

# ENGAGEMENT CONTRACT.

# Rusco & Holland's Attractions

**This Agreement,** Made and entered into this 2nd day of June 1903  
by and between RUSCO & HOLLAND, of the City of Chicago, County of Cook and State of Illinois, and  
Wm Pottle wife and daughter party of the second part:

WITNESSETH, That the said party of the second part, in consideration of the payment to be made by the party of the first part at the times and in the manner hereinafter specified, hath engaged and does hereby engage and bind themselves unto the said party of the first part, to perform and act for said party of the first part at such places and theatres in the United States of America and Canada, as said party of the first part may require for the season of 1903-1904 commencing Aug 15 at Benton Harbor Mich hereby relinquishing all claim to compensation or salary if said service shall not be rendered by said party of the second part.

And it is further contracted and agreed by and between said parties to this instrument that in case the services so rendered by the said party of the second part shall not, in the estimation of said party of the first part, be satisfactorily rendered, it shall then be lawful for the said party of the first part to release himself from the terms of this instrument, after first, however, giving said party of the second part Four (4) week's notice of the same.

It is further contracted and agreed by and between the parties to this instrument when wishing to terminate this agreement that two weeks' notice can be given by either party without assigning cause.

And it is further contracted and agreed by and between several parties to this instrument that the services of said Wm Pottle wife and daughter shall be at the disposal of party of the first part from commencement to finish of performance, and to conduct themselves as ladies and gentlemen both on and off the stage; to dress all characters as required, and to render satisfactory service in all business that may, by the management of the said RUSCO & HOLLAND be required of Wm Pottle wife and daughter

during said term, to the best of their skill and ability at rehearsals, and every week-day night, and at matinees, and on holidays, and at all performances customary with the theatre at which the said company is playing, and to receive no extra salary for Sunday performances, when given, unless the management of said RUSCO & HOLLAND'S COMPANY shall otherwise determine. And it is understood that said Wm Pottle wife and daughter shall not perform at any other theatre or for any other company until this engagement is fulfilled, unless by permission of said party of first part,

It is further contracted and agreed that the said Wm Pottle wife and daughter hereby agrees not to exact or receive or charge the party of the first part any sum of money, or demand any damages, or compensation, for any accident or misfortune of any nature, whatsoever, that may befall said Wm Pottle wife and daughter while in the employ of said RUSCO & HOLLAND.

It is further contracted, agreed and fully understood, by the several parties to this instrument, that drunkenness, insubordination, or failure to comply with the rules and regulations of Company by said Wm Pottle wife and daughter will be, if so determined, sufficient cause for instant dismissal.

And it is further contracted and agreed by and between the parties to this instrument that in the event of any delay in traveling or inability to fill a date or dates so as to prevent a performance by said RUSCO & HOLLAND, then that for such time so occupied in such traveling or delay, said party of the second part hereby agrees not to exact, or receive, or charge the party of the first part any sum of money, or demand any compensation which they would otherwise have received if a performance had taken place during said period.

And it is further contracted and agreed by and between the parties to this instrument that the term "season" as used herein, shall mean the time fixed by said party of the first part for the commencement and end of the performances to be given by RUSCO & HOLLAND. And it is further agreed that said party of the first part shall have the lawful right to determine when the season shall begin and terminate: and in order to close the season the said party of the first part shall, two weeks in advance of such termination, notify the party of the second part of his intention to end and close the season, and that such notice, after the expiration of said two weeks, shall have the effect of dissolving this contract, and freeing all the parties thereto from the obligations thereof.

It is hereby mutually agreed that should the party of the second part Wm Pottle wife and daughter sustain any injury of any nature whatever during the performance (such as stage scenery, traps, mechanical apparatus, falls, etc.) or in fact sustain any injury whatever from any source, the party of the second part or heirs shall not claim damages of any nature, as the salary received is full recompense for all risks and work.

Said RUSCO & HOLLAND is to pay said Wm Pottle wife and daughter for said satisfactory services for each and every week, when the same shall have been satisfactorily rendered as above mentioned, the sum of One hundred dollars (\$100.00) and railroad fares, from the commencement to the closing of this agreement, always reserving to himself the right to withhold the amount of fines or forfeits to be imposed or made in consequence of infringement of the rules and regulations of the establishment, now in force, or which may hereafter be made.

It is further understood by the parties to this contract, that if RUSCO & HOLLAND elect not to give entertainments during week commencing Dec 13 and March 27 and ending Dec 19 and April 3 then party of the second part shall not receive or exact salary or expense money for said week.

However, should the party of the first part play above weeks, the party of the second part shall accept a half week's salary for same  
And it is further agreed that RUSCO & HOLLAND shall hold back one week's salary until the termination of this agreement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, The said several parties to this instrument have hereunto set their hands and seals the 2nd day of June 1903

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of Rusco & Holland  
Wm. Pottle Jr

It is further agreed that Rusco and Holland are to pay Wm Pottle full salary whether Company works or not also to pay sleeping car fare for Wm Pottle



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## This Agreement

WITNESSETH That the said party of the first part, in consideration of the payment to be made by the party of the second part at the time and in the manner hereinafter specified, have engaged and do hereby engage and bind themselves into the said party of the first part, to perform and act for said party of the first part at such place and times and in such manner as shall be directed by the party of the first part for the season of 1903 commencing on the 1st day of June and ending on the 31st day of May 1904.

It is further covenanted and agreed by and between the parties to this instrument when and where the same shall be made, that the party of the second part shall not be entitled to the services of the party of the first part for the season of 1903 unless the party of the second part shall have paid to the party of the first part the sum of \$1000.00 in advance of the season of 1903, and the party of the second part shall not be entitled to the services of the party of the first part for the season of 1904 unless the party of the second part shall have paid to the party of the first part the sum of \$1000.00 in advance of the season of 1904.

It is further covenanted and agreed by and between the parties to this instrument that the party of the second part shall not be entitled to the services of the party of the first part for the season of 1903 unless the party of the second part shall have paid to the party of the first part the sum of \$1000.00 in advance of the season of 1903, and the party of the second part shall not be entitled to the services of the party of the first part for the season of 1904 unless the party of the second part shall have paid to the party of the first part the sum of \$1000.00 in advance of the season of 1904.

It is further covenanted and agreed by and between the parties to this instrument that the party of the second part shall not be entitled to the services of the party of the first part for the season of 1903 unless the party of the second part shall have paid to the party of the first part the sum of \$1000.00 in advance of the season of 1903, and the party of the second part shall not be entitled to the services of the party of the first part for the season of 1904 unless the party of the second part shall have paid to the party of the first part the sum of \$1000.00 in advance of the season of 1904.

It is further covenanted and agreed by and between the parties to this instrument that the party of the second part shall not be entitled to the services of the party of the first part for the season of 1903 unless the party of the second part shall have paid to the party of the first part the sum of \$1000.00 in advance of the season of 1903, and the party of the second part shall not be entitled to the services of the party of the first part for the season of 1904 unless the party of the second part shall have paid to the party of the first part the sum of \$1000.00 in advance of the season of 1904.

It is further covenanted and agreed by and between the parties to this instrument that the party of the second part shall not be entitled to the services of the party of the first part for the season of 1903 unless the party of the second part shall have paid to the party of the first part the sum of \$1000.00 in advance of the season of 1903, and the party of the second part shall not be entitled to the services of the party of the first part for the season of 1904 unless the party of the second part shall have paid to the party of the first part the sum of \$1000.00 in advance of the season of 1904.

Rusco and Holland  
June 1st 1903 - 4



THIS AGREEMENT made this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1901 by  
and between Broadhurst & Currie, parties of the first, and  
William Pottle, Jr. party of the second part:

WITNESSETH, that the said parties of the first part hereby  
engage said party of the second part to render such services as may  
be required of him as Agent for the  
season of 1901-1902 commencing on or about  
subject to the conditions herein contained.

And said party of the second part hereby agrees to abide  
by all the usual rules and regulations adopted by the parties of the  
first part, for the good conduct, business or otherwise, of the  
company to which said second party may be assigned, and to perform  
all the usual duties of Agent  
to the satisfaction of Broadhurst & Currie.

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the faithful performance of the  
foregoing agreements by said party of the second part the parties of  
the first part hereby agree to pay to said second party, as salary,  
the sum of Forty Dollars per week during the life  
of this agreement.

And pay all railroad and steamboat fares (but not parlor  
car nor sleeping car fare, nor carriage hire of any kind) when said  
second party may be required to appear outside of New York and  
Brooklyn.

AND IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

That the word "season" as used herein shall mean such time after  
the commencement hereof as Broadhurst & Currie may deem it advisable  
to play the company for which said second party is engaged.

That no salary shall be demanded nor paid for time lost  
by second party in travelling.

That Broadhurst & Currie may "lay off" the second party  
hereto at any time during the season for not more than two successive  
weeks at any time and shall not be required to pay any salary for  
the period or periods said second party may be "laid off."

That in case the said Broadhurst & Currie decide to play the week  
before Christmas or Holy week or any part thereof the party of the  
second party hereby agrees to a reduction of ~~Twenty~~ Fifty-Percent  
(50%) in salary for the time he may be required to work.

This contract may be cancelled by either party upon giving  
two weeks notice. Said notice may be in writing and left at or mailed  
to the last known address of the party to whom said notice may be  
given.

IN WITNESS whereof we hereto set our hands and seals the  
day and year first above written.

Broadhurst & Currie (Seal.)

Wm. Pottle Jr (Seal.)



THIS AGREEMENT made this 24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1901 by and between Broadhurst & Currie, parties of the first, and William Gottle, party of the second part:

WITNESSETH, that the said parties of the first part hereby engage said party of the second part to render such services as may be required of him as agent for the season of 1901-1902 commencing on or about subject to the conditions herein contained. And said party of the second part hereby agrees to abide by all the usual rules and regulations adopted by the parties of the first part, for the good conduct, business or otherwise, of the company to which said second party may be assigned, and to perform all the usual duties of agent to the satisfaction of Broadhurst & Currie.

FOR AND IN CONSIDERATION of the faithful performance of the foregoing agreements by said party of the second part the parties of the first part hereby agree to pay to said second party, as salary, the sum of thirty Dollars per week during the life of this agreement.

And pay all travelling expenses (but not porter or nor sleeping car fares) of any kind) when said second party may be required to travel out of New York and Brooklyn.

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Broadhurst and  
Currie

AND IT IS MUTUALLY UNDERSTOOD AND AGREED AS FOLLOWS:  
That the word "season" as used herein shall mean such time after the commencement hereof as Broadhurst & Currie may deem it advisable to play the company for which said second party is engaged. That no salary shall be demanded nor paid for time lost by second party in travelling. That Broadhurst & Currie may "lay off" the second party before Christmas or Holy week or any part thereof the party of the second part hereby agrees to a reduction of fifty percent (50%) in salary for the time he may be required to work.

This contract may be cancelled by either party upon giving two weeks notice. Said notice may be in writing and left at or mailed to the last known address of the party to whom said notice may be given.

IN WITNESS whereof we hereto set our hands and seals the day and year first above written.

Broadhurst & Currie (Seal.)  
Wm. Gottle (Seal.)



 Parsifal

In  
English

Direction  
Martin & Emery

722-724 Unity Building

Chicago, Ill.,

June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1908

Mr Wm Fottle  
Chicago Ill  
Dear Sir:

Based on the  
Legends of the  
Holy Grail  
related by  
Wolfram von Eschenbach  
and used by  
Richard Wagner  
in his Grand Opera  
Parsifal

Relative to your engagement  
for Parsifal next season, you may  
consider the matter closed. Salary  
to be \$50.00 per week. According  
to our verbal understanding.  
The rules and conditions will  
be the same as governed the  
organization last season.

Yours truly  
Martin & Emery,  
By S. M.



relatives

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