

# THEATRE ROYAL

### Volume 9

#### Disc 1

# 1 The Colonel's Lady

W. Somerset Maugham's "The Colonel's Lady" was first published in 1946. Ralph Richardson plays Colonel George Peregrine who lives in Warwickshire with his wife Evie, played by Mariel Forbes, Richardson's own wife. Little does he suspect that she is a successful author when the post brings a book of poems.

#### 2 Half an Hour

J.M. Barrie's one-act play "Half an Hour" was first performed in 1913. Ralph Richardson plays Richard Garson, a financier, unhappily married to the well-born but impoverished Lady Lilian. Her heart, however, belongs to Hugh Paton, an adventurous young engineer. She decides to elope with him to Egypt.

#### Disc 2

## 1 My Adventure in Norfolk

A.J. Alan's "My Adventure in Norfolk" was first broadcast as a BBC short story after 1924. Ralph Richardson plays the narrator, Alan himself, in this sinister drama. He and his wife are planning a holiday in a remote corner of Norfolk, when the snowy night brings an unexpected visitor.

#### 2 The Kite

W. Somerset Maugham's "The Kite" was first published in 1908. John Mills plays Ned Preston, a prison visitor, who cannot understand the psychology of an inmate, Herbert Sunbury, played by George Cole. Herbert is torn between a fiercely possessive mother, his young wife Betty and his beloved kite.

Starring Ralph Richardson (disc 1 tracks 1&2, disc 2 track 1); John Mills (disc 2 track 2)

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The recordings were carefully remastered so as not to detract from the ambience of the original performances.

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My Adventure in Norfolk ❖ The Kite

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