

STAGE ROMANCE

SECRET WEDDING OF ELLEN TERRY.

LEADING MAN "GROOM."

Rarely has the theatrical world had a greater or more pleasant surprise than that afforded in the news that Miss Ellen Terry had been secretly married to Mr. James Carew, at Pittsburg, on March 22.

In New York, where the news leaked out, doubt was at first thrown upon the story, for the secret of the wedding had been cleverly kept between husband and wife and Miss Edith Craig. But the doubt was speedily dispelled when on the night of Saturday, May 4, after Miss Terry had sailed for Europe, Mr. Carew asked his guests at a dinner party he gave to toast his bride.

The reason for secrecy was then explained. Miss Terry feared that the public might construe the incident as a scheme to obtain advertisement. She therefore insisted that the news of her marriage should not be made known until she had embarked to return to England.

The three witnesses to the wedding, Miss Edith Craig (Miss Terry's daughter) and two lawyer friends of the bridegroom, Messrs. Bell and Thompson, had all been sworn to secrecy until the bride should have departed. Thus the surprise of the announcement was complete.

A LOVE MATCH.

Despite the disparity in ages, for Mr. Carew is only 32, while Miss Terry has seen nearly twice as many summers, it was a true love-match. "I fell in love with her art, and then with herself," was Mr. Carew's remark to an inquisitive interviewer, and that Miss Terry is deeply in love with her husband there can be no possible doubt. For some time before the departure of the prospective bride and bridegroom for America they had been seen together at first nights and various Society functions. To intimate friends Mr. Carew made no secret of his admiration for the great actress. On her part Miss Terry was always loud in her praises of her leading man. There were hints of a joint management in times to come, so that shrewd observers drew their own conclusions, and in England to certain persons the news of the wedding was not the surprise it has proved to

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The Marriage.

It was on Jan. 12 last that Miss Terry, Mr. Carew, and other members of her company sailed for New York. They played together in various places, and it was while in Chicago some weeks before the visit to Pittsburg that the wedding was arranged. Pittsburg was selected to be the scene of the ceremony because Mr. Carew was so well known in Chicago that it was feared the secret would not be kept if the wedding took place in the latter city.

At Pittsburg accordingly, on March 22, in the office of Mr. Campbell, a local justice of the peace, which is situated in the little suburb of Bellevue, the two were duly made one. All the preparations were made by Mr. Carew's friends, Messrs. Bell and Thompson, so that everything was ready for the principals when they arrived. This was late in the afternoon, quite after usual hours, the time being purposely chosen so as to prevent any likelihood of the record of the marriage being made public. The lovers had left the rest of the company at an hotel, going off together as if for a little afternoon drive.

Questioning the Bride.

There was an amusing scene at the office when the clerk of the justice of peace, as in duty bound, asked the usual questions of those intending to marry. After Mr. Carew had declared that he was a bachelor and had not been married before, the question was put to Miss Terry. She admitted that this would be her third marriage, and protested with mock pathos against such personal questions.

"My first marriage," said she, "was dissolved by divorce, and my second by death. You see, I was quite young when I was married the first time, and it was a mistake."

To the question, "How old are you?" Miss Terry cried, "Oh, mercy, put me down as 59, if you must, but keep it a secret, or people will think that this is an advertising trick."

Mr. Campbell then married them in the presence of the two lawyers and the clerk, and after pledging all to secrecy, they returned to the hotel. Though they both appeared exceedingly happy, and Miss Terry in her sprightliest mood that night, not one of the company suspected what had happened.

The Honeymoon.

Mr. Carew's home is in Chicago, and his real name is Usselman. He was born in Indiana, and is an Alsatian by blood, his parents having crossed the Atlantic to better their fortunes. He was led to adopt the stage as a profession by witnessing a performance by Henry Irving and Ellen Terry in America.

After making the formal announcement on Saturday night, Mr. Carew, who is detained in America on business, and was not able to sail with his wife, left the city. He has gone to Philadelphia, where he will remain until he sails, within another week. Then he will join Miss Terry in England, and they will spend their honeymoon on the Continent.