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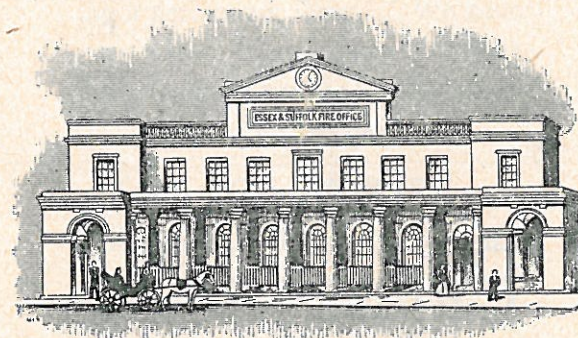
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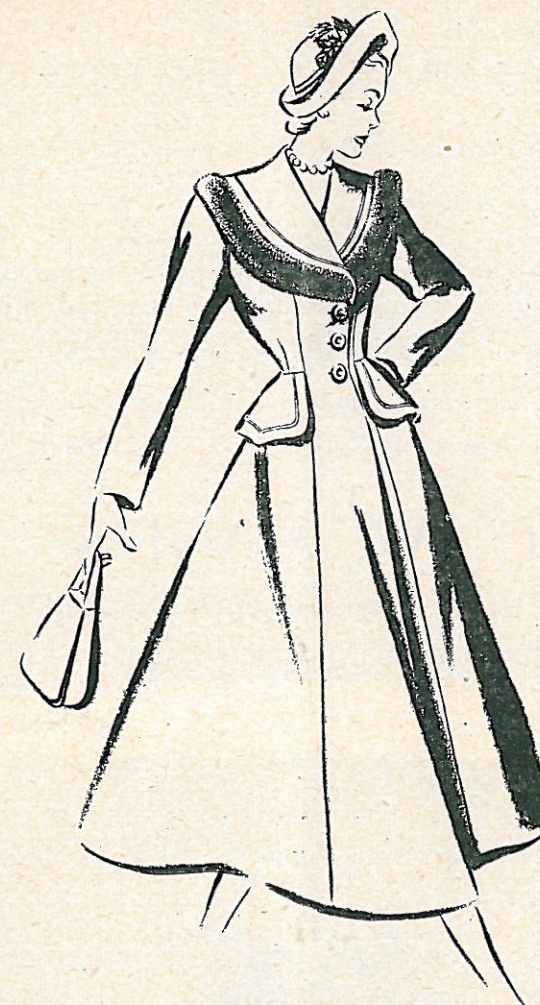
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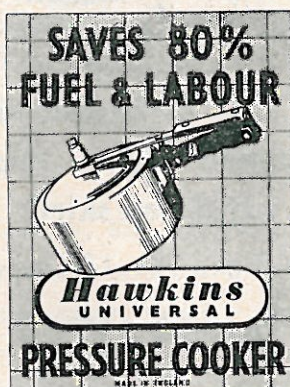
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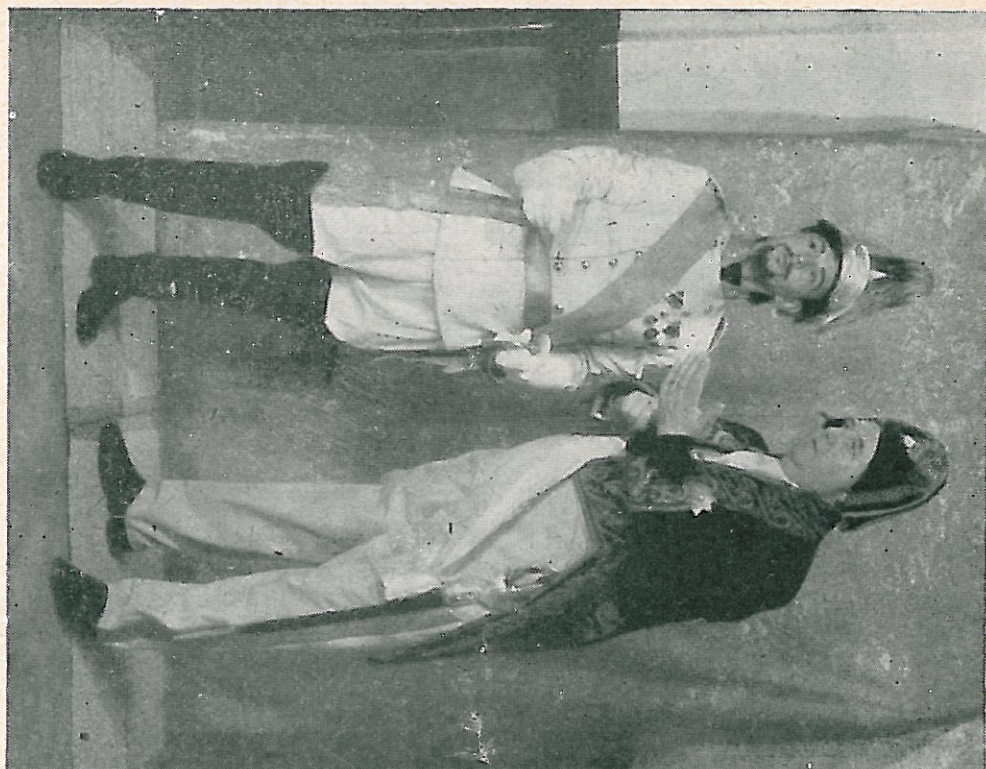
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“A WALTZ DREAM”

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“Like an enthralling magic it seems
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FESTIVITIES are in progress in the castle of Flauserthurn, celebrating the marriage of Princess Helene, daughter of the widower Prince Joachim XIII. The bridegroom, Lieut. Niki, a Viennese Hussar officer, being inferior in rank to the Princess, does not like the idea of being a mere Prince Consort, and resents the conduct of Count Lothar, who would be heir apparent if this union is barren. Niki and his friend Lieut. Montschi resolve to quit the court, and find solace among the girls of a Viennese band which performs in a garden restaurant near the castle.

Niki becomes infatuated with the Directoress of this band, Franzi, and some humour is introduced by the arrival of the rest of the principals, ostensibly seeking Niki, but apparently in quest of other adventure. Joachim and Lothar both fall victims to other members of the ladies' band. Count Lothar, having obtained evidence of desertion on the part of Niki, advises the court that Niki should be divorced from the Princess; a mock enquiry is held, in which some amusing situations arise through witnesses mistaking certain identities, one of them Lothar. Franzi, learning of the trouble with Niki and the Princess, appears and gives Princess Helene some practical advice, which brings the lovers together once more under the strains of the haunting “Waltz Dream.”

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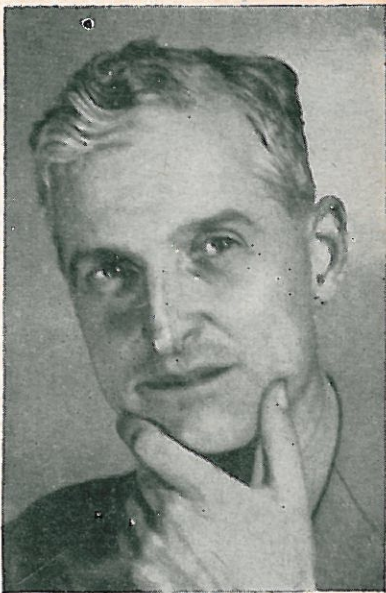
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CAST

In order of appearance

FIRST FLUNKEY	NOEL UNDERDOWN
SECOND FLUNKEY	JACK PERKINS
WENDOLIN (Major Domo)	HAROLD FIELDEN
SIGISMUND (Head Lackey)	HUGH EVANS
FREDERICA (Chief Lady in Waiting)	CHRISTINE MARSHALL
LIEUT. MONTSCHI	MAURICE BOND
THE GRAND DUKE JOACHIM	RAY DYKE
PRINCESS HELENE	DOROTHY MORTLOCK
PRINCE CONSORT NIKI	DONALD SCOTT
COUNT LOTHAR (Cousin of Grand Duke)	JOSEPH ROBINSON
FRANZI (Leader of Viennese Ladies' Band)	MARY NICHOLSON
MAX BAUER (Head Waiter)	EDGAR FITT
FIFI ("Big Drum")	DOROTHY ALDOUS
HANA ("Little Drum")	WINIFRED KNOCK
EMMIE (Waitress)	EDITH BARRETT
HERR KRANTZ (A Minister of State)	CYRIL NICHOLSON
REZZI	GAY MARSHALL
PEPZI	HILDA HAWKINS
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LIZZI }	PHYLLIS SMITH
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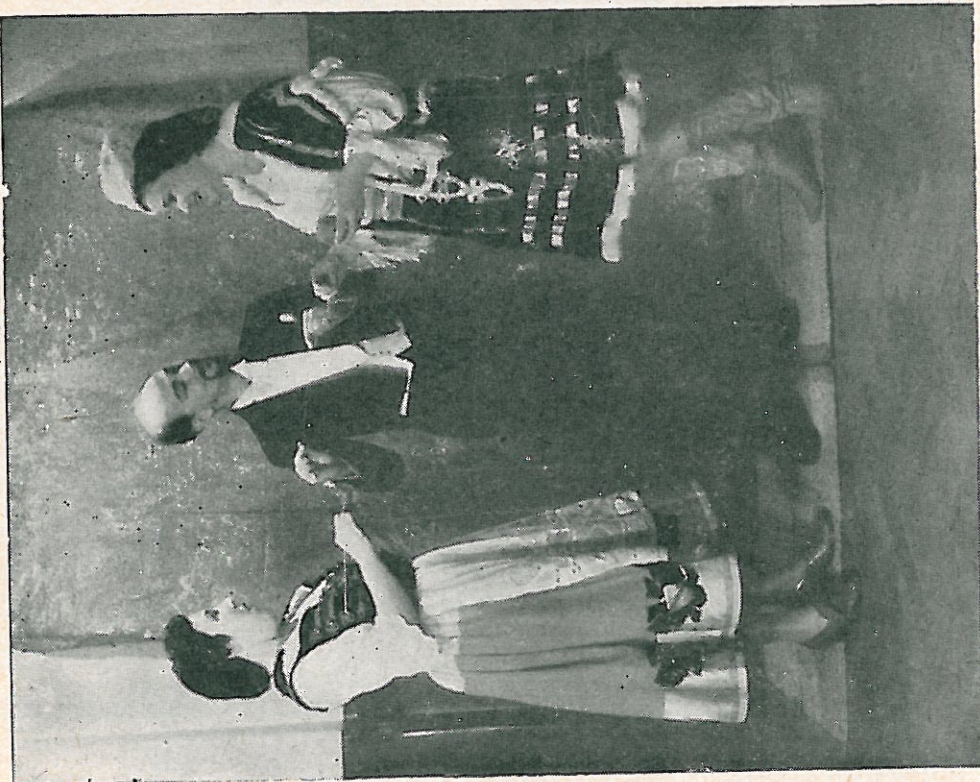


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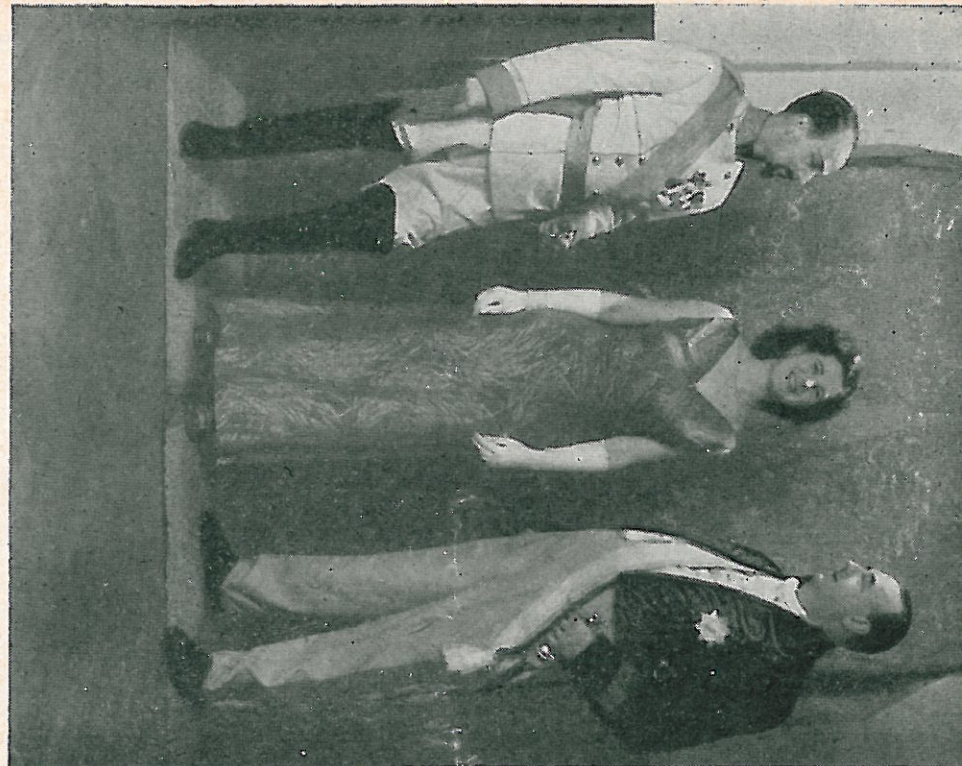
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