

IDOLS OF THE MATINEE

HOW ACTORS SALARIES ARE REGULATED THESE DAYS.

Feminine Taste Rules the Market—Actresses, Too, Are Dependent for Their Financial Rating Upon Their Favor in the Eyes of Other Women.

(Special Correspondence of PROGRESS.)

Many clever and witty remarks have been lightly made at the expense of the matinee girl with all her fads and fancies...

Indeed, women as a whole constitute the potent factor in determining the popularity of matters theatrical. It is she alone who casts the deciding vote...

Women do not by any means confine their hero worship to Romeos, Siegfrieds and Rudolfs, but include in it as well the Juliets, Rosalinds and Marguerites...

No better example of the substantial influence of the matinee girl can be cited than the career of John Drew. His run in New York this winter has been something extraordinary...

It is sometimes difficult to separate the personality of the actor from the character of his roles and decide which constitutes the veritable loadstone...

On the other hand, Prince Karl, quite independent of Mansfield, enjoyed a tremendous vogue at one time with the matinee girl...

It is a melancholy fact that when actors of certain special types become passe with the matinee girl, their halcyon days are over...

Let the young adored Southern assume what roll he will, and his managers can safely count upon three full matinees a week...

Neither Mr. Frohman nor Mr. Daly were unmindful of the matinee girl in making up their dramatic personnel for the present season...

Even the great Sardou is willing to make concessions to the needs of the matinee girl, and has just gracefully yielded a point to the chic Parisian demoielles...

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[The Hillsboro, Ohio Gazette prints some stanzas with the note here given: "Prof. Benj. F. Leggett, of Ward, Penn., has written the following beautiful poem, addressed to a townsman, which we take pleasure in publishing..."]

To Hon. C. H. Collins, My car, O friend, I lay aside, I turn your pages o'er; With you I wander far and wide...

A COMMON AFFLICTION.

THE BLAME THAT RESTS UPON "GENERAL DEBILITY."

Astra Talks Upon the Subject and Its Relation to the Nerves—Four-footed Aristocrats who get well Treated When they are Indisposed.

A witty doctor who was tired of the fancied ailments of his fashionable patients, once said that when no other ailment seemed to be at hand...

This is a fast age, and people naturally get very tired trying to keep up with the crowd; the hurry and scurry going on all around them acts upon their nerves...

I believe the discovery was first made by a woman, whose favorite horse was showing very strange symptoms...

The cure for these equine invalids consists of a long vacation from the shafts, even the weight of the halter and harness being considered too great for the suffering animal...

It is well for these four-footed aristocrats that they can have such excellent care when they are not feeling quite up to the mark...

Tricks by Which Reynard Catches Rabbits and Escapes the Hounds. No other still hunter can travel so quietly as a fox...

CUNNING OF THE FOX.

Lord Willoughby de Broke writes to the Badminton Magazine to tell how a tired fox made straight for a flock of sheep in a pen, ran through them, and in the end escaped...

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