland in "Women Go On Forever" during the past winter in New York, has one of the leading roles next week in the Stuart Walker production, "The Wooden Kimono," a mystery play, at Keith's beginning Monday night, June 4.

Miss Taylor has appeared with the Stuart Walker company for several seasons and is a favorite in Indianapolis. She has one of the exceptional roles of the season in "The Wooden Kimono."

In "Saturday's Children," which was produced here the third week of the season, Miss Taylor played the part of the snoring landlady and scored an instant success.

"The Wooden Kimono" lasted an entire season at the Fulton Theater in New York. The success of this play brought on another thriller for the same theater, "Dracula," and it is another play that is due to last there for a long time.

"The Wooden Kimono" is the first mystery play of the Stuart Walker season, and should prove a tremendous success. In the past season the public has shown an increased interest in these thrillers, and this is what prompted Mr. Walker to choose this type of play for his fifth week's production.

During her career Miss Taylor has played a thousand and one different roles, and all of them have been different. But, of course, there is one certain role to which she is better adapted than others. And in "The Wooden Kimono" she is as perfectly cast as she ever will be.

Miss Taylor has been cast during the past week as Millie, the wife of a notorious crook who is doing time "up the river" in the melodrama, "Crime," which closes Sunday night.

In this play she has very little to do, which is the way of all producers. One-week players are given a "heavy" role, the next a lighter one and so on.

## TOMMY TO BE NEXT BERKELL PLAY

When Howard Lindsay and Bertrand Robinson wrote "Tommy," they wrote a play which has an appeal for every human being, and for all time, for it has proven to be truly an American play, with a glorious touch of youth, and one which will always be remembered as a fine type of entertainment.

The Berkell players will open their sixth week of the season with this lovely comedy, starting tomorrow night at 8:15 (daylight saving time).

The entire action of "Tommy" takes place in the living room of the Thurber home, a peaceful setting to which Harvey Schieter, science designer, has added a deft touch. The time is summer and the place in any youthful daughter's home.

Robert St. Clair, juvenile performer, will play the title role. In this comedy part he will have a splendid opportunity for good work, for Tommy Miles is a refreshing and natural individual.

At the moment he is suffering the tribulations of puppy love. Being much in love with Marie Thurber, his affairs is not progressing just as he thinks it might, and he takes Marie's Uncle David into his confidence. The two plan a ruse whereby Marie might be hastened in her decision to marry, and the outcome of this amusing procedure furnishes most of the comedy of the evening.

Owing to the heavy work falling to the feminine lead in the show of the following week, Miss Idabelle Arnold, ingenue, will assist Mr. St. Clair in the starring roles. Therefore, Miss Edythe Elliott will not appear in this production.

Larry Sullivan is the Uncle David of the piece, who proves to be a general fixer in community politics and love affairs alike, an ideal role for the company's comedian. Ma and Pa Thurber, however, are impersonated by Mildred Hastings and Harry Foxworthy. Robert Fay is the rival lover, Milton Byron will

## In 'Happy Days'



Lillian Dawson

One of the members of the cast of "Happy Days," new stage presentation opening today at the Circle, is Lillian Dawson.

## Guinea Hen Will Make Aerial Hop

Fowl to Be Dropped From Balloon at Walnut Gardens Sunday.

THOSE who have never seen the merry aerial capers of a live guinea released from a height of 3,000 feet will be afforded considerable amusement Sunday afternoon when the novelty will be performed at Walnut Gardens. Arthur J. Jones, park manager, has announced.

The fowl will be dropped from a balloon over a half-mile high by a local balloonist and parachute jumper, "Mile-High" Ruth. The guinea, whose ordinary flight is restricted comparatively short and low, entertains with a bewildering series of zig-zag "stunts" in its descent from high altitude. The person capturing the guinea when it lands will be awarded a prize by the Gardens, Jones said.

Auto polo enthusiasts who crowded the athletic field at the opening game last Sunday, will be further accommodated with the park's installation of 16,000 candle-power in flood lights, which will make night playing possible, Jones added. A Canadian team will compete with Patterson's players in the first night contest Sunday.

be Judge Wilson and Bernice Marsolais his wife. "Tommy" is a colorful tale of youthful love, presenting a most adorable romance. It is as clean and wholesome as the breath of May, and moves forward merrily with sweeping power to a lovely climax. It was produced here last winter by a traveling company, and elicited much praise from the local play critics. It is entertainment of high caliber.

## AMUSEMENTS

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**"The WOODEN KIMONO"**

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON

**The Patent Leather Kid**

Laughing at his hair-raising flirtation with Death last Sunday, when his life hung by a tiny strand of rope after his chute broke, the Kid announces he will add a few extra blood-curdling trimmings to his air trip tomorrow.

**WE'LL BE SEEN' YOU**

## New Plays Prove to Be Only So-So

Three New Arrivals Last Week and Only One Stays.

BY DIXIE HINES

NEW YORK, June 2.—Plays continue to arrive on Broadway, but few of them become so popular that their hosts entreat them to remain. Occasionally a play of some merit sneaks in and great is the surprise thereat.

Last week, for instance, three new arrivals opened shop, and of the number, one probably will remain. That is "Skidding," by Aurania Rouverol. We are told that this play was presented out on the Pacific Coast one time as the winner of a Drama League play contest. It might well have been selected as a prize winning play—for the Drama League.

Even on Broadway, where the rules are different, it made a pleasing impression and probably will remain here for some time. It is a simple, unsophisticated story of the girl who had to choose between a home with husband and a career—and chose the career. We have had this story before and doubtless will have it many times in the future. "Skidding," however, does not entirely rely upon this. There are several other comedy stories mixed up, the trials and tribulations of married life, for instance.

At any rate, there was such a good cast assembled, and they worked so hard, so intelligently and so effectively that they made the evening a really delightful one. And for this one must thank Marguerite Churchill, Clara Blandick, Louise Carter, Carleton Macy, young Charles Eaton and the others.

If visitors to New York want a pleasant evening, one that they can enjoy without embarrassment, "Skidding" will furnish it.

**A Movie Play**

"Get Me in the Movies" is a farce comedy by Charlton Andrews and Philip Dunning. Laura Wick, a name new in the producing field, is the sponsor. The story is, as may have been suspected, one about Hollywood, and not a particularly flattering one.

It is slightly maudlin and not even a very good cast could make it anything more than tolerable. No conscientious critic can advise any one to sit through an evening unless as a punishment.

**A Purple Tinge**

Some thirty-eight years ago the late Oscar Wilde wrote his purple novel, "The Picture of Dorian Grey." Thirty-eight years ago were thirty-eight years ago, and since then times and customs and people have changed, and particularly plays.

Some one had a bright idea of adapting this story into a play, and this was not so reprehensible, but when he put into practice this idea, and turned out the present stage opus of "Dorian Grey," he committed a breach upon the peace and tranquility of the theatergoing public. It is a tiresome, maudlin, uninteresting affair. Although he has copied the epigrams copiously from the purple covers, they seem about as unreal as some of the scenery used.

And the cast was nothing to write flattery about—with one exception. A fine actor named Wallis Clark was assigned the role of the "Devil" in a prologue, and Lord Henry Wotton in the play. Mr. Clark almost made the part human, which is a high compliment. To him fell the epigrams which sounded like a second-rate variety show. The rest of the cast struggled valiantly but in vain.

One or two managed to emerge less objectionably than the others, but in the main it was a desecration of an early ideal.

## Still Lost

"Jerry Tarbout," the man who became internationally famous as the soldier who lost his identity through an injury in the late war, is coming into vaudeville. His tour of the vaudeville houses will be made in the hope that someone will recognize him and tell him who he is.

**To Be Lady Nelson**

Helen Jerome Eddy, creator of many unique screen characterizations, has been signed to portray Lady Nelson in Corinne Griffith's "The Divine Lady."

**"A Reporter"**

"Skeets" Gallagher, star of the legitimate stage and a featured player in motion pictures, has just been signed for the role of a newspaper reporter in "The Racket."

**Ince Film Finished**

Shooting has been completed on "Danger Street," under the direction of Ralph Ince.

## AMUSEMENTS

**ENGLISH'S**

Week Commencing Sunday Eve., June 3rd

**The BERKELL PLAYERS**

With Idabelle Arnold, Milton Byron, Bernice Marsolais, Robert St. Clair, Mildred Hastings, Larry Sullivan, Harry Hoxworth, Robert Fay

**"TOMMY"**

An American Comedy by Howard Lindsay and Bertrand Robinson

NIGHTLY—8:15—25c, 50c, 99c  
Mats.—Wed., Thurs., Sat., 25c, 35c, 50c



1—Larry Sullivan will be seen as the uncle in the comedy called "Tommy," the new Charles Berkell offering, opening at English's Sunday night.

2—Here is one of the Hanlon Brothers, comedy gymnasts, to be seen at the Lyric starting Sunday afternoon.

3—Charles Starrett will be seen in "The Wooden Kimono," the next Stuart Walker production, starting Monday night at Keith's.

## At The Apollo



Venita Gould

Impressions of Blossom Seeley, Grace LaRue, Ted Lewis, and Cary Norman are included in the Vitaphone vaudeville act presented by Venita Gould, impersonator of famous stage stars, on the program opening at the Apollo, today. Miss Gould enjoys great popularity as a vaudeville star, and was formerly featured in the Greenwich Village Follies. Other Vitaphone acts are offered by Clyde Cook and Company, and the Two Doves, the latter a pair of well-known blackface comedians.

## Daring Role

Norma Talmadge again proves her versatility as a screen star by launching what filmdom considers the most daring characterization in her career—the role of "Elsie" in "The Woman Disputed," an adaptation of Dennison Clift's sensational stage success of the same title.

## Get Leading Parts

The leading roles in "State Street Sadie" are being played by Conrad Nagel and Myrna Loy, supported by William Russell, George Stone and Pat Hartigan.

## To Be Lead

Leroy Mason has been signed to appear in the leading male role opposite Dolores Del Rio in "Revenge."

**AMUSEMENTS**

**DANCE! DANCE! DANCE!**

WALTER EBERHART AND HIS

**KONJOLIAN'S**

—AT—

**WALNUT GARDENS**

"WHERE THE BETTER PEOPLE GO"

TONIGHT, SUNDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING

## ROUNDING ROUND THEATERS With WALTER D. HICKMAN

THE FILM DAILY of New York has asked me to vote on the ten best directors turning out pictures from May, 1927 to May, 1928. Critics all over the country are called upon to establish the status of movie directors.

Of course my selection is based upon the pictures that I have told you about during that period.

My ten best director list is as follows:

Herbert Brennon because of "Beau Geste" and "Laugh, Clown, Laugh."

Karl Brown because of "Stark Love."

Merian Cooper because of "Chang."

James Cruze because of "Old Ironsides."

Ernst Lubitsch because of "The Student Prince."

Fred Niblo because of "Ben-Hur."

Ernest Schoedsack because of his help as one of the directors in "Chang."

King Vidor because of "The Big Parade" and "The Crowd."

Josef Von Sternberg because of "The Last Command."

Raoul Walsh because of "What Price Glory" and not because of "Sadie Thompson."

My selection is based upon the work of 269 directors who have turned out pictures during the period under investigation. The pictures of these 269 directors have all been listed by The Film Daily.

D. W. Griffith is represented in this period only with "Drums of Love," but I could not include Griffith among the ten best on the strength of that picture. I think he is one of the best directors, but I am basing my verdict upon the product of directors for a certain period only.

There is much interest these days in the various groups of young people in the various churches of

## Shows How

George Archainbaud surprised the crowd of principals and extras on the set of "Ladies of The Night Club," which he is directing, when he laid aside his megaphone and executed an intricate step of the Argentine Tango that was not being performed to his liking.

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**DAREDEVIL HUGGINS** KING OF THE AIR

Triple Eight Balloon Ascension and Parachute Drop

**BROAD RIPPLE PARK**

## Comedy to Top Bill at Lyric

Humorous Skit, Called 'Oh, May,' to Start Sunday.

ANOTHER one of Harry Green's comedies, "Oh May," will headline next week's vaudeville bill at the Lyric. Billy Kelly and Warren Jackson have the comedy roles and are supported by Dolores Griffith and Phil Dugan. Miss Griffith has made a name for herself with the Havel Brothers. In this production she portrays the "casus belli" between the small town drug store clerk and the village sheik.

The bill will include:

**W. H. GROH AND HIS PIANO HOUNDS**—He and his pedigreed terriers present a routine of comedy tricks which are not commanded by their master, but performed by the dogs themselves, as they originated in their gambols. This is said to be the only act of its kind.

**MILDRED FORCE AND COMPANY**—Miss Force presents a repertoire of comedy characterizations and songs, supported by Rollo Hudson, pianist.

**HANLON BROTHERS**—In a pantomimic absurdity, "The Hotel Impossible," which is a choice assortment of comedy gymnastic feats and trick scenery of their own making, tied together with a thread of a story.

**GREEN AND AUSTIN**—Two black-faced bricklayers in a laughable piece of nonsense as is being presented to vaudeville patrons this season.

**MABEL HAXLEY AND JOYCE SISTERS**—"The Three Pepper Pots," in a singing and dancing specialty.

**BONNIE MILLER AND COMPANY**—Presenting a skating act entitled "Seconds of Suspense."

**ON THE SCREEN**—A Metro Goldwyn comedy, "Putting Pants on Philip," a drug store cowboy comedy, "Summer Knights," and a Kinograms news reel.

## Dress Costs

A single costume costing \$2,200 has been designed and made for Corinne Griffith to wear in her starring role in the period drama, "The Divine Lady."

**Casting "The Ghetto"**

Casting is under way for George Jessel's "The Ghetto." Mary Doran, Rosa Rosanova and William Strauss have so far been signed.

## AMUSEMENTS

**LYRIC**

**Billy Kelly and Warren JACKSON**

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**"OH MAY"**

WHERE THE CROWDS GO! ALL THE TIME 11:01 P.M.

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**MABEL HALEY and the JOYCE SISTERS**

"THE THREE PEPPER POTS"

**BONNIE MILLER & Co.**

PRESENTING

"SECONDS OF SUSPENSE"

Vaudeville

2:00 4:20 7:00 9:20

**ON THE SCREEN**

M. G. M.

"Putting Pants on Philip"

KINOGRAMS

Newreel Universal Comedy "Summer Knights"

12:40

DOORS OPEN 12:30

**Extra Added Attraction**

**GREEN & AUSTIN TWO HOD**

**The CARRIERS**