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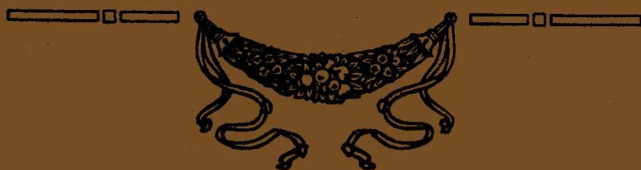
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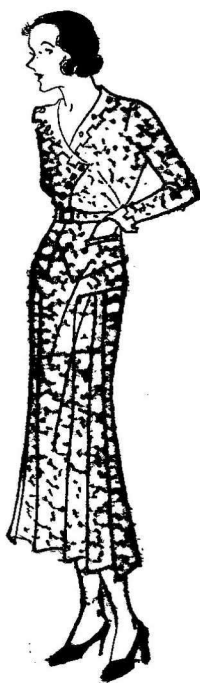
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1. Roachs' Dramatic Club

B Grade

WILL PRESENT

"MISS MARLOWE AT PLAY"

A COMEDY BY A. A. MILNE.

CHARACTERS :

MISS CLARISSA MARLOWE	MISS R. WRIGHTSON
ETHEL	MISS G. JONES
AMBROSE WALLINGTON	MR. D. BEADLE
JOE WORTON	MR. G. ROSE

SCENE—Miss Marlowe's Flat.

Miss Marlowe is a very successful actress. Joe Worton is her husband. Ambrose Wallington wrongly accuses Miss Marlowe of seducing his son George, and Miss Marlowe plans a novel method of redress. Her scheme proves to be MORE than successful

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2. Heretaunga Players No. 2 Team ^{B Grade}

WILL PRESENT

" FOLLOWERS "

(By Harold Brighouse.)

CHARACTERS :

HELEN	MISS JOAN WEAVER
SUSAN	MISS GRACE SMITH
LUCINDA	MRS. D. SANDERS
COLONEL REDFERN	MR. H. H. HARDING

A pretty written play of the period of 1859. Twenty-five years previously, Colonel Redfern, had proposed to Lucinda who had said "No," though not meaning that as the final answer. To-day Lucinda has a visitor in Helen, who has called to announce her betrothal. Lucinda will not receive Helen's fiance in her house nor will she allow Susan, her maid, to have followers. Colonel Redfern, who has now returned to England, calls on Lucinda and again proposes, but Lucinda has found contentment in her old maid's home, and answers NO for the second time. The consequences of her first refusal have had their effect on Lucinda, who relents in her attitude towards Helen's fiance and to Susan.

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3. Heretaunga Players No. 1 Team ^{B Grade}

WILL PRESENT

“THE MAN IN THE BOWLER HAT.”

(A Comedy by A. A. MILNE.)

CHARACTERS :

JOHN	MR. R. GIORGI
MARY (his wife)	MRS. T. HANNAH
HERO	MR. R. CUSHING
HEROINE	MISS R. SUTTON
CHIEF VILLAIN	MR. A. McCORMACK
BAD MAN	MR. M. BOSHIER
THE MAN IN THE BOWLER HAT	MR. HOLMES

SCENE—A room in John's flat.

A suburban couple deplore the dull existence that is their lot. Into their quietude is plunged a terrific drama of the attempted theft by bad men, of a Rajah's ruby. The author describes the play as being “a terribly exciting affair.” It is brimful of that quaint and subtle humour for which A. A. Milne is famous.

4. The Napier Dramatic Club ^{A Grade}

WILL PRESENT

“THE PYRE ON IDA.”

CHARACTERS :

OENONE	MISS GWEN DALTON
HELEN	MISS BETTY ALEXANDER
MELLISSA	MRS. A. D. LYNCH
PYRGO	MISS VALERIE LEWIS
PARIS	MR. W. LAING
EMATHION	MR. JIM HAMILTON
CORYTHUS	MR. JOHN PEEL

Paris, son of Priam, was brought up as a shepherd and married Oenone, a nymph of Mt. Ida. He leaves Oenone for Helen. In the Trojan War Paris is mortally wounded and returns to Oenone, who has the power to heal, but she refuses to heal him and Paris dies. Oenone thereupon kills herself.

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5. The Maraekakaho Dramatic Club A Grade

WILL PRESENT

“THE DOVER ROAD” (second act.)

(A Comedy by A. A. Milne,)

CHARACTERS :

EUSTASIA	LOSELL DASENT
NICHOLAS	MORRIS AVERILL
MR. LATIMER	HUBERT BROWNING
DOMIMIC	KENNETH WILSON
ANNE	SHEILA GRAHAM
LEONRAD	IAN SMITH

Mr. Latimer, a man of impish humour and great wealth, is a philanthropist with an audacious hobby. On the pretence that his house, close by the Dover Road, is an hotel, he uses the power of his wealth by various means to bring run-away couples heading for the Continent under his roof. He keeps them there as his prisoners and guests for a week, as it were on trial so as to give them a chance of changing their minds before it is too late, and endeavours to show each to the other in their least attractive light by ingenious methods of his own. At present he has two couples under treatment, one just arrived and the other about to leave. Husband and wife are thus running away from each other in the same house without being aware of each others presence. This, the second act, shows the adventure in full swing the morning after the arrival of the second couple. Dominic, the butler, should be introduced as the confidential agent of Mr. Latimer.

6. The Otane Women's Institute B Grade

WILL PRESENT

“THE FAMILY GROUP.”

A COMEDY IN ONE ACT

(By Mabel Constanduros)

CHARACTERS :

GRANDMA	MISS F. QUININ
EMILY	MISS T. TAIT
EDE	MISS R. PILCHER
AUNT MARIA	MISS P. SMITH
ARRY	MISS F. WATTS
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SCENE—A Photographer's Studio.

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7. Waipawa Play Reading Circle B Grade

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“ A LITTLE FOWL PLAY.”

(By Harold Owen.)

CHARACTERS :

GILBERT WARREN	Mr. F. V. WARD
SYBIL, His Wife	MISS MERYL WILLS
MR. TOLBOOTH	MR. F. ADEANE
MARY, the Warrens' Maid	MRS. C. S. BAKER
ERRAND BOY	MISS MARY McLEAN

SCENE—Gilbert Warren's Study, 13 Balfour Mansions, Balham, London.

TIME—Early Evening.

Gilbert Warren is an author, but while waiting for his manuscripts to be published, he and his wife Sybil are very hard-up. The tradesmen refuse further credit, and they find it difficult to keep up appearances before their maid, Mary.

On this particular evening there is practically nothing for dinner and when an errand boy delivers a chicken at their flat (by mistake), the hungry Gilbert succumbs to temptation and orders the chicken to be put in the oven. Shortly after this, Mr. Tolbooth, who lives in the same building, calls and asks permission to use the Warrens' telephone, in order to expedite the delivery of some poultry intended for his evening meal, and the situation becomes rather embarrassing for the Warrens.

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