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THE STAGE ASPIRANT

A HARD ROAD FOR MEDIOCRITY TO TRAVEL.

Run Times Too Many Applicants For the Available Positions—How Incompetency Crowds Merit—Information For the "Stagestruck"—Davy Crockett's Advice.

"This thing is wearing me into the ground." It was a theatrical manager who had just dismissed a young woman who had been imploring him to engage her. He was an unusually soft hearted manager. The average one heartedly gives a cynical grin and says, "Another girl who wants to play Juliet."

Words may be futile to stem the torrent, but just a few hard facts may cause an aspirant here and there to stop and consider. Here in New York, this seething Mecca of the Theatrical, the situation is actually tragic. There are just about 5,000 actresses too many for the positions. The pity of it is the incompetents are in many cases crowding out the capable, experienced players. True, the incompetents sooner or later find their level, but while they are finding it the capable are out of positions and the wolf is putting in his time at their fifth flight hall bedroom doors, the critics are gazing, the manager is fuming, and there is a good deal of unpleasant friction everywhere.

I know of one thoroughly equipped player who has sewed the soles upon her shoes repeatedly to keep them on her feet while she walked the streets in search of an engagement. Another washes her clothes in the bathtub of her boarding house and dries them in her room. Both these women have played prominent parts in good companies. Another has lived for some time on one meal a day. These women are fair of face—one of them would be called handsome—and all are thoroughly competent.

The cases of the young, inexperienced ones that have come to me hoping I could help them are too many and too sad to recount. They drift into typewriting, copying and starvation. Many of them drift back home. Some become "extras." That means they go on the stage as "guests," or the mob, just to stand around and say nothing. They must attend rehearsals, dress perhaps several times during the evening and be regarded with scorn by those who have speaking parts, all for \$1 a performance. For the chance to do this hundreds crowd the stage entrances whenever there is a call for "extra ladies."

One young woman who made a short starring venture in the west and who is undoubtedly possessed with talent, combined with the beauty of face and figure which make up a good stage presence, came two years ago to New York to seek an engagement. She was armed with letters of introduction to many prominent managers from Colonel Robert G. Ingersoll, and the future seemed rosy to her bright young eyes. This influential man, who had seen her act, sent glowing words to the Gotham magnates, but not one of them gave her a chance. She has not stepped upon a stage from that day to this.

How has she lived? By doing embroidery for one of the large wholesale houses. She has bravely kept her self respect, and she has never given up trying. She makes her rounds of the agencies every little while, and she means to attain her end yet. She will do it too. There is no sort of doubt that such pluck, earnestness and perseverance will win.

Before the young aspirant who is in deadly earnest about entering the dramatic profession heaven forbid the writer should cast one straw of discouragement. There is not only room, but there is a hungry demand, for the actress with a strong dramatic instinct, brains, application and a large capacity for work.

Work! I should like to write that word in capitals a foot high. The work which in the golden age was done so well because the gods always saw must come back again to earth. Until it does there will still be tears and agony and suicide in the solving of the life problem.

If you love the art so that no labor, privation, rebuffs or hardship can stand in your way, then you have a right to think that heaven meant you to act. Do it though the skies fall. If you want to go on the stage simply to wear pretty clothes and attract attention, don't do it, for the end is dust and ashes.

If you want to be a "professional" because you "like the life," don't do it. You'll find the life full of damp and dirty dressing rooms, dinnerless journeys, ice cold beds, hard hearted landlords and absconding managers. If you want to be an actress because you don't want to be a typewriter or a milliner or a saleswoman and the stage seems to be a place where you can earn the most money in the easiest way, don't do it. There never yet has been found a real easy way for any woman to earn money. All legitimate work must mean an equivalent for the dollar. In getting into this particular "easy" place and getting out of it you'll find a larger crop of heartaches, tears and agonies than you ever could imagine would be compressed into one small life.

If you think that mediocrity, trifling and laziness can succeed, let me tell you that every case of that sort existing today is propped up somewhere against a barrel of money. If you can lay your hands on such a barrel and want to use it for that purpose, no one will hinder you as long as the dollars last. If it is a toss up whether you go on the stage or do something else, be sure to do something else. If you have a great, strong conviction that you are right, make the plunge, and God be with you. When you are determined to succeed, you will. The strong heart wins. ALICE E. IVES. New York.

Cheap Holiday Rates via Seaboard Air Line Railway.

Round trip tickets will be sold by the Seaboard Air Line Railway at greatly reduced rates on account of Christmas Holidays. Tickets will be sold on December 22, 23, 24, 25, 30 and 31, 1905, and January 1, 1906, limited to Jan. 4, 1906, returning. For Schools and Colleges—Holiday tickets will also be sold at reduced rates upon presentation and surrender of certificates signed by the superintendent, principal or president of schools and colleges, to teachers or pupils. Such tickets will be sold Dec. 17 to 24, inclusive, with final limit Jan. 6, 1906.

For information regarding rates and time of trains and for Pullman car reservation, call on your nearest Seaboard Air Line Ticket Agent or write W. E. Christian, A. G. P. A., Atlanta, Ga.

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On account of Christmas Holidays, Southern Railway will sell tickets from all points east of the Mississippi and south of the Ohio river and to St. Louis, Mo., and intermediate points at rate of one and one-third first class fare way fare, plus twenty-five cents for the round trip (Minimum rate 50 cents). Tickets to be sold December 22nd, 23rd, 24th, 25th, 30th, 31st, 1905 and January 1st, 1906, with final limit January 4th, 1906.

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For further information, apply to any Southern Railway Ticket Agent, or R. W. Hunt, Brook Marvan, D. P. A., A. G. P. A., Charleston, S. C.

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Nov. 29, 1905. If

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Master's Sale.
STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, County of Abbeville. Court of Common Pleas.

Walter K. Ellis, et al against Paul B. Ellis, et al—Partition &c.

By authority of a Decree of Sale by the Court of Common Pleas for Abbeville County, in said State, made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale, at Public Outcry, at Abbeville, S. C., on Tues., Salesday in Jan. 2, A. D. 1906, within the legal hours of sale the following described land, to wit: All that tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Abbeville County, in the State aforesaid, containing ONE HUNDRED AND NINETY SEVEN ACRES, more or less, and bounded by lands of D. H. Baldwin, B. L. Lipford, W. R. Dunn, John M. Rodgers and others.

Terms of Sale—One-half Cash, balance on credit of twelve months secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises, with interest from day of sale—with leave to purchaser to pay all Cash, purchaser to pay for papers and Recording.
L. W. PERRIN,
Master A. C. S. C.
Dec. 12, '05.

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES.

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the qualified electors of the School District of the Town of Abbeville is called to meet in the Court House on

Tuesday, 26. December, 1905.

at half past seven o'clock The object of the meeting is to elect three Trustees of the said School District, to succeed three whose terms expire, and transact any other business pertaining to said School District, which may properly come before it.

The Trustees whose terms expire, are, C. D. Brown, J. C. Thomson and C. A. Milford.
By order of the Board of Trustees.
C. D. Brown, Chairman.
Frank B. Gary, Secretary.

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