

BILLY GOULD DIES AT 81

Comedian Had a Long Career in Minstrel Shows, Vaudeville

Billy Gould, a veteran comedian of minstrel shows, operettas, musical comedies, and vaudeville, died in a hospital here yesterday, after a long illness, at the age of 81. Born in this city, of Irish parents, he made his theatrical debut at 15 with Billy Emerson's Minstrels in San Francisco.

Coming East, he played comedy roles in support of Fay Templeton, Kate Castleton and Verna Jarbeau; and was also seen in "The New Yorkers" and "The Belle of New York." He was with Valeska Suratt in vaudeville before forming the team of Gould and Ashley. He was a life member of the National Variety Artists.

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