

## ST. CLAIR WRITES ANOTHER NEW PLAY

Patrons of Berkell Company Have a Chance to Give Title to New Comedy-Drama—"Kempy" Is the Last Offering of Walker Season.

BY WALTER D. HICKMAN

LAST season Robert St. Clair wrote a mystery play and this season is being offered for the first time on any stage at English's this week. The reason that the play has no name is that both Charles Berkell and St. Clair desire to have their patrons name the play.

This is good from a business standpoint as it does stimulate box office interest as \$100 in gold for the best title in the opinion of the judges, four in number. The St. Clair play is in a prologue and two acts. In the prologue we meet the characters of a small town one night stand dramatic company playing "East Lynn" and the other barnstorms.

Milton Byron The prologue is the best part of the play.

We are concerned with the career of Norine O'Day (Edythe Elliott) and Paul Jeaux (Milton Byron). They are married and in the same company. Paul is a good actor and his wife is terrible. So when his chance comes to go to New York, she forces him to leave her while she goes on barnstorming. In the first act we see Norine and her daughter. Paul did not know that he had a daughter because his wife refused to correspond with him. He makes a hit on the stage, retires with a pot of money and adopts a son. The son, played by St. Clair, writes a play.

The leading woman of the play gets soured and Norine's daughter is put into the role. Norine had always kept a song that her husband had composed and named "Norine." This is put into the show and the daughter makes a hit. The first act is back stage of a New York theater. Norine O'Day is wardrobe mistress and her daughter was in the chorus before she got her chance.

The second and final act is placed in Paul's bachelor apartment on Fifth Ave. His adopted son falls in love with Norine's daughter. Paul objects, but when he hears her sing "Norine," his memory of his first happiness comes back. Then his wife walks into the apartment and everybody is happy.

As a story, the plot is mighty thin. There is no reason except possible temperament for Norine staying away from her husband.

The prologue is placed in a small town Michigan hotel in 1908. This gives Miss Elliott, Mildred Hastings, Irene St. Clair a chance to wear some old-fashioned clothes.

St. Clair in the first act has not spotted the "Norine" song right. It now sounds just as a vaudeville specialty would, having no connection with the story. It should be the key-note to the plot.

As this play now stands, it is not a big city play. St. Clair has lost nearly all of his definite types in the first and second acts. His prologue is good, but not strong enough to make a play.

There were all kinds of bad directing on the opening night. The snow scenes were a farce instead of being atmospheric. And the church being next to the hotel was another bad move. Both the storm and the

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ALBANY, N. Y., Aug. 7.—State police in plain clothes were ordered into Saratoga Springs today by Governor Smith to prevent gambling and vice, the Governor announced.

The action was taken after the Governor had received a complaint advising that gambling was flourishing in the Adirondack resort, one of the most famous racing centers in America.

DRIVERS BATTLE IN TAXI SCRAP

Four Cabs Are Damaged as Detroit War Rages.

By United Press DETROIT, Aug. 7.—Although Acting Mayor John C. Nagel has ordered the arrest of all taxicab drivers for the slightest infraction of the law, the taxicab rate war here today resulted in several fist fights.

Four men were arrested and four cabs were damaged, but police said Nagel's order resulted in last night being the quietest along the fronts since the Checker Cab Company slashed rates one-half, to 15 cents a mile, undercutting all competition.

Attorneys for the United Cab Company, largest competitor of the Checker forces today gave city officials a formal statement offering to mediate all differences.

The attorneys declared the company was willing to submit the entire controversy to a board of arbitration.

The United company and smaller independents today are sticking to their prices of 20 cents a mile. Persons of money an importance are still riding in Yellow cabs with their 30 cents a mile rate, and the Yellow company today reported business as usual.

Made Life Miserable

"And plaintiff says that about 1919 or 1920 the defendant, a young woman of great attractiveness and personal charm, whose name was Lucille Mussett, became acquainted and associated with plaintiff's said husband as secretary or stenographer to him and has remained in such apparent capacity or under the pretense and guise of such capacity with him down to the date of her marriage to him, as hereinafter averred."

"That from the time of defendant's first association with plaintiff's said husband down to the time of defendant's marriage to him as hereinafter averred, defendant designed and inaugurated a course of deliberate, systematic and continuous intimate conduct toward and relations with plaintiff's said husband for the purpose and design of winning and alienating from plaintiff the affections and marital relations of her said husband and of destroying the society and companionship, conjugal love, harmony and happiness existing between plaintiff and her husband, and for the wicked purpose of ultimately bringing about a divorce between plaintiff and her husband, to the end that the defendant might marry him."

"Understand, I am not selling this myself, but I am just trying to help out this woman," the agent quoted French as saying.

The woman, Mrs. Lennora Trent, 26, was arrested and pleaded bootlegging was her only means of supporting her children. She was held up to the grand jury Monday. On advice of the district attorney's office, French was placed under arrest also.

FINE DANCE

ACT NOW AT LYRIC

There is no doubt in my mind that the most talented dance act

is the "Kempy" is the final bill of the Stuart Walker season here.

Verdict of the Stage

ENGLISH'S—Robert St. Clair's new play is not a big city show. Prologue good but the show doesn't hold up.

LYRIC—The best of the dance acts of the last two years at this house is found in "Garden of Roses." Two other acts stand out. Rest of bill so so.

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