



"Turnip Tops"

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from Underwood & Underwood.



"Turnip Tops" is the name of a musical show staged recently on the Western Front by an all-star cast of Highlanders. This is the death of Desdemona.



The performance was rich in tribute to the Immortal Bard. Here we see a familiar scene from "Romeo and Juliette"



A musical number called "The Jollity Theatre." On the left stands the low comedian stage manager, who is getting 100% efficiency out of some especially talented and spirituelle chorus girls



Of course there's a plot, for this is a real honest-to-God musical comedy. In the above touching scene the hero is leaving home—setting out, we presume, in the good old-fashioned way, to make his fortune



Ah—now we begin to unravel the mystery. After leaving home, the hero, in quest of adventure, becomes a stage celebrity, and is possibly the very tragedian pictured higher up on the page. We could tell better if we'd been on the Western front at the time



And last of all, the audience itself, composed of battle-tired troops just in the mood for an evening of high-class frivolity. The "tired business man" joke might be revived—might be found still serviceable, after all these years