Writing Comedies

Gift of Observation Necessary For Success

Be RICHARD CARLE



IF ANYONE would write for the stage I would vise him first of all to learn how to observe. There is no limit to the career of an author gifted with a ense of humor, who knows how to observe people and sense of humor, who knows now to observe people and things. The stage wants types, character, novelty. It is crying for the man with the gift of observation to arrange these elements into an entertaining and sistent story.

Of course what I shall have to say concerns comedy. I leave tragedy to those whose nature doesn't

If you would write for the theater of that great multitude which seeks relaxation from the sterner ads of duty and the humdrum, go out into the highways and the

Study street-car conductors, cabmen, chauffeurs, bricklayers, tramps, Study street-car conductors, canmen, chauneurs, prickingers, trainps, clubmen, rounders. And don't forget that every play must have the love element, the eternal feminine. The average citizen who rises at 7, goes to work at 8, lunches at 12, goes home at 6 and to bed at 1, isn't a stage personage—unless he has mannerisms, eccentricities of speech, gesture or attire. Even these peculiarities must be exaggerated, for the stage cannot wait too long for the unfolding of a character. A dozen individuals must be created and fixed for the audience and work out their careers in the ce of two hours.

Extreme types, however, must be avoided. All of us have met in real life men and women of such marked eccentricities that if they were portrayed to the life on the stage an audience would swear they never

The element of surprise is essential. When a man is most serious turn the mood into comedy by a deft retort. The sense of humor above all is necessary, because what might appear tragic to the participant in a scene in real life may be made ludierous on the stage by a touch of

Of course after you have created your types it is often a most difficult task to find the men and women to portray them on the singe. Again referring to my own experience, I once took the scrubwoman of the theater to play the part of a scrubwoman on the stage. And, believe me, she looked the part. I didn't want her to get out of the atmosphere of the part, so we arranged to have her retain her position at the theater where

To sum up: If you would write for the stage, observe, acquire a sense of proportion, and, above all, don't forget the necessary sense of

Wages of Men and Women

By P. A. CONRADI

Several gatherings of workingwomen in France and Germany recently argued the old question of the difference in the wages paid to women and men who do the same kind of work. If the lesser and local issues, of local importance only, are eliminated, these questions of international in-

1. Is the existing difference in wages of male and female orkers justified by the difference in the two sexes?

2. If a different in working ability exists, what gives occasion for it?

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ness. The sum total of information proffered during the debates of the meetings was to the effect that the wages of Germany for both sexus are a little better than those of France. The difference in wages paid men and women in both countries is considerable, but varying in the different trades. The poorest paid are the factory girls and the best paid are the sungarphers and house serrants.

While "good" weekly wages of skilled men in German factories average from 8.47.00 to 83.00, somen doing the same work do not reach more than 82.90 to 83.50 for a week. As a single room of the class usually remeted to factory girls costs about \$137\$ a year and unastilled girls seldom make more than \$1.50 a week, the annual amount left German working girls for fool, oldhing, etc. will be from \$88 to 81.88. Men of the same

girls for food, clothing, etc., will be from \$58 to \$158. Men of the same ability have from \$180 to \$200 left when their room rent is paid.

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The present discrimination against women is upheld not so much by
any real difference in working ability, the leading speakers of the medings insisted, as by the arbitrariness of employers. They take advantage
of the social subjugation of women and, further, turn to account the fact that women not using liquors and tobacco and as a rule being unmarried are able to subsist on much less than men. Even when workingwomen are married they seldom have the sole responsibility of supporting the family.

Airships Tend to Promote Peace

The advent of the airship sounds the death knell of war. Airships constructed on the most advanced and scientific lines and fitted out with the death-dealing explosive of war, soaring over the cities, fort-resses and battleships of the enemy, can put all of them out of action within a comput all of them out of action within a com-paratively short time without exposing themselves to great harm or danger. There is scarcely any protection from airships, and it is for that reasons that war must come to an end. Nations will recognize the futility of going to war, knowing that death-dealing invulnerable airships have it (test of a neitic within 24.)

in their power to decide the fate of a nation within 24 hours. The German Airship league is increasing by the thousands and is highly popular in all walks of society, from the highest to the power.

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Germany needs a big navy to protect her ever-increasing transpone commercial interests. It is a great mistake on the part of England ciam that Germany's navy is missed at her. This river is deprecated Germany, and the hysterical behavior of the English people in concition with this no-called searce is a very exhibition of their much-assed level-headedness and cool-headedness.

MONARCH OF THE FOOTBOARD

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pins in the front of his coat.

When he gets through his coat looks like the waist of a woman who is doing a stunt in dressmaking, but he has saved himself a lot of bother.

New Safety Device Effective.
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the mechanical device slows it down to the safety point.

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TOMMY'S FOURTH OF JULY.

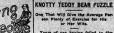
By Edna Perry Be

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Years of use having falled to dim the popularity of the Teddy bear, a Tennessee man has adapted this toy to a new use by making a puzzle plenty of exercise for his or her wits. Of course, like any other puzzle, once solved it is quite easy. The puzzle consists of a Teddy bear, in a sitting posture, with its foreige solutricheds.



OUR YOUTHFUL BASEBALL NINE.



HOME MADE MARINE COMPASS I AMUSING MAGIC WITH A WAND mply Constructed by Magnetizing Instructive and Harmless Game Where Ordinary Needle and Pushing It



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HAPPENINGS

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and fell, suffering a treasurable that hip.

Pana—Two accidents, nuther one of them serious constitute the disabilities of them of the

points of interest, but as for me, give me Evanaton every time. There is nothing on the other side of the ocean that can beat or come up to it." So said Joseph. E. Paden, mayor of Evanaton, when he settled down to legal work in his office after a month's absence, in which he visited

England.

Chicago.—An item of \$369,752.15 will be added to the revenues of the city when the report of the Commonwealth Edison Company, showing the compensation due the municipality for the year ending May 31, 1909, is sent to the city comproller. The amount mentioned is the share of the city in the gross receipts of the electric light

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tinel-Democrat, E. E. Campbell is organising a stock company to start a new paper in Alton.
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Canton—Frank Bates, a Platt coal miner, was fatally stabbed in a fight at a dance.

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