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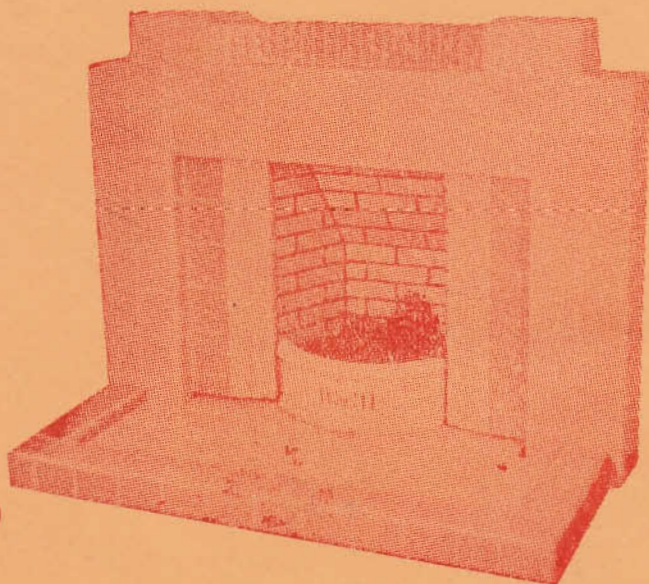
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*The Maid
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I believe that this year the Company are offering you a new experience as their play has never been performed before in Inverness. Indeed, the fact that the composer, Harold Fraser-Simson, has an Inverness connection, puts a local touch to the background.

All those concerned have worked very hard, starting only 6 weeks before Christmas and it may well be described as a real triumph of enthusiasm. Credit should also go to the members for engaging in making the scenery and costumes themselves.

I am sure the Company have struck a new note with "The Maid Of The Mountains," and we look forward to entertaining you with a tuneful and colourful production. In doing so, it will prove that such enterprise prevails in Inverness.

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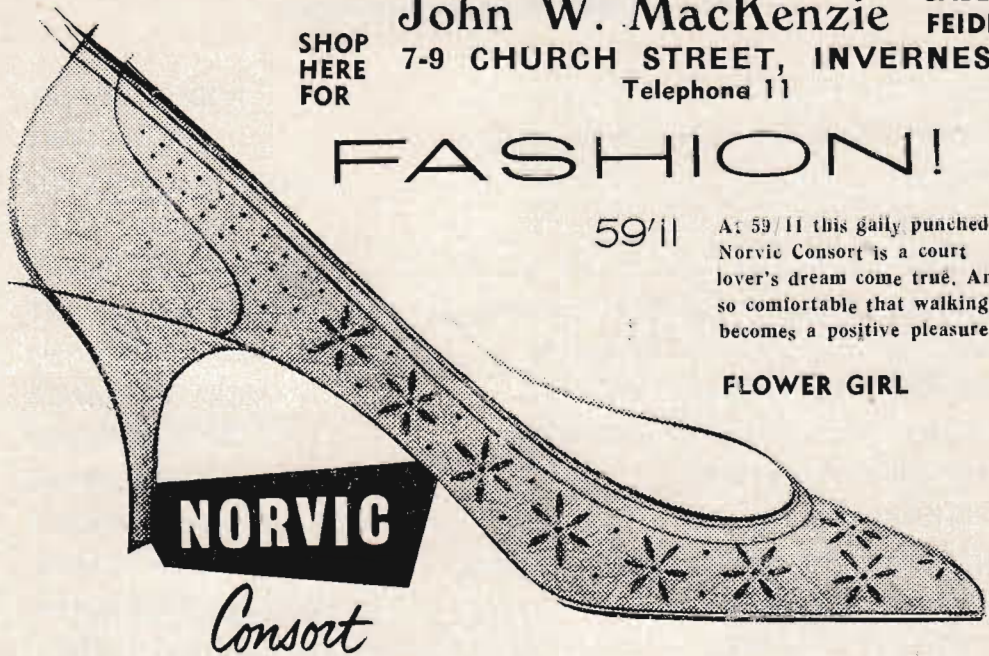
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| BEPP0, a Brigand (in love with Teresa)..... | JACK COOKE |
| PIETRO, a Brigand..... | WILLIAM FORSYTH |
| ANDREA, a Brigand..... | ROBERT WATT |
| ZACCHI, a Brigand..... | CHARLES BERRY |
| TONIO, a Brigand (husband of Vittoria)..... | ROBERT CATHCART |
| TEREST, the Maid of the Mountains..... | DOROTHY MACTAVISH |
| BALDASSARE, a Brigand Chief..... | ANDREW NEWLANDS |
| ANGELA, Daughter of General Malona..... | LOUISE MUNRO |
| VITTORIA, Tonio's Wife..... | JANET MACINNES |
| GENERAL MALONA, Governor of Santo..... | THOMAS MACILWRAITH |
| CRUMPET, Attendant on General Malona..... | FRANCIS McWILLIAMS |
| MAYOR OF SANTO..... | ARCHIBALD SOLOMON |
| LIEUTENANT RUGINI, Officer i/c Devil's Island..... | JAMES RUSSELL |
| GIANETTA, Lady-in-Waiting at the Palace..... | JESSIE SMITH |
| CORPORAL TERRONI, Warder of Devil's Island..... | HAROLD MISON |
| SOLO DANCER..... | ROSE MACKINTOSH |

Chorus of Dancers, Citizens Officers, Soldiers, Brigands and Fisherfolk:

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MUSICAL NUMBERS

ACT 1

1. Friends have to Part.....Opening Chorus
2. Live For To-day.....Beppo and Chorus of Men
3. My Life is Love.....Teresa Beppo and Bandits
4. Farewell Teresa
5. Dividing The Spoil.....Beppo, Pietro and Chorus
6. Finale.....Chorus

ACT 2

7. We're Gathered HereGianetta and Chorus
8. Love Will Find A Way.....Teresa
9. Save UsChorus
10. Dirty Work.....General Malona and Antonio
11. A Paradise For Two.....Teresa and Beppo
12. Husbands and Wives.....Vittoria and Antonio
13. A Bachelor GayBeppo
14. Finale.....Teresa, Beppo, Baldassare, General Malona and Chorus

ACT 3

15. When Each Day.....Chorus of Fisherfolk
16. Good People, Gather Round.....Teresa, General Ma'ona and Chorus
17. When You're In Love.....Teresa and General Malona
18. Over There and Over Here!.....Vittoria and Antonio
19. Grand Finale.....Entire Company

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SYNOPSIS OF THE STORY

Act I. In The Mountains

BALDASSARE, the Bandit chief, has decided to disband his gang, and BEPPO, TONIO and CARLO, his lieutenants, gather with the rest of the bandits in their mountain hide-out to discuss the situation. They plead with TERESA, the "Maid of the Mountains," to persuade Baldassare to change his mind, but she tells them sadly that he has grown indifferent to her.

When Baldassare arrives, he tells Teresa that the hide-out is surrounded by the forces of GENERAL MALONA, Governor of the State, and she must leave at once. Sorrowfully but comforted by the faithful love of Beppo, Teresa leaves, and the bandits divide the spoils of their robberies.

A shot rings out. As the bandits scatter, ANGELA, the Governor's daughter, and her friend VITTORIA, stumble into the hide-out, having lost their way in the fog on the road to Santos. Angrily, Angela denounces Baldassare, and tells him that a new Governor, under special instructions to capture him, will be in Santos within the hour. Baldassare allows her to go free, only to be stunned by the news that Teresa has been captured. The bandits are panic-stricken, but Baldassare plans boldly to capture the new Governor, impersonate him and rescue Teresa.

Act II. Courtyard of the Governor's Palace

The people of Santos gather to greet COUNT ORSINO, the new Governor, and jeer at General Malona's failure to catch Baldassare.

Baldassare, disguised as Count Orsino, arrives with Beppo, Tonio and Carlo. He learns that Teresa has been faithful to him and plans to escape with her that night.

Angela flirts with Baldassare, and infatuated with her, the bandit chief is persuaded to delay his escape plans. Teresa threatens to denounce him but Baldassare will not change his mind. Seething with jealous anger, Teresa betrays him to the General. Baldassare and the bandits are seized, and Teresa is left alone and broken-hearted to repent her folly.

Act III. On Devil's Island

On the island, escape plans are afoot. Beppo and Carlo have already escaped, while Teresa tries to beguile the General into releasing Baldassare. The Governor of the penal colony, LIEUTENANT RUGINI, who nurses a grievance against General Malona, decides to free all the prisoners, and himself escape. He gives Baldassare the key of his cell and tells him to test Teresa. "Give her the key," he says, "and if she unlocks your cell believing she is freeing you to go to Angela, you will know she truly regrets betraying you."

Teresa measures up to the test, and Baldassare, realising that it has always been Teresa whom he really loved, escapes with her, followed by the good wishes of the fisher-folk.

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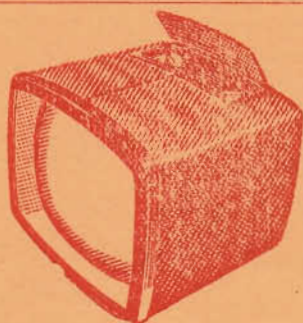
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