

CAN NOT ALL BE EXPERT ALL ROUND

The McRaes are doing their rehearsing this week at the Outrigger grounds, they are getting ready for the water stunts on the afternoon of June 10. The McRaes have also been robbing the club; they have kidnaped one of the younger members into their company and nightly now Watson Ballentyne draws a sword instead of a paddle and charges the foe with wonderful words of valor. McRae can with perfect propriety, perhaps, as a manager, stand in the wings and tell Watson not to handle his sword like an amateur, but at the beach Watson can stand on the sand and tell McRae not to handle his paddle like a malihini.

The first night of "When Knighthood Was in Flower," Watson was decidedly nervous—but then so was McRae yesterday afternoon in a canoe—Watson flourished his sword and charged the enemy, the blade of the sword flew from the socket and landed on a man in the audience. He drew the scabbard and it doubled up at the first thrust—so Watson had gumption enough to fall dead.

Yesterday Manager McRae took out a canoe, all alone, in which to practise the art of steering. Now McRae is a heavy—in the surf—and he sat way back in the stern. Up went the bow of the canoe and as the big rollers lifted up the canoe McRae wondered where he was at. He did the one—two—three—thrust, as he had instructed Watson with the rapier, but it didn't work with a paddle, and down came wave, canoe, McRae together, to coral. But McRae was game, and the company was on the beach watching their manager. He bailed out. McRae is getting to be good at bailing out. There is a distinct rumor afloat now of a deal—Watson is going to teach McRae to paddle and McRae is going to teach Watson to act.

The McRaes are taking as much interest in the coming Outrigger festival as are the members themselves. A remarkable entertainment of some kind is talked of at the club that night, and a still more remarkable entertainment is booked for the operahouse on Outrigger night—when Watson Ballentyne will have a G-R-E-A-T part given him to play. He requests his friends to omit both fruit and flowers.
