

“THE STRANGE ADVENTURES OF MISS BROWN,” AT THE VAUDEVILLE.

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The curiously named play, by Mr. Robert Buchanan and Mr. Charles Marlowe, produced at the Vaudeville on June 26, has caught so much favour of the public that it seems not unlikely to survive even the theatrical disaster in shape of a General Election that threatened it. Certainly, if laughter of the audience be test of the merits of a farce, “Miss Brown” is a capital work, and surely, save when the laughter comes from unseemly humours, it is the true test. No one can pretend that Miss Brown is a shocking young lady; and though she and the other characters are very old friends, their welcome is warm. The acting, of course, plays a great part in the success. Mr. Fred Kerr is perhaps less funny than is conceivable as the masquerading officer: nevertheless, he is amusing; and Miss May Palfrey, as his energetic bride, shows unexpected talent as an actress. Miss Esmé Beringer makes, perhaps, the hit of the evening by her charming, clever work. Mr. Lal Brough, of course, excites roars of laughter as a thick-headed detective, and Mr. Robb Harwood, though his dialect is fantastic, once more shows himself to be a character-actor of great skill. Here is the cast—

Miss Romney	...	...	Miss M. A. VICTOR.
Angela Brightwell	...	...	Miss MAY PALFREY.
Euphemia Schwartz	...	...	Miss ESMÉ BERINGER.
Matilda Jones	...	...	Miss DAISY BROUGH.
Millicent Loveridge	...	...	Miss JAY HOLFORD.
Clara Loveridge	...	...	Miss GRACE DUDLEY.
Mrs. O’Gallagher	...	...	Miss GLADYS HOMPFEY.
Emma	...	...	Miss MARION MURRAY.
Major O’Gallagher	...	...	MR. J. BEAUCHAMP.
Private Docherty	...	...	MR. POWER.
Herr von Moser	...	...	MR. ROBB HARWOOD.
Mr. Hibbertson	...	...	MR. GILBERT FARQUHAR.
Sergeant Tanner	...	...	MR. LIONEL BROUGH.
Captain Courtenay	...	...	MR. FREDERICK KERR.



MISS BROWN (MR. FRED KERR).

“By Jove! I’ll go through with it!”



MAJOR O’GALLAGHER (MR. J. BEAUCHAMP), AND PRIVATE DOCHERTY (MR. POWER).



MISS BROWN AND THE MAJOR.