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The 47 Workshop, however, is not in the usual sense a theatre. It has no wish to revolutionize anything. It masks no scheme for a civic or community theatre. Its main purpose is to try out interesting plays written in the courses in Dramatic Technique at Harvard University and Radcliffe College. Though it does reserve the right from time to time to revive some classic like "Maître Patelin," some curiosity like the "Revesby Sword Play," or to produce some notable foreign play not likely to be seen on the professional stage of this country, such as the Icelandic "Eyvind of the Hills," its usual order of