of theatrical training course may be established. Hugh Hunt would like to see theatrical studies raised to the same level as music and the other fine arts and he feels that Australian actors need a more academic background than they have at present. At first it was hoped to have the acting school attached to Melbourne University, but the plan had to be abandoned because of lack of space and increasing costs. The school will still be established and most probably in Melbourne.

Until this year the Trust has not entered the field of ballet, as it felt the Melbourne-centred Borovansky Company was fulfilling the country's needs as well as possible. But they have now made an experimental excursion into ballet by presenting a series of matinees along with the opera season. These include a new work by John Antill, Wakooka, an occasional piece about life on an outback station. The ballet venture was not very successful. The Company had some good dancers, but its ballets were too slight to appeal to adult

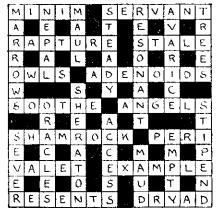
audiences, and the children at whom they were aimed did not attend in large enough numbers.

The Trust is continually under fire and any mistakes it happens to make will provide plenty of material for columnists and rival concerns. J. C. Williamson's, for instance, have expressed displeasure at its activities, for the Trust dabbles from time to time in light entertainment and does not remain "cultural." They brought out The Boy Friend and lost money over it, and have scooped the pool with The Summer of the Seventeenth Doll. They are combining the best of both worlds by using Margaret Rutherford whom they have just brought out, in both Romeo and Juliet and The Happiest Days of Your Life. Theatrically the Trust's life blood will be Australian plays, and if the present stream continues it should not be long before it finds itself becoming a National Theatre in every sense. There are no signs yet that the same thing will happen in opera.

-J. M. Thomson

'THE LISTENER" CROSSWORD

(Solution to No. 873)



Clues Across

- 3. Even if a women puts these on straight, she'll find they're only twisted in the middle (6).
- 7 and 10. Is Rose's quietness due to the fact that she's listening to this programme? (7, 7).

Would a teacher consult him if his pupils were giving trouble?
 (7).

12. A sterling mixture, but they could be golden (8).

14. The distinction of a Cardinal? (8).

17. A very tiny adolescent? (5, 3).

20. "Art thou poor, yet hast thou golden —?
O sweet content!"
(Thomas Dekker) (8).

22. This science is part of palaeontology, with a plane missing (7).

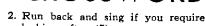
23. The new order makes a grandee furious (7).

24. With tortuous spite, the French compose a letter (7).

25. Hidden talent? (6).

Clues Down

1. Here you'll find me involved in a duet—singing one of the Canticles? (2, 4).



- looking after (7).

 4. You begin to be this, and you cer-
- tainly began by being this! (5).

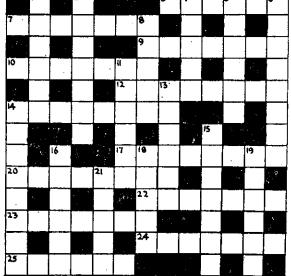
 5. They are an acquired taste, possibly
- because they can be so vile! (6).

 6. It's a seed, mis-shapen and disre-
- garded (3, 5).

 8. This should set you up if you're
- feeling below par (5).

 11. One art which may be richly decorated (6).
- 13. We are found in the nest, superlatively fresh (6).
- 14. The nether regions of something else which is found in the nest? This is very thin! (3, 5).
- 15. What one uses to give someone a cutting glance (3, 4).
- 16. "The rocky summits, split and rent, Formed — dome, or battlement" (Scott) (6).
- 18. Wear away (5).
- Upset a drink over a broken leg, and worry unduly about petty details (6).
- 21. Being about to commence (5).

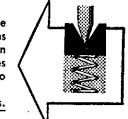
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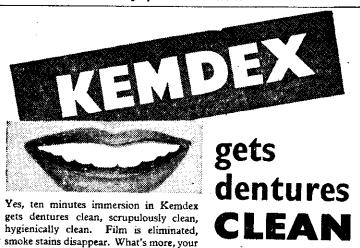
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