

# 'HITCHY' PLOUGHS WHEN HE DOES GOLF

## 'The Baby Cyclone' Concerns Love of Certain Women for a Brand of Dogs; Berkell Players Give Us a Chance to See Thriller.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

RAYMOND HITCHCOCK is still "Hitchy" of revue and musical comedy days even in vaudeville. He admits that it seems very strange to stand upon a stage and not be surrounded with about ninety chorus girls and much scenery.

"Hitchy" misses the girls. That he also admits, especially the ninety. Yesterday when I visited the Lyric, I had my first chance to see Hitchcock in vaudeville. He tells you that this is a new game for him. Have always thought that real showmanship and knowledge of the theater would go any place. Hitchcock proves that point. He can't sing, or doesn't, and he can't dance, or doesn't. All of the real singing and dancing is done by two young girls who hail, as Hitch says, from Philadelphia. After they get through with their last turn, he tells the audience that the girls should learn to take bows. At least seven, and when they have reached that number they should rush out with a trained seal and a lot of musical instruments and kid the audience into thinking that they could do more. Hitch says he knows. And how.

Those who have seen this man on the stage in the big musical shows realize that he is a stage institution. He has carried that idea into vaudeville. He is just that and nothing more. If you don't have a taste for Hitchy on the legitimate stage, well you will not relish the diet in vaudeville. If you are on his band wagon on the legitimate stage, then you will be satisfied with him in vaudeville, because he is the same old Hitchy.

Hitchcock admits that he knew Sophie Tucker at least the first five years that she was in vaudeville. And that goes far back, I am sure. Without Hitchcock winking an eye, Hitchy maintains that New York is a slow city, because it took that town eleven months to wake up to the fact that a show on Broadway was indecent.

"And a guy from Jersey had to come over and tell 'em," Hitchy maintains. "They call such shows instructive. But they are not. Don't you believe it. I have seen all of them and they didn't teach me a single new thing."

Hitchy plays golf. Oh, yes. He states he may not hit the ball and the course may look like a plowed field when he gets through, but he plays golf just the same.

To me there is only one Hitchcock. He is a big showman. He always gives me a laugh and he gave me many of them at the Lyric yesterday afternoon. His reception when I was present must have been most gratifying. And he sure is working in his own way.

James Santry and Helen Norton are doing the same dances that they have been associated with for some time. They have the aid of a girl band, good at times and then fail. Showmanship is needed in this act to "sell" the band.

About a ton of showmanship is needed by an act billed as Henry Rogers' Revue. The men in the act are not using their personalities. They lack pep. The saving grace is a woman, who does tap dancing and another time when a girl and a lad do a chain dance.

Bob Burns and Claude West are up to their blackface tricks and they have an easy time with their musical instrument stuff and their talk which may remind you just a wee bit of the Two Black Crows.

Usual March and company rush through something called "Good Night Nurse." It did not impress me as having much merit as a sketch.

Marjorie Garretson is one of the jazz singers, who puts heat and lot of it into her jazz songs. She also has not fingers on a piano. The girl ties up the act for a solid hit. Robert Gehan assists.

I arrived at my seat just as the Littlejohns were finishing their act. Now on view at the Lyric.

**DOGS ARE DOGS AND HUSBANDS ARE HUSBANDS**  
"The Baby Cyclone" does not concern babies, but rather a certain brand of dogs and husbands.

George M. Cohan has put the jazz touch to the problem that arises when wives "love" dogs more than they do their husbands.

He has taken that idea, and he has given it the Cohan touch to such an extent that it becomes a comedy little comedy, filled with wise remarks and as wise situations.

Here is a nifty, just a right little laugh, but done in that rapid Cohan manner, coupled with the smartest attitude that Stuart Walker has in the theater. The result is a mighty smart evening in the theater. This dog loving business is all the bunk, but you know and I know that there

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## Verdict of the Stage

ENGLISH—"The Seventh Guest" is a mystery play new to this city. The Berkell Players are playing it nicely. First two acts hold up splendidly, but the third sags.  
LYRIC—Raymond Hitchcock is just the same on the vaudeville as he is on the legitimate stage, such as revues and the musical shows. He is a good showman. He is always Hitchy, even in the other days when he called for "Al."  
KEITH'S—"The Baby Cyclone" is just the type of a show that you would expect George M. Cohan to turn out. Mighty smart and funny. Light? Yes, but good fun. Splendidly acted.

this show is right. You will be interested in the work of Mildred Hastings as Katie. This woman is good in character. William Worswick takes a hard fall in the first act which is a wonder. It is sure some fall and gives the show a whale of a thrill, just as the curtain comes down on the first act.

The work of Larry Sullivan, Isabelle Arnold, Robert St. Clair, Edythe Elliott, Milton Byron, Hazel Haslam and Bob Fay come under the head of nice acting. The way William V. Hull plays Deegan, an air cop, is far from convincing. He plays it too nervously. Probably it is the headgear that worries Hull. It would be.

Credit goes to Harry Hoxworth for the way he builds up much of the nervous tension and the mystery of the play. Here is a corking good legitimate work.

Now on view at English's.

Other theaters today offer: "Hold 'Em Yale" at the Circle; "Half a Bride" at the Indiana; "The Lion and the Mouse" at the Apollo; "The Street of Sin" at the Fountain Square; and "The Cossacks" at Loew's Palace.

## RED CROSS WILL GIVE INDIANA FLOOD RELIEF

Posey County Farmers to Get Seed for Crop.

By United Press  
MT. VERNON, Ind., July 17.—Posey County farmers in need because of floods which swept lowland territory will be aided by the Red Cross and Miss Alida Bigelow, national Red Cross representative, already at work on plans for relief.

Seed for crops will be provided by the Red Cross and also feed for stock used in work of planting crops. Farm experts are recommending that corn land made unproductive because of floods be seeded in Sudan grass, millet, cow peas, navy beans, beets, potatoes and turnips.

The first camp is now under way in Marion County, with boys and girls from that county, Boone, Hamilton, Hancock and Morgan Counties attending. Next week's schedule includes camps in Sullivan and Harrison Counties and at Portland, Tippecanoe, Fountain, Warren and Montgomery Counties.

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A total of \$73,125,000 will be available each year. The States must spend a minimum of 10% of 1929, 30 on the Federal aid to take advantage of the appropriations.

"The annual contribution of the Federal Government constitutes less than 7 per cent of the cost of road construction and maintenance each year in the United States," the association report comments. "It is less than five hundredths of one cent for each mile traveled by motor vehicles during 1928."

With the exception of thirteen States, where more than 5 per cent of all land is non-taxable, the States must finance at least 50 per cent of Federal aid road costs, and in no case will the government contribute in excess of \$15,000 a mile.

**Train Kills Bridge Painter**

HUNTINGTON, Ind., July 17.—Charles Murphy, 28, New York, employed at painting an Erie Railroad bridge west of here, was killed by an express train. Although warned of the train's approach by fellow workmen, Murphy stepped into its path.

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## Dance Divorce

MUNCIE, Ind., July 17.—Mrs. Edith M. Abney has divorced herself out of a husband. A divorce decree was granted here to her husband, Harvey G. Abney, who testified she was in the habit of leaving home on Saturday and dancing well into Sunday. The husband was granted custody of a child.

## STORMS SWEEP FRANCE

Rain and Hail Follow Terrible Heat Wave.

PARIS, July 17.—Varying climatic conditions were reported throughout France today with terrific heat vying with heavy rain and hail storm.

From Lyons came reports of a temperature of 102 degrees. Intense heat at Perpignan caused a vast forest fire.

At Vichy a drop of twenty degrees in temperature was reported after a heavy rain and hail storm. Cellars were flooded and many windows broken by the inch nail storms.

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## SQUELCHED RESOLUTION HIT NEW YORK MAYOR

Indiana G. A. R. Asked to Condemn Wearing of Lee's Uniform.

COLUMBUS, Ind., July 17.—An effort was made at the meeting here in June of the Indiana department, Grand Army of the Republic, to pass a resolution condemning Mayor James Walker of New York for wearing the uniform of his grandfather, Gen. Robert E. Lee, in a parade.

While business sessions of the G. A. R. and five allied organizations meeting here with it were secret, the

Walker resolution episode is revealed in an issue of the Banner, organ of the Sons of Union Veterans.

A committee suppressed the resolution attacking Walker, the Banner reveals.

## Lafayette Native Buried

LAFAYETTE, Ind., July 17.—Funeral services were held today for Jasper M. Dresser, 57, Chicago lawyer, and a native of this city, who died of cerebral hemorrhage Sunday. He was a graduate of Purdue University and practiced law here until 1895, when he went to Chicago.

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