

The play's the thing. But what's so wrong with the RSC's plan to also let people have dinner, or catch the last train home?

Main Idea

Is it a good idea to shorten S's plays in order to match the public's desires ?

Summary

- The Royal Shakespeare company is trying to find a way to attract the attention of spectators who do not have a lot of time
- Solution : shorten 2-3-hour-long plays into 80-minute performances
- **HOWEVER** some see it as a crime / as sacrilege / heresy & provocation
- **BUT** the columnist **BEGS TO DIFFER** / REASONS:
 - More convenient
 - Cheaper
 - Cheaper tickets
 - No need to stay in Stratford overnight because you missed the last train
 - Shakespeare himself supported change & adaptability
 - At the time, people didn't stay silently in their seats for 3 hours
- Theatergoing = not only going to the theater → trip / dinner / waiting in line → can be stressful → new ideas to make things easier = WELCOME

Wrap-up : this could be a good idea because it will be a breath of fresh air into the world of theatre

What New Love Does to Your Brain

Main Idea

This text scrutinizes / analyzes the effects of new love on the brain

Summary

- **NEW** love → humans act out of character (= in a surprising way)
- SO scientists are trying to understand → They **CONFIRM** that sth does happen in the brain
 - MRI shows new love activates the same regions of the brain as cocaine → kind of addiction
 - Not associated w/ thinking (≠rational)
- **RESULT**
 - People in new relationships may **struggle to focus** on anything else.
 - **ALSO / MOREOVER** → they overlook their partner's flaws, contributing to the "love is blind" phenomenon.
- **Conclusion** → normal evolution of the species → necessary to bond and mate

Wrap-up

Love is not only about emotions but also about our animal nature

The origin of romance seems not to take its roots in affection or care but rather a chemical reaction inside anyone's brain to reproduce and spread DNA.

This text is debunking the myth of romantic love by defining love as a chemical reaction/ rational mechanism.