How BrokeInto Fashion Era of The Movies Copyright by Hal C. Herman Adult and School Styles

## BY MONTE BLUE

NEVER thought I'd break into the movies until actually I was in them!

That's a funny statement to make, but it's so. More or less imbued with wonderlust, I shipped from a northwest camp on a lumber ship and arrived at San Francisco with \$15 in my pocket.

I wanted a good job, and I wanted to make a good impression on the men I talked to. I could not do it in overalls, so I went into one of those stores where you "walk upstairs and save ten" and bought a suit.

I was caught in the rain about half an hour later and when I dried out I had to cut the suit off. So I jumped back into overalls and started for Los Angeles

I landed a job there "bucking lumber," but I was used to heavy work.

One day some one told me to try the movies. I forgot all about it until I was laid off a few weeks later during a slack period. I remembered I'd played the part of one of the bears in "Goldilocks" in an amateur performance, so I walked up to the Griffiths studio in Hollywood and joined a crowd of actors.

Pretty soon a man came to the door and said: "I want a man." All the actors jumped forward. But he said: "I want a man to work," and all the actors jumped right back leaving me standing there wondering what it was all about.

When I learned that it was a pick and a shovel job I took it just the same-it meant food. For two months



Monte Blue,

I chopped down fig trees and used a

# THE CENTRE REPORTER, CENTRE HALL, PA.

"Today the boys and young men go without coats. It is much more sensible. The girls never learn. Their skirts are just as close-fitting as they were 40 years ago; they still like to squeeze into them as they did then. "Bangs were quite a rage in 1893. Curled, straight, or haphazard. Hair might be parted in the middle at the beginning of a school year, and op either side by spring. We practiced all styles in hair modes.

Forty Years Ago

**Differed From Those** 

in Vogue Today.

than a mental one. Then there was

a question of what to wear rather

than a problem of what not to wear,

as today. A child in 1893 was swad-

dled from ankle to chin, while today

there is more laxity in dress. Exact-

ly 40 years ago a fashion writer

gests the lavish tendencies of the

lumber camp cook who has risen to

the position of mistress in a million-

While the high school lass was ad-

vised to stick to velvets in lien of

the outlaw plushes, the grade school

girl was given a tip on school dress.

For a gown on cool days she was

told that "brown serge, of such a

golden hue as to bespeak the harvest

season, is in good taste. Tallor

made, the skirt should rustle in a

manner aggravating to the ears of

those whose fall dresses are still

unmade. Bodice in back plain . .

fastened to skirt beneath belt . .

over full vest of creamy silk .

with brown bows .

plete outfit."

camp

front opens in Eton-jacket fashion

and brown straw hat that bristles

fastens with gold buckle . . . gold

hat-pin secures hat . . . irreproach-

able brown gloves and shoes com-

Hat manufacturers in 1893 must

have been rolling in wealth. Every-

body wore hats, girls, boys, men and

women. The high school girls in

1803 wore turkey feathers, either a

single martial one at the rear of

their jaunty hat, or two in front like

a double-ribbed ship. An assembly

of young women must have resem-

bled "big-talk" sessions in an Indian

Of course, young men could not

escape the dictum of the fashion

, brown felt

wrote in the Times.

dollar mansion."

In 1893, when Chicago was having

a world's fair, and the eyes of the "We all sang in high school then. world were focused on southern We all used the gymnasium. There Kansas where thousands awaited were no exemptions. As for cooking the signal that would admit them to and sewing, those things we were the Cherokee strip in Oklahoma, the taught at home.

dress of both men and women varied "I suppose I was what they call a greatly. If one must insist that figtomboy. I played all the boys' ures only play a nominal part in games in the neighborhood, although tracing the growth of a city, one threatened with punishment by my must at the same time remember the mother for doing so. 1 can remem figures in those days as compiled by ber many times when 1 hid my fashion designers and fashion writknuckles at the dinner table because they were so skinned after playing a It is apparent to one looking back game of forbidden 'shinny' with my on those days that there was a physbrother and the boys. ical difference, or handicap, rather

"Yes, girls rode bicycles then, but the rest of us who were brought up 'right' didn't consider it very lady like. Of course, today the bicycle craze seems all right. It's derived from the European countries, and I've been around the world since my high school days."

The able fashion writer in 1893 in "Let us hope," she said, "that style cluded all types in her reading pub will confine itself to soft rich vellic. If they had to be bicycle riders, vets, which are always in good taste, then here was what she advised them while plush, no matter how fine or to wear: costly, is hopelessly vulgar and sug-

"Cheviot cloth, short bell-shaped skirt with seams mounted on the flat in front and with gathers behind Two pocket flaps garnish the front Blouse bodice mounted on a yoke adorned with English point lace. The puffy bodice is made in the same style behind. Sleeve close-fitting on forearm and puffy above, the tight-fitting part being trimmed in the same style as the yoke. Cap of dark blue cloth High boots and trousers of the same cloth as the skirt, puffy and buckled below the knee." - Kansas City Times.

# Silver Has High Place

in Realm of Industry Silver, because of its cheaper price. has a wide industrial use. Some 40,000,000 ounces of silver are annually distributed by government agencies and private refiners to man ufacturers. The present low price has given it a decided impetus in this field.

Much silver is reclaimed today which formerly was lost in scrap heaps. It is estimated that \$5,000. 000 worth is saved annually by extracting particles from the sweepings of factories where it is used, by filtering the water used in cleaning where silver compounds are manipulated, and most of all from the discarded film which comes from the motion picture industry.

This reclaimed silver, as well as prou ci, goes bacs to indus

# DIRE THREAT IN MARCH OF BUGS

Mankind Has Good Right to

Be Apprehensive.

"Time was," remarked a neighboring farmer recently, "when you planted and worried only about late frost or midsummer drouth. But things is changed. They's a new kind of bug for every vegetable you sow, and where we fall short, why. we import something to fill up the

gap." Scientists tell us that were it not for the numerous enemies of the insects and the cannibalism many va rieties practice upon their own kind and others, these foes of man would make short shrift of him. The en tire earth would be stripped bare as

a desert within a decade. Over the waste contending armies of tiny creatures would pour in a flood, devoting themselves to mutual destruc tion until, like the waggish far in the "Yarn of the Nancy Bell," there would be only one surviving bug to tell the tale.

If anyone is inclined to skepticism let him contemplate the aphids, each of which is capable of producing in five generations during a single season 5,904,000,000,000 progeny. Or let him learn the history of the potato

slug and find caution. Seventy-five years ago the potato bug dwelt in apparent contentment among the Rocky mountains. No other clime knew his presence. But while man was pushing back the frontier to the western verge of the continent, these bugs suddenly were filled with wan derlust. They also went frontiering -eastward, northward, southward. The cultivation of the great central p'rins provided them with an express road, over which they journeyed to New England in one-half the time it had taken man to travel to the limits of the land in the other direction. Now the potato bug is at home in practically every state in the Union. He has become an indigenous 100 per center .- Boston Globe.

## Glacier Park's Charm

Glacier National park in northwestern Montana ranks with Yellowstone as one of the most majestic scenic areas on earth. It lies astradtie the main range of the Rockies,

Glacier is one of the many national parks where the government has protected the natural beauty, the forests, flowers and animal life.

The park takes its name from 60 glaciers which move slowly down the sides of towering peaks. High along the continental divide these ice-rivers make their slow descent. feeding into a myriad of silvery

streams and limpid lakes. The largest glacier, named Black

# Few Avowed Atheists **Among Prominent Men**

The pillars of society are also pillars of the church. A survey of "Who's Who in America" seems to indicate it, says the Literary Digest. But whether some of those who avow a religious affiliation do so because of social pressure is a question. At any rate, it will be a blow to the atheists to learn that only 17 out of a total of 29,623 whose names appear in the 1930-31 roll of

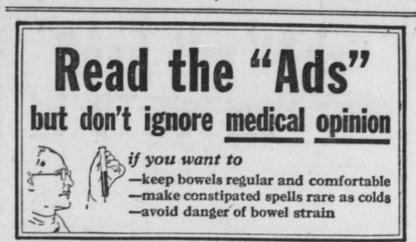
fame say they are infidels, atheists, free thinkers or agnostics. Fifty-six per cent of the total number in the 1930-31 edition of

listed in the 1910-11 edition, writes Dr. C. Luther Fry, whose articles appear in the Scientific Monthly. But the examination of the latter edition was limited to two-thirds of the roster.

The comparison between the two editions, says the director of the bureau of standards of the Institute of Social and Religious Research, "would seem to indicate that during the last generation a church connection was looked upon with increasing favor."

## Valuable Superfluities

A child born with six arms, in Catalonia, Spain, has reached the age of seven. He would seem of a "Who's Who" report religious affil- size now to carry the watermelon at ation as against 25 per cent of those a picnic .- Detroit News.



doctor will tell you that the careless choice of laxatives is a common cause of chronic constipation.

Any hospital offers evidence of the harm done by harsh laxatives that drain the system, weaken the bowel muscles, and even affect the liver and kidneys.

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#### What is the "Right" Laxative?

In buying any laxative, read the label. Not the claims, but the contents. If it contains one doubtful drug, don't take it. Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin is a prescriptional

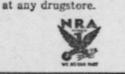
preparation in which there are no mineral drugs. By using it, you avoid danger of strain. You can keep the bowels regular, and com-fortable. You can make those constipated spells as rare as colds. How many dimes and quarters are spent on "popular" laxatives! How quickly they count up, as you use more and more of these habit-forming helps! A bottle of Dr. Caldwell's Syrup Pepsin would save you money-and bring you real relief.

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pick and shovel in digging the base for a new stage,

One day, during lunch hour, the men decided to strike, and asked me what I thought of it. I got up on the speaker's box and told 'em I thought we ought to stick on the job. I must have said something that impressed them, for we stayed. I had an insatiable appetite.

The next day the foreman called me out of the plt and told me Mr. Griffith wanted to see me. I thought it was a joke, but I went. He said:

"Young man, are you an actor?" he asked. "No sir," I answered.

"Thank the Lord I've found an hon-

est man," he laughed. He used me in "The Absentee" in a small part, doing just what I'd done the day before-talking to a mob preparing to strike. And he liked the work, so he built up the part to give me a chance.

For three years-because I didn't follow advice-I played double to many stars because I could do hairraising stunts on horseback. Then I hid behind a beard and played henchman to villians, doing their dirty work.

I worked with Miss Pickford and Tom Meighan in "M'liss" and with Miss Pickford in "Johanna Enlists," after which I went to work with Cecil B. DeMille, playing a bit. Mr. De Mille changed my whole career when he said:

"Blue, you're too sympathetic a personality to be playing heavies. Try and do male leads."

Finally, through the help of Ethel Clayton, I played a part in "Private Pettigrew's Girl." She realized that the part was just suited to me, and let me have full rein. I' was a success. I am, and always will be deeply grateful to her for her efforts to aid me.

Then Famous Players took me to New York where I worked with Mae Murray in "Peacock Alley" and "Broadway Rose." Following this, I played the part of D'Anton in "Orphans of the Storm" for Mr. Griffith and later I lost the part of the lead in "The Covered Wagon" because I was in Porto Rico on an eight weeks' engagement. More recently talking pictures have helped, especially "White Shadows of the South Seas."

I have a library at home made up of books about Abraham Lincoln. He's my ideal.

His precepts are: Modesty-Humbleness and belief in the Right. To read these books and to think of

these precepts is an inspiration. (C. By Hal C. Herman.)

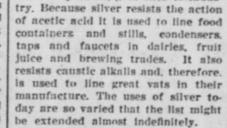
Hollywood Party An event where, if the host is an outlander, the guests do all their long distance telephoning on his private wire.

writer in 1893, any more than he can today. She advised trousers that fitted snugly at the ankles and flared widely at the hips. A frock coat, trim and tight at the walst, with very long skirts and worn unbuttoned. To top it off, a moderately high collar with the ends slightly bent, was advocated. The tie was of rich colored silk, small knot and wide ends. A hat with a rolled brim completed the outfit. And the "umbrella should be rolled very small and tight and the handle should be of natural wood . . . ivory, gold. or silver-handled umbrellas and

walking sticks are not worn by the man who dresses at all well." Among those who remember the

school days of 1893 vividly is Mrs. Ada G. MacLaughlin. As she recalls them, the fashions in that day were not so uncomfortable as they were awkward-appearing compared to 1933 styles.

"We always wore light-weight clothing the first few weeks of school as they do today," she recalled. "But the boys and young men never took off a coat in the presence of girls or young ladies. It was not a 'woman's' age, mind you, but a 'lady's' age. There is a difference.





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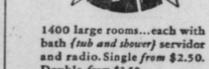
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