

# MERRY COBBLER TOMORROW EVE

Home Talent Play is Now Ready For  
First Public Appearance.

The first appearance of the play, "The Merry Cobbler," will be staged tomorrow (Friday) evening, March 17, at the opera house.

The play is a four-act comedy drama, and had the piece been written with a special regard for the requirements of amateur players, it could not have been happier in its results.

The play has gained a strong hold upon theatre goers by the simplicity of its story and the strong undercurrent of heart interest mingled with comedy low and high, light and broad. There is not a poor part in the piece. Even the policeman who has only a few lines to speak is sure of two or three good laughs, while Franz, Findham, Bob and Mrs. Rafferty are very "fat" in comedy. Stella is the leading lady, while Gretchen, tho short, is certain to make a hit. The six little girls with their little games and Kindergarten songs are effective in every act. Holmes is the villain, defiant to the last.

A dance will be given immediately after the show.

Following is the cast of characters and synopsis of the play:

Franz von Altenheim—A light-hearted cobbler—John Norman.

Morris Holmes—An adventurer—F. C. Boeckman.

Col. Derrom—A leading lawyer—Oscar Greenland.

I. L. Findham—A detective—C. E. Peterson.

Levee Bob—A bad negro—Iver Alm.

Mike Maloney—A police officer—H. B. Hanson.

Stella Derrom—The Colonel's daughter—Mrs. H. B. Hanson.

Mrs. Rafferty—A "poor lonely widdy woman"—Annie Kjelland.

Mrs. Holmes—An ill-used wife and mother—Mrs. F. C. Boeckman.

Rosalie—The banana girl—Ruth Alfson.

Carlotta—Stella's bosom friend—Nora Greenland.

Leila and Flossie, and their playmates—Little friends of the merry cobbler—Irene Pritz, Florence Greenland, Katherine Norman, Phyllis Peterson, Evelyn Alfson and Mildred Alfson.

## SYNOPSIS.

Act I. The Cobbler Baron—Plotting for a fortune—Franz's birthday party—Stella meets her fate—The runaway horse—Franz rescues Stella.

Act II. The plotter at work—Franz as a healthy invalid—The babies and their boquet—Franz's courtship—The Colonel's wrath—Holmes' discomfiture.

Act III. Carlotta's party—Findham's fine work—Holmes anticipates triumph—Confronted by a wronged woman—Franz's stratagem—The kidnappers—"Dot's de kind of a sauerkraut I am."

Act IV. A big haul attempted—Ready for flight—Franz and Stella hear secrets—Gretchen, the accuser—A villain unmasked—The Baron von Altenheim—Restored to a brother's arms—Wedding bells.

ANNOUNCEMENT—I have the agency for the Saxon automobiles, which are priced as follows: Roadster, \$395; 6-cylinder Touring car, \$785. Expect sample cars here within a week.—Julius Thorn.