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'The Pirate' Created on Broadway, Leading Lady Sews Fine Seam

The connection between sewing a fine seam and drama may seem remote, indeed, but when Mrs. Wendell S. Clough plays the part of Manuella in St. Dunstan's presentation of "The Pirate" on June 7, 8, 14 and 15, the connection will draw much closer.

The fine seam business goes "Shadow and Substance" as under-

back to 1938 when Frannie, then Frances Robinson, was touring in Hayden. At the same time the

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"BUT we understand we never permitted to leave the theatre," Frannie explains. "After all, if the lead fainted or broke her leg or heaven knows what, the understudy had to go on. So, there I was, trapped backstage, watching a play I'd watched for what seemed like millions of performances. And sometimes, right next door were the Lunts. I was dying to sneer out, but I was afraid I'd be caught and probably boiled in oil. And then, right about that time I learned that the wife of one of the stage hands who traveled with



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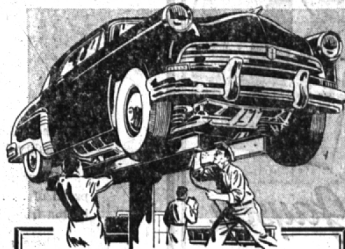
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us was going to have a baby. Well, I'd always liked to sew, so I made the baby a little coat, and somehow the stage hand found out about my "thing" for Lynn Fontaine, and one thing led to another until the stage hand worked out a system by which I could tear out of our theatre while Julie Hayden was doing a long scene and watch Lynn Fontaine. Then he'd send somebody to give me the high sign and back I'd race.

I NEVER did get time to see Lynn Fontaine do the whole show but I got to watch her day after day, and it was an education in acting. But, of course, then, didn't realize that I'd be playing a part at St. Dunstan's that Lynn Fontaine created on Broadway. Now that I am, I'm certainly glad that I made that baby the coat!"

IN ADDITION to Mrs. Wendell S. Clough, who plays the leading lady in "The Pirate," the cast includes Frank L. Orth, Jack J. Berno, Harry S. Booth, Mrs. Jack E. Berno, John W. Sanders, Donald Hutton, Mrs. Stephen Manhart, Mrs. Ray H. Base, Mrs. Richard Steadling III, David W. Raymond, Richard O'Reilly, Francis F. M. Lord, and Hugh Lord.

There will be many singers and musicians also taking part in this colorful costume play, which is set in a small village in Spain early in the nineteenth century.

DIRECTING the play is Mrs. Glen H. Miller and the music will be under the direction of Mrs. Edward F. Chapman and Robert Bates. Mrs. Rogers I. Marquis is producing the show. Mrs. Stephen F. Booth is in charge of costumes lighting will be under the direction of William Holmes, and Mrs. Nelson B. Noland is collecting the properties.

Mrs. Thomas P. Marker is handling publicity, Lewis C. Keenan is doing the photography, and Mrs. Robert Harris will be in charge of make-up. The set designers are Ray H. Base, James Schneider, and Thomas Martin. Mrs. George Wellington Smith is holding lines and the programs are being designed by Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Wise, Jr. Mrs. Lewis C. Keenan, Jr. will be handling the ticket sale.

The production of "The Pirate" which is open to the public will take place out of doors in the beautiful Greek theatre at Cranbrook. Tickets may be obtained at Grinnell, Birmingham, or at the door.

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