

## How I Broke Into The Movies

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ALTHOUGH I never stood before a motion picture camera until I was almost grown, I received a lot of movie training from the time I could toddle about.

I was born in Lilla, France. My father was a circus star and my mother of his troupe. I, also, became a member as soon as I could toddle into the sawdust ring or onto the stage.

My first appearances were in a ballet of 12 girls—two dancers who attracted a good deal of attention whether we were showing in France, Belgium, Germany or the Scandinavian countries. We not only did ballet work, but we also did pantomime, which was my first training. That afterwards came in handy in motion picture work.

At the age of ten I was billed as "The Mysterious Madame X." Every night promptly at eleven o'clock, I would be led blindfolded on the stage, or into the ring. My act consisted of walking up to an aged, toothless and moth-eaten old lion who had been trained to open his mouth so I could thrust my head inside.

This feat made the audience fairly gasp. They thought I was in imminent danger of losing my head.

When I became a little older I specialized in dancing and bareback riding.

It was in France that I saw the first motion pictures, and, strangely enough, had no desire to act in them.

It was the World War which was to blame for my eventual entrance into pictures. I was dancing in Belgium



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when the Germans invaded that country. With thousands of others, I sought some avenue of escape from that country, because we realized that we might be held as prisoners until the war was over.

I made my escape in a box-car which was attached to a freight train that pulled out of the Belgium capital just ahead of the Uhlans, who first entered the city. I made my way to France and thence to England, eventually embarking for New York, where I went on the stage as a dancer.

Just as I was making progress in musical plays, such as "Oh Uncle," "What a Girl," and "The Dancer," the William Fox studio began making tests for girls for motion pictures. I was one of the girls chosen for a test, but when I saw myself on the screen I decided I was meant for the stage.

Later, I met Tom Moore and he persuaded me to take another film test for a part as his leading lady in Goldwyn comedies. This time I seemed to look altogether different. Mr. Moore was satisfied with the tests and so were the Goldwyn people. I was given a contract and went to the Pacific coast where I made my first screen appearance.

Even then I wasn't convinced I was going to succeed. But I held on and worked for various other producing companies after my contract with Goldwyn expired. At the old Louis B. Mayer studio, I was directed by Reginald Barker, who had the "knack" of getting the best out of me.

Later I signed a contract with Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer and became a featured player for that organization. It was the feminine role opposite to John Gilbert in "The Big Parade," which first gave me a great impetus towards a career which had become my life's ambition.

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### Blond Army

That Hollywood has more blonds to the square foot than any other city in the world was proven recently at the Paramount studios. William Beaudine was directing a girls' school scene for "The Crime of the Century." Desiring to improve his scene composition, he called out: "Will that blond please move three feet to her right?" With one accord thirty-five girls moved three feet to their right.

### Feline Thespian

Bobby is a cat, half persian and half mystery, and he has been acting for the benefit of camera men and directors ever since he was old enough to walk. He has supported Gloria Swanson, Pola Negri, Betty Bronson, Ricardo Cortez, Theodore Roberts, the four Marx brothers and other luminaries during his career.

## Scraps of Humor



### WHY, PROFESSOR!

Jane, the maid, tapped timidly on the professor's study door and entered.

"Gentleman in the hall wishes to speak to you, sir," she said.

The professor looked up from his book.

"Tell him I'm out, Jane," he said brusquely.

Jane shrugged her shoulders hopelessly.

"I did, sir," she replied; "but he won't go."

"What!" ejaculated her master angrily. "Send him in to me and I will tell him myself."

### No Risk

A desperate looking man entered a railway carriage where a woman and her small daughter were already seated. Feeling alarmed, the woman tried to get him to leave the carriage by saying: "I think it only fair to tell you, sir, that my little girl has scarlet fever."

"That's all right, madam," replied the man. "I'm committing suicide at the first tunnel, anyway."

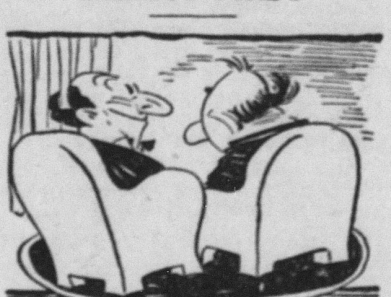
### Gumitis

"I thought I had discovered a new disease. The patient maintained that he could hardly drag his feet along."

"What did the diagnosis show, doctor?"

"That he had stepped on some chewing gum."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### SAFETY FIRST



"Yes, my daughter has eloped." "But I suppose you will forgive the young couple?" "Not until after they have located a place to board."

### Looked Like It

As the car drew up at the crossroads two hands were thrust out, Mrs. Driver's signaling a turn to the left, Mr. Driver's a turn to the right. "What do you two want?" said the policeman, strolling up. "A separation?"

### No Wear

First Observer—Wren's head is as good as new. Second Ditto—Ought to be—he's never used it.—Kansas City Star.

### Awful Possibility

Sometimes a wife loses her mind by giving it to her husband in chunks.

### HE KNEW

The ardent young suitor had popped the all-important question. Father seemed satisfied, and had accepted him as a prospective son-in-law.

"Of course, sir," said the young man, with great enthusiasm, "I don't expect to be always idle."

Father grimaced.

"You won't, my boy, you won't," he replied in a tense whisper; "my daughter's like her mother."

### Taking the Count

Miss G. N., of Piqua, Ohio, tells us that their minister says he doesn't mind members of the congregation pulling out their watches on him, but it gets his goat to have them put the darn things up to their ears to see if they are going.—Sam Hill in the Cincinnati Enquirer.

### THE IMPORTANT THING



"Your daughter was to give me an answer to a very important question this evening."

"Be seated, she will be down in a half hour or so."

"Is she making up her mind?"

"No; that would not take long. It's her face."

### They'll Fall in Line

"Yes," said Martin, "it was a sad case about that fellow. Since he lost all his money half his friends don't know him."

"What about the other half?" asked Brown.

"They don't know yet that he's lost it."

### Absent-Minded Again

Professor's Wife—What in the world is the matter? You are drenched.

Professor—I had a bath and forgot to take off my clothes.—Boston Transcript.

### New Reducer

History Lecturer—Can anyone tell me what makes the Tower of Pisa lean?

Stout Lady—I don't know or I'd take some myself.—Capper's Weekly.

### Ladies First

"Ever pick a quarrel with your wife?" "No, I leave it to her. She picks much better ones."—Sydney (Australia) Bulletin.

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### One Excuse

Father—There is always room at the top.

Arthur—Yes, but when you get there you're liable to get thumped by an airship.—Brooklyn Eagle.

## MAKING BEST OF SUNNY HOURS OF THE PERFECT DAY

"Nothing," said Goethe, "is more difficult to bear than a series of perfect days."

A good many of us now would be glad of a chance to test that statement.

We should be glad of a series of "perfect days" even though the blessing should prove quite unbearable! In fact in these days of stress and strain and uncertainty for all of us, the idea of perfectly smooth sailing with no difficulty or trouble or concern of any kind is entirely attractive. It would take even more than the eloquence of Goethe to convince us that we should find an untroubled world "difficult to bear!"

The great author's idea, of course, is that some difficulty, struggle, setback, add zest to life. That it is fun to overcome trouble. That a perfect day yields its full measure of pleasure only because of our recollection of the rainy day. And the thought that comes to most of us is that given sufficient perfect days to wipe out the recollection of the dark days, we humans immediately set about supplying our own clouds and darkness—in the form of petty frictions and irritations which shadow our world quite as effectively as real trials and troubles. And they do not compensate with the ennobling influence of real trials—the soul purging, the broadening of viewpoint, the gift of philosophy, which help us to put to better use, for the happiness of ourselves and our loved ones, the golden hours of the perfect days, when these do come along.

We are not to be scared off the "perfect days." In fact we are trying our hardest to woo them back. And I wonder if when they come we shall have profited sufficiently from the difficult times so that we shall indeed know how to use them to enjoy and to disseminate happiness, so that the good times may never again be "difficult to bear?"

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### War and Taxes

"A war never effaces taxes," said Hi Ho, the sage of Chinatown. "It only decides who shall gather them."—Washington Star.

### DOES ANY BOY?

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### Loss by Boasting

A "pull" is only useful to a man who keeps still about it.

### NEVER ACHIEVED

The family's ambition—mother's, a permanent wave; father's, a permanent shave; little Freddie's, a permanent face-wash.

## WHY YOUR HEALTH DEPENDS UPON YOUR KIDNEYS

Your Kidneys Are Constantly Eliminating Waste Poisons From Your Blood

To Be Well See That They Function Properly

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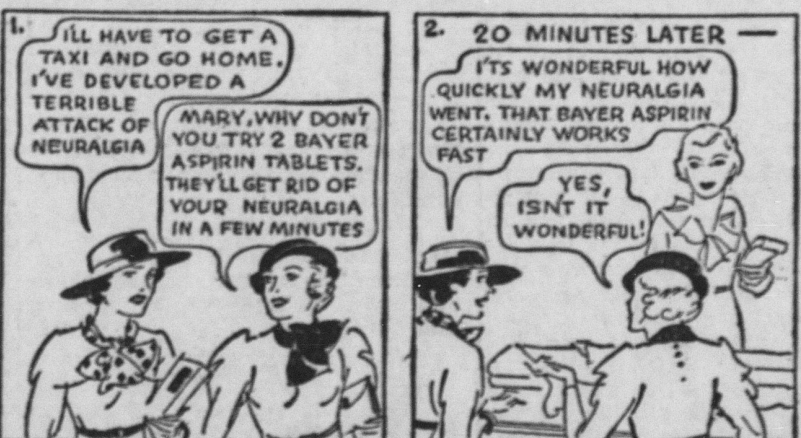
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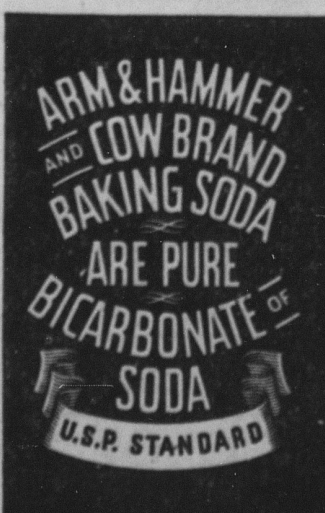
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