

supplemented occasionally by records from Genest, Hogan, MacMillan, Burney. The financial notes have come from the Winston Theatrical Record.

August 1761

THE FAIR BRIDE; or, The Unexpected Event. *Cast not listed.* "Containing many surprising occurrences at sea, which could not possibly happen at land." Monday 31
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Also THE BRITISH TAR'S TRIUMPH OVER M SOUP-MAIGRE. *Cast:* The performance will be highly enlivened with several entertaining Scenes between England, France, Ireland, and Scotland, in the diverting personages of Ben Bowling, an English Sailor; M Soup-Maigre, a French Captain; O'Flannaghan, an Irish officer; M'Pherson, a Scotch officer. Through which the manners of each nation will be characteristically and humourously depicted. In which will be introduced as singular and curious a procession as was ever exhibited in this nation. The Objects that compose the Pageantry are both Exotic and British. The Principal figure is the glory and delight of Old England, and the envy of our enemies. The whole to conclude with a Loyal song on the approaching marriage of our great and glorious Sovereign, King George, and the Princess Charlotte of Mecklenberg. An extraordinary band of music is provided: drums, hautboys, violins, French horns, violincellos, bassoons, clarinets, &c.

ENTERTAINMENTS of singing and dancing.

COMMENT. To begin each Day (for the short time of the Fair) at One o'clock, and end at Eleven. At Yates's Great Theatrical Concert Hall, in the Greyhound Inn, West Smithfield. Performed by a company of Comedians from both Theatres. Prices for this droll: Boxes 2s. 6d. Pit 1s. 6d. First Gallery 1s. Upper Gallery 6d. There is a commodious way to the Boxes and Pit at the upper end of Cow Lane (*Public Advertiser*). [This may be an advance notice. It appears again on Th., F., S., and Mon. (Sept. 3, 4, 5, 7).]

September 1761

CURE OF THE SPLEEN; or, Shuter's Warehouse. *Cast not listed.* "For the certain cure of the Spleen; Essence of Comicality prepared by Dr Shuter. There is no question but laughing will cure the most inveterate dulness: the ancients affirmed it, and the Cures Dr. Shuter has lately performed in Ireland experience this truth. For the benefit of his own countrymen he once more has opened his *Warehouse* in the *George Inn Yard, West Smithfield*, where his friends may find a safe, easy and pleasant operation. For, as splenetic persons are apt to have bad distempers, and be miserably low-spirited at times, he, at once removes all obstructions, restores the muscles of the face to their usual tone of risibility, and gradually clears the countenance. The afflicted may depend on these effects. It is to be had as above, with printed directions, at the following prices, viz.: 2s. 6d.; 2s.; 18d.; 1s.; and 6d." Tuesday 1
BF [This may be an advance notice. It is repeated on W., Th., F., S., and M., 2, 3, 4, 5, 7 Sept. in the *Public Advertiser*. The format parodies the advertisement, appearing frequently before, "For the certain Cure of the Scurvy, Essence of Water Dock, Prepared by the Directions of Dr Hill. There is no question but this plant will cure the most inveterate Scurvy. The ancients will affirm it . . . It not only cures the skin of eruptions, but mends the whole constitution . . . The Afflicted may depend on these effects."]