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Blanche Dayne

IN the vaudeville theatres the name of Blanche Dayne has become a synonym for charming, unaffected acting, and her sweet and girlish personality has made her many friends with lovers of that branch of the amusement field. As co-star with Will M. Cressy, whom she married some years ago, Miss Dayne has built up a popularity and following that extends from the



Atlantic to the Pacific. She was born in Troy, N. Y., and her debut was made in that city at the age of five, with the late Emma Abbott. At the age of sixteen she was starring in repertoire and, while one would not suspect it to see her now, she was at that time considered a great jig and reel dancer. Many theatregoers will pleasantly recall her Ricketty Ann in "The Old Homestead," which she played several seasons. She has been particularly happy in the seven vaudeville playlets which she and Mr. Cressy have presented, her first big success being as the book-agent in "Grasping An Opportunity." This was quickly followed by equally as pleasing portrayals in "The Key of C," "A Village Lawyer," "Bill Biffin's Baby," "The New Depot," "Town Hall To-Night," and her latest success, Genevieve Monmorency in "The Wyoming Whoop," in all of which she displayed an unusual amount of versatility, and a complete grasp of the dramatic possibilities of each rôle. Miss Dayne is a careful, painstaking actress, with

an appreciation of theatrical values, and she is equally at home as the emotional wife in "A Village Lawyer," as the dainty, girlish heroine in "Bill Biffin's Baby," or as the barnstorming actress in "The Wyoming Whoop," quite a sufficient test of one's powers. She has always shared in half the histrionic glories that have gone to Cressy and Dayne, and many people have marveled that she does not seek to return to the wider field of the three-act drama. But Miss Dayne is too appreciative of the success that has come to her as a vaudeville co-star, and for the time being, at any rate, she is quite contented and satisfied with her field of endeavor.

