



His Majestys

The new play "So This Is London" presented for the first time in South Africa at His Majesty's Theatre, Johannesburg was undoubtedly a brilliant success, for it is full of good humour and makes fun of the intolerance displayed on both sides of the Atlantic showing the Englishman as the American regards him and the American according to the Englishman. The dialogue is bright and the acting is perfect. Mr. Thurston Hall who plays the part of Hiram Draper (Sen) does not act the part but, to all intents and purposes lives it, especially when he ridicules the customs of the country and more especially the telephone service, while Mr. Arthur Bawtree scores a great success as Sir Percy Beauchamp. No less meritorious is the perfect portrayal of Sir Percy, (jun) by Mr. Ward McAllister. Coming to the ladies who take part in the play Miss Zillah Bateman is charming as Lady Amy Ducksworth while Miss Gwynedd Vernon is excellent as Elinor Beauchamp and Miss Gladys Webster and Miss Amy Coleridge as Mrs Hiram Draper and Lady Beauchamp both give finished performances. Supporting the leading actors is a capable company included in which are Messrs Patrick Ludlow Joseph R. Cunningham, Lawrence Halbert, and J Henry Ashford. In short the production is a very fine one, excellently staged and one from which a considerable amount of pleasure is derived.

The Empire.

Many new features have been introduced into that fine review "Brighter London" which still continues to attract crowded houses at the Empire Theatre. The result is that one is well repaid as the result of a second visit and the new songs include, "The Blue Danube Blues", "Sun God" and "In Love with Love". The dances of Landry & Jules again prove very popular.

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The New Bijou

The story of "Sherlock" Holmes by that well known author Sir Arthur Conan-Doyle is too well known to need repetition and, the film adaption which is founded upon the stories contained in the book attracted considerable attention at the Bijou this week. The leading part was taken by America's foremost dramatic actor John Barrymore and the Goodwyn Film Company are to be congratulated upon the success of the production.

The Orpheum.

The vaudeville artists at the Orpheum this week consisted of Bright Brightie and Hartley Carlyon who paid a return visit to the Rand whilst supporting them were Holloway and Austin who gave numerous impersonations and dances on the wire. During the earlier part of the week a powerful drama of human passions entitled, "Lucretia Lombard" was screened in which there were numerous spectacular settings. It is adapted from the famous book by Kathleen Norris.

Latest Music.

Messrs. Hawkes & Sons have added three further compositions for orchestras to their concert edition. The first is Mozart's "Symphony", the second is J. H. Foulds' "Suite Fantastique" and third, Franz Liszt's "Liebestraum". Whilst in the lighter type of music there are three dance pieces, "Tiny Tot" a characteristic novelty, "Golden Sand" a dance intermezzo, and "On The Moonlit Terrace", an entr'acte.

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