

Title: 15 Seconds

Author: Archambault, Francois

translated by Bobby Theodore

Publisher: Talonbooks

1998

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
three male; one female
one act

Brimming with a dark and brittle humour, FIFTEEN SECONDS is a play about a young female advertising copy writer, her pro-sports-fan ex-boyfriend, a Gen-X welfare-bum loser and his brother handicapped by cerebral palsy. These four characters are constantly making choices about reality and illusion; imagination and fantasy; the hale and the handicapped – about the way things are and the way they might be. They are utterly unable to imagine each other, and though they all remember that they should try to do so, they seem to have forgotten from where this moral

Title: 7 Stories

Author: Panych, Morris

Publisher: Talonbooks

1990

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy
thirteen characters
three male; two female (doubling)
one act

In this fast-paced, sophisticated and hilarious play, a man contemplating suicide on a seventh storey building ledge confronts the stories of the people who live inside the building – these "seven stories" lead to a charming and surprising ending.

Title: Adaptation

Author: May, Elaine

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1971

Description:

roy
satire
four characters
three male; one female
one act

open stage.

A T.V. game show in which the protagonist advances through "life". Certain elements of this play are too cliched and offer no surprise; nevertheless it is cleverly packaged and outlines many truisms.

Title: After Magritte

Author: Stoppard, Tom

Publisher: Faber and Faber 1971

Description:

roy
avant garde comedy
five characters
three male; two female
one act

Three people witness a mundane incident and each gives legitimate reasons for absurd arguments as they describe the event. Finally, irrational, pompous policeman supplies solution.

Title: Albuquerque Ten Minutes

Author: Ryerson, Florence

Publisher: Samuel French 1951

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
two male; three female
one act

interior set.

A small waiting-room in the Sante Fe Station at Albuquerque: two Indians, one lady tourist: add two lovers, one a famous stage star, the other equally famous on the screen, meeting for the first time after a terrific quarrel. Result: one of those smart, amusing, human comedies which this author writes so well. Vivid background, good characterizations, two strong leading roles.

Title: Ali The Cobbler

Author: Shepherd, Martin

Publisher: Steele's Play Bureau 1933

Description:

roy
Arabian – comedy
four characters
three male; one female
one act

interior set.

A lowly Arab cobbler seeks redemption from his evil wife.
Some attempt at dialect might be preferred.

Title: Alice in Wonderland

Author: Manhattan Project, The Gregory, Andre

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1972

Description:

roy
comedy – adaptation
six characters
four male; two female
one act

"Everyone is familiar with Alice's antic adventures, and they are all here – but with an arresting difference. From the presumed innocence of the original is drawn a caustic and giddy revelation of the human psyche, and the dark, unsettling shadows which can linger there. Freud and Jung, Kafka and Dali all make their presence felt, in a piece of pure theatre that is full of truth and fun and terror..."

Title: Altruists, The

Author: Silver, Nicky

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 2001

Description:

roy
comedy – political
five characters
three male; two female
one act

THE ALTRUISTS revolves around a dedicated, if disorganized and demented, group of young radicals. They protest arts funding and arms funding. They march for gay rights and children's rights and Women Against Drunk Drivers. But their morality is put to the test one day when Sydney, a shallow, anorexic soap-opera actress, fires a gun into the hulking body of her sleeping boyfriend. Terrified, she looks to her brother, Ronald, the center of this merry band of radicals, for help. Ronald, a social worker, wants to aid his sister, but at the moment he's consumed with

Title: Andrew McMurty, Immigrant

Author: Stewart, Luke

Publisher: Samuel French 1938

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian – ethnic
six characters
four male; two female
one act

1 interior set.

An irascible old Scotsman creates pandemonium when he refuses to submit to the indignities of an immigration interview. He is about to be jailed when his Canadian daughter sneaks into the office with his lost passport and soothes him. She is in love with one of the customs officers and the fun begins when McMurty decides he is going to live with his daughter.

Title: Antic Spring

Author: Nail, Robert

Publisher: Samuel French 1967

Description:

roy
comedy – high school
six characters
three male; three female
one act

Placing emphasis on pantomime and character portrayal, it needs only six chairs--to represent an open touring car. In the car are young people of high school age going on a picnic. The relations of these, oddly assorted six, put to the trials and tribulations of a picnic, result in situations of merriment and in dialogue flippant, fast and rich in performance possibilities.

Title: Archie and the Computer

Author: Turner, Lloyd Mitchell, Gordon

Publisher: Samuel French 1975

Description:

roy
comedy – television
six characters
four male; two female
one act

An "All in the Family" script. Edith responds to a company's offer in which the company will send a quarter to those who send in a coupon. The problem is that Edith keeps on receiving quarters.

Title: Are We There Yet?

Author: Wingfield, Garth

Publisher: Playscripts, Inc. 2006

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy
six characters
three male; three female (flexible casting, may use up to sixteen actors)
one act

Amanda has to figure out her life right now! Her job largely entails dealing with angsty child actors, her ex-boyfriend keeps popping up in her thoughts and on her phone, and when she's hit with something much, much more overwhelming, she first has to deal with all the well-meaning support thrown her way. Are We There Yet? is a lightning-paced, bittersweet comedy about illness and endurance that hits us all where we live.

Title: Aria Da Capo

Author: Millay, Edna St. Vincent

Publisher: Baker International 1947

Description:

roy
tragicomedy
five characters
four male; one female
one act

Under the prompting of the masque of tragedy, two shepards interrupt a harlequinade, innocently kill each other and are again superseded by the harlequinade. The handling of poetic speech is vital.

Title: Audition For A Writer

Author: Day, Doris M.

Publisher: Samuel French 1979

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
three male; two female
one act

bare stage.

A play about the creation of characters and plot in the mind of a writer, and the complex issues that arise when they are strong enough for conflict. A sweeper is at work in an open area. A writer passes through, making notes. A middle aged woman sits on the bench, is displeased when the sweeper offers to share his coffee, and leaves. A girl enters with a cut foot, a young man appears

Title: Bad Acting Teachers

Author: Gilbert, Sky

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 2006

Description:

roy
comedy – acting
four characters
three male; one female
one act

A young actor in search of good training visits three teachers who advertise private acting lessons – a Canadian B-Movie actor, a new age therapist, and a gay agent. Seeing each of the teachers separately, he is progressively assaulted, insulted, and molested. Not since Ionesco's The Lesson has being a student been quite so fraught with terror. A meditation on the sadism that so often accompanies power.

Title: Bad Taste

Author: Butt, Robyn-Marie

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1984

Description:

roy
Canadian – satire
five characters
three male; two female
one act

"Bad Taste" is a surreal satire of the Terry Fox media circus. This bizarre love story takes place in the back seat of a giant limousine. Incestuous twins Cameron and Linette and their ironic chauffeur Rollis follow Terry Fox on his cross-country run. Also along for the ride is friend Harry, who hosts a Bad Taste party in the giant suitbag hanging in the car. But Harry's identical twin Fred has gone missing, and Harry wanders from party to windshield to friends searching for him. James Dean, who presides over the action from a nearby ditch, finally provides the missing

Title: Balloon Shot

Author: Manchester, Joe

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1996

Description:

roy
comedy – prison
all male cast; six characters
six male
one act

suggested for high school.

The action takes place in a prison cell shared by four inmates. One of these is Desmond, whose stories of his prison experiences—and the outlandish escapes he has engineered—are beginning to grate on his cellmates. His latest scheme, which is to depart from the present premises by balloon, brings on a noisy debate, and the demand that if he is telling the truth he must take the

Title: Bathroom Door, The

Author: Jennings, Gertrude E.

Publisher: Samuel French 1943

Description:

roy
farce
six characters
three male; three female
one act

interior set.

A prima donna, a young man, an old man, an old lady, and a young lady are all trying to get into a bathroom in a hotel. The door will not open, and at last the prima donna declares that her husband with whom she has had a quarrel must have locked himself in the bathroom and done away with himself. Enter then a servant who discloses the fact that the door is not locked at all,

Title: Benevolence

Author: Panych, Morris

Publisher: Talonbooks 2008

Description:

roy
dark comedy
five characters
three male; two female
eight scenes

He's passed him on the street a million times before. Only on this day, Oswald Eichersen impulsively decides to give that homeless man \$100. And that's where his troubles begin. This seemingly simple act of generosity becomes a life-changing event. Full of excruciatingly comic twists and turns of both fate and manipulative, perhaps even malicious intent, this dark comedy of 'trading places' resonates with a cascade of uncomfortable truths about how we see (or don't see) the people we live with every day.

Title: Blind Date

Author: Foote, Horton

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1986

Description:

roy
comedy – romance – family relations
four characters
two male; two female
one act

"A touching and very funny study of what befalls a fluttery, well-meaning aunt when she tries to arrange a date for her visiting (and uncooperative) niece."

Title: Blitzkrieg

Author: Wade, Bryan

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1974

Description:

roy
Canadian – black comedy
four characters
two male; two female
one act

"The setting is Berghof, Hitler's chalet in the Bavarian Alps. A new look at the personal lives of Adolf Hitler and Eva Braun, in whose dreams and desires the full impact and brutality of the war is felt."

Title: Body Awareness

Author: Baker, Annie

Publisher: Samuel French 2009

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy
four characters
two male; two female
one act

It's "Body Awareness" week on a Vermont college campus and Phyllis, the organizer, and her partner, Joyce, are hosting one of the guest artists in their home, Frank, a painter famous for his female nude portraits. Both his presence in the home and his chosen subject instigate tension from the start. Phyllis is furious at his depictions, but Joyce is actually rather intrigued by the whole thing, even going so far as to contemplate posing for him. As Joyce and Phyllis bicker, Joyce's adult son, who may or may not have Asperger's Syndrome, struggles to express himself

Title: Boundary, The

Author: Stoppard, Tom Exton, Clive

Publisher: Samuel French 1991

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
four male; one female
one act

1 interior set.

Arriving at the library to continue work on his dictionary, Johnson is horrified to discover that the place appears to have been ransacked. Paper is everywhere, so much paper in fact that even the body of his wife, Brenda, is hidden from view. Together with his collaborator Bunyans, they conclude that the vandalism is in fact the work of Brenda, scorned for her lack of talent as a

Title: Boy Upstairs, The

Author: Payne, Lucile Vaughan

Publisher: Samuel French 1961

Description:

roy
comedy – High School
four characters
two male; two female
one act

interior set.

Joanna March, a high school sophomore, is facing her first formal date in a state bordering on hysteria. However, she learns boys are just as nervous and her friend, Brandon, gives her some advice about what parents expect from their offspring regarding behavior. Joanna's date with Jack Bayfield, a senior, precipitates a crisis in her life and Brandon's. But instinct takes care of

Title: Brandy

Author: Alianak, Hrant

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1973

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
four characters
two male; two female
one act

1 exterior set.

Sexy, fast, funny action as the Little Guy wins the heart of the Dumb Brunette and the Blonde runs off with the Big Guy.

Title: Breeches From Bond Street

Author: Gowan, Elsie Park

Publisher: Samuel French 1952

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian – Albertan
six characters
four male; two female
one act

1 exterior set.

To the Canadian frontier of 1884 comes a young English Remittance Man who has "left his country for his country's good". And to the same settlement comes Eliza, a respectable but sight-unseen mail-order bride for the town gambler. The gambler takes a distant look, and sends her the money (by proxy) to go back home. The Remittance Man is mistaken for the groom, but not for long. He

Title: Bridal Chamber, The

Author: Machard, Alfred Walewitch, Anne Whelpley

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1959

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
two male; three female
one act

An old couple occupy the bridal chamber in a small roadside inn. They relive fond memories of their youth and bring happiness to a lonely servant girl.

Title: Bride Comes To Yellow Sky, The

Author: Crocitto, Frank

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1970

Description:

roy
comedy – western
five characters
four male; one female
one act

suggested for high school.

After many years of stern bachelorhood, the Marshal of Yellow Sky has gone off to be married in secret, but now, returning with his bride, he is embarrassed to let the townspeople know what he has done. He tries to persuade his bride to sneak into town the back way, but she misunderstands his sheepishness and is about to take the next train home when trouble erupts in the form of

Title: Bridges Are When You Cross Them

Author: Shaffer, Melvin B.

Publisher: Samuel French 1964

Description:

roy
comedy – satire
five characters
three male; two female
one act

1 interior set.

A comic satire on the cubical mind of the organized man. A family on a sightseeing tour are in San Francisco. Father's got it all planned so they can cover the city in a day. He does his sightseeing by telescope from the hotel, but the rest of the family is required to render reports to be shared with the others. But the daughter's a wayward, imaginative girl and spends the day at

Title: Broken Sentence
A Serious Comedy in One Act

Author: Spitz, Alison

Publisher: Art Craft Play Co. 1965

Description:

roy
comedy
all female cast; five characters
five female
one act

1 interior set.

No abstract available.

Title: Cemeteries Are A Grave Matter

Author: Kehret, Peg

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1975

Description:

roy
comedy
six characters; extras
three male; three female
one act

divided interior set; 1 exterior set.

Jenny McNutt's parents run a mortuary and she is smitten with every handsome "customer". Her mother introduces Jenny to Daniel in hopes that a live boyfriend will solve Jenny's problem. Instead, Daniel organizes a demonstration to protest against "wasting land that could be growing wheat or fresh carrots for a starving child". Daniel tries to force the McNutts to install a

Title: Child Wonder

Author: Williams, Pete

Publisher: Samuel French 1940

Description:

roy
comedy – farce
six characters
two male; four female
one act

1 interior set.

Eloise Harvey, child movie star, is at home a little pain in the neck. Her father lives for the day when he can give her the spanking she deserves. He provides a fan magazine writer with material for a sensational scoop, and the studio breaks Eloise's contract. Now that she is no longer the wage-earner of the family, Mr. Harvey rolls up his sleeves and goes to work.

Title: Chokeberry Whine

Author: MacKillop, Larry

Publisher: Playwrights Union of Canada

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy
four characters
two male; two female
one act

"A Canadian nationalist leaves his American lover with his grandfather's ghost to attend his aunt's funeral in Florida, where he finds the roots of his anti-Americanism."

Title: Cinderella Syndrome, The

Author: Koste, Glasgow V.

Publisher: Baker International 1983

Description:

roy
comedy
all female cast; five characters
five female
one act

1 interior set.

'Comedy based on the Cinderella story about adolescence and the search for identity.'

Title: Clockmaker, The

Author: Massicote, Stephen

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 2009

Description:

roy
comedy – mystery – romance
four characters
three male; one female
thirteen scenes

“WHO ARE YOU?” Monsieur Pierre (the immigration official) poses his usual question, but Heinrich’s unusual answer sets in motion a metaphysical rollercoaster. Why would a simple statement of name and profession bring so much attention to an unassuming clockmaker? Maybe because that’s two more things than anyone else in this place remembers? Soon, Heinrich is reminding his new friend Frieda of memories she’s forgotten and even summoning up a few of his own—of forbidden love, and crimes he may or may not have committed. Is it possible to be guilty

Title: Clowns

Author: Sikora, Stefan

Publisher: Westlands Book Express 1982

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
six characters
three male; one female; one child; one musician
one act

Description not available.

Title: Cobbler, Stick to Thy Last

Author: Hill, Kay

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1967

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
five characters
two male; three female
one act

divided interior set.

Though his wife Faithful isn't quite dead, Standfast, the cobbler knowing she can't last long, has advertised for a new bride. In Nova Scotia in the 1780's, it is the only practical way to get one. Besides, winter is coming and he has a house and six children to be looked after. But Faithful takes a turn for the better just as the local postman arrives with Susannah Comfort, a pleasant lass

Title: Collector's Item

Author: Spence, Wall

Publisher: Baker International 1949

Description:

roy
romantic comedy
five characters
one male; four female
one act

1 interior set.

'Comedy of errors. Shy career girl's scheme to win her man.'

Title: Columbine Cum Laude

Author: Nagel, Lyda

Publisher: Samuel French 1965

Description:

roy
comedy
six characters
three male; three female
one act

1 interior set.

One fine morning Columbine awakes to find a thought in her head. This leads the pretty flirt, who has been pursuing Harlequin for five hundred years, into the arms of a stodgy professor, who whisks her away for a "mortarboard" marriage. Harlequin, always so concerned with himself, is rocked out of his boredom by the discovery that he has a broken heart. With the aid of his friend,

Title: Come Fill the Cup

Author: Harig, Peg

Publisher: Samuel French 1957

Description:

roy
comedy – farce
six characters
one male; five female
one act

The place is a house in Greenwich Village, the time is spring, the people a family of wacky but wonderful "Bohemians", plus a lonely Wall Street Financier, in search of true love and adventure. Sarah and Harvey met in a bookstore. Spring worked her magic, they fancied themselves in love. All went – until Harvey insisted Sarah take him home to meet her family.

Title: Comeback, The

Author: Gurney Jr., A. R.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1965

Description:

roy
comedy
six characters
four male; two female
one act

1 exterior set.

An irreverent, imaginative and highly amusing re-telling of the Odysseus legend.

Title: Courage Mr. Green

Author: Ferguson, James P.

Publisher: Samuel French 1936

Description:

roy
comedy – farce – Canadian
five characters
three male; two female
one act

1 interior set.

A gentleman burglar robs a meek little "wage slave" but also helps Mr. Green to stand up to his domineering wife and to his boss.

Title: Crawling Arnold

Author: Feiffer, Jules

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1963

Description:

roy
comedy – satire – spoof
five characters
two male; three female
one act

"A hilarious, perceptive spoof of modern society and its hang-ups... Concerned with a young man in his thirties who has regressed to crawling on all fours in order to be more attractive and conspicuous, the play pokes fun both at the maladjustments of our times and the fumbling hopefulness with which we so often try to cope with them".

Title: Cup of Tea, A

Author: Ryerson, Florence

Publisher: Samuel French 1927

Description:

roy
farce
four characters
two male; two female
one act

No abstract available.

Title: Day It Rained Forever, The

Author: Bradbury, Ray

Publisher: Samuel French 1966

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
three male; one female
one act

combined interior and exterior set.

An excellent characterization of three old men who are rocking away their lives on the porch of an empty hotel, situated in a desert miles from nowhere. Today is the one day of the year on which it has always rained, so today is one of unusual expectation for them. But as evening descends, the rain has not materialized. One man goes in to lie down and die, another prepares to pack up and

Title: Dear Departed, The

Author: Houghton, Stanley

Publisher: Samuel French 1910

Description:

nonroy
comedy – satire
six characters
three male; three female
one act

1 interior set.

A clever dramatization of a famous DeMaupassant story about a man who pretended he was dead in order to see what his family thought about him.

Title: Dinner Party, The

Author: Simon, Neil

Publisher: Samuel French 2002

Description:

roy
comedy
six characters
three male; three female
one act

'Five people, who are complete strangers, are invited to a French dinner party at a first rate restaurant.'

Title: Don't Blame It On The Boots

Author: Warburton, N. J.

Publisher: Samuel French 1987

Description:

roy
comedy – theatre
four characters
one male; three female
one act

No one would have blamed it on the boots if only Kate had produced Macbeth instead of Hamlet; Ophelia hadn't been so attractive and naive; Eric had been blessed with smaller feet and wasn't the drama group's prize flirt; Liz's father hadn't been a professional actor who once trod the boards at Stratford in those self-same boots. BUT Kate does produce Hamlet, and Eric flirts outrageously with Ophelia, and Liz insists that the Ghost wear the boots. On the last night the boots are worn but not, as everyone thinks, by Eric because he's trapped in his dressing-room. So who's given

Title: Don't Touch That Phone

Author: Williams, Norman

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1972

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
four characters
two male; two female
one act

How do you deal with a man who does not comprehend the forces that make cars run and phones ring? Lily tries adult reasoning on her husband, but it is his live-in mother who resolves the crisis.

Title: Dreamjobs

Author: Jones, Graham

Publisher: Samuel French 1979

Description:

roy
comedy – youth
all female cast; five characters
five female
one act

bare stage.

Waiting for interviews with a Youth Employment Service, five teenager girls dream of the romantic, exciting jobs (fashion model, air hostess, nurse, etc...) they would like to do, derived from sentimental television series and films. The dreams are enacted by all the girls together. In each case there is a rude awakening. Finally, Beverly, clearest-sighted, brings them down to earth,

Title: Dust Conspiracy, The

Author: Martin, Joe

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1982

Description:

roy
drama – comedy – Canadian
four characters
two male; two female
one act

"Spiralling paranoia and threats of violence erupt when a landlady's safe little world is intruded upon by some "strange" boarders. A black but comic play about xenophobia."

Title: Eh?

A Comedy in One Act

Author: Fisher, William D.

Publisher: Heuer Publishing Company 1940

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
three male; two female
one act

Newly engaged couple experiences trouble with the bride's deaf father.

Title: Enchantment

Author: Rondelle, Roslyn

Publisher: Samuel French 1961

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
two male; two female
one act

A single parent mother of four becomes attracted to a man who travels the world. The love affair which has given her new confidence suddenly turns sour when she tells him about her children.

Title: Escargots

Author: Jones, Graham

Publisher: New Playwrights' Network

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
three male; one female
one act

1 interior set.

Description not available.

Title: Established Price

Author: McIntyre, Dennis

Publisher: Samuel French 1991

Description:

roy
comedy – business
all male cast; four characters
four male
one act

"This timely comedy ... is a tale of white collar angst in this age of corporate takeovers. The central character, Frank Daniels, is the former general counsel for a cannibalized corporation and he does not intend to go gently into forced retirement. He refuses to pack, tears up the office, and tries to get his fellow executives to decline their golden parachutes as a protest."

Title: Farewell to Kings, A

Author: Massicote, Stephen

Publisher: Playwrights Union of Canada 2000

Description:

roy
comedy
all male cast; four characters
four male
one act

'Celebrating Anj's return after his father's death and Mouse's 16th birthday (and impending loss of virginity), their leader Hudey has heard of the return of their mentor – the great foozball champion and #1 RUSH fan – Falvo. Together, on the night of nights, cruising in Perkin's Chevy Malibu they search for something great in the midst of their fading friendships. A deadly Hard Rock experience.'

Title: Fisherman's Revenge

Author: Cook, Michael

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1984

Description:

roy
drama – Canadian
five characters
three male; two female
one act

young audience – 6 and up.

"This children's play set in Newfoundland is an appealing mixture of farce and romantic comedy. A poor fisherman named Joe and his lovely daughter Colleen are unable to pay their debts to the town merchant, Black Fred. But the real threat comes from Black Fred's wife, who claims to have gone three rounds with Muhammed Ali and is determined to get the money by fair means or foul.

Title: Flattering Word, The

Author: Kelly, George

Publisher: Samuel French 1952

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
two male; three female
one act

1 interior set.

Mary is married to a rather pompous pastor. Tesh would like to have Mary see his performance in the play that evening, but Mary is convinced the Pastor will never consent to take her. Tesh knows that if you tell any adult or child he should be on the stage, you will melt his prejudices with ease. Tesh succeeds, but he is forced to sit through an excruciating performance by one of the local

Title: Florence Unlimited

Author: Carmichael, Fred

Publisher: Baker International 1952

Description:

roy
comedy
all female cast; six characters
six female
one act

When the local newspaper's gossip column printed that Lindsay Laughton was seriously ill and while in a semi-conscious state said one-half of his estate would go to "Florence - my inspiration" it didn't take long for Florences to appear in unlimited numbers: the southern belle, the burlesque queen, the mademoiselle direct from Paris, the street vendor. Each one is sure she was the inspiration and each one patiently waits to get her hands on the "one-half". There's a series of ridiculously funny situations adeptly handled by Mr. Laughton's nurse and secretary, ending in

Title: French Toast

Author: Payton, Donald

Publisher: Heuer Publishing Company 1973

Description:

roy
comedy
six characters; extras
two male; four female
one act

"It all happens the day before Stoney Jones is to marry cute little Nancy Smith. All of their friends are celebrating by giving a party. Charlie is to be best man because he saved Stoney's life at Aachen. Well, after the guests leave, and Stoney and Charlie have hit the hay, Madame de Tour and her daughter, Nanette, breeze in - fresh from Patee, and come with the sad evidence that Stoney and Nanette were married in Patee. Poor Stoney is at his wits' end."

Title: Frog Prince, The

Author: Mamet, David

Publisher: Samuel French 1983

Description:

roy
comedy – fantasy
four characters
two male; two female
one act

"The author turns his considerable talents to the age-old children's story of the prince who is turned into a frog and must find a pure and honest woman to kiss him of her own free will. The old tale is given a decidedly contemporary sensibility that will appeal to adults as well as to children."

Title: From Five To Five-Thirty

Author: Johnson, Philip

Publisher: Samuel French 1945

Description:

roy
comedy
all female cast; five characters
five female
one act

1 interior set.

This is the story of the charming little old lady who takes a brief fling by buying a new dress and sipping a glass of sherry. Her indignant daughters thereupon rush into the heartless decision of sending her away to a home for the aged. But the old lady reverses the plot when she discloses the source of her money, and recounts a shocking event of long ago.

Title: Fumed Oak

An Unpleasant Comedy in Two Scenes

Author: Coward, Noel

Publisher: Samuel French 1962

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
one male; three female
one act

1 interior set.

In the middle-class drawing room of amiable and hard-working Henry Gow passes most of the family life surrounding his harridan-wife Doris, his brat-daughter Elise, and his complaining mother-in-law Mrs. Rockett. But Henry is a turned worm when he comes home with a couple of drinks under his belt and a new courage. So he reveals his plans for escape, his long-time

Title: Girl's Guide to Chaos, A

Author: Heimel, Cynthia

Publisher: Samuel French 1991

Description:

roy
comedy – Little Theatre – relationships
four characters
one male; three female
fifteen scenes

bare stage.

"Heimel has taken material from her book, Sex Tips for Girls, and put it into the mouths of three characters: Cynthia and her friends Cleo and Rita. "These are the times that try a girl's soul," begins Cynthia, and then she and her friends proceed to tell us why the times are so trying and what they are doing to cope with them. We learn about "The Great Boyfriend Crunch" and other

Title: Gloria Poses in the Nude

Author: Ross, Michael

Bernie West and Norman Lear

Publisher: Samuel French 1975

Description:

roy
comedy – family relations – television
six characters
four male; two female
one act

'Television comedy. Archie disapproves of son-in-law's painter friend and daughter's desire to model.'

Title: Gnadiges Fraulein, The

Author: Williams, Tennessee

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1967

Description:

roy
tragicomedy
six characters
three male; three female
one act

1 interior set.

'Tragicomedy set in rickety bunkhouse for "permanent transients" in southern Florida portraying interplay among residents who are antic in both appearance and behavior.'

Title: God Caesar

Author: Price, Marjorie

Publisher: Samuel French 1935

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
five characters; extras
two male; three female
one act

1 exterior set; Roman costumes.

Cleopatra tries to lure Caesar from Rome to Egypt while Calpurnia's slave, posing as a statue, observes. When the statue comes to life Caesar is at first convinced that he is a "God", then that he is drunk and in need of sleep. Calpurnia wins.

Title: God of Carnage, The

Author: Reza, Yasmina translated by Christopher Hampton

Publisher: Faber and Faber 2008

Description:

roy
satire – family relationships
four characters
two male; two female
one act

What happens when two sets of parents meet up to deal with the unruly behavior of their children? A calm and rational debate between grown-ups about the need to teach kids how to behave properly? or a hysterical night of name-calling, tantrums and tears before bedtime? Boys will be boys, but the adults are usually worse – much worse.

Title: God of Hell, The

Author: Shepard, Sam

Publisher: Random House 2005

Description:

roy
farce
four characters
three male; one female
one act

Frank and Emma are a quiet, respectable couple who raise cows on their Wisconsin farm. Soon after they agree to put up Frank's old friend Haynes, who is on the lam from a secret government project involving plutonium, they're visited by Welch, an unctuous government bureaucrat from hell. His aggressive patriotism puts Frank, Emma, and Haynes on the defensive, transforming a heartland American household into a scene of torture and promoting a radioactive brand of conformity with a dangerously long half life.

Title: Good Help is Hard to Find

Author: Kopit, Arthur

Publisher: Samuel French 1982

Description:

roy
comedy – thriller
four characters
one male; three female
one act

1 exterior set; 2 interior sets.

This unique piece is about a wealthy elderly couple who can't seem to find good servants. Eventually, the agency sends them a servant who works for almost nothing. Unfortunately, she may also be the Angel of Death...

Title: Goose's Sauce, The

Author: MacBeth, Madge

Publisher: Samuel French 1935

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
four characters
three male; one female
one act

1 exterior set.

A comedy set in the Canadian northwoods, in which a man and a woman are prevented from beginning an affair by the unexpected presence of the lady's husband.

Title: Happy Journey To Camden and Trenton, The

Author: Wilder, Thornton

Publisher: Samuel French 1962

Description:

roy
comedy
six characters
three male; three female
one act

1 interior set.

The simple story of Pa and Ma and the two children who journey from Newark in the family Chevrolet to visit their married daughter in Camden. The American scene, and home are dramatically drawn while the figure of the mother stands out as a brilliant piece of portraiture representing the backbone of the nation.

Title: Harriott!

Author: Botting, Gary

Publisher: Harden House 1972

Description:

roy
comedy – Albertan
five characters
four male; one female
one act

1 interior set.

A comedy about Harriott, the mad scientist, who experiments with tobacco, rabbits and seaweed, and is visited by Sir Walter Raleigh and Christopher Marlowe.

Title: Helen's Most Favorite Day

A romantic fantasy in two acts

Author: Dunn, Mark

Publisher: Samuel French 2005

Description:

roy
romantic fantasy – comedy
six characters
two male; four female
one act

Helen's Most Favorite Day tells the story of forty-four year old Helen, for whom romantic love has been an infrequent caller. At a trip to the fairgrounds Helen is swept off her feet by a carnie named Jed who gives her one of the nicest, most special days of her life. He gives Helen another gift as well: a "wish" proffered to him by his friend, a mystic. Helen, playing along, "wishes" for the chance to repeat this special day forever. Her wish is granted. And with it comes the direst of unforeseen repercussions. Her family and friends rally to assist Helen by wishing themselves back

Title: Heroes

Author: Mitchell, Ken

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1973

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian – high school
four characters
three male; one female
one act

1 interior set.

"Superman and the Lone Ranger find themselves in a battle of egos while awaiting interviews with the "Chief." Lois Lane and Tonto arrive raising banners of Women's Lib and Red Power."

Title: How To Speak Male

Author: Wylie, Betty Jane

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1991

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy
five characters
two male; three female
one act

"The first session of a night-school class designed to teach what men really mean when they talk – the true messages of the male language. You may find your audience wants to take notes!"

Title: I Am Over Forty

Author: Blackmore, Madeline

Publisher: Samuel French 1933

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
two male; two female
one act

1 interior set.

An actress signs a Lux Toilet Soap testimonial disclosing her age and then lives to regret it.

Title: I Married Irene Because She Has Eyes Like Abraham Lincoln's

Author: Baldwin, Joseph

Publisher: Samuel French 1966

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
two male; two female
one act

1 interior set.

Merton Naseby, a Civil War buff, won't take his wife out. Instead, he prefers to stay home evenings, trying beards on Irene because she has eyes like Lincoln's. Nadyne Fortune Smith, whose being divorced has made her a family relations expert, brings a party to the Naseby home to correct this situation. (The party guests are huge paper dolls.) As predicted, Merton

Title: I Take This Man
A Screwball Farce

Author: Sharkey, Jack

Publisher: Samuel French 1991

Description:

roy
romantic farce
five characters
three male; two female
two acts

When lovely young Gideon Hollis a.k.a. Giddy spots an unconscious man in a tank top and shorts lying in Copley Square just after all other Boston Marathon racers have crossed the finish line, she reasons that since nice guys finish last, this must be Mr. Right! She has a helpful policeman tote him to her nearby apartment, shocking her roommate whose fiance is due for a dinner date. When the comatose dreamboat revives and cannot remember who he is, Giddy tells him they are married and regrets her subterfuge when he tries to be a loving husband.

Title: If Men Played Cards as Women Do

Author: Kaufman, George S.

Publisher: Random House 1943

Description:

roy
satire
all male cast; four characters
four male
one act

1 interior.

"Satire on women."

Title: If Women Worked As Men Do
A one act comedy for women

Author: Goodfellow, Ellen

Publisher: Samuel French 1936

Description:

nonroy
comedy
all female cast; four characters
four female
one act

1 interior set.

Mrs. Carew and Mrs. Dowling are business partners. Miss Arnold is their stenographer and Miss Smith her substitute. On this morning little work is done but considerable conversation indulged in. The skit is a satire on the business man's excuse. "A hardy day at the office", showing it's not always as hard as it might be, or as their wives think it is. A companion piece to "If Men Played

Title: In The Money

Author: White, Eugenia

Publisher: Baker International 1947

Description:

roy
comedy
six characters
three male; three female
one act

The Trimbles weren't any too well off and they had fallen into a pretty deep rut. Mother was full of "isms", Father usually was tired and cynical and Elwood, their son, was typically student age. Julia, the maid, voluble and gossipy, completes the family menage. Mother's latest "ism" was "Think yourself into riches" and in her enthusiasm climbed way out on a limb, cut the branch off and landed right smack into the lap of luxury. We can't recommend the formula to work as it did for Mrs. Trimble, but there's lots of fun seeing the Trimbles come into the money.

Title: Income Tax, The

Author: Lynch, Peg

Publisher: Samuel French 1955

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
three male; two female
one act

interior set.

From the famous television series of "Ethel and Albert". Anyone who has even felt the hot breath of the income tax inspector will know how Ethel and Albert feel when they get a notice that the Government wants to check their last year's tax return. Wondering if they have put down too much for charity and business expense, they await his arrival with visions of prison dancing in

Title: Infancy

Author: Wilder, Thornton

Publisher: Samuel French 1961

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
three male; two female
one act

1 exterior set.

Takes place in a park with two women pushing baby-buggies, and demonstrates their complete lack of understanding of the nature and needs of baby human beings.

Title: Interior Designs

Author: Chinn, Jimmie

Publisher: Samuel French 1987

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
one male; three female
one act

bare stage.

Him, a brash, arrogant odd-job man, is offering his "services" to three women: Holly, a successful TV-am news reader; Irene, a solitary school teacher; and Amy, a frustrated housewife. Although of very different backgrounds, the three women share a common fate of loneliness and frustration. Interior Designs follows their yearning to fill the emptiness of their lives and their various

Title: Joint Owners In Spain

Author: Brown, Alice

Publisher: Baker International 1951

Description:

roy
comedy
all female cast; four characters
four female
one act

1 interior set.

The story of two old women sharing a room in an old ladies home and how they settle their differences.

Title: Later Life

Author: Gurney Jr., A. R.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1994

Description:

roy
romantic comedy
four characters
two male; two female
one act

exterior set.

'Boston cocktail party setting for divorced middle-aged banker's encounter with woman he nearly had an affair with in his youth.'

Title: Lighthouse Keeper's Daughter, The

Author: Eldridge, Muriel

Eldridge, Richard

Publisher: Samuel French

1963

Description:

nonroy
farce – mystery
five characters
three male; two female
one act

1 interior set.

The daughter has a villainous suitor who revengefully plots to gain her father's money and then to slay him. He accomplishes his purpose and escapes. The attempted murder is discovered by his wife in time for the young heroine to bring aid in the person of the handsome doctor, who saves the keeper's life and wins the daughter's hand.

Title: Liquor Guns Karate

Author: Brebner, Morwyn

Publisher: Playwrights Union of Canada

2000

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
two male; two female
one act

Laurel and Chuck, a Toronto couple in their late 20's, visit Los Angeles for the funeral of Laurel's estranged father. An untimely affair, a bizarre reunion, terrible weather: hijinks ensue.

Title: Little Secrets

Author: Schilling, Gerry

Publisher: New Playwrights' Network

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
two male; one female
one act

1 interior set.

Description not available.

Title: Live Spelled Backwards
A moral immorality play

Author: Lawrence, Jerome

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1970

Description:

roy
black comedy – moral immorality play
six characters
four male; two female
one act

1 interior set.

'Black comedy. Set in American bar in Morocco where expatriates gather. One evening bartender offers them mind expanding drugs. After all experience a "high" the bartender announces it was only a harmless powder.'

Title: Long Island Abroad

Author: Myers, Robert J.

Publisher: Samuel French 1962

Description:

roy
comedy – satire
six characters
three male; three female
one act

1 interior set.

'New York woman cured at Lourdes can't get verifying document, becomes invalid again.'

Title: Loose Connections

Author: Bush, Steven

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1984

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy
four characters
one male; three female
one act

No description available.

Title: Love Hits Wilbur!

Author: Payton, Donald

Publisher: Art Craft Play Co. 1973

Description:

nonroy (restrictions)
comedy
six characters
two male; four female; (includes one young boy and two young girls)
one act

1 interior set.

Wilbur Maxwell hates girls. In fact, he hates them so much that his mother is afraid he isn't normal. She thinks it just isn't logical for a thirteen year old boy to go into hibernation at the thought of girls. Wilbur even refuses to change his clothes just because his sister, Betty Lou, is bringing the new neighbor girl home for the night. As it happens, Wilbur takes one look at the

Title: Mammals

Author: Bullmore, Amelia

Publisher: Methuen & Co 2005

Description:

roy
dark comedy – relationships – parenting – marriage
six characters
two male; four female
five scenes

Jane and Kev are a mid-thirties married couple with two young children. Jane is a good mother who clearly loves her kids but also feels increasingly stifled by the state of constant conflict life with small children entails, by the fact that she hasn't read a book in five years. Her husband Kev is supportive in his own way, but his job takes him away from home a lot, and when he returns from his latest business trip it's clear he has something weighing on his mind. He chooses a poor moment to get confessional. Jane has invited Kev's best friend Phil and his current girlfriend

Title: Man in the Bowler Hat, The
A terribly exciting affair

Author: Milne, A. A.

Publisher: Samuel French 1923

Description:

roy
comedy-marital relations
six characters
four male; two female
one act

interior.

"A terribly exciting little affair happens in the humdrum life of John and Mary, a tempest in a teapot, but while it lasts – well, it's high comedy, at least for the audience."

Title: Man's Castle, A

Author: Daggett, James L.

Jennings, John H.

Publisher: Samuel French

1939

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
one male; three female
one act

James Beacham was very happy – he not only loved his wife, but he loved the comfortable home she had made for him during the many years they had been married. Then, suddenly, one day his wife joined the Hands Around The World Club, where she learned that even the most ordinary, middle class home could be made exotic, interesting, artistic. We meet them when James feels he has endured these broadening efforts as long as he can. He is putting up a brave fight to get back his old-fashioned familiar home. What he does and how far he succeeds is the subject of the

Title: Master Pierre Patelin

A comedy in one act

Author: Stone, Merritt

Publisher: Samuel French

1939

Description:

roy
comedy – farce
five characters
four male; one female
one act

French medieval farce, written around 1460.

The story concerns itself with the lazy, likeable, and not too honest lawyer, Pierre, who attempts to live by his wits. Pierre persuades his friend Joceau, the draper, to sell him some cloth on credit. When Joceau tries to collect, Pierre pretends that he has been ill for weeks and feigns delirium. Joceau's shepherd has been killing his sheep and so Joceau takes the case to court. The Shepherd

Title: Maudits Anglais, Les

Author: Geddes, Gary

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press

1984

Description:

roy
comedy – French Canadian – political
five characters
three male; two female
one act

A political comedy about French-English relations in Canada. Set in Quebec, it concerns the fate of five Anglos in the wake of the Parti Quebecois victory, in five alternating plots. The play sends up many aspects of the quiet (and the not-so-quiet) revolution. Written in French.

Title: Medieval Murders, The
A murder a la carte mystery play

Author: Chiodo, Tom

Publisher: Samuel French 1996

Description:

roy
mystery – murder – historical – comedy
six characters
three male; three female
one act

"It's the perfect execution! Kill the rich and give to the poor! This version of 'King Arthur and the Knights of the Round Table' incorporates mystery and madness in a castle full of wenches, thieves, sorcerers, and knights to provide a bloody good time. Lords and ladies partake of an authentic medieval feast beside loony Lord George and his evil queen. All are celebrating the battle between White Knights and Black Knights. Have fun choosing sides in this ruthless and rousing comedy of errors, jousts, beheadings, pageantry, and pie-eating with a touch of fear."

Title: Meet The Countess

Author: Bowler, Jessie M.

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1931

Description:

roy
comedy – farce
all female cast; six characters
six female
one act

1 interior set.

A thoughtless maid confuses the arrival of a Countess with the arrival of the Countess's cook. A humorous mistake of identity.

Title: Miracle Mother

Author: Kimmett, Deborah

Publisher: Scirocco Drama

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
five characters
two male; three female
one act

What happens when a professional woman finds out she's pregnant and delivers a little girl only six months into her pregnancy? The reality of giving birth to a 1 lb., 15 ounce baby is the centre of Miracle Mother, a play about premature birth and neonatal care, but it is also a heartfelt and wickedly funny look at the entire birth experience, especially as reflected in the mother-daughter relationship.

Title: Missionary Position, The

Author: Hendry, Tom

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1972

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
four characters
two male; two female
one act

1 interior set.

Dinah, an unemployed black actress, must assert her femininity when she enters the closed male world of a young painter and his roommate.

Title: Mother's Day

Author: Priestley, J. B.

Publisher: Samuel French 1953

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
two male; three female
one act

1 interior set.

With the help of a neighbor, a woman stands up for herself in front of her family who have begun to take her for granted.

Title: Mr. Bell's Creation

Author: Richards, Stanley

Publisher: Samuel French 1948

Description:

roy
comedy
six characters
three male; three female
one act

1 interior set.

A young woman falls in love with a man with a magnificent telephone voice but whose physical being becomes a big disappointment for her.

Title: Mr. Twemlow Is Not Himself

Author: Johnson, Philip

Publisher: Samuel French 1947

Description:

roy
farce – comedy
six characters
two male; four female
one act

No description available.

Title: Neck-Breaking Car-Hop

Author: Lemoine, Stewart

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1988

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
five characters
two male, three female
one act

Annette Styx loves trees more than she loved her husband Dennis and probably more than she loves her kids Sharon and Doug. Her family's grim routine is irrevocably changed by the visit of an A&W employee with a penchant for manslaughter.

Title: Nellie McNabb

Author: Reynolds, Lois

Publisher: Samuel French 1937

Description:

roy
comedy – farce – Canadian
six characters
two male; four female
one act

1 interior set.

Three women write to an advice to the love-lorn column and follow the advice given.

Title: No Weeds for the Widow

Author: Johnson, Philip

Publisher: Samuel French 1954

Description:

roy
comedy
six characters
two male; four female
one act

'Romantic comedy. Penniless widow upsets her married daughter's scheme to place her as companion to an invalid.'

Title: Nobody Sleeps

Author: Le Pelley, Guernsey

Publisher: Samuel French 1941

Description:

roy
farce-family relations
five characters
one male; four female
one act

"Winner of numerous play competitions, this is a bright and breezy farce about a very calm family of very odd habits. Sixteen year old Daisy comes across Spike, a burglar, rifling through the contents of a desk. "You'll never find anything in that desk. We never can." Daisy would just as soon Spike take her sister's money. She's saving for a guitar and the whole family dreads the results. Then Ada suggests that mother ought to meet Spike as she's writing a mystery and wants to get to know a good burglar. But Mother is full of criticism: "Why aren't you wearing gloves?"

Title: Once A Pupil

Author: Bosworth, Raymond F.

Publisher: Samuel French 1938

Description:

roy
comedy - drama
four characters
three male; one female
one act

Once a pupil, always a pupil. Sarah Graham, at sixty-three, has seen pass through her eighth-grade schoolroom most of the inhabitants of the town in which she lives. One of these, Albert Mack, conspires with Louis Romano, the father of one of her current pupils, to kidnap Harold Stafford, the son of the local mill owner, and his young wife, both former pupils of Miss Graham. The plan misses fire, however, and instead of Harold and his wife they get Harold and Miss Graham...

Title: Open Window, The

Author: Munro, H. H.

Fuller, James

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1964

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters; extras
one male; three female
one act

1 interior set.

The fun begins when teenager Vera decides to take revenge on her aunt's visitor, Frampton Nutel. Seizing on the ordinary fact that a window has been left open, innocent-looking Vera spins a fantastic tale of tragedy and delusion. Frampton is so completely taken in that by the time the hostess appears, the quiet English afternoon is charged with an air of doom. Her commonplace

Title: Optimists, The

Author: Brebner, Morwyn

Publisher: Scirocco Drama

2005

Description:

roy
comedy – romance – relationships
four characters
two male; two female
one act

"A weekend in Vegas. The chance for hopes and dreams to come true provides the backdrop for Morwyn Brebner's humorous look at love. It's the night before the chapel wedding and the promise of "happily ever after". Old friends confront their regrets, lies, betrayals and disappointments. Will hope be the elusive wild card?"

Title: Our Time Of Life

Author: Davidson, Madeline

Wyman, Joel

Publisher: Samuel French

1961

Description:

roy
comedy
six characters
two male; four female
one act

2 interior sets.

Mrs. Gertner's grown children continuously ask her to subordinate her life to their needs. Mrs. Smith, her cynical, independent friend, urges her to try new horizons, but Mrs. Gertner is too timid. When Mrs. Gertner does manage a day for herself she joins Mrs. Smith for a boat ride around Manhattan – and meets an interesting, quotation-minded widower. Returning home, she

Title: Passing of an Actor, The

Author: Simms, Willard

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1968

Description:

roy
tragicomedy
four characters
three male; one female
one act

suggested for high school; open stage.

"An aging actor, forced into retirement after a lifetime on the stage, but knowing no other way to live, decides he will create for himself a life entirely of his own choosing. He takes up residence in a rundown, abandoned theatre, and hires other performers to come and act with him in a drama based on Rostand's immortal "Cyrano de Bergerac," in which he, of course, is Cyrano."

Title: Pause

Author: Moher, Frank

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1975

Description:

roy
comedy – Albertan
four characters; two voices
three male; one female
one act

1 exterior set.

Crootoo and Kurdell are delivering a carpet to a mountain top in Banff National Park. The customer, apparently, is God, and the end of the world is near.

Winner, Alberta Culture Playwriting Competition.

Title: Pessimist, The

Author: Brebner, Morwyn

Publisher: Scirocco Drama 2007

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy
five characters
three male; two female
one act

Marcus, a dying theatre director, his wife, a playwright, a wannabe actress, and a neophyte politician join forces to stage a play in the garbage dump of a small Ontario town. Their rented farmhouse becomes a refuge from reality where romance, sex, camaraderie, and conversation attempt to stave off the inevitable. A philosophical romantic comedy, "The Pessimist" asks us to consider how we keep living, when life as we know it is ending. "The Pessimist" is a companion piece to Brebner's "The Optimists", which was a finalist for the Governor General's Literary Award

Title: Poodle with Guitar and Dark Glasses

Author: Adams, Liz Duffy

Publisher: Playscripts, Inc. 2005

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
two male; three female (flexible casting)
one act

Four late nights, five lost souls, one poodle gone Elvis. Above an after-hours club in an urban art slum, a painter loses control of her brush, a romance writer loses control of her heroine, an ESL teacher loses control of the to-be verb, a neighborhood activist turns into a migratory sea bird -- and a photographer called Jerry is not what he seems. A dark rhapsodic comedy about the perils of living by formula.

Title: Poor Aubrey

A domestic comedy in one act

Author: Kelly, George

Publisher: Samuel French 1952

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
one male; three female
one act

1 interior set.

When Amy Piper receives a visit from an old girl friend her husband, Aubrey, tries desperately to impress the visitor. This is his usual way. He is flattered by her compliments on his masculine beauty, but not until she has gone does he realize that he has lost his toupee in the course of the conversation. He tells impressive tales of his wealth, his home, his car - only to have his

Title: Princess O'Toole

Author: Bray, James L.

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1963

Description:

roy
comedy
all female cast; five characters
five female
one act

1 interior set.

Misunderstandings arise when a provincial matron hires a maid named princess to help entertain visiting European nobility, one being a real princess.

Title: Queens of France

Author: Wilder, Thornton

Publisher: Samuel French 1931

Description:

roy
comedy – satire
six characters; extras
one male; three female
one act

1 interior set.

Set in New Orleans in 1869. Monsieur Cahusac, a greedy lawyer, carries on under the cover of his profession a clever hoax in which he extorts money from credulous women by convincing them they are the rightful heirs to the throne of France through relationship to the lost Dauphin.

Title: Question of Sex, A

Author: Bennett, Arnold

Publisher: Baker International 1930

Description:

roy
farce
four characters
two male; two female
one act

No abstract available.

Title: Reasonable Circulation

A play in one act

Author: Barry, P. J.

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1989

Description:

roy
comedy – business
five characters
two male; three female
one act

"This clever and very funny short play follows the fortunes of a group of office workers as they deal with the problems, both professional and personal, which arise during a typical workday. The main qualities which they have in common are utter boredom with their jobs (and contempt for their boss) and a desire to "beat the system" whenever possible—which leads to an exceptionally perceptive and amusing examination of the inevitable disparity between what they want and what they actually have."

Title: Red Peppers
An interlude with music

Author: Coward, Noel

Publisher: Samuel French 1965

Description:

roy
comedy – theatre
six characters
four male; two female
one act

1 interior set; includes music.

Doing a song and dance act in a vaudeville theatre are George Pepper and his wife, Lily. They also have a genius for picking quarrels and insulting co-workers. When the house musical director, Bert, comes to the dressing room to bum a cigarette and a beer, they chide him for accompanying them in the wrong tempo, call him a drunk, and oust him. Mr. Edwards, house

Title: Reduced for Quick Sale

Author: Brown, Kent

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1989

Description:

roy
comedy – domestic relations – family relations – marital relations
four characters
one male; three female
one act

"After three years of marriage, Kathy, with help from her mother and sister, is preparing for a garage sale in view of her imminent divorce. Under the tension and exhaustion of the impending sale the three women examine the details of their respective (failed) marriages. Into this highly charged situation steps Jim, Kathy's errant husband ostensibly to pick up some things, but in actuality to attempt a reconciliation. This is a very witty play that poignantly underlines the pain of failed relationships."

Title: Relatively Harmless

Author: Munday, Jenny

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 2006

Description:

roy
Canadian – dark comedy – life – death – family relations
four characters
two male; two female
twenty-eight scenes (quite long for a one act)

"A darkly funny, touching play about life, death, and the way in which a father's stroke paralyzes an entire family. The writing unfolds in a variety of tones and styles, including slapstick comedy, documentary realism, and surreal plunges into a kind of schizophrenic viewpoint, giving the audience a multifaceted look at a single crisis."

Title: Riders of the Apocalypse

The reunion tour

Author: Belke, David

Publisher: Playwrights Guild of Canada 1997

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy – adventure – good and evil – death
six character; extra
three male; three female
one act

"When Death suddenly retires, it panics her former riding companions Famine, Pestilence and War. As the world dizzily spins out of control, somebody has to convince Death to return. Or at least find out why she quit in the first place. Is this any way to run an Apocalypse?"

Title: Rise and Shine

Author: Cadogan, Elda

Publisher: Durham House 1974

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
two male; two female
one act

1 exterior set.

'Takes place in a cemetery. Young man and woman who died 100 years previously find themselves left behind on "The Judgement". They strike up a close friendship, not realizing the truth about their relationship. Good fun – ideal for church groups.'

Title: Roman Kid, The

Author: Gallico, Paul

Sergel, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1952

Description:

roy
comedy
six characters
four male; two female
one act

1 set.

Adapted by Christopher Sergel from the short story by Paul Gallico. Description not available.

Title: Rose Cottages

Author: Bozzone, Bill

Publisher: Samuel French 1985

Description:

roy
drama – comedy
six characters
four male; two female
one act

"Rose, an old Black man who is as dilapidated as his tourist-trap Florida cottages, is facing closure for health and safety violations when a punk kid skateboards in and a woman is dumped off by her son at the insistence of his floozy bride. The kid has no place to go and becomes a surrogate son who helps Rose fix up the place. The old lady has amnesia and thinks Rose is her husband and the kid is their son."

Title: Scratch

Author: Corbeil-Coleman, Charlotte

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 2009

Description:

roy
comedy – death – family relations
six characters
two male; four female
one act

Being a teenager is hard enough, but add to the mix a persistent case of head-lice, raging hormones, and a terminally ill mother, and it becomes impossible. When fifteen-year-old Anna is told that her mother is dying of cancer, she responds in the only way she knows how—by ignoring the issue. Friends and family are unable to understand her reaction and Anna is increasingly frustrated by their attempts to help her, escalated of course by her persistent itching. Told by Anna with assistance from her best friend, Father, Aunt, and her dying mother, Scratch is

Title: See Rock City

A sequel to Last Train to Nibroc

Author: Hutton, Arlene

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 2006

Description:

roy
dramatic comedy – romance
four characters
one male; three female
one act

suggested for high school.

Picking up a year after the ending of Last Train to Nibroc, this tender and funny sequel follows May and Raleigh through the end of World War II and introduces the characters of their two mothers-in-law. A medical condition keeps Raleigh from military service, and he is forced to sit idly on the porch, watching the cars drive by, as May supports them both as a high-school

Title: Seen Any Good Movies Lately?

Author: MacKillop, Larry

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1993

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy
four characters
three male; three female
one act

"A bad playwright hoping to diffuse the issue of fatherhood with his estranged son, stages an evening with him at his grandfather's farm, only to discover fatherhood is the issue."

Title: Sistahs

Author: Lewis, Sharon

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1994

Description:

roy
comedy; drama – women
all female cast; five characters
five female
one act

' . . . brings together five powerful women for the communal preparation of a meal, but the situation in this home is a charged one. . . The coming together of the five characters parallels the creation of the soup that is the focus of the meeting. Seasoned by various viewpoints, backgrounds, and memories, the result is a flavorful, tantalizing, and filling meal.'

Title: Sister Mary Ignatius Explains It All For You

Author: Durang, Christopher

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1980

Description:

roy
satire
six characters
three male; three female
one act

Sister Mary Ignatius, a teaching nun who is much concerned with sin in all of its various forms, delivers a cautionary lecture to her charges. When several of her former students turn up the picture darkens, along with Sister Mary's indignation. One of them is the happy mother of an illegitimate child; another a contented homosexual; still another has had two abortions – the first after having been raped on the night of her mother's death; while another student, now an alcoholic, contemplates suicide. This biting irreverent and uproariously funny satire aims its

Title: Some Women Were Talking

A farce in one act

Author: Kirkpatrick, John

Publisher: Samuel French

1942

Description:

roy
farce
six characters
one male; five female
one act

No description available.

Title: Somewhere in Between

Author: Pospisil, Craig

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1996

Description:

roy
romantic comedy
six characters
three male; three female (flexible casting)
twelve scenes

suggested for high school.

The play begins in the dark, as Jasper confesses his feelings of isolation to the audience. At work, a sleazy coworker gives him farcical advice on how to pick up women, and that night Jasper goes to a bookstore and tries to pick up a pretty clerk, Holly. He strikes out badly. Jasper crosses paths with Holly again at a party and gamely starts a conversation, hoping she won't recognize him, but

Title: Speaking to Father

Author: Ade, George

Publisher: Samuel French

1923

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
three male; two female
one act

1 interior set.

Description not available.

Title: Stargazing

Author: Cone, Tom

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1978

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
four characters
two male; two female
one act

1 exterior set.

Two couples search the Vancouver sky for falling stars. Cross-purposed and star-crossed, conversation flows until the morning brings calm and silence.

Title: Stepmother, The

Author: Bennett, Arnold

Publisher: LeRoy Phillips 1924

Description:

roy
farce
four characters
two male; two female
one act

1 interior set.

Description not available.

Title: Sunday Costs Five Pesos

Author: Niggli, Josephina

Publisher: Samuel French 1937

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
one male; four female
one act

1 exterior set.

A comedy of Mexican village life. A young girl, through jealousy, breaks off with her fiance then, repentant, tries to win him back with the aid of well meaning friends who only manage to involve her in further difficulties.

Title: Sunny Morning, A

Author: Quintero, Serafin Alvarez

Quintero, Joaquin Alvarez

Publisher: Samuel French

1914

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
two male; two female
one act

1 exterior set.

Translated by Lucretia Xavier Floyd. This play is a favorite with amateurs since it requires the simplest sets and no accessories. It has to do with an aged couple who years before had been in love. A delightful mixture of sentiment and wit.

Title: Sure Of A Fourth

Author: Farquharson, Rica McLean

Publisher: Samuel French

1935

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
six characters
one male; five female
one act

1 interior set.

"A satirical comedy". At a bridge game four middle-aged women try to impress each other with their popularity with men. Each refuses to admit that she prefers the companionship of women.

Title: Take Five

Author: Pederson, Westley M.

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company

1983

Description:

roy
comedy – theatre – high school
six characters
four male; two female
one act

1 interior set.

Imagine you are an actor on opening night trying to perform on a set that isn't completed. Then one actor doesn't show up, a man from the audience uses your stage phone to argue with his wife, the props either don't work or are missing, the lighting and sound cues are off and two silly, incompetent stagehands. That's only the beginning of this award-winning show which actually

Title: Take to the Trees

Author: Williams, Norman

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1972

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
four characters
three male; one female
one act

1 interior set.

Mr. Midge is literally up a tree. He has discovered that the first birds developed from reptiles. Why, then, shouldn't man be able to fly? His son heads a movement advocating "drop the bomb now," and Mrs. Midge worries about her inability to understand Rousseau. This eccentric ménage is finally united and the problems solved.

Title: That Face

Author: Stenham, Polly

Publisher: Faber and Faber 2007

Description:

roy
dark comedy
six characters
two male; four female
one act

Mia is at boarding school. She has access to drugs. They are Martha's. Henry is preparing for art college. He has access to alcohol. From Martha. Martha controls their lives. Martha is their mother.

2007 TMA Award for Best New Play
2007 Charles Wintour Award – Most Promising Playwright

Title: Thirteen At Table

Author: Campion, Rose

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1940

Description:

roy
comedy – women
all female cast; five characters
five female
one act

Adapted from "Un Dîner Qui Commence Mal" by Marcel Dubois. No longer in print.

Title: This Day

Author: Penman, Steve

Publisher: Steve Penman 2006

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
five male or female
one act

1 simple set.

A short fast-paced play in which the central character struggles to find out where he/she is and what is going on. There is a great deal of unhelpful "help" from other characters.

Title: Three on a Bench

Author: Estrada, Doris

Publisher: Samuel French 1953

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
two male; two female
one act

1 exterior set.

An appealing slant on an "in-the-park" situation. Mrs. Moore, a lonely widow, amuses herself by observing couples that come into the park and by helping them. Yes, one can see many things in a park in the spring. Officer Callahan has had a "marrying' eye" on Mrs. Moore for some time and says: "It's amazing' the way that woman can figure out human nature".

Title: Thursday Continued

Author: MacKillop, Larry

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press

Description:

roy
Canadian – comedy
four characters
three male; one female
one act

"A brain damaged man's journey through the stations of a light rail transit system parallels Christ's last journey, but with a different ending."

Title: Thursdays at Home

Author: Barry, Mae Howley

Publisher: Heuer Publishing Company 1986

Description:

roy
farce
all female cast; six characters
six female
one act

1 interior set.

Description not available.

Title: Tight Spot

An improper comedy

Author: Tiller, Ted

Publisher: Samuel French 1977

Description:

roy
comedy
six characters
three male; three female
three acts

Anyone nutty enough to buy an old lighthouse for a summer home is looking for trouble. It comes on the double to a novelist, her estranged TV film star husband and the latest gleam in his roving eye when this unsociable triangle, along with the novelist's globetrotting journalist mother, a baffled editor and a grocery boy find themselves trapped on the top floor during the off season. Suspense spirals and comedy crackles during three days of confinement.

Title: Today's the Big Day

Author: Grissmer, John

Publisher: Samuel French 1964

Description:

roy
comedy
six characters
five male; one female
one act

1 interior set.

Pete and Joe are sitting in a bar in New York. Pete is restless. It is a rare visit to the big city for him and he hopes that Joe, a famous author, will show him some excitement. Joe is content to sit at the bar sipping beer. He tells Pete of a game he knows which will not require them to stir from their bar stools. Joe introduces Pete to "the game" which in turn leads to a fight, a shooting, and a

Title: Trespassers, The

Author: Panych, Morris

Publisher: Talonbooks 2010

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
three male; two female
one act

Fifteen-year-old Lowell is no average teenager, and his grandfather Hardy, no conventional role model. Whether urging the boy to pilfer peaches from an orchard, arranging for his sexual initiation, or teaching him the importance of gambling, Hardy is the despair of Lowell's born-again mother, Cash. But how far into forbidden territory has Lowell actually ventured? When Inspector Milton shows up to investigate a mysterious murder, Lowell's skill at shaping the truth to protect himself and those he cares about are put to the ultimate test: shall he plea bargain, or

Title: Trouble in the Cellar

Author: Eldridge, Muriel Eldridge, Richard

Publisher: Samuel French 1939

Description:

roy
drama – pantomime – farce
six characters
four male, two female
one act

"An absurdly farcical pantomime of home life and doughty courage. The hero is a handsome but bashful plumber who is in love with a fair maiden, daughter of a railroad engineer. Her parents have in the past somewhat frowned upon the lover's attentions, but are entirely won over when he proves to be a hero by successfully battling with a burglar who has held up the father."

Title: Two Fools Who Gained a Measure of Wisdom

Author: Kelly, Tim

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1968

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
one male; three female
one act

1 interior set.

Based on Anton Chekhov's short story "Nothing to Choose Between Them". A clever and engaging short comedy which deals with a timeless situation: a young husband's fear that his eccentric relatives will embarrass him in front of his bride.

Title: Two Loose Screws

Author: Castleman, B. J.

Publisher: Hot Potato Press 1995

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
two male; two female
one act

Description not available.

Title: Well-Digger's Daughter, The; or, She Found Herself in Deep Water

Author: Cope, Eddie Williams, Carl L.

Publisher: Big Dog Publishing 2006

Description:

roy
comedy
six characters
three male; three female
one act

Caution: The humor in this play may be a bit dry. Set in Tarantula, TX at the turn of the century, a humble well-digger, hardrock Flint, and his soon-to-be son-in-law, Gus, have set out to strike it rich by digging wells, but all they've found so far is a lot of dirt. Meanwhile, the exceptionally evil Sly Snookerall has hatched a heartless scheme to steal the well-digger's homestead, send him to the poorhouse, and then marry his beautiful daughter, Dolly. Hardrock better find a way to dig himself out of this one, ore he's going to end up at the Last Roundup Retirement Home!

Title: Werewolf?

Author: Gleason, William K.

Publisher: Dramatic Publishing Company 1972

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
two male; two female
one act

1 interior set.

Harold, unfortunately, is not really a werewolf – he's a loser. He's been such a loser all his life that it's finally driving him quite mad. His escape is the delusion that he has turned into a werewolf. The major problem is that even as a werewolf he's a failure. He can't scare anybody. As Harold relates his story to a long-suffering psychoanalyst, the audience sees that what he tells the doctor

Title: What Shall We Tell Caroline?

Author: Mortimer, John

Publisher: Samuel French

1958

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
two male; two female
one act

1 interior set.

On Caroline's 18th birthday her parents realize they must tell her something: but what? They themselves know very little about life. Father is the headmaster of a small boys' school who treats mother like a good chap. Mother for her part responds good-naturedly to the harmless advances of the assistant headmaster, who is himself well over the hill. Caroline is a strange and silent girl,

Title: When Men Reduce as Women Do

A comedy for an all male cast in one act

Author: Kicks, Otto

Publisher: Samuel French

Description:

roy
comedy – spoof
all male cast; five characters
five male
one act

"Just imagine what happens when men gather and talk like women about their efforts to lose weight. Cecil is engaged to Natalie who abhors stout men, so she insists on placing Cecil on a rigid diet. After several months of this he resembles a bean pole. Before the wedding is to take place Cecil invites "a few of the boys" to his house for the evening, and when they assemble and start discussing their reducing in the manner of women it results in a riot of laughter!"

Title: When Shakespeare's Ladies Meet (with apologies to the Bard)

Comedy for the fair sex in one act

Author: George, Charles

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1969

Description:

roy
comedy
all female cast; six characters
six female
one act
suggested for high school

Imagine the fun when six of Shakespeare's heroines get together to discuss the universal topic – love. Juliet has just fallen in love with Romeo and the other ladies of the Bard's imagination convene to enlighten her on the best method of conducting a romance.

Title: Who Put The Blood On My Long-Stemmed Rose?

Author: Mitchell, Mary

Publisher: Playwrights Canada Press 1983

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
five characters
three male; one female
one act

No description available.

Title: Whole in One

Author: McLaughlin, Paul

Publisher: Playwrights Guild of Canada 2003

Description:

roy
comedy
four characters
three male; one female
one act

running time : 90 minutes

'A comedy about marriage, golf and lightning. Michael has an obsession – get a hole in one. Sharon, his wife, wants him to give up golf and focus on her. So she gives him a challenge – get an ace within a certain number of shots or give up golf forever.'

Title: Whose Wedding is it Anyway?

Author: Bower, Margaret

Publisher: Samuel French 1992

Description:

roy
comedy – weddings – family relations
all female cast; five characters
five female
one act

Myra and Mavis, middle-aged and snobby, have returned home for their mother's second marriage to, they believe, a humble waiter. Totally disapproving, they try to sweep the wedding under the carpet by insisting on a very quiet registry office ceremony and lunch at a discreet hotel. Mother will have none of this and makes her own arrangements, abetted by her down-to-earth charlady. The daughters are horrified at the turn of events, not least by finding out Ricardo's true worth, and Mother has the last laugh.

Title: Why I Am A Bachelor

New version

Author: Seiler, Conrad

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc. 1974

Description:

roy
farce – bachelorhood
six characters
two male; four female
one act

"A popular lecturer appears before the curtain and explains in a few words why he is a bachelor. His talk is illustrated in a number of scenes by various persons who act out, in detail, those amusing and perplexing scenes in married life which are supposed to prove that the latter is not all it is cracked up to be."

Title: Wonder Hat, The

Author: Goodman, Kenneth Sawyer Hecht, Ben

Publisher: Stage Guild 1925

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
three male; two female
one act

1 exterior set.

A Harlequinade in one act.

Title: Wurzel-Flummery

Author: Milne, A. A.

Publisher: Samuel French 1922

Description:

roy
comedy
five characters
three male; two female
one act

1 interior set.

'Up and coming politician is bequeathed huge amount of money providing he adopt the surname of "Wurzel-Flummery". Inspired nonsense.'

Title: Yes Means No

Author: Rogers, Howard Emmett

Leary, Helen

Publisher: Dramatists Play Service Inc.

1964

Description:

roy
farce
five characters
three male; two female
one act

suggested for high school.

Young Teddy Lawson is in bad with his father. He tells Dad he wants to marry Edith and needs cash for honeymoon expenses. Dad hits the ceiling, claiming that Teddy, who works for him, has no backbone, having never learned to say "No" to customers wanting easy credit. Father agrees, however, to give Teddy \$100 every time he says "No" during lunch hour. Teddy overreaches

Title: Zanorin

Author: Brickenden, Catharine

Publisher: Samuel French

1948

Description:

roy
comedy – Canadian
five characters
two male; three female
one act

1 exterior set.

Aunt Betsey Barony, an invalid spinster has two visitors, her great-niece Liz, and Liz's father Henry Barony, who having been cheated of a musical career himself, is determined to gratify his ambition by pushing Liz toward stardom as a concert singer. In her employ, Aunt Bets has had for many years a gardener, Dan Loomy and his wife the housekeeper who are opposed to all change,